

RAFT Survey Analysis Series: Advocate-Survivor

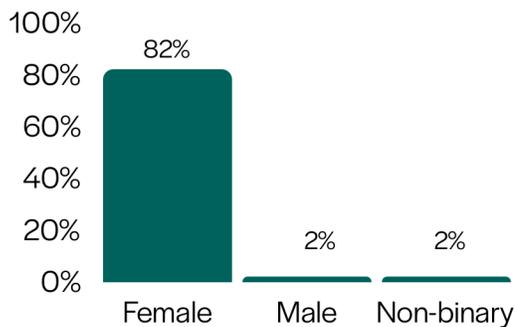
About the survey and the advocate-survivors who participated

482 Sexual and Domestic Violence professionals in the United States took our survey in 2022 and 2023.

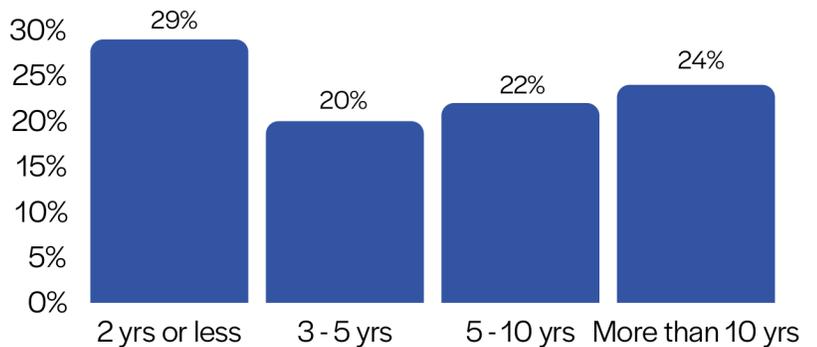
61% of participants identify as survivors of domestic or sexual violence.

Below is a breakdown of advocate-survivor demographics. We define advocate-survivors as advocates who also identify as survivors of domestic or sexual violence.

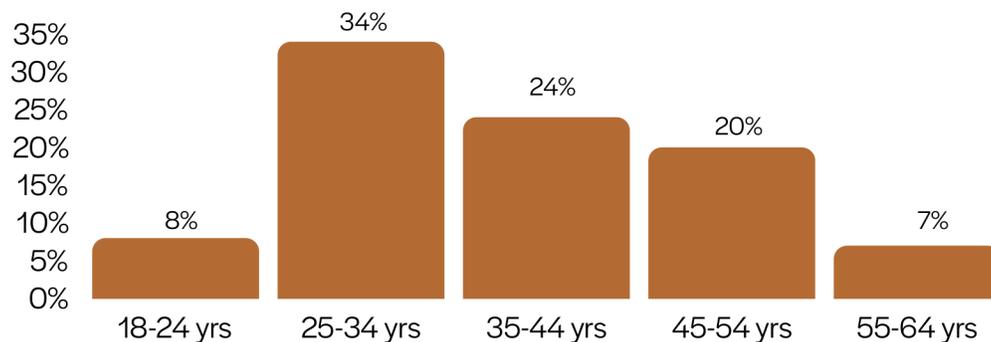
Gender Identity



Time in Field



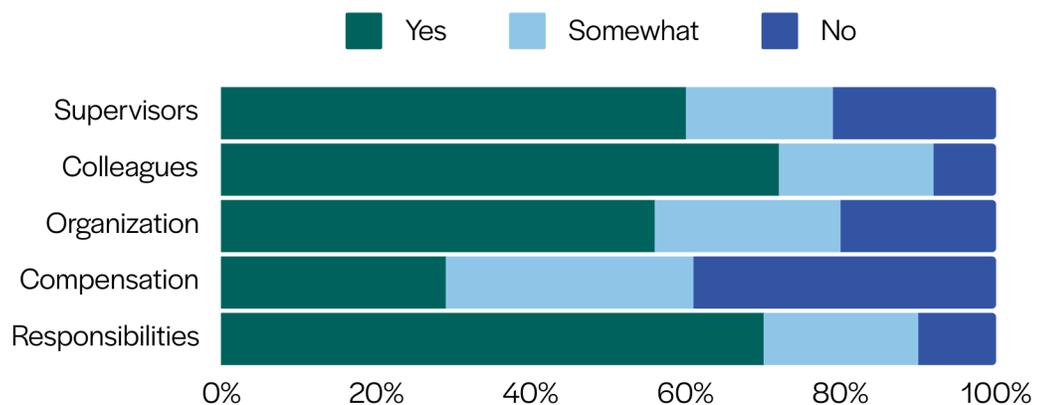
Age



These demographics reflect data from 2022 and 2023

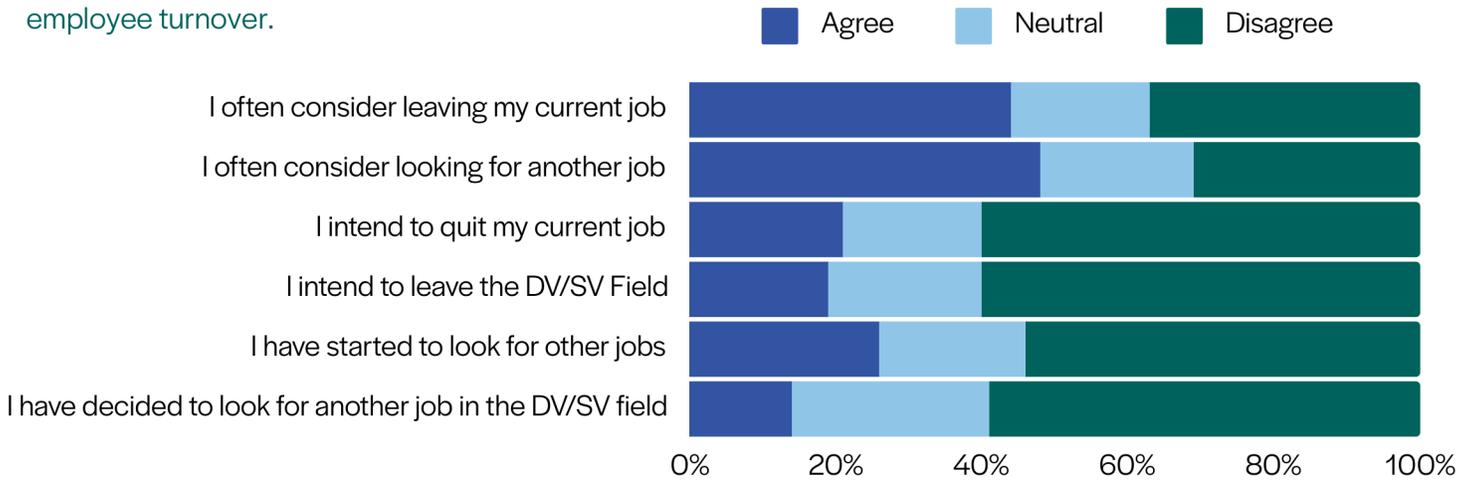
Advocate-Survivor Support

We asked if survivor/advocates felt supported by their supervisors, colleagues, their organization as a whole, through compensation, and how well their job description matches their responsibilities.



Advocate-Survivor Turnover

Below are the answers from survivor/advocates on employee turnover.



Advocate-Survivor Quotes

Survivor/Advocates feel that their personal experiences foster empathy, compassion and insight into the survivor experience, and allows them to connect with, and care for, clients on a different level.

I value that I bring a unique perspective because of my experience as a survivor. I didn't learn how to do this work because I read and studied it, I lived it, and now I have a passion to make sure others don't go through what I did. I approach my work in a way that makes my days worthwhile, and I value the fact that community members are aware of the resources we have, and how we can help if they experience violence.

- Supervisor Advocate Respondent, 2022

Well I have sympathy and empathy because I know where they are coming from. I grew up in a domestic violence home. I know that helpless feeling. That is why I go above and beyond to help my clients and let them know I will be there for them no matter what.

- Frontline Advocate Respondent, 2022

Are you an advocate that also identifies as a survivor of violence? You are invited to join our monthly support calls on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 PM EST / 5 PM CST / 4 PM MT / 3 PM PST. Our facilitators, Nicole and Joy, host our advocate support calls, and they look forward to meeting you! Feel free to drop in at your convenience, share as much as you want, or just listen in.

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