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Alabama	No	19	Code of Alabama 6-2-34(l) (2011)	General · Within 2 years
Arizona	No	18	Arizona Revised Statute 12-542(1) (2011)	General · Within 2 years for injuries done to the person of another including causes of action for medical malpractice as defined in section 12-561
Hawaii	No	18	Hawaii Revised Statute 657-7 (2011)	General · Within 2 years
Indiana	No	18	Indiana Code 34-11-2-4(1) (2011)	General · Within 2 years after the cause of action accrues
Michigan	No	18	Michigan Compiled Law 600.5805(2) (2011)	General (assault, battery or false imprisonment) · 2 years
			MCL 600.5805(10)	General (negligence) · 3 years
North Carolina	No	18	North Carolina Statute 1-52 (2011)	General · Within 3 years of action
Tennessee	No	18	Tennessee Code Annotated 28-3-104 (2011)	General · Within 1 year after the cause of action accrued
West Virginia	No	18	West Virginia Code 55-2-12 (2011)	General · Within 2 years after the right to bring the same shall have accrued

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Alaska	Yes	18	Alaska Statutes 09-10-065 (2011)	<p>Action may be brought at any time for violations of the following offenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Felony sexual abuse of a minor; · Felony sexual assault; or · Unlawful exploitation of a minor <p>Action must be commenced within 3 years of the accrual of the claim for relief for the following offenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Misdemeanor sexual abuse of a minor; · Misdemeanor sexual assault; · Incest; or · Felony indecent exposure
Arkansas	Yes	18	Arkansas Code 16-56-130(a) (2011)	<p>Sexual Abuse which occurred when the person was less than 18 years of age but is not discovered until after the person reaches the age of majority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 3 years from the time of discovery
California	Yes	18	<p>California Civil Procedure Code 340.1(a) (2011)</p> <p><i>Also found under CA Civil Code 52.4(b)</i></p>	<p>Childhood Sexual Abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 8 years after the date the person attains the age of majority; or · Within 3 years after the date the person discovers the causal connection of the injury, whichever period expires later

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Colorado	Yes	21	Colorado Revised Statute 13-80-103.7(1) (2011)	<p>Sexual Assault or Sexual Offense Against a Child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 6 years after a disability has been removed for a person under disability¹; or · Within 6 years after a cause of action accrues, whichever occurs later and not thereafter <p>If the person meets the definition of person under disability and brings a civil action 15 years or more after the person attains age 18, the plaintiff may only recover damages for medical and counseling treatment and expenses, plus costs and attorney fees.</p> <p>Claims of intentional sexual assault or battery committed during medical services are not subject to the 6 year statute of limitation when sexual touching occurred in a negligent manner (Colo. App 2007).</p>
Connecticut	Yes	18	General Statutes of Connecticut 52-577d (2011) CT Statute 52-577e	<p>Sexual Abuse, Exploitation or Assault to a minor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No later than 30 years from the date the person attains the age of majority <p>Sexual Assault 1 or Aggravated Sexual Assault 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Action may be brought at any time after the date of the act
Delaware	Yes	18	Delaware Code Title 10 8145 (2012)	The Child Victim's Act of 2007 removed the statute of limitations for civil suits relating to child sexual abuse

¹ Person under disability means any person who is a minor under eighteen years of age, a mental incompetent, or a person under other legal disability and who does not have a legal guardian. "Person under disability" also includes a victim of a sexual assault when the victim is in a special relationship with the perpetrator of the assault or is a victim of a sexual offense against a child or is a victim who is residing in an institutional facility, such as a nursing home, regional center, or residential facility for the treatment and care of persons with mental illness or for the care of persons with developmental disabilities and where the victim is psychologically or emotionally unable to acknowledge the assault or offense and the harm resulting therefrom. CRS 13-80-103.7(3.5)(a).

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District of Columbia	Yes	18	District of Columbia Official Code 12-301(11) (2012)	Sexual Abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 years after the person attains the age of 18; or 3 years from the date of discovery, whichever is later
Florida	Yes	18	Florida Statute 95.11(7) (2011)	Abuse ² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 7 years after the age of majority; Within 4 years after the person leaves the dependency of the abuser; or Within 4 years from the time of discovery, whichever occurs later
			FS 95.11(9)	Sexual Battery Offenses on Victims Under age 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action may be commenced at any time
Georgia	Yes	18	Official Code of Georgia 9-3-33.1(b) (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under age 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 5 years of the date the person attains the age of majority
Idaho	Yes	18	Idaho Statute 6-1704(1)	Child Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 5 years from the date the person reaches age 18; or After the person reaches age 18, within 5 years from the date of discovery, whichever occurs later

² Abuse means any willful act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual injury that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. FS 39.01(2) and FS 984.03(2).

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Illinois	Yes	18	Illinois Compiled Statute 735 ILCS 5/13-202.2 735 ILCS 5/13-225	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 20 years after the person attains the age of 18 years; or • Within 20 years of the date of discovery Predator Accountability ³ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 10 years after the person attains the age of 18 years; or • Within 10 years of the date of discover
Iowa	Yes	18	Iowa Code Title XV-3 614.8A (2011) IC Title XV-3 614.1	Child Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was a child ⁴ but not discovered until after the person is the age of majority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 4 years from the time of discovery Sexual abuse or Sexual Exploitation by a Counselor, Therapist or School Employee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 5 years of the date the person was last treated by the counselor or therapist; or • Within 5 years of the date the victim was last enrolled or attended the school
Kansas	Yes	18, 16 if married	Kansas Statutes Annotated 60-523 (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 3 years after the person attains 18 years of age; or • Within 3 years from the date of discovery, whichever occurs later

³ The Predator Accountability Act includes the acts of 'sex trade' (i.e. promoting prostitution, exploitation of a child, child pornography, etc.) which may involved adults and youth. 740 ILCS 128/10.

⁴ Unable to find a definition for 'child'.

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Kentucky	Yes	18	Kentucky Revised Statute 413.249(2) (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse or Childhood Sexual Assault against a person less than 18 years old: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 5 years of the commission of the act or the last of a series of acts by the same perpetrator; • Within 5 years of the date of discovery; or • Within 5 years after the victim attains the age of 18 years
Louisiana	Yes	18	Louisiana Revised Statute 9:2800.9(A)	Sexual Abuse of a Minor or Physical Abuse of a Minor resulting in permanent impairment or permanent physical injury or scarring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 years from the day the minor attains majority and shall be suspended for all purposes until the minor reaches age of majority
Maine	Yes	18	Maine Revised Statute Title 14 Part 2 Ch 205-1 752-C (2012)	There is no limitation for actions based upon sexual acts toward minors
Maryland	Yes	18	Maryland Code 5-117(b) (2011)	Sexual Abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 7 years of the date the person attains the age of majority
Massachusetts	Yes	18	General Laws of Massachusetts Part III, Title V, 260-4C (2011)	Sexual Abuse of Minors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 3 years of the alleged act; • Within 3 years of the time of discovery, whichever period expires later <p style="text-align: center;">Time limit for commencement of an action under this section is tolled for a child until the child reaches 18 years of age.</p>
Minnesota	Yes	18	Minnesota Statute 544.073(2)(a) (2011)	Sexual Abuse ⁵ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6 years of the time of discovery

⁵ Sexual Abuse is defined as Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree when the person is under 13 and the actor is more than 36 months older or at least 13 but less than 16 and the actor is more than 48 months older (MS 609.342(1)(a-b); Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree when the person is under 13 and the actor is no more than 36 months older, or

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Mississippi	Yes	21	Mississippi Code Annotated 15-1-35 (2011)	General ⁶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 1 years next after the cause of such action accrued
			MCS 15-1-59	Sex Abuse-related ⁷ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 3 years
Missouri	Yes	18	Missouri Revised Statutes 516.371 and 537.041 (2011)	Childhood sexual abuse that occurred when the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 10 years of the person attaining the age of 21; or Within 3 years of the date of discovery, whichever occurs later
Montana	Yes	18	Montana Code Annotated 27-2-216(1) (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse while the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not later than 3 years after the act of childhood sexual abuse; or Not later than 3 years after the person discovers the causal connection of the injury
			Montana Code Annotated 27-2-217(1) (2011)	Ritual Abuse of Minor ⁸ while the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not later than 3 years after the act of ritual abuse of a minor; or Not later than 3 years after the person discovers the casual connection of the injury
Nebraska	Yes	19	Nebraska Revised Statute 28-113(2)	Sexual Assault of a Child 1 st Degree ⁹ , 2 nd Degree ¹⁰ and 3 rd Degree ¹¹ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 4 years after the date of the violation

least 13 but less than 16 and the actor is more than 48 months older and in a position of authority over the person, or at least 16 but less than 18 and the actor is more than 48 months older and in a position of authority over the person, or the actor has a significant relationship with the person and the person was at least 16 but under 18 (MS 609-345(1)(a,b,e,f)).

⁶ Includes all actions for assault, assault and battery, maiming, false imprisonment, malicious arrest, or menace.

⁷ Per "Statutes of Limitation on Child Sexual Abuse: 50 States and the District of Columbia" table provided by Andrea Piper-Wentland. To include sex abuse-related, negligent-related and IIED claims.

⁸ A person commits the offense of ritual abuse of a minor if the person purposely or knowingly and as part of any ceremony, rite, or ritual or of any training or practice for any ceremony, rite, or ritual. MCA 45-5-627(1).

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Nevada	Yes	18	Nevada Revised Statute 11.215(1) (2011)	Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action must be commenced within 10 years after the person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reaches 18 years of age; or discovers the causal connection of the injury
New Hampshire	Yes	18	Revised Statute Annotated 508:4-g (2011)	Sexual Assault and Related Offenses occurring when the person was under the age of 18 years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 years of the person's 18th birthday; or 3 years of the time of discovery
New Jersey	Yes	18	New Jersey Statute 2A:61B-1 (2011)	Sexual Abuse occurring when the child was under the age of 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 2 years of the date of discovery
New Mexico	Yes	18	New Mexico Statute 37-1-30(A) (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse shall be commenced before the latest of the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first instant of the person's 24th birthday; or 3 years from the discovery
New York	Yes	18	New York Civil Practice Law and Rules 213-c (2011)	Certain Sexual Offenses ¹² : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 5 years
North Dakota	Yes	18	North Dakota Century Code 28-01-25.1 (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 7 years after the person knew that a potential claim exists resulting from alleged childhood sexual abuse

⁹ Consists of sexual penetration when the victim is under 12 years of age and the actor is at least 19 years of age or older; or, the victim is at least 12 years of age but less than 16 years and the actor is 25 years of age or older. NRS 28-319-01.

¹⁰ Consists of sexual contact when the victim is 14 years of age or younger and the actor is at least 19 years of age or older; or, causes serious personal injury to the victim. "Fourteen years of age or younger" designates persons whose age is less than or under 14 years, and also designates persons who have reached and passed their 14 birthday but have not reached their 15th birthday. NRS 28-320.01(2).

¹¹ When the actor does not cause serious personal injury to the victim. NRS 28-320.01(3).

¹² Includes offenses that could apply to minors but does not specifically state that the act need occur while the victim was under the age of 18, with the exception of the inclusion of Sexual Conduct Against a Child 1st Degree offense.

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Ohio	Yes	18	Ohio Revised Code 2305.111(C) (2011)	<p>Assault or Battery Actions – Childhood Sexual Abuse when the child is under 18 years of age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 12 years after the cause of action accrues, which is the date upon which the victim reaches the age of majority
			ORC 2305.115	<p>Assault or Battery Actions Against Mental Health Professional Based on Sexual Conduct or Contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 12 years after the cause of action accrues, which is the date upon which the victim reaches the age of majority
Oklahoma	Yes	18	Oklahoma Statutes Citationized Title 12 3-95(6) (2011)	<p>Childhood Sexual Abuse¹³ or Exploitation¹⁴ or Incest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 2 years of the alleged act; or Within 2 years of the time of discovery <p>Provided, however, that the time limit for commencement of an action pursuant to this paragraph is tolled for a child until the child reaches the age of 18 years or until 5 years after the perpetrator is released from the custody of a state, federal or local correctional facility or jail, whichever is later.</p>
Oregon	Yes	18	Oregon Revised Statute 12.117(1) (2011)	<p>Child Abuse that occurs while the person is under 18 year of age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action must be commenced before the person attains 40 years of age; or Not more than 5 years from the date the person discovers the causal connection between the child abuse and the injury, whichever period is longer

¹³ Child means any unmarried person under 18 years of age. OS Title 10A 1-1-105(7).

¹⁴ Sexual exploitation includes but is not limited to allowing, permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution, as defined by law, by a person responsible for the health, safety, or welfare of a child, or allowing, permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the lewd, obscene, or pornographic, as defined by law, photographing, filming, or depicting of a child in those acts by a person responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the child.

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Pennsylvania	Yes	18	Pennsylvania Code 42 Pa. CSA 5533(b)(2) (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse when the person is under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 years after attaining 18 years of age
Rhode Island	Yes	18	Rhode Island General Law 9-1-51 (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under the age of 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 7 years of the alleged act; or Within 7 years of the time of discovery, whichever period expires later
South Carolina	Yes	18	South Carolina Code of Laws 15-3-555 (2011)	Sexual abuse or Incest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 6 years after the person becomes 21 years of age; or Within 3 years from the time of discovery, whichever occurs later
South Dakota	Yes	18	South Dakota Codified Laws 26-10-25 (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 3 years of the alleged act; or 3 years of the time of discovery <p>No person who has reached the age of 40 years may recover damages from any person other than the person who perpetrated the actual act of sexual abuse.</p>
Texas	Yes	18	Civil Practice and Remedies Code Title 2B 16.0045(a) (2011)	Sexual Assault, Aggravated Sexual Assault or Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child or Children ¹⁵ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not later than 5 years after the day the cause of action accrues
Utah	Yes	18	Utah Code 78B-2-308(2)	Intentional or negligent sexual abuse when the person was under 18 years of age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 4 years after the person attains the age of 18 years; or Within 4 years after discovery only after attaining age of 18, whichever period expires later

¹⁵ The statute states (a) In this section, "child" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.011(c) ["child" means a person younger than 17 years of age]; however, the same statute also states that, to commit the offense of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child or Children, "the actor is 17 years of age or older and the victim is a child younger than 14 years of age".

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Vermont	Yes	18	Vermont Statute Annotated 12 VSA 522(a) (2012)	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under the age of 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 6 years of the alleged act; or · Within 6 years of the time of discovery, whichever period expires later
Virginia	Yes	18	Code of Virginia 8.01-243 (2011)	Sexual Abuse occurring during the infancy of the person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 20 years after the cause of action accrues
Washington	Yes	18	RCW 4.16.340(1) (2011)	Childhood Sexual Abuse that occurred when the person was under the age of 18 and time is tolled until person reaches age of 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 3 years of the alleged act; · Within 3 years of the time discovery that injury was caused by said act; or · Within 3 years of the time of discovery that the act caused the injury for which the claim is brought.
Wisconsin	Yes	18	Wisconsin Statute 893.587 (2011)	Sexual Assault of a Child ¹⁶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Before the injured party reaches the age of 35 years
			WS 893.585(1)	Sexual Exploitation by a Therapist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 3 years after the cause of action accrues
Wyoming	Yes	18	Wyoming Statute 1-3-105(b)	Sexual Assault when the person was a minor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 8 years after the minor's 18th birthday; or · 3 years after the discovery

¹⁶ Includes Sexual Exploitation by a member of the clergy that occurs while the person is under the age of 18. WS 895-442(2)(a).