

IWF Annual Report

Many agencies feel this is the most important annual report in relation to online Child Sexual Exploitation. Year on year we see the statistics increasing, however there will be multiple different reasons for this, including more analysts, better technology, more public awareness etc. Below you will find a few of the headline figures and a link to the full report; do take note that these statistics relate to imagery found on the parts of the web that we can all stumble across, not the dark web.

Summary:

Reports:

375,230 reports assessed in 2022 (a 4 percent increase on 2021), 255,588 confirmed as containing CSA imagery. This number included 199,363 (78%) self-generated content (overall a 9 percent increase on 2021).

There was a 13 percent increase in relation to 7-10 year olds and a 10 percent decrease in 11-13 year olds (although 11-13 year olds is still the most prevalent).

Images:

7-10 year olds - 60 percent increase (majority girls - 97%).

11-13 year olds - 14 percent decrease (majority girls - 97%).

Severity:

Category A, the worst, accounted for 20 percent of all imagery, up from 18 percent in 2021.

Self Generated:

11-13 year olds appear most frequently in self-generated imagery, however 7-10 year olds is up 129% from 2021, 1058% increase since 2019.

It's a big report (96 pages), however most of the important information is in the first few pages.

You can download the PDF version of the report [HERE](#) or view the web page version [HERE](#).