

Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report

For Division DHS
Through Periods 7/1/2022 -- 12/31/2022

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
3427	2822	0	6249

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
407	1970	103	491	2971

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	2267	1262	1005	55.67 %	44.33 %
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	1740	1205	535	69.25 %	30.75 %
Exploitation	1567	635	932	40.52 %	59.48 %
Personal Degradation	320	196	124	61.25 %	38.75 %
Physical Abuse	660	376	284	56.97 %	43.03 %
Sexual Abuse	155	51	104	32.90 %	67.10 %
Total Allegations	6709	3725	2984	55.52 %	44.48 %

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	13	11	2	84.62 %	15.38 %
Anonymous	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Financial Institution - Permissive	555	42	513	7.57 %	92.43 %
Hospital Social Worker	174	127	47	72.99 %	27.01 %
Known Permissive	2207	1095	1112	49.61 %	50.39 %
Licensed Massage Therapist	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Licensed Psychologist	7	2	5	28.57 %	71.43 %
Nurse	810	562	248	69.38 %	30.62 %
Other Medical Personnel	516	306	210	59.30 %	40.70 %
Other Mental Health Professional	146	80	66	54.79 %	45.21 %
Other Social Service Professional	1214	788	426	64.91 %	35.09 %
Parole/Probation Officer	8	6	2	75.00 %	25.00 %
Physician	136	89	47	65.44 %	34.56 %
Residential Staff	16	10	6	62.50 %	37.50 %
School Personnel	23	13	10	56.52 %	43.48 %
Sheriff/Deputy/Police Officer	316	228	88	72.15 %	27.85 %
Social Worker – non DHS	299	199	100	66.56 %	33.44 %
Social Worker –DHS	77	64	13	83.12 %	16.88 %
Total Reporters	6517	3622	2895	55.58 %	44.42 %

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	13	11	2	84.62 %	15.38 %
Hospital Social Worker	174	127	47	72.99 %	27.01 %
Licensed Massage Therapist	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Licensed Psychologist	7	2	5	28.57 %	71.43 %
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Totals Mandatory Reporters	3755	2485	1270	66.18 %	33.82 %

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	20	6.8%	256	87.7%	16	5.5%
Denial of Critical Care	79	7.9%	841	84.6%	74	7.4%
Sexual Abuse	4	10.0%	36	90.0%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	85	18.2%	383	81.8%	0	0.0%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	222	26.5%	615	73.4%	1	0.1%
Personal Degradation	7	4.3%	141	87.6%	13	8.1%
Total	417		2272		104	

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)	250
Caregiver support services	141
Education, employment and training services	30
Emergency assistance and material aid services	7
Financial planning services	23
In-home assistance services	262
Legal services referral	21
Medical and dental services	117
Mental health services	83
Public assistance benefits	117
Substance use services	9
Transportation	7
Victim services	3
Recommended service is unavailable in the subject's area	2
Periodic Visits	46
Other Services	290
None	1472

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Perpetrator Legal Remedy

Remedy	Total
Recommendation of removal of guardianship rights	10
Recommendation of restraining order on perpetrator regarding the client	15
Recommendation of eviction of perpetrator	1
Recommendation of restitution by perpetrator	21
Recommendation of other legal remedy	21
No crime committed	1134
None	1259
The agent's authority under a financial POA per Iowa Code 633B.110(2)(e) is terminated and appropriate notification has been sent	17

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Interagency Coordination

Agency	Total
Law enforcement or prosecutorial offices (includes DCI, County Attorney, Local Law Enforcement)	754
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	3
State licensing agency (Department of Inspections & Appeals, Department of Public Health, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise)	3
State Medicaid Fraud Control (MFCU)	8
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	0
Office of the Substitute Decision Maker	5
AAA/ADRC	96
Crime Victim Assistance Program	0
Child Action Center	0
Iowa Workforce Development, Division of Labor Services	1
State Fire Marshall's Office	0
None	1539
Other	90
Office of the Public Guardian	7
Child Protection Center	1
State Licensing or Regulatory Authority	12