

2023 SBC Sexual Abuse Prevention Statistics ⁽¹⁾

A: Does your congregation require background checks for all those working with children and students?

B: Currently, have your congregation's staff and those who work with children and students all been trained in reporting sexual abuse cases?

C: Currently, have your congregation's staff and those who work with children and students all been trained in caring for survivors of sexual abuse?

Percentage of answering congregations who responded Yes

SBC and State Conventions ⁽²⁾	A. Background Checks	B. Trained in Reporting	C. Trained in Caring
Alaska	67%	50%	31%
Arizona	78%	54%	28%
Colorado	72%	53%	19%
Dakota	66%	51%	31%
Hawaii-Pacific	54%	40%	25%
Indiana	73%	54%	24%
Iowa	76%	46%	17%
Kansas-Nebraska	72%	54%	20%
Maryland-Delaware	84%	56%	24%
Michigan	69%	52%	27%
Minnesota-Wisconsin	80%	56%	15%
Mississippi	35%	21%	10%
Missouri	52%	33%	14%
Montana	68%	48%	21%
Nevada	66%	55%	31%
New England	83%	57%	11%
New Mexico	64%	41%	19%
North Carolina	38%	20%	10%
Northwest ⁽³⁾	85%	48%	See Footnote ⁽³⁾
Ohio	69%	42%	19%
Pennsylvania-South Jersey	93%	72%	34%
Puerto Rico	16%	6%	6%
South Carolina	69%	37%	13%
Texas ⁽⁴⁾	85%	66%	26%
BGCT	84%	67%	26%
SBTC	88%	66%	27%
Utah-Idaho	79%	62%	24%
Virginia ⁽⁵⁾	59%	32%	14%
BGAV	46%	24%	11%
SBCV	78%	44%	19%
West Virginia	59%	35%	18%
Wyoming	67%	31%	17%
Grand Total For All Congregations Answering	58%	36%	16%

NOTES:

- All information as of April 24, 2024.
- Only state conventions that asked the abuse prevention questions are included in this report.
- Northwest Baptist Convention did not ask the Trained in Caring question.
- Two state conventions exist within the state of Texas. Some congregations are related to both state conventions. The Texas summary line only includes a congregation once.
- Two state conventions exist within the state of Virginia. Some congregations are related to both state conventions. The Virginia summary line only includes a congregation once.