

Department of Human Services
Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report
For Division DHS
Through Periods 7/1/2016 -- 12/31/2016

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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.

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Intake			
Accepted	Rejected	Unknown	Total
1077	2306	169	3552

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.

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

Evaluation or Assessment				
Founded	Unfounded	Confirmed, Not Registered	Unknown	Total
164	865	48	111	1188

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.

Unknown 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
Physical	425	182	243	42.82 %	57.18 %
Sexual	114	26	88	22.81 %	77.19 %
Exploitation	632	149	483	23.58 %	76.42 %
Denial of Care - Caretaker	1402	467	935	33.31 %	66.69 %
Denial of Care - Adult	897	285	612	31.77 %	68.23 %
Total Allegations	3470	1109	2361	31.96 %	68.04 %

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.

* This report is a Summary of Allegations and not a summary of reports. If a reported incident has more than one allegation, that report will be counted multiple times in the totals above.

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Types of Reporters					
Type of Reporter	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Anonymous	297	56	241	18.86 %	81.14 %
Mandatory	2037	800	1237	39.27 %	60.73 %
Permissive	1046	222	824	21.22 %	78.78 %
Mandatory Reporting Permissively	29	6	23	20.69 %	79.31 %
Total Reporters	3409	1084	2325	31.80 %	68.20 %

Column Name Definition

Types 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.

Total Accepted The 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.

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	40	16	24	40.00 %	60.00 %
Social Work	748	315	433	42.11 %	57.89 %
Health Care	997	371	626	37.21 %	62.79 %
Law Enforcement	141	51	90	36.17 %	63.83 %
Mental Health	111	47	64	42.34 %	57.66 %
Other	1346	277	1069	20.58 %	79.42 %
Totals Mandatory Reporters	3383	1077	2306	31.84 %	68.16 %

Column Name Definition

Types 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.

% 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	12	6.5%	157	85.3%	15	8.2%
Sexual	12	44.4%	15	55.6%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	35	23.5%	114	76.5%	0	0.0%
Denial of Care - Caretaker	57	11.8%	390	80.9%	35	7.3%
Denial of Care - Adult	58	20.0%	232	80.0%	0	0.0%
Total	174		908		50	

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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Interventions - Dependent Adult		
Interventions DA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Guardian - Conservator	39	1038
Protective Order	24	1053
Removed from Living Arrangement	61	1016
Referred for Services	111	966
Services Not Needed	318	759

Column Name Definition

Interventions – Dependent Adult After the evaluation or assessment report is completed the outcomes for the adult, tell how many times DHS intervened in the dependent adult’s life beyond just determining if the suspected abuse occurred.

The interventions for the dependent adult provide the number of times:

- A guardian was appointed for the dependent adult;
- A local judge court-ordered the dependent adult to receive protective services or be removed from their current living arrangements;
- The dependent adult was referred to receive services; and
- The dependent adult was determined to not be in need of services.

Total Interventions Number of times the specific interventions for the dependent adult occurred

Total Assessment w/o Interventions Total number of times specified interventions did not occur.

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Interventions - Person Responsible for Abuse		
Interventions PRA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Referred to Law Enforcement	38	1039
Court Order requested to prevent further Abuse	19	1058
Charged with Crime	12	1065
Sentenced	0	1077
Offender Program	0	1077
Service Provided	60	1017
No Services Provided	380	697

Column Name Definition

Interventions – Person Responsible for Abuse After the evaluation or assessment report is completed, tell how many times DHS intervened in the life of the person responsible for abuse other than the person’s name going on the registry if it was found the abuse occurred.

The interventions for the person responsible for the abuse provide the number of times the person was

- Referred to law enforcement;
- Affected by something a local judge court-ordered to stop or prevent further abuse;
- Charged with a crime;
- Sentenced for a crime;
- Court-ordered to attend an offender program in exchange for not being charged with a crime;
- Provided with services; and
- Not provided services?

Total Interventions Number of times the specified intervention for the person responsible for abuse occurred.

Total Assessment w/o Interventions Total number of times the specified intervention for the person responsible for the abuse did not occur.