

Adults at Risk Incident Reports, 2009 (All Ages, by Age Group)

Incident Status	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Complete	5,682	99.4%	1,591	98.5%	7,273	99.2%
Partial / Incomplete	33	0.6%	25	1.5%	58	0.8%
Total	5,715	100.0%	1,616	100.0%	7,331	100.0%

Primary Reason for Call / Issue Identified	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Self-Neglect	2,808	49.4%	697	43.8%	3,505	48.2%
Financial Exploitation	1,043	18.4%	183	11.5%	1,226	16.9%
Neglect by Other(s)	657	11.6%	203	12.8%	860	11.8%
Emotional Abuse	415	7.3%	93	5.8%	508	7.0%
Physical Abuse	333	5.9%	168	10.6%	501	6.9%
Sexual Abuse	36	0.6%	91	5.7%	127	1.7%
Treatment without Consent	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Unreasonable Confinement / Restraint	21	0.4%	16	1.0%	37	0.5%
Information Only*	366	6.4%	140	8.8%	506	7.0%
Total	5,682	100.0%	1,591	100.0%	7,273	100.0%

Note: Calls for "information only" do not involve allegations of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, and are not included in the analytic tables.

Count of Valid Incidents for Analysis	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Complete, not information only	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Previous Report on This Individual?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	3,177	60.4%	940	66.4%	4,117	61.7%
Yes	1,678	31.9%	299	21.1%	1,977	29.6%
Unknown	402	7.6%	176	12.4%	578	8.7%
Total	5,257	100.0%	1,415	100.0%	6,672	100.0%

Referral Source	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	141	2.7%	40	2.8%	181	2.7%
Social / Human Services Agency	545	10.3%	166	11.4%	711	10.5%
Alleged abuser	5	0.1%	2	0.1%	7	0.1%
Anonymous	227	4.3%	59	4.1%	286	4.2%
Employer	1	0.0%	9	0.6%	10	0.1%
Friend / neighbor	389	7.3%	117	8.1%	506	7.5%
Housing inspection / zoning	33	0.6%	14	1.0%	47	0.7%
Law enforcement	453	8.5%	84	5.8%	537	7.9%
Medical professional	968	18.2%	210	14.5%	1,178	17.4%
Mental health service provider	65	1.2%	45	3.1%	110	1.6%
Other provider	378	7.1%	159	11.0%	537	7.9%
Other referral source	567	10.7%	148	10.2%	715	10.6%
Regulatory authority (DHS / DQA)	80	1.5%	7	0.5%	87	1.3%
Relative	1,121	21.1%	231	15.9%	1,352	20.0%
Residential support provider	137	2.6%	45	3.1%	182	2.7%
Substance abuse service provider	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Victim	193	3.6%	76	5.2%	269	4.0%
Vocational / day service provider	10	0.2%	39	2.7%	49	0.7%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Where Incident Occurred	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Place of residence	4,818	90.6%	1,226	84.5%	6,044	89.3%
Other place	450	8.5%	176	12.1%	626	9.3%
Place of employment / day services	32	0.6%	33	2.3%	65	1.0%
School	3	0.1%	8	0.6%	11	0.2%
Transportation	13	0.2%	8	0.6%	21	0.3%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Call Received By	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	2,264	42.6%	626	43.1%	2,890	42.7%
Aging Unit	592	11.1%	137	9.4%	729	10.8%
Department of Community Programs-51.42 / 437 Board	55	1.0%	22	1.5%	77	1.1%
Developmental Disability Board	0	0.0%	3	0.2%	3	0.0%
Human Services Department	1,641	30.9%	519	35.8%	2,160	31.9%
Law Enforcement	66	1.2%	18	1.2%	84	1.2%
Other Agency	83	1.6%	33	2.3%	116	1.7%
Social Services Department	615	11.6%	93	6.4%	708	10.5%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Initial Investigating Agency	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	1,332	25.1%	341	23.5%	1,673	24.7%
Aging Unit	870	16.4%	67	4.6%	937	13.8%
Department of Community Programs-51.42 / 437 Board	53	1.0%	23	1.6%	76	1.1%
Housing Inspection / Zoning	3	0.1%	4	0.3%	7	0.1%
Human Services Department	2,224	41.8%	856	59.0%	3,080	45.5%
Law Enforcement	105	2.0%	34	2.3%	139	2.1%
Other Agency	61	1.1%	15	1.0%	76	1.1%
Public Health Department	11	0.2%	4	0.3%	15	0.2%
Social Services Department	657	12.4%	107	7.4%	764	11.3%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Was Incident Life Threatening?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	4,813	90.5%	1,312	90.4%	6,125	90.5%
Yes	371	7.0%	96	6.6%	467	6.9%
Unknown	132	2.5%	43	3.0%	175	2.6%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Has Adult at Risk Died?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	303	81.7%	81	84.4%	384	82.2%
Yes	65	17.5%	15	15.6%	80	17.1%
Unknown	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	3	0.6%
Total	371	100.0%	96	100.0%	467	100.0%
<i>Note: Percents represent share of all life-threatening incidents.</i>						

Was Death Related to the Incident?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	23	35.4%	4	26.7%	27	33.8%
Yes	28	43.1%	7	46.7%	35	43.8%
Unknown	14	21.5%	4	26.7%	18	22.5%
Total	65	100.0%	15	100.0%	80	100.0%
<i>Note: Percents represent share of all incidents involving a death.</i>						

Was Death Directly Caused by Incident?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	12	42.9%	3	42.9%	15	42.9%
Yes	6	21.4%	1	14.3%	7	20.0%
Unknown	10	35.7%	3	42.9%	13	37.1%
Total	28	100.0%	7	100.0%	35	100.0%
<i>Note: Percents represent share of all incidents involving a death.</i>						

Adult at Risk's Age Type	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Actual age	4,922	92.6%	1,390	95.8%	6,312	93.3%
Estimated age	394	7.4%	61	4.2%	455	6.7%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Adult at Risk's Gender	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	3,198	60.2%	756	52.1%	3,954	58.4%
Male	2,114	39.8%	695	47.9%	2,809	41.5%
Unknown	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Adult at Risk's Race	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	4,162	78.3%	1,038	71.5%	5,200	76.8%
Black / African American	260	4.9%	150	10.3%	410	6.1%
Native American / Alaska Native	73	1.4%	33	2.3%	106	1.6%
Asian	15	0.3%	13	0.9%	28	0.4%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	5	0.1%	1	0.1%	6	0.1%
Other race	32	0.6%	26	1.8%	58	0.9%
Not reported or unknown	769	14.5%	190	13.1%	959	14.2%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Notes: Race and Ethnicity are optional fields, so some reports are missing this information. Although data may be incomplete, percents represent the share of all complete reports that showed each race / ethnicity category.

Adult at Risk's Ethnicity	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	50	0.9%	30	2.1%	80	1.2%
Hmong	10	0.2%	6	0.4%	16	0.2%
Neither	1,758	33.1%	517	35.6%	2,275	33.6%
Unknown	198	3.7%	135	9.3%	333	4.9%
Total	5,316	37.9%	1,451	47.4%	6,767	100.0%

Notes: Race and Ethnicity are optional fields, so some reports are missing this information. Although data may be incomplete, percents represent the share of all complete reports that showed each race / ethnicity category.

Adult at Risk's Living Arrangement	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Own home / apartment alone	2,334	43.9%	429	29.6%	2,763	40.8%
Own home / apartment with others	1,885	35.5%	443	30.5%	2,328	34.4%
Relative's home	282	5.3%	275	19.0%	557	8.2%
Friend's home	57	1.1%	40	2.8%	97	1.4%
Adult family home	16	0.3%	49	3.4%	65	1.0%
Adult family home (licensed)	24	0.5%	64	4.4%	88	1.3%
Nursing home	419	7.9%	22	1.5%	441	6.5%
Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF)	161	3.0%	37	2.5%	198	2.9%
Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC)	43	0.8%	3	0.2%	46	0.7%
Homeless	24	0.5%	37	2.5%	61	0.9%
Other setting	64	1.2%	48	3.3%	112	1.7%
Institution	7	0.1%	4	0.3%	11	0.2%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

County / State Funded Programs That Have Served This Adult at Risk	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Community Support Program	68	1.3%	81	5.6%	149	2.2%
Comprehensive Community Services	26	0.5%	20	1.4%	46	0.7%
Family Care	268	5.0%	184	12.7%	452	6.7%
Home and Community Based Waiver	142	2.7%	110	7.6%	252	3.7%
Medicaid (Title 19, Card Services)	773	14.5%	583	40.2%	1,356	20.0%
Unknown	830	15.6%	235	16.2%	1,065	15.7%
Other	519	9.8%	166	11.4%	685	10.1%
None	3,018	56.8%	372	25.6%	3,390	50.1%

Note: adult at risk may be served by more than one program, so sum does not equal 100%.

Does Adult at Risk Have a Substitute Decision-Maker?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	2,899	54.5%	836	57.6%	3,735	55.2%
Yes	1,732	32.6%	451	31.1%	2,183	32.3%
Unknown	685	12.9%	164	11.3%	849	12.5%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Age of Alleged Abuser(s)	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 25 years	95	3.3%	52	6.0%	147	4.0%
25 to 44 years	502	17.6%	172	19.7%	674	18.1%
45 to 59 years	831	29.2%	191	21.9%	1,022	27.5%
60 to 79 years	578	20.3%	98	11.2%	676	18.2%
80 years or older	245	8.6%	11	1.3%	256	6.9%
Unknown	597	21.0%	349	40.0%	946	25.4%
Total	2,848	100.0%	873	100.0%	3,721	100.0%
<i>Total includes all alleged abusers; some incidents involve more than one.</i>						

Alleged Abusers' Gender	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	1,360	47.9%	355	40.8%	1,715	46.2%
Female	1,385	48.8%	401	46.1%	1,786	48.1%
Unknown	95	3.3%	114	13.1%	209	5.6%
Total	2,840	100.0%	870	100.0%	3,710	100.0%

Alleged Abusers' Relationships to Adult at Risk	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Son	562	19.7%	20	2.3%	582	15.6%
Daughter	596	20.9%	24	2.7%	620	16.7%
Spouse	404	14.2%	67	7.7%	471	12.7%
Other or unknown	466	16.4%	219	25.1%	685	18.4%
Friend / Neighbor	326	11.5%	86	9.9%	412	11.1%
Other Relative	237	8.3%	117	13.4%	354	9.5%
Parent	0	0.0%	219	25.1%	219	5.9%
Grandchild	146	5.1%	4	0.5%	150	4.0%
Service provider	109	3.8%	117	13.4%	226	6.1%
Total	2,846	100.0%	873	100.0%	3,719	100.0%

Alleged Abusers' Characteristics	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Alcohol abuse	227	8.0%	56	6.4%	283	7.6%
Blind / visually impaired	11	0.4%	6	0.7%	17	0.5%
Brain injury	10	0.4%	5	0.6%	15	0.4%
Chronic alcoholic	59	2.1%	9	1.0%	68	1.8%
Chronic mental illness	32	1.1%	9	1.0%	41	1.1%
Challenging / dangerous behavior	144	5.1%	33	3.8%	177	4.8%
Communication disorder	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	4	0.1%
Deaf / hard of hearing	27	0.9%	3	0.3%	30	0.8%
Dementia	124	4.4%	8	0.9%	132	3.5%
Developmental disability	30	1.1%	39	4.5%	69	1.9%
Diabetes	40	1.4%	7	0.8%	47	1.3%
Disoriented and confused	69	2.4%	2	0.2%	71	1.9%
Drug abuse	144	5.1%	27	3.1%	171	4.6%
Financial dependence: adult at risk on abuser	34	1.2%	32	3.7%	66	1.8%
Financial dependence: alleged abuser dependent on adult at risk	498	17.5%	58	6.6%	556	14.9%
Frail Elderly	168	5.9%	18	2.1%	186	5.0%
Functionally illiterate	4	0.1%	3	0.3%	7	0.2%
Homebound	17	0.6%	1	0.1%	18	0.5%
Incontinent	19	0.7%	0	0.0%	19	0.5%
Limited English proficiency	2	0.1%	3	0.3%	5	0.1%
Medically fragile	39	1.4%	11	1.3%	50	1.3%
Mental Illness (mentally ill)	193	6.8%	55	6.3%	248	6.7%
Mobility impaired	35	1.2%	11	1.3%	46	1.2%
Morbidly Obese	17	0.6%	5	0.6%	22	0.6%
Physical Disability	78	2.7%	21	2.4%	99	2.7%
Stroke-related condition	15	0.5%	3	0.3%	18	0.5%
Unemployed	307	10.8%	83	9.5%	390	10.5%
Other medical condition	59	2.1%	5	0.6%	64	1.7%
Other characteristic	232	8.1%	107	12.3%	339	9.1%
None of the listed characteristics	1,293	45.4%	432	49.5%	1,725	46.4%

Multiple responses were allowed so numbers do not add up to 100%.
Percents refer to share of all alleged abusers.

More than One Alleged Abuser?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	136	4.8%	41	4.7%	177	4.8%
No, one alleged abuser only	2,712	95.2%	832	95.3%	3,544	95.2%
Total	2,848	100.0%	873	100.0%	3,721	100.0%

Was Hurt or Harm Substantiated?	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Substantiated	2,915	54.8%	700	48.2%	3,615	53.4%
Unsubstantiated	1,668	31.4%	531	36.6%	2,199	32.5%
Unable to Substantiate	733	13.8%	220	15.2%	953	14.1%
Total	5,316	100.0%	1,451	100.0%	6,767	100.0%

Actions Taken to Assist Adult at Risk	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Guardian referral	348	6.5%	120	8.3%	468	6.9%
Investigation not accepted	314	5.9%	70	4.8%	384	5.7%
Mental health commitment	61	1.1%	33	2.3%	94	1.4%
Outreach continues	515	9.7%	191	13.2%	706	10.4%
Protective services placement	272	5.1%	73	5.0%	345	5.1%
Referral made to other agency	486	9.1%	259	17.8%	745	11.0%
Referral made to state agency	16	0.3%	8	0.6%	24	0.4%
Referral to Caregiver Misconduct Registry (DHS / DQA)	17	0.3%	21	1.4%	38	0.6%
Referral to law enforcement / Department of Justice	292	5.5%	142	9.8%	434	6.4%
Referral to detoxification services	22	0.4%	13	0.9%	35	0.5%
Referral to protection / advocacy agencies	66	1.2%	47	3.2%	113	1.7%
Referral to regulatory authority (DHS / DQA)	37	0.7%	20	1.4%	57	0.8%
Services needed are not available	32	0.6%	43	3.0%	75	1.1%
Services not needed	811	15.3%	256	17.6%	1,067	15.8%
Services offered but not accepted	1,070	20.1%	207	14.3%	1,277	18.9%
Services offered-all accepted	675	12.7%	180	12.4%	855	12.6%
Services offered-some accepted	1,308	24.6%	263	18.1%	1,571	23.2%
Response / investigation continues	76	1.4%	36	2.5%	112	1.7%
Other legal action	163	3.1%	56	3.9%	219	3.2%
Other disposition	443	8.3%	117	8.1%	560	8.3%

Percents refer to share of all reports showing this action. Multiple responses are allowed so numbers do not add up to 100%.

Services Planned for Adult at Risk	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Advocacy / Legal services	738	13.9%	192	13.2%	930	13.7%
Community based aids / services	1,171	22.0%	236	16.3%	1,407	20.8%
Day care services / treatment	375	7.1%	161	11.1%	536	7.9%
Domestic violence / sexual assault victim services	141	2.7%	40	2.8%	181	2.7%
Emergency response services	286	5.4%	77	5.3%	363	5.4%
Facility based care	872	16.4%	177	12.2%	1,049	15.5%
Medical services	376	7.1%	91	6.3%	467	6.9%
Service coordination	1,750	32.9%	477	32.9%	2,227	32.9%
Substitute decision-making	677	12.7%	192	13.2%	869	12.8%
Transportation	196	3.7%	73	5.0%	269	4.0%
Other services planned	325	6.1%	71	4.9%	396	5.9%

Percents refer to share of all reports showing this service planned. Multiple responses were allowed so numbers do not add up to 100%

Services Planned for Alleged Abuser(s)	Age 60+		Age 18-59		All Ages	
Service	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No services planned	1,868	74.5%	594	78.8%	2,463	75.5%
Advocacy / Legal services	204	8.1%	68	9.0%	272	8.3%
Community based aids / services	103	4.1%	13	1.7%	116	3.6%
Day care services / treatment	97	3.9%	24	3.2%	121	3.7%
Domestic violence / sexual assault victim services	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Emergency response services	21	0.8%	2	0.3%	23	0.7%
Facility based care	80	3.2%	7	0.9%	87	2.7%
Medical services	31	1.2%	0	0.0%	31	1.0%
Service coordination	251	10.0%	55	7.3%	306	9.4%
Substitute decision-making	34	1.4%	11	1.5%	45	1.4%
Transportation	12	0.5%	5	0.7%	17	0.5%
Other services planned	90	3.6%	28	3.7%	118	3.6%

Multiple responses were allowed so numbers do not add up to 100%.

Percents refer to share of all incidents in which abuse or neglect was alleged (n=3,262).

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