

Department of Human Services
Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report
For Division DHS
Through Periods 1/1/2014 -- 6/30/2014

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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	Total
951	2209	3160

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.

Evaluation or Assessment			
Founded	Unfounded	Confirmed, Not Registered	Total
122	735	39	896

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.

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Summary of Intake Allegations					
Type of Abuse	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Physical	415	157	258	37.83 %	62.17 %
Sexual	80	16	64	20.00 %	80.00 %
Exploitation	577	127	450	22.01 %	77.99 %
Denial of Care - Caretaker	1366	428	938	31.33 %	68.67 %
Denial of Care - Adult	804	257	547	31.97 %	68.03 %
Total Allegations	3242	985	2257	30.38 %	69.62 %

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	305	48	257	15.74 %	84.26 %
Mandatory	1937	687	1250	35.47 %	64.53 %
Permissive	911	212	699	23.27 %	76.73 %
Mandatory Reporting Permissively	28	10	18	35.71 %	64.29 %
Total Reporters	3181	957	2224	30.08 %	69.92 %

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
Social Work	5	2	3	40.00 %	60.00 %
Health Care	215	67	148	31.16 %	68.84 %
Law Enforcement	35	15	20	42.86 %	57.14 %
Mental Health	58	16	42	27.59 %	72.41 %
Other	2872	866	2006	30.15 %	69.85 %
Totals Mandatory Reporters	3185	966	2219	30.33 %	69.67 %

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, financial institutions, health care, law enforcement and mental health.

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	9	5.9%	133	87.5%	10	6.6%
Sexual	1	6.7%	14	93.3%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	28	26.2%	79	73.8%	0	0.0%
Denial of Care - Caretaker	43	10.1%	351	82.6%	31	7.3%
Denial of Care - Adult	48	20.1%	191	79.9%	0	0.0%
Total	129		768		41	

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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Outcomes - Dependent Adult		
Outcomes DA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Gaurdian - Conservator	38	858
Protective Order	21	875
Removed from Living Arrangement	54	842
Referred for Services	97	799
No Services Needed	340	556

Column Name Definition

Outcomes – 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 outcomes 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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Outcomes - Person Responsible for Abuse		
Outcomes PRA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Referred to Law Enforcement	35	861
Court Order requested to prevent further Abuse	13	883
Charged with Crime	12	884
Sentenced	0	896
Offender Program	1	895
Service Provided	46	850
No Services Provided	397	499

Column Name Definition

Outcomes – 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 outcomes 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.