

Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report

For Division DHS
Through Periods 7/1/2023 -- 12/31/2023

Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dependent Adult Abuse Program

The numbers reported in this report represent:

- Number of reports of suspected abuse the Department receives according to type of abuse defined in Iowa Code 235B.
- Number of reports of abuse accepted or rejected for evaluation or assessment.
- Whether the person who reported the abuse was required to report.
- Of those who were required to report the abuse, how many of each profession made reports.
- How many reports found the abuse occurred, did not occur or it occurred, but because the abuse was minor, isolated and not likely to reoccur was not placed on the central abuse registry.
- The number of reports founded, unfounded or confirmed, not registered of each type of abuse.
- How many dependent adults received which type of service after the report was completed.
- The number of persons responsible for the abuse held responsible legally or received services after the report was completed.

Intake			
Accepted	Rejected	In Progress	Total
2888	3633	2	6523

Column Name Definition

Accepted Total number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to go and evaluate or assess to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

Rejected Total number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

In Progress Open cases where the intake has not been accepted or rejected.

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Evaluation or Assessment				
Founded	Unfounded	Confirmed, Not Registered	In Progress	Total
353	1673	95	387	2508

Column Name Definition

Founded Total number of reports evaluated or assessed that were found to have occurred.

Unfounded Total number of reports evaluated or assessed that were determined to have not occurred.

Confirmed, Not Registered Total number of reports evaluated or assessed that were determined to have occurred, but were not placed on the Registry.

In Progress Open cases where the evaluation has not been accepted.

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Summary of Intake Allegations					
Type of Abuse	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Denial of Critical Care	2419	1195	1224	49.40%	50.60%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	1567	829	738	52.90%	47.10%
Exploitation	1834	534	1300	29.12%	70.88%
Personal Degradation	272	152	120	55.88%	44.12%
Physical Abuse	727	397	330	54.61%	45.39%
Sexual Abuse	149	38	111	25.50%	74.50%
Total Allegations	6968	3145	3823	45.13%	54.87%

Column Name **Definition**

Type of Abuse Iowa Code 235B defines what abuse is. The types of abuse recognized in the Code are: Physical, sexual, exploitation, denial of critical care when there is a caretaker and denial of critical of care when the dependent adult is responsible.

Total Total number of accepted/rejected allegations made to the Department.

Total Accepted The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to evaluate or assess circumstances surrounding the allegation of abuse to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

Total Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

% Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not meeting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

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Types of Reporters					
Type of Reporter	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
AAA/ADRC	22	14	8	63.64%	36.36%
Anonymous	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Financial Institution - Permissive	812	23	789	2.83%	97.17%
Hospital Social Worker	162	98	64	60.49%	39.51%
Known Permissive	2087	838	1249	40.15%	59.85%
Licensed Massage Therapist	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Licensed Psychologist	6	3	3	50.00%	50.00%
Nurse	786	469	317	59.67%	40.33%
Other Medical Personnel	536	283	253	52.80%	47.20%
Other Mental Health Professional	153	73	80	47.71%	52.29%
Other Social Service Professional	1269	709	560	55.87%	44.13%
Parole/Probation Officer	8	1	7	12.50%	87.50%
Physician	165	103	62	62.42%	37.58%
Residential Staff	29	20	9	68.97%	31.03%
School Personnel	17	2	15	11.76%	88.24%
Sheriff/Deputy/Police Officer	340	183	157	53.82%	46.18%
Social Worker – non DHS	331	179	152	54.08%	45.92%
Social Worker –DHS	103	86	17	83.50%	16.50%
Total Reporters	6826	3084	3742	45.18%	54.82%

Column Name Definition

Type of Reporter

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Anyone may report suspected abuse or neglect; however, IA Code 235B mandates professionals who work with dependent adults to report suspected abuse. These reporters are called mandatory reporters. All other reporters are called permissive reporters. A Mandatory Reporter Reporting Permissively is a person who is mandatory reporter due to their employment, but they are reporting suspected abuse that occurred outside of their employment.

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Total Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

% Rejected The percentage of the total reports rejected due to there not being an allegation of abuse, the person responsible for abuse is not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

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Types of Mandatory Reporters					
Type	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
AAA/ADRC	22	14	8	63.64%	36.36%
Hospital Social Worker	162	98	64	60.49%	39.51%
Licensed Massage Therapist	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Licensed Psychologist	6	3	3	50.00%	50.00%
Nurse	786	469	317	59.67%	40.33%
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Totals Mandatory Reporters	3927	2223	1704	56.61%	43.39%

Column Name Definition

Type of Mandatory Reporter The types of professionals who are required by Code to report suspected abuse fall into the following general categories: social work, health care, law enforcement, mental health and other.

Total Total number of accepted/rejected reports of suspected abuse received from each identified professionals.

Total Accepted Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were accepted for evaluation or assessment.

Total Rejected Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were rejected for evaluation or assessment due to not being a Code defined allegation of abuse, of the persons responsible for the abuse was not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

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% Accepted Percentage of number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals accepted for evaluation or assessment.

% Rejected Percentage of number of reports of abuse made by identified professionals rejected for evaluation or assessment.

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Outcomes of Accepted Allegations for Evaluation or Assessment						
Type of Abuse	Founded		Unfounded		Confirmed, Not Registered	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Physical Abuse	32	10.5%	252	82.4%	22	7.2%
Denial of Critical Care	69	7.3%	807	85.9%	64	6.8%
Sexual Abuse	4	19.0%	17	81.0%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	91	24.2%	285	75.8%	0	0.0%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	162	27.0%	436	72.5%	3	0.5%
Personal Degradation	7	5.1%	118	86.1%	12	8.8%
Total	365		1915		101	

Column Name Definition

Founded Total The total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed that were found to have occurred in each category

Founded Percentage Percentage of the total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred.

Unfounded Total Total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

Unfounded Percentage Percentage of total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

Confirmed, Not Registered Total Total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred, but were not placed on the Registry.

Confirmed, Not Registered Percentage Percentage of total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse founded, but were not registered in this category.

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Recommendations For Services

Service	Total
Care/case management services (includes AAA/ADRC)	247
Caregiver support services	98
Education, employment and training services	6
Emergency assistance and material aid services	5
Financial planning services	15
In-home assistance services	164
Legal services referral	21
Medical and dental services	121
Mental health services	51
Public assistance benefits	57
Substance use services	6
Transportation	8
Victim services	5
Recommended service is unavailable in the subject's area	2
Periodic Visits	35
Other Services	247
None	1301

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Perpetrator Legal Remedy

Remedy	Total
Recommendation of removal of guardianship rights	4
Recommendation of restraining order on perpetrator regarding the client	11
Recommendation of eviction of perpetrator	6
Recommendation of restitution by perpetrator	29
Recommendation of other legal remedy	15
No crime committed	1288
None	750
The agent's authority under a financial POA per Iowa Code 633B.110(2)(e) is terminated and appropriate notification has been sent	9

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Interagency Coordination

Agency	Total
Law enforcement or prosecutorial offices (includes DCI, County Attorney, Local Law Enforcement)	742
Protection and Advocacy or Client Advocacy Program (CAP) such as Disability Rights Iowa, Iowa Civil Rights Commission, and the Equal Opportunity Commission, Federal Department of Labor	4
State licensing agency (Department of Inspections & Appeals, Department of Public Health, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise)	0
State Medicaid Fraud Control (MFCU)	1
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	5
Office of the Substitute Decision Maker	0
AAA/ADRC	94
Crime Victim Assistance Program	1
Child Action Center	0
Iowa Workforce Development, Division of Labor Services	0
State Fire Marshall's Office	0
None	959
Other	395
Office of the Public Guardian	13
Child Protection Center	0
State Licensing or Regulatory Authority	35