

Adults at Risk 2007, by Age Group

Combined 2007 Data from WITS and AAR Reporting System

Number of reports total from each system/age group, for use in calculating percents:

Adults at Risk Reporting System, Ages 18-59	493	<i>Includes partials and information-only reports</i>
Wisconsin Incident Tracking System, Ages 18-59	594	<i>Complete, not information only</i>
Both systems total, Ages 18-59	1,087	<i>Includes AAR System partials & info-only reports</i>
Wisconsin Incident Tracking System, Age 60+	4,766	<i>Complete, not information only</i>
WITS Only, All Ages	5,360	<i>Complete, not information only</i>
All reports, all ages, both systems	5,853	<i>Includes AAR System partials & info-only reports</i>

Primary Reason for Call	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Emotional Abuse	62	5.6%	366	7.5%	428	7.2%
Financial Exploitation	136	12.2%	1,022	21.0%	1,158	19.4%
Neglect by Other(s)	142	12.7%	545	11.2%	687	11.5%
Physical Abuse	117	10.5%	280	5.8%	397	6.6%
Self-Neglect	529	47.4%	2,496	51.4%	3,025	50.6%
Sexual Abuse	62	5.6%	34	0.7%	96	1.6%
Treatment without Consent	3	0.3%	3	0.1%	6	0.1%
Unreasonable Confinement/Restraint	9	0.8%	20	0.4%	29	0.5%
Information Only	32	2.9%	92	1.9%	124	2.1%
Other, Unclear, or inappropriate response	25	2.2%	0	0.0%	25	0.4%
Total	1,117	100.0%	4,858	100.0%	5,975	100.0%

NOTE: Calls for "information only" do not involve allegations of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, and those reported through WITS are not included in the analytic tables. However, the Adults at Risk Reporting System did not prevent this response from being combined with inconsistent information in other fields, so AAR Reporting System reports with this "reason for call" remain in the analytic tables.

Previous report?	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	647	59.9%	2,943	62.3%	3,590	61.8%
Yes	312	28.9%	1,483	31.4%	1,795	30.9%
Unknown	122	11.3%	302	6.4%	424	7.3%
Total	1,081	100.0%	4,728	100.0%	5,809	100.0%

NOTE: Six WITS reports on people age 18-59 and 38 WITS reports on people age 60+ are missing this information.

Where Incident Occurred	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Place of residence	925	85.1%	4,289	90.0%	5,214	89.1%
Other setting	122	11.2%	438	9.2%	560	9.6%
Place of employment/day services	24	2.2%	26	0.6%	50	0.9%
School	5	0.5%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%
Transportation	11	1.0%	11	0.2%	22	0.4%
Total	1,087	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,853	100.0%

Referral Source	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	19	1.7%	64	1.4%	83	1.4%
Agency	71	6.5%	700	14.7%	771	13.2%
Alleged abuser	2	0.2%	9	0.2%	11	0.2%
Anonymous	56	5.2%	271	5.6%	327	5.6%
Employer	4	0.4%	6	0.1%	10	0.2%
Friend/neighbor	89	8.2%	397	8.3%	486	8.3%
Housing inspection/zoning	10	0.9%	15	0.3%	25	0.4%
Law enforcement	66	6.1%	374	7.9%	440	7.5%
Medical professional	199	18.3%	884	18.6%	1,083	18.5%
Mental health service provider	28	2.6%	24	0.5%	52	0.9%
Other provider	96	8.8%	189	4.0%	285	4.9%
Other referral source	128	11.8%	565	11.9%	693	11.8%
Regulatory authority (DHS/DQA)	5	0.5%	4	0.1%	9	0.2%
Relative	173	15.9%	960	20.1%	1,133	19.4%
Residential support provider	52	4.8%	78	1.6%	130	2.2%
Substance abuse service provider	4	0.4%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
Victim	62	5.7%	220	4.6%	282	4.8%
Vocational/day service provider	23	2.1%	6	0.1%	29	0.5%
Total	1,087	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,853	100.0%

Call Received By	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	340	31.3%	1,573	33.3%	1,913	32.7%
Aging unit	27	2.5%	770	16.1%	797	13.6%
Department of Community Programs-51.42/437 Board	47	4.3%	8	0.1%	55	0.9%
Developmental Disability Board	7	0.6%	1	0.0%	8	0.1%
Housing Inspection/Zoning	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
Human services department	500	46.0%	1,671	35.0%	2,171	37.1%
Law enforcement	11	1.0%	37	0.8%	48	0.8%
Regulatory authority	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Social services department	129	11.9%	613	12.8%	742	12.7%
Other	22	2.0%	93	1.9%	115	2.0%
Total	1,087	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,853	100.0%

Initial Investigating Agency	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	137	12.6%	1,014	21.3%	1,151	19.7%
Aging unit	18	1.7%	1,013	21.3%	1,031	17.6%
BOALTC/Ombudsman	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Department of Community Programs 51.42/437 Board	55	5.1%	7	0.2%	62	1.1%
Developmental Disability Board	7	0.6%	1	0.0%	8	0.1%
Housing inspection/zoning	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Human services department	733	67.4%	2,024	42.5%	2,757	47.1%
Law enforcement	22	2.0%	48	1.0%	70	1.2%
Other	13	1.2%	41	0.9%	54	0.9%
Public health dept	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%
Social services department	101	9.3%	609	12.8%	710	12.1%
Total	1,087	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,853	100.0%

Was incident life threatening?	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	985	90.6%	4,382	91.9%	5,367	91.7%
Yes	79	7.3%	303	6.4%	382	6.5%
Unknown	23	2.1%	81	1.7%	104	1.8%
Total	1,087	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,853	100.0%

Has Adult at Risk died?	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	69	87.3%	241	79.5%	310	81.2%
Yes	10	12.7%	57	18.8%	67	17.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%	5	1.7%	5	1.3%
Total	79	100.0%	303	100.0%	382	100.0%

Percents represent share of all life-threatening incidents. This question was asked differently in the two surveys, so responses are only approximately comparable.

Was death related to the incident?	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	1	16.7%	21	36.8%	22	34.9%
Yes	4	66.7%	19	33.3%	23	36.5%
Unknown	1	16.7%	17	29.8%	18	28.6%
Total	6	100.0%	57	100.0%	63	100.0%

Percents represent share of all incidents involving a death. This question was not asked this way in the AAR Reporting System and data are not comparable.

Was death directly caused by incident?	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	2	33.3%	4	7.0%	6	26.1%
Yes	2	33.3%	6	10.5%	8	34.8%
Unknown	0	0.0%	9	15.8%	9	39.1%
Total	4	n/a	19	n/a	23	n/a
Percents represent share of all incidents involving a death. This question was not asked this way in the AAR Reporting System and data are not comparable.						

Adult at Risk's Age Type	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Actual	1,005	94.2%	4,404	92.4%	5,409	92.7%
Estimated	62	5.8%	362	7.6%	424	7.3%
Total	1,067	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,833	100.0%
Note: Information is missing from 20 reports in the AAR Reporting System.						

Adult at Risk's Age	Totals, All Ages	
	Number	Percent
18-19 years	59	1.0%
20-29 years	150	2.6%
30-39 years	127	2.2%
40-49 years	274	4.7%
50-59 years	477	8.1%
60-69 years	971	16.6%
70-79 years	1,530	26.1%
80-89 years	1,776	30.3%
90 years or more	489	8.4%
Total	5,853	100.0%

Adult at Risk's Gender	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	587	54.0%	2,950	61.9%	3,537	60.4%
Male	500	46.0%	1,810	38.0%	2,310	39.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Total	1,087	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,853	100.0%

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**In the AAR Reporting System, Adult Family Home and CBRF were combined in a single category. These responses are reported here under "Adult Family Home." Also, in the AAR Reporting System, there was no distinction among Adult Family Homes based on licensing status.*

Adult at Risk (AAR) Characteristics (WITS Data only)	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
AAR financially dependent on alleged abuser	15	2.5%	24	0.5%	39	0.7%
Alcohol abuse	66	11.1%	251	5.3%	317	5.9%
Alleged abuser financially dependent on AAR	16	2.7%	93	2.0%	109	2.0%
Alzheimer's or related dementia	22	3.7%	1,212	25.4%	1,234	23.0%
Blind/visually impaired	16	2.7%	216	4.5%	232	4.3%
Brain injury	30	5.1%	18	0.4%	48	0.9%
Challenging or dangerous behavior	33	5.6%	108	2.3%	141	2.6%
Chronic alcoholic	32	5.4%	149	3.1%	181	3.4%
Chronically mental illness	27	4.5%	140	2.9%	167	3.1%
Communication disorder	7	1.2%	20	0.4%	27	0.5%
Deaf/hard of hearing	11	1.9%	311	6.5%	322	6.0%
Developmentally disabled	194	32.7%	83	1.7%	277	5.2%
Diabetic	43	7.2%	392	8.2%	435	8.1%
Disoriented/confused	32	5.4%	709	14.9%	741	13.8%
Drug abuse	18	3.0%	41	0.9%	59	1.1%
Frail elderly	2	0.3%	2,877	60.4%	2,879	53.7%
Functionally illiterate	11	1.9%	40	0.8%	51	1.0%
Homebound	24	4.0%	495	10.4%	519	9.7%
Incontinent	27	4.5%	380	8.0%	407	7.6%
Limited English proficiency	2	0.3%	14	0.3%	16	0.3%
Medically fragile	49	8.2%	318	6.7%	367	6.8%
Mental illness	153	25.8%	383	8.0%	536	10.0%
Mobility impaired	1	0.2%	279	5.9%	280	5.2%
Morbidly obese	19	3.2%	84	1.8%	103	1.9%
Physically disabled	123	20.7%	492	10.3%	615	11.5%
Stroke-related impairments	18	3.0%	259	5.4%	277	5.2%
Unemployed	1	0.2%	30	0.6%	31	0.6%
Other physical disability	1	0.2%	31	0.7%	32	0.6%
Other medical condition	94	15.8%	735	15.4%	829	15.5%
Other characteristic	23	3.9%	183	3.8%	206	3.8%
None	16	2.7%	277	5.8%	293	5.5%
Note: Percents refer to share of all adults at risk having this characteristic. Multiple responses are allowed, so percents do not total 100%.						

Age of Alleged Abuser(s)	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 25 years	19	8.4%	110	5.1%	129	5.4%
25 to 44 years	76	33.5%	547	25.3%	623	26.1%
45 to 59 years	96	42.3%	847	39.2%	943	39.5%
60 to 79 years	33	14.5%	489	22.6%	522	21.9%
80 years or older	3	1.3%	167	7.7%	170	7.1%
Unknown*	111	n/a	336	n/a	447	18.7%
*Note: Abusers with unknown ages are excluded from these percents.						
Total	227	100.0%	2,160	100.0%	2,387	100.0%

Alleged Abusers' Gender	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	172	51.3%	1,170	46.9%	1,342	47.4%
Female	143	42.7%	1,260	50.5%	1,403	49.6%
Unknown	20	6.0%	65	2.6%	85	3.0%
Total	335	100.0%	2,495	100.0%	2,830	100.0%

Alleged Abusers' Relationships to Adult at Risk	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Daughter	14	4.1%	487	19.5%	501	17.7%
Employer	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
Friend/Neighbor	60	17.8%	269	10.8%	329	11.6%
Grandchild	0	0.0%	150	6.0%	150	5.3%
Other or unknown	84	24.9%	346	13.9%	430	15.2%
Other Relative	40	11.8%	215	8.6%	255	9.0%
Parent	52	15.4%	0	0.0%	52	1.8%
Service provider	52	15.4%	88	3.5%	140	4.9%
Son	7	2.1%	581	23.3%	588	20.7%
Spouse	27	8.0%	360	14.4%	387	13.7%
Total	338	100.0%	2,496	100.0%	2,834	100.0%

Are Alleged Abusers Caregivers?	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	153	45.3%	1,156	46.3%	1,309	46.2%
No	173	51.2%	1,258	50.4%	1,431	50.5%
Unknown	12	3.6%	82	3.3%	94	3.3%
Total	338	100.0%	2,496	100.0%	2,834	100.0%

Do Alleged Abusers Live with Adult at Risk?	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	183	54.1%	1,226	49.1%	1,409	49.7%
No	142	42.0%	1,224	49.0%	1,366	48.2%
Unknown	13	3.8%	46	1.8%	59	2.1%
Total	338	100.0%	2,496	100.0%	2,834	100.0%

Do Alleged Abusers Have Any Legal or Substitute Decision Maker Status?	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Any legal/substitute decision maker status listed	117	34.6%	936	37.5%	1,053	37.2%
No status listed	221	65.4%	1,560	62.5%	1,781	62.8%
Total	338	100.0%	2,496	100.0%	2,834	100.0%

Alleged Abusers' Legal Status	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Conservator	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%
Guardian of the Person	33	9.8%	54	2.2%	87	3.1%
Guardian of the Estate	25	7.4%	37	1.5%	62	2.2%
Temporary Guardian	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%
Representative Payee	23	6.8%	23	0.9%	46	1.6%
Power of Attorney for Finances (Activated)	9	2.7%	297	11.9%	306	10.8%
Power of Attorney for Finances (Not activated)	0	0.0%	86	3.4%	86	3.0%
Power of Attorney for Health Care (Activated)	7	2.1%	248	9.9%	255	9.0%
Power of Attorney for Health Care (Not activated)	4	1.2%	189	7.6%	193	6.8%
Other legal status	8	2.4%	43	1.7%	51	1.8%
Unknown legal status	44	13.0%	280	11.2%	324	11.4%
No legal status	221	65.4%	1,560	62.5%	1,781	62.8%

Percents represent share of all abusers who have this legal status. Multiple responses are allowed, so percents do not total 100%.

Alleged Abusers' Characteristics	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Alcohol abuse	26	7.7%	219	8.8%	245	8.6%
Blind/visually impaired	2	0.6%	13	0.5%	15	0.5%
Chronic alcoholic	7	2.1%	51	2.0%	58	2.0%
Chronic mental illness	3	0.9%	48	1.9%	51	1.8%
Deaf/hard of hearing	0	0.0%	19	0.8%	19	0.7%
Dementia	1	0.3%	51	2.0%	52	1.8%
Developmental Disability	16	4.7%	21	0.8%	37	1.3%
Diabetes	2	0.6%	25	1.0%	27	1.0%
Disoriented and confused	3	0.9%	40	1.6%	43	1.5%
Drug abuse	26	7.7%	185	7.4%	211	7.4%
Financially dependent on adult at risk	22	6.5%	390	15.6%	412	14.5%
Frail Elderly	8	2.4%	142	5.7%	150	5.3%
Functionally illiterate	1	0.3%	9	0.4%	10	0.4%
Homebound	1	0.3%	17	0.7%	18	0.6%
Incontinent	1	0.3%	9	0.4%	10	0.4%
Mental Illness (mentally ill)	23	6.8%	158	6.3%	181	6.4%
Morbidly Obese	2	0.6%	14	0.6%	16	0.6%
Physical Disability	10	3.0%	85	3.4%	95	3.4%
Stroke-related condition	0	0.0%	18	0.7%	18	0.6%
Unemployed	32	9.5%	271	10.9%	303	10.7%
Other medical condition	6	1.8%	67	2.7%	73	2.6%
Other characteristic	29	8.6%	192	7.7%	221	7.8%
None of the listed characteristics	187	55.3%	1,236	49.5%	1,423	50.2%

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

Was hurt or harm substantiated?	18-59 Total, Both Systems		Age 60+		All Ages Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Substantiated	519	48.0%	2,560	53.7%	3,079	52.7%
Unsubstantiated	378	35.0%	1,679	35.2%	2,057	35.2%
Unable to Substantiate	184	17.0%	527	11.1%	711	12.2%
Total	1,081	100.0%	4,766	100.0%	5,847	100.0%

Note: Information on substantiation was missing from 6 reports in the Adults-at-Risk Reporting System.

Actions Taken	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Guardian referral	52	8.8%	290	6.1%	342	6.4%
Investigation not accepted	32	5.4%	272	5.7%	304	5.7%
Mental health commitment	17	2.9%	58	1.2%	75	1.4%
Outreach continues	72	12.1%	533	11.2%	605	11.3%
Protective services placement	41	6.9%	283	5.9%	324	6.0%
Referral made to other agency	76	12.8%	454	9.5%	530	9.9%
Referral made to state agency	2	0.3%	22	0.5%	24	0.4%
Referral to Caregiver Misconduct Registry (DQA)	8	1.3%	6	0.1%	14	0.3%
Referral to law enforcement/Department of Justice	71	12.0%	168	3.5%	239	4.5%
Referral to detoxification services	8	1.3%	10	0.2%	18	0.3%
Referral to protection/advocacy agencies	14	2.4%	46	1.0%	60	1.1%
Referral to regulatory authority (DQA)	7	1.2%	9	0.2%	16	0.3%
Services needed are not available	13	2.2%	31	0.7%	44	0.8%
Services not needed	72	12.1%	764	16.0%	836	15.6%
Services offered but not accepted	100	16.8%	976	20.5%	1,076	20.1%
Services offered-all accepted	76	12.8%	646	13.6%	722	13.5%
Services offered-some accepted	108	18.2%	1,185	24.9%	1,293	24.1%
Response/investigation continues	19	3.2%	37	0.8%	56	1.0%
Other legal action	19	3.2%	137	2.9%	156	2.9%
Other disposition	70	11.8%	377	7.9%	447	8.3%

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

Services Planned for Adult at Risk	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Advocacy/Legal services	111	18.7%	720	15.1%	831	15.5%
Community Based aids, services	106	17.8%	1,187	24.9%	1,293	24.1%
Day care services, treatment	103	17.3%	341	7.2%	444	8.3%
Domestic violence/sexual assault victim services	19	3.2%	80	1.7%	99	1.8%
Emergency response services	49	8.2%	269	5.6%	318	5.9%
Facility based care	90	15.2%	782	16.4%	872	16.3%
Medical services	48	8.1%	369	7.7%	417	7.8%
Service coordination	203	34.2%	1,526	32.0%	1,729	32.3%
Substitute decision making	66	11.1%	490	10.3%	556	10.4%
Transportation	35	5.9%	222	4.7%	257	4.8%
Other services planned	31	5.2%	306	6.4%	337	6.3%

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

Services Planned for Alleged Abuser(s)	18-59 WITS ONLY		Age 60+		All Ages Totals (WITS only)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Advocacy/Legal services	22	7.1%	221	9.4%	243	9.1%
Community Based aids, services	7	2.2%	90	3.8%	97	3.6%
Day care services, treatment	10	3.2%	72	3.1%	82	3.1%
Domestic violence/ sexual assault victim services	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Emergency response services	3	1.0%	21	0.9%	24	0.9%
Facility based care	4	1.3%	44	1.9%	48	1.8%
Medical services	1	0.3%	20	0.9%	21	0.8%
No services planned	237	76.0%	1,740	74.0%	1,977	74.2%
Service coordination	22	7.1%	218	9.3%	240	9.0%
Substitute decision making	3	1.0%	25	1.1%	28	1.1%
Transportation	2	0.6%	10	0.4%	12	0.5%
Other services planned	12	3.8%	63	2.7%	75	2.8%
<i>Note: Multiple responses were allowed so numbers do not add up to 100%. Percents refer to share of all WITS reports in which abuse was alleged (312 for those 18-59; 2,351 for those 60+; 2,663 for all ages).</i>						

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