School employee sexual misconduct occurs when a school employee (e.g., teacher, coach, administrator, volunteer, staff member) sexually abuses a child (i.e., contact or non-contact) while caring for that child in a K-12 school setting.

According to a 2010 Government Accountability Study, one teacher offender can have as many as 73 victims.

In 2014, there were 361 published cases of school employee sexual misconduct in the U.S.

1 in 3 offenders had multiple victims

93% of incidents occurred in public schools

26% occurred in urban schools

37% occurred in suburban schools

Schools’ Student Demographics

49% Minority

53% Economically disadvantaged

Locations of Where Offenses Occurred

53% school/school event

51% outside of school

19% online

52% of incidents occurred in the southern region of the U.S.

62% high school students

21% coaches

9% music/art teachers

68% general education teachers

67% male

7% prior arrests

78% White

50% prior allegations made against them

116 Offenders had multiple victims

16% had 5+ victims

11% had 4 victims

27% had 3 victims

47% had 2 victims

Approximately 3 out of 4 offenders used technology to communicate with victim(s)

Mobile devices were the most common use of technology

52%

On average, offenders were sentenced to jail for 47 months

90% Convicted

39% Required to register as a sex offender

36% Paid administrative leave

24% Resigned

What You Can Do

ACT

For more information on how to protect students from school employee sexual misconduct, visit sesamenet.org

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