

Justice Professional Survey

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Q: What is your current role within the criminal justice system?

- Law Enforcement (e.g. police, patrol officer, detective, sheriff)
- Defense/Defence Lawyer (e.g. barrister, solicitor)
- Prosecutor
- Judge/Magistrate
- Prison System/Corrections (e.g. prison officer, probation or parole officer, psychologist)
- Other, please specify:

Q: How long have you worked in this role?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 – 4 years
- 5 – 10 years
- More than 10 years

Q: Do you have personal experience with autism – either through being autistic yourself, or through having a relative, colleague or friend on the autism spectrum? Please select all that apply.

- Yes
 - Myself
 - Close relative
 - Other family member
 - Friend
 - Acquaintance
 - I work with people with autism
 - Partner (e.g. wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend)
- No
- I Don't Know

If prison system/corrections

Q: What is your current role?

- prison/jail officer
- probation/parole officer
- psychologist
- Other, please specify:

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The next set of questions refer specifically to your experiences with people on the autism spectrum in your professional capacity.

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In your professional capacity, have you come into contact with a person on the autism spectrum **over the last 12 months**?

- Yes
- No

If no, skip to the section asking about most recent experience.

Q: In your professional capacity, how many times have you come into contact with a person on the autism spectrum **over the last 12 months**? If unsure, please select the approximate number of times.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Q: Of the autistic people that you have encountered in your role **in the last 12 months**, approximately what percentage of these were:

Children (0-10)	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Adolescents (11-17)	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Adults (18- 64)	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Seniors (65+)	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %

Totals do not need to equal 100%.

Q: Of the autistic people that you have encountered in your role **in the last 12 months**, approximately what percentage of these were:

Man	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Woman	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Other	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %

Totals do not need to equal 100%.

Q: Of the autistic individuals that you have encountered in your role **in the last 12 months**, approximately what percentage of these were a:

Victim	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Witness	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Suspect	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Seeking assistance	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Traffic related	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Other	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %

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Q: How did you become aware that the person was on the autism spectrum? Please select all that apply.

- Person on the spectrum disclosed or told me directly
- Parent/carer or support person disclosed or told me directly
- Information was provided during call dispatch
- Information was provided in paperwork e.g. medical reports
- Behavior/behaviour that you observed at the scene
- An alert card or other indicator (e.g. car sticker, medical bracelet)
- Other, please specify:

Q: **In the last 12 months**, where you have encountered an autistic person who was a ***suspect in a crime***, please select the type(s) of incidents they were involved in or allegedly involved in. Please select all that apply.

- Not applicable/ I have not encountered a suspect who was autistic in the last 12 months
- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Physical Assault, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault)
- Non-contact sexual Offense (Public Lewdness, Exposure, Voyeurism, Child Pornography)
- Gun or Firearm Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Stalking/Harassment/Bullying
- Drug Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: **In the last 12 months**, where you have encountered an autistic person who was a ***victim in a crime***, please select the type(s) of incidents they were involved or allegedly involved in. Please select all that apply.

- Not applicable/ I have not encountered a victim who was autistic in the last 12 months
- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
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- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: In the last 12 months, where you have encountered an autistic person who was a **witness to a crime**, please select the type(s) of incidents that they witnessed or allegedly witnessed:

- Not Applicable/ I have not encountered a witness who was autistic in the last 12 months
- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Physical Assault, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault)
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- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: Overall, how satisfied do you feel with the way you have worked with autistic people in your role over the past 12 months?

- 1 Very unsatisfied
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied

Q: Please explain your answer (optional):

Please answer the following questions in relation to your most recent experience in your role working with an autistic person.

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Q: Approximately how long ago did this interaction occur?

- During the last 12 months
- 2-5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- I have never had an interaction with an autistic person in my professional capacity

If never, skip to the section that provides an autism definition

Q: What was the age group of the person?

- Child (0 – 10)
- Adolescent (11 – 17)
- Adult (18 – 64)
- Senior (65 +)

Q: What was the gender of the person?

- Man
- Woman
- Other, please specify:

Q: What was the nature of the interaction?

- Victim
- Witness
- Suspect/Offender
- Traffic related
- Seeking assistance
- Other, please specify:

If suspect, witness, victim

Q: Please select the type of incident specific to this interaction.

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Physical Assault, Robbery)
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- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder

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- Other, Please Specify:

Q: Reflecting back on this interaction, please indicate the level of difficulty you experienced in the following areas. (Scale of 1 – 4; 1 – very easy; 2 – somewhat easy; 3 – somewhat difficult; 4 – very difficult)

- Communicating
- Obtaining a written statement
- Conducting an interview
- Explaining procedures
- Maintaining rapport
- Finding appropriate support
- Managing distress
- During arrest
- Obtaining case relevant information during interview
- Finding suitable location to interview (i.e. appropriate to sensory needs)

Q: If you found any other aspect not listed above particularly easy or challenging, please give brief details here (optional):

Q: Overall, how satisfied do you feel with the way you worked with this person on this occasion?

- 1 Very unsatisfied
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied

Q: **Over the last 12 months**, how many people did you come into contact with in your professional capacity that you **suspected** may have autism, but you were **unable to confirm**? If unsure, enter the approximate number of times.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

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- need time to respond to questions
- appear confused by questions or provide off-topic answers
- not look at you in the eyes
- appear to ignore you
- have an intense focus on specific topics or areas of interest
- engage in repetitive body movements like rocking, pacing, and flapping hands
- react strongly to changes in routine
- react in an extreme way to lights or noise

Do you think you may have come into contact with a person that has displayed some or all of these behaviors/behaviours **over the last 12 months**?

- Yes
- No

If no

Q: Have you ever come into with a person that has displayed some or all of these behaviors/behaviours?

- Yes
- No

skip to vulnerable section if the answer is no

Please answer the following questions in relation to your *most recent experience* in your role working with a person who has displayed some or all of these behaviors/behaviours.

Q: Approximately how long ago did this interaction occur?

- During the last 12 months
- 2-5 years
- More than 5 years ago

Q: What was the age group of the person?

- Child (0 – 10)
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- Adult (18 – 64)
- Senior (65 +)

Q: What was the gender of the person?

- Man
- Woman
- Other, please specify:

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Q: Which of the following behaviors/behaviours did they exhibit? (select all that apply)

- Communication difficulties, please specify:
- Unusual social behaviors/behaviours, please specify:
- repetitive body movements, please specify:
- unusual sensory responses, please specify:
- Other, please specify:

Q: What was the nature of the interaction?

- Victim
- Witness
- Suspect/Offender
- Traffic related
- Seeking assistance
- Other, please specify:

If suspect, witness, victim

Q: Please select the type of incident specific to this interaction.

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We are interested in hearing about your experiences working with vulnerable populations. For the purposes of this survey, the term vulnerable populations includes people with a confirmed or suspected cognitive/intellectual disability, a mental health diagnosis, or a developmental diagnosis.

Q: In your professional capacity, how often have you come into contact with vulnerable people over the last 12 months?

- Never
- Once or twice
- Several times a year
- Monthly
- At least weekly

If other than never.

Q: How did you become aware that the person had a cognitive/intellectual disability, mental health diagnosis, or a developmental diagnosis? Please select all that apply:

- Person disclosed to me or told me directly
- Parent/carer or support person disclosed to me or told me directly
- Information was provided during call dispatch
- Behaviour/behavior that you observed at the scene
- An alert card or other indicator (e.g. car sticker, medical bracelet)
- Other:

Q: Of the vulnerable people that you have encountered in your role **in the last 12 months**, approximately what percentage of these were a:

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Victim	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Witness	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Suspect/Offender	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Seeking assistance	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Traffic related	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Other	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %

Totals do not need to total 100%.

Q: In the last 12 months, where you have encountered a vulnerable person who was a **suspect**, please select the type(s) of incidents involved. Please select all that apply:

- Not Applicable/ I have not encountered a suspect who was a vulnerable person in the last 12 months
- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Physical Assault, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault)
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- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: In the last 12 months, where you have encountered a vulnerable person who was a **victim**, please select the type(s) of incidents:

- Not Applicable/ I have not encountered a victim who was a vulnerable person in the last 12 months
- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Physical Assault, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault)
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- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Display for jail/prison officers only, otherwise skip to perceived autism knowledge questionnaire

The next set of questions refer specifically to your experiences with people on the autism spectrum in your professional capacity.

In your professional capacity, have you come into contact with a person on the autism spectrum **over the last 12 months**?

- Yes
- No

If no, skip to the section asking about most recent experience

Q: In your professional capacity, how many people on the autism spectrum have you come into contact with **over the last 12 months**? If unsure enter the approximate number of times.

- 1
- 2

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- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Q: Of the autistic people that you have encountered in your role in the last 12 months, approximately what percentage of these were:

Man	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Woman	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %
Other	[ENTER NUMBER 0-100] %

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There are many aspects of the prison environment that are challenging for inmates, however autistic people may experience aspects of prison life differently to the general population.

Q: Please rate each of the following aspects of prison life for autistic people in comparison to the general population. (Scale of 1 – 4; 1 – very easy; 2 – somewhat easy; 3 – somewhat difficult; 4 – very difficult)

- Interacting with other prisoners
- Interacting with prison staff
- Following prison rules
- Following prison routines
- Coping with physical environment (e.g. noise, space, isolation)

Q: Are there any other aspects of prison life that you think are easier or harder for autistic people?

- Yes, please explain:
- No

Q: How did you become aware that the person was on the autism spectrum? Please select all that apply.

- Person on the spectrum disclosed
- Parent/carer or support person disclosed
- Information was provided in documentation
- Behavior/Behaviour that you observed
- Other, please specify:

Q: **In the last 12 months** please select the type of incident when you have encountered an autistic person. Please select all that apply:

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)

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- Violent Offense (Physical Assault, Robbery)
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- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Please answer the following questions in relation to your most recent experience in your role working with an autistic person.

Q: Approximately how long ago did this interaction occur?

- I have never interacted with an autistic person in my professional capacity
- During the last 12 months
- 2 to 5 years
- More than 5 years ago

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Q: How old was the individual?

- Child (0-10)
- Adolescent (11- 17)
- Adult (18-64)
- Senior (65+)

Q: What was the gender of the individual?

- Man
- Woman
- Other, please specify:

Q: Please select the charges or crime they were convicted of committing.

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- Stalking/Harassment/Bullying
- Drug Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: Please indicate the level of difficulty you experienced in the following areas about this experience. (Scale of 1 – 4; 1 – very easy; 2 – somewhat easy; 3 – somewhat difficult; 4 – very difficult)

- Communicating
- Obtaining a written statement
- Conducting an interview
- Explaining procedures
- Maintaining rapport
- Finding appropriate support
- Managing distress
- Other, please specify:

Q: What worked well with your interactions with this individual? Please specify:

Q: **Over the last 12 months**, how many people did you come into contact with in your professional capacity that you **suspected** may have autism, but you were **unable to confirm**? If unsure, enter the approximate number of times.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
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- speak in single word or phrases
- need time to respond to questions
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- have an intense focus on specific topics or areas of interest
- engage in repetitive body movements like rocking, pacing, and flapping hands
- react strongly to changes in routine
- react in an extreme way to lights or noise

Do you think you may have come into contact with a person that has displayed some or all of these behaviors/behaviours **over the last 12 months**?

- Yes
 - No
- If no

Q: Have you ever come into with a person that has displayed some or all of these behaviors/behaviours?

- Yes
- No

skip to vulnerable section if the answer is no

Please answer the following questions in relation to your most recent experience in your role working with a person who has displayed some or all of these behaviors/behaviours

Q: Approximately how long ago did this interaction occur?

- During the last 12 months
- 2 to 5 years
- More than 5 years ago

Q: How old was the individual?

- Child (0-10)
- Adolescent (11- 17)
- Adult (18-64)
- Senior (65+)

Q: What was the gender of the individual?

- Man
- Woman
- Other, please specify:

Q: Which of the following behaviors/behaviours did they exhibit? (select all that apply)

- Communication difficulties, please specify:
- Unusual social behaviors/behaviours, please specify:

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- Repetitive body movements, please specify:
- Unusual sensory responses, please specify:
- Other, please specify:

Q: Please select the charges or crime they were convicted of committing.

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- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

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- Conducting an interview
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- Maintaining rapport
- Finding appropriate support
- Managing distress
- Other, please specify:

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Q: In your professional capacity, how often have you come into contact with vulnerable people over the last 12 months?

- Never
- Once or twice

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- Several times a year
- Monthly
- At least weekly

If never skip to the final question of this section

Q: How did you become aware or why did you suspect that the person had an cognitive/intellectual disability, mental health diagnosis, or developmental diagnosis?
Please select all that apply.

- Person disclosed to me or told me directly
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- An alert card or other indicator (e.g. car sticker, medical bracelet)
- Behavior/behaviour that you observed
- Other, please explain:

Q: In the last 12 months, where you have encountered a vulnerable person, please select the type(s) of crimes involved:
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- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: Over the last 12 months, how many people did you come into contact with in your professional capacity that you suspected may have autism, but you were unable to confirm? If unsure, enter the approximate number of times.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3

- 4

Perceived Autism Knowledge Questionnaire

Using the scale below, please indicate your knowledge of autism.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4

- ___ 1. I can recognize the signs and symptoms of autism.
- ___ 2. I know how autism is different from other psychological disorders.
- ___ 3. I am confused about how to define autism.
- ___ 4. I know a lot about autism.
- ___ 5. I don't know much about how autism is diagnosed.
- ___ 6. I would have difficulty explaining autism to someone else.

Q: How equipped or prepared do you feel to support autistic individuals in your professional capacity?

- 1. Very poorly equipped, please explain:
- 2. Poorly equipped, please explain:
- 3. Slightly equipped, please explain:
- 4. Very well equipped, please explain:

Q: Have you received any professional training that includes a focus on autism?

- Yes
- No – I have not received any training about autism

IF YES:

Q: How was the training delivered. Please select all that apply.

- Face to face
- Online learning module
- Video
- Text/pamphlet
- Other, please specify:

For each of the statements below, please select which option applies to you, as a result of the autism training you have received.

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Q: As a result of completing autism training, I have a better knowledge of characteristics that might identify that a person is on the autism spectrum.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q: As a result of completing autism training, I feel more confident to communicate effectively with a person on the autism spectrum in my professional capacity.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q: Do you need more support/ further training in relation to working with someone on the autism spectrum?

- Yes, please explain:
- No

Circle the response that best describes whether you agree or disagree with the following statements (1= disagree strongly, 2= somewhat disagree, 3= somewhat agree, 4= agree strongly)

Q: Autism is an emotional disorder.

1 2 3 4

Q: Early intervention can lead to significant gains in children's social and communication skills.

1 2 3 4

Q: All people with autism display poor eye contact.

1 2 3 4

Q: People with autism typically perform better when tasks are presented visually than when tasks are presented verbally.

1 2 3 4

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Q: Problems with social relatedness that are present in autism are different from social problems seen in other psychiatric conditions.

1 2 3 4

Q: Autism is more frequently diagnosed in males than in females.

1 2 3 4

Q: Children with autism do not show attachments, even to parents/caregivers.

1 2 3 4

Q: Children with autism are deliberately uncooperative.

1 2 3 4

Q: Most parents/caregivers of children with autism report their first concerns were related to the child's social behavior/behaviour.

1 2 3 4

Q: Autism tends to run in families.

1 2 3 4

Q: We now have treatments that can cure autism.

1 2 3 4

Q: People with autism can grow up to live independently.

1 2 3 4

Q: There is one approach or program that works for all people with autism.

1 2 3 4

Q: It is important that all people diagnosed with autism receive some form of special education services at school.

1 2 3 4

Q: Autism occurs more commonly among higher socioeconomic and educational levels.

1 2 3 4

Q: Autism can be diagnosed as early as 18 months.

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1 2 3 4

Q: With the proper treatment, most children diagnosed with autism eventually outgrow the disorder.

1 2 3 4

Q: People with autism do not show affection.

1 2 3 4

Q: The need for routines and sameness is one of the earliest behavioural/behavioural features of autism.

1 2 3 4

The following questions ask about any adjustments or accommodations you have made in your role.

Q: Did you make any of the following adjustments or accommodations when interacting with an autistic person in your role? (1 – very unhelpful; 2 – somewhat unhelpful; 3 – somewhat helpful; 4 – very helpful)

- Yes
 - Used simpler, shorter sentences
 - Allowed extra time for them to respond
 - Slowed down pace of speech
 - Used any visual supports to aid communication e.g. pictures, drawings
 - Organised for a support person to be available
 - Made changes to the environment e.g. lights or sirens turned off, moved to a quieter location
 - Provided additional breaks
- No

Q: Did you use any other adjustments/accommodations? Please specify: