

Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report

For Division DHS
Through Periods 1/1/2024 -- 6/30/2024

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
2830	3701	0	6531

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
336	1543	92	442	2413

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	2557	1236	1321	48.34%	51.66%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	1608	810	798	50.37%	49.63%
Exploitation	1742	472	1270	27.10%	72.90%
Personal Degradation	324	189	135	58.33%	41.67%
Physical Abuse	732	407	325	55.60%	44.40%
Sex Abuse/Sexual Exploitation	151	52	99	34.44%	65.56%
Total Allegations	7114	3166	3948	44.50%	55.50%

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	20	13	7	65.00%	35.00%
Anonymous	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Financial Institution - Permissive	715	31	684	4.34%	95.66%
Hospital Social Worker	127	74	53	58.27%	41.73%
Known Permissive	2191	749	1442	34.19%	65.81%
Licensed Massage Therapist	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Licensed Psychologist	4	3	1	75.00%	25.00%
Nurse	737	413	324	56.04%	43.96%
Nursing Home Staff Member (Mandatory)	16	1	15	6.25%	93.75%
Other Medical Personnel	536	291	245	54.29%	45.71%
Other Mental Health Professional	141	74	67	52.48%	47.52%
Other Social Service Professional	1295	706	589	54.52%	45.48%
Parole/Probation Officer	5	4	1	80.00%	20.00%
Physician	187	119	68	63.64%	36.36%
Relative Permissive	22	6	16	27.27%	72.73%
Residential Staff	25	16	9	64.00%	36.00%
School Personnel	24	14	10	58.33%	41.67%
Sheriff/Deputy/Police Officer	304	179	125	58.88%	41.12%
Social Worker – non DHS	327	166	161	50.76%	49.24%
Social Worker –DHS	143	121	22	84.62%	15.38%
Substitute Decision Maker	1	1	0	100.00%	0.00%
Total Reporters	6821	2981	3840	43.70%	56.30%

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Column Name **Definition**

Type of Reporter 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.

Total Total number of accepted/rejected reports of suspected abuse made to the Department.

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% 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	20	13	7	65.00%	35.00%
Hospital Social Worker	127	74	53	58.27%	41.73%
Licensed Massage Therapist	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Licensed Psychologist	4	3	1	75.00%	25.00%
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Substitute Decision Maker	1	1	0	100.00%	0.00%
Totals Mandatory Reporters	3915	2201	1714	56.22%	43.78%

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.

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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.

% 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	18	5.9%	259	85.5%	26	8.6%
Denial of Critical Care	62	6.9%	774	86.7%	57	6.4%
Sex Abuse/Sexual Exploitation	8	20.0%	32	80.0%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	70	22.4%	243	77.6%	0	0.0%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	177	31.1%	392	68.9%	0	0.0%
Personal Degradation	20	13.2%	119	78.3%	13	8.6%
Total	355		1819		96	

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)	279
Caregiver support services	79
Education, employment and training services	10
Emergency assistance and material aid services	6
Financial planning services	15
In-home assistance services	183
Legal services referral	25
Medical and dental services	116
Mental health services	62
Public assistance benefits	57
Substance use services	9
Transportation	9
Victim services	9
Recommended service is unavailable in the subject's area	7
Periodic Visits	40
Other Services	238
None	1145

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Perpetrator Legal Remedy

Remedy	Total
Recommendation of removal of guardianship rights	6
Recommendation of restraining order on perpetrator regarding the client	18
Recommendation of eviction of perpetrator	3
Recommendation of restitution by perpetrator	23
Recommendation of other legal remedy	12
No crime committed	1278
None	589
The agent's authority under a financial POA per Iowa Code 633B.110(2)(e) is terminated and appropriate notification has been sent	6

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Interagency Coordination

Agency	Total
Law enforcement or prosecutorial offices (includes DCI, County Attorney, Local Law Enforcement)	671
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	2
State licensing agency (Department of Inspections & Appeals, Department of Public Health, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise)	0
State Medicaid Fraud Control (MFCU)	11
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	7
Office of the Substitute Decision Maker	0
AAA/ADRC	102
Crime Victim Assistance Program	3
Child Action Center	0
Iowa Workforce Development, Division of Labor Services	1
State Fire Marshall's Office	1
None	839
Other	415
Office of the Public Guardian	11
Child Protection Center	4
State Licensing or Regulatory Authority	30