

# Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report

For Division DHS  
Through Periods 1/1/2023 -- 6/30/2023

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
3136	3310	0	6446

**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
388	1877	110	371	2746

**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	2408	1276	1132	52.99 %	47.01 %
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	1682	1038	644	61.71 %	38.29 %
Exploitation	1762	566	1196	32.12 %	67.88 %
Personal Degradation	267	151	116	56.55 %	43.45 %
Physical Abuse	652	359	293	55.06 %	44.94 %
Sexual Abuse	140	34	106	24.29 %	75.71 %
<b>Total Allegations</b>	6911	3424	3487	49.54 %	50.46 %

**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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<b>Types of Reporters</b>					
<b>Type of Reporter</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total Accepted</b>	<b>Total Rejected</b>	<b>% Accepted</b>	<b>% Rejected</b>
AAA/ADRC	19	11	8	57.89 %	42.11 %
Anonymous	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Financial Institution - Permissive	794	35	759	4.41 %	95.59 %
Hospital Social Worker	170	111	59	65.29 %	34.71 %
Known Permissive	2040	885	1155	43.38 %	56.62 %
Licensed Massage Therapist	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Licensed Psychologist	6	4	2	66.67 %	33.33 %
Nurse	769	496	273	64.50 %	35.50 %
Other Medical Personnel	577	362	215	62.74 %	37.26 %
Other Mental Health Professional	156	93	63	59.62 %	40.38 %
Other Social Service Professional	1285	752	533	58.52 %	41.48 %
Parole/Probation Officer	6	3	3	50.00 %	50.00 %
Physician	146	97	49	66.44 %	33.56 %
Residential Staff	19	11	8	57.89 %	42.11 %
School Personnel	24	12	12	50.00 %	50.00 %
Sheriff/Deputy/Police Officer	321	194	127	60.44 %	39.56 %
Social Worker – non DHS	350	211	139	60.29 %	39.71 %
Social Worker –DHS	69	52	17	75.36 %	24.64 %
<b>Total Reporters</b>	<b>6751</b>	<b>3329</b>	<b>3422</b>	<b>49.31 %</b>	<b>50.69 %</b>

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.

**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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<b>Types of Mandatory Reporters</b>					
Type	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
AAA/ADRC	19	11	8	57.89 %	42.11 %
Hospital Social Worker	170	111	59	65.29 %	34.71 %
Licensed Massage Therapist	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Licensed Psychologist	6	4	2	66.67 %	33.33 %
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<b>Totals Mandatory Reporters</b>	3917	2409	1508	61.50 %	38.50 %

**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	14	4.8%	262	89.1%	18	6.1%
Denial of Critical Care	90	9.0%	829	82.7%	84	8.4%
Sexual Abuse	1	4.3%	22	95.7%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	91	19.4%	378	80.6%	0	0.0%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	199	25.2%	591	74.8%	0	0.0%
Personal Degradation	7	5.0%	118	84.9%	14	10.1%
<b>Total</b>	402		2200		116	

**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)	245
Caregiver support services	114
Education, employment and training services	6
Emergency assistance and material aid services	9
Financial planning services	22
In-home assistance services	216
Legal services referral	38
Medical and dental services	141
Mental health services	70
Public assistance benefits	79
Substance use services	18
Transportation	8
Victim services	3
Recommended service is unavailable in the subject's area	1
Periodic Visits	34
Other Services	298
None	1436

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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	9
Recommendation of eviction of perpetrator	2
Recommendation of restitution by perpetrator	19
Recommendation of other legal remedy	15
No crime committed	1306
None	983
The agent's authority under a financial POA per Iowa Code 633B.110(2)(e) is terminated and appropriate notification has been sent	19

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### Interagency Coordination

Agency	Total
Law enforcement or prosecutorial offices (includes DCI, County Attorney, Local Law Enforcement)	718
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	5
State licensing agency (Department of Inspections & Appeals, Department of Public Health, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise)	0
State Medicaid Fraud Control (MFCU)	5
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	7
Office of the Substitute Decision Maker	0
AAA/ADRC	97
Crime Victim Assistance Program	0
Child Action Center	0
Iowa Workforce Development, Division of Labor Services	0
State Fire Marshall's Office	1
None	1361
Other	239
Office of the Public Guardian	14
Child Protection Center	0
State Licensing or Regulatory Authority	37