



## ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FACT SHEET FOR SFY 2001

*The following information is based on data submitted by the county departments of job and family services (CDJFS). Only 77% of the CDJFSs submitted statistics all four quarters of SFY 2001. Therefore, the statistics shown do not represent all of Ohio's elder abuse, neglect or exploitation cases.*

### **Elder Abuse, Neglect, And Exploitation in Ohio**

Adult Protective Services are intended to assist adults who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves and have no one else to assist them. Each County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) in Ohio, is responsible for receiving and investigating all reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly population 60 years and older.

#### **Facts:**

- < From July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 a total of **11,351** reports of *abuse, neglect, and exploitation* were received by the county departments of job and family services for adults 18 years of age and over. Of the **11,351** reports, **10,262** were reports of elders age 60 and over.
  
- < *Abuse* comprised a total of **1,171** reports received. Of the total number of abuse reports, **1,019** were reports of elders age 60 and over.
  
- < *Neglect* comprised a total of **9,150** reports received. There are two categories of *Neglect* that represents the total number: *Self Neglect* and *Neglect by Others*.
  - *Self neglect* represented **6,774** reports received. Of this number, **6,129** were reports of elders age 60 and over.
  - *Neglect by Others* represented **2,376** reports received. Of this number, **2,167** were reports of elders age sixty and over.
  
- < *Exploitation* comprised a total of **1,030** reports received. Of this total **947** were reports of elders age 60 or over.

Investigation of a report alleging abuse, neglect and exploitation shall be initiated within twenty-four hours after the department receives the report or if any emergency exists; otherwise, an investigation shall be initiated within three working days.

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< During SFY 2000, there were a total of **338** reports that indicated an emergency existed.

Upon completion of the investigation, the department shall determine from its findings whether or not the adult who is the subject of the report is in need of *protective services*.

< During SFY 2000, **6,324** individuals were in need of *protective services*. Of this number:

- **5,242** agreed to receive services.
- **1,082** refused services.

< Of the **5,242** reports of individuals who agreed to receive protective services **4,788 were reports of elders age 60 and over.**

Social, medical, and mental health care professionals are mandated by law to immediately report suspected abuse, neglect, (self-neglect) or exploitation to the county departments of job and family services. Also, required to report are attorneys, peace officers, senior service providers, coroners, clergymen and professional counselors.

Any concerned citizen should report suspected situations of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation to their county departments of job and family services. Ohio Revised Code 5101.60 - 5101.72 outlines the Adult Protective Services Law in its entirety.

The goals of Adult Protective Services are:

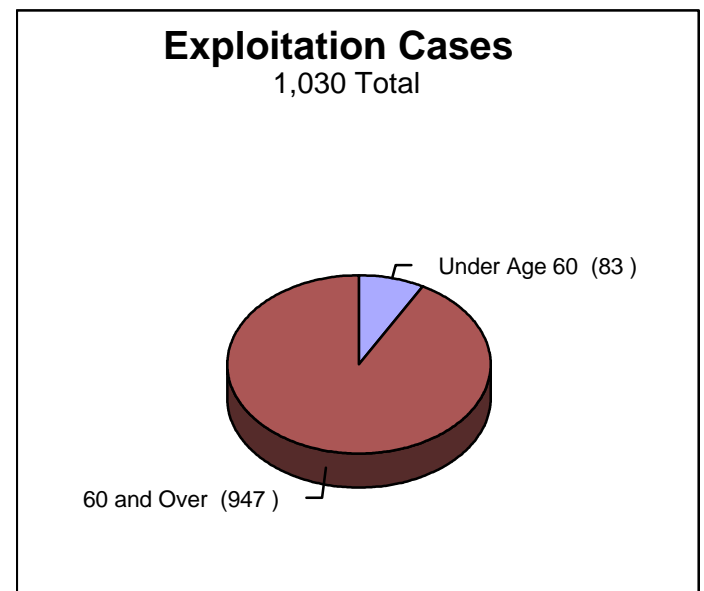
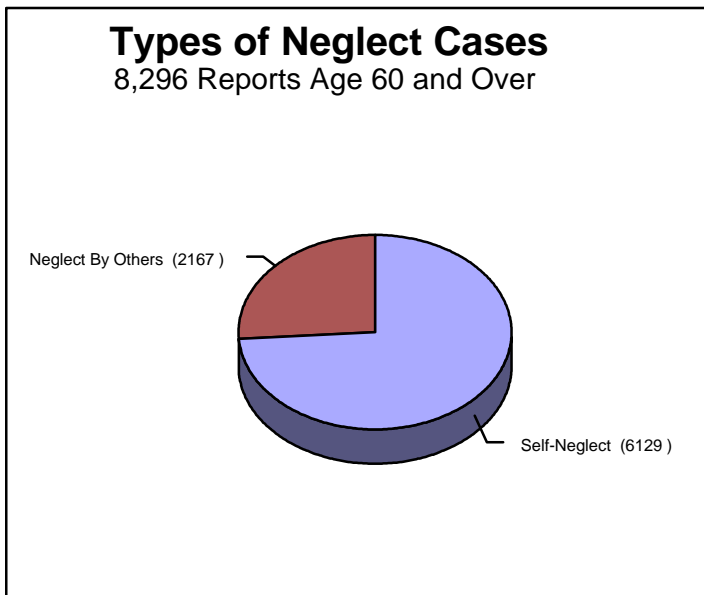
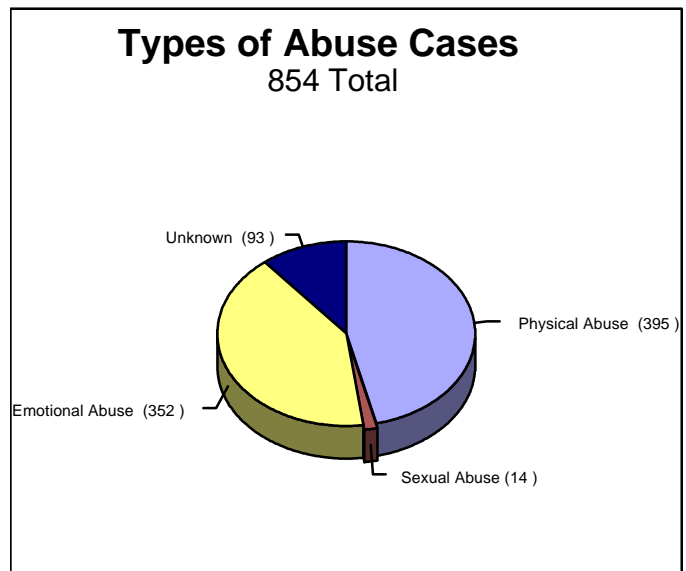
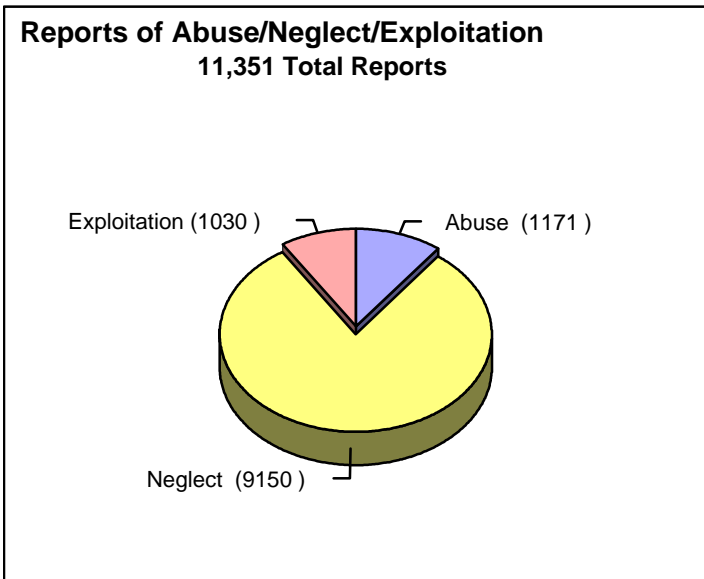
1. To prevent, reduce or remedy conditions causing endangerment to adults (who meet specified criteria) through provision of services appropriate to the adult's needs.
2. To maximize the adult's independence and self-direction.
3. To prevent unnecessary institutionalization and to enable the adult to remain in his own home as long as possible by selection of the least restrictive alternative. The least restrictive alternative means the change resulting in the least loss of self-determination that will meet the specified need.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ? Protective Services at (614) 466-9274.**

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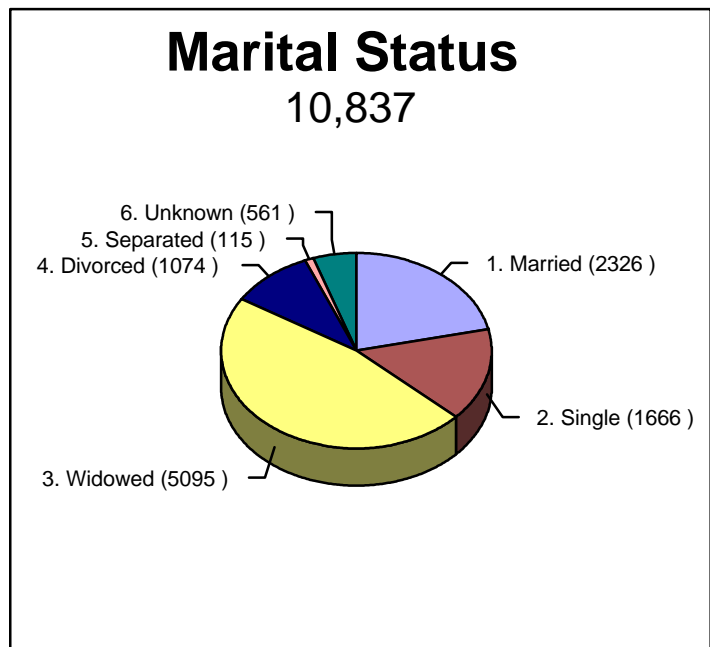
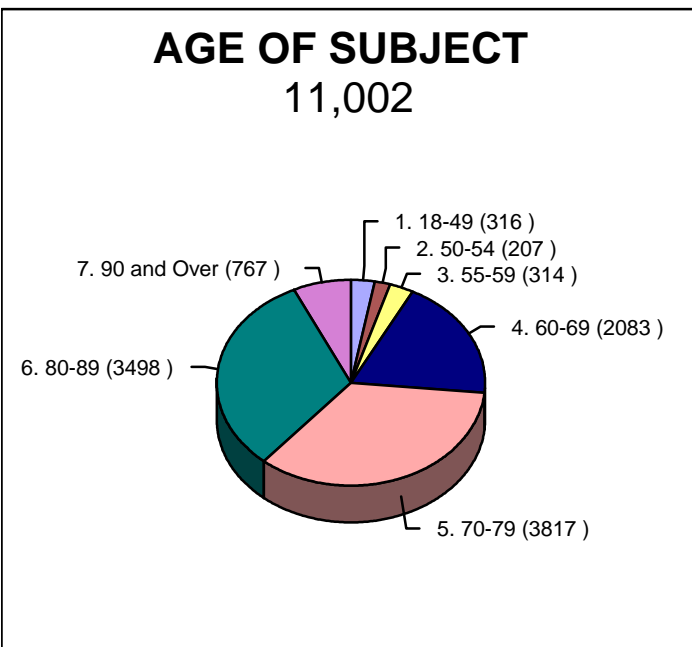
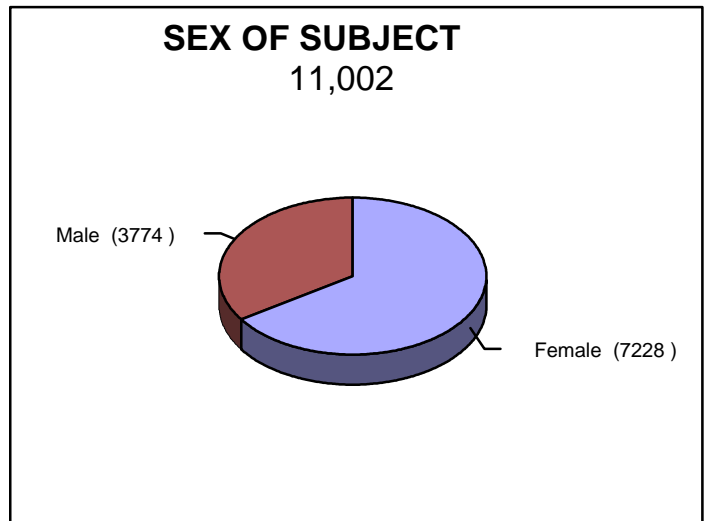
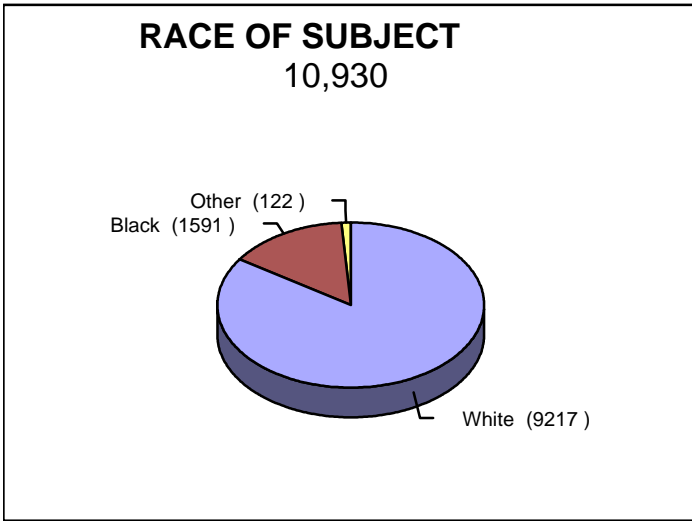
The following graphs represents statistics received from the county departments of job and family services and are based on cases of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation with a special emphasis on the persons age 60 and over. Each graph represents the number of cases reported per category.



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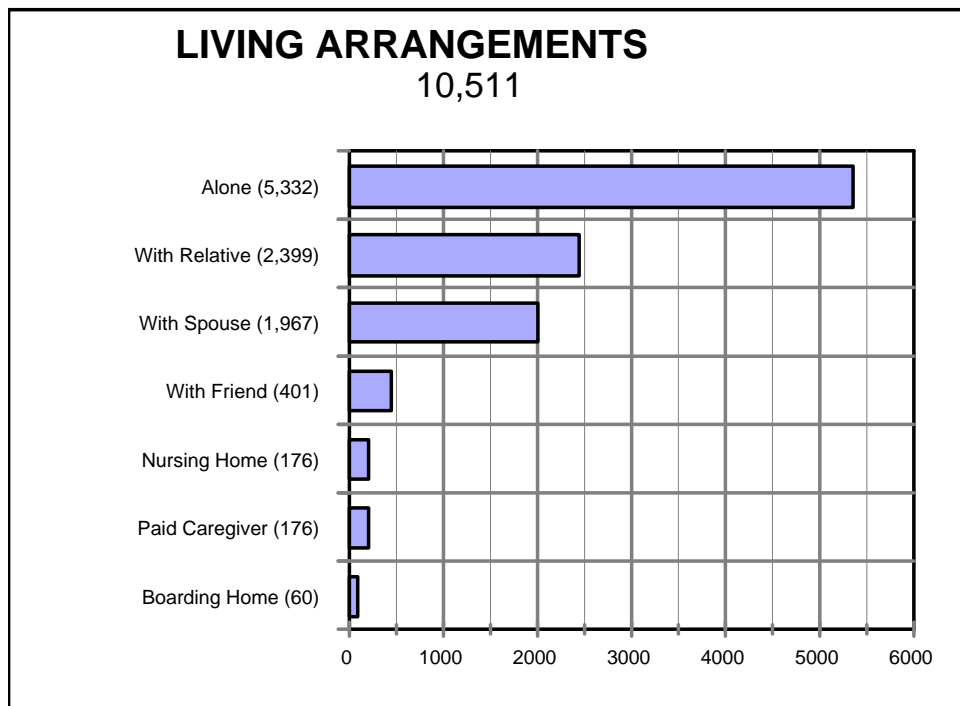
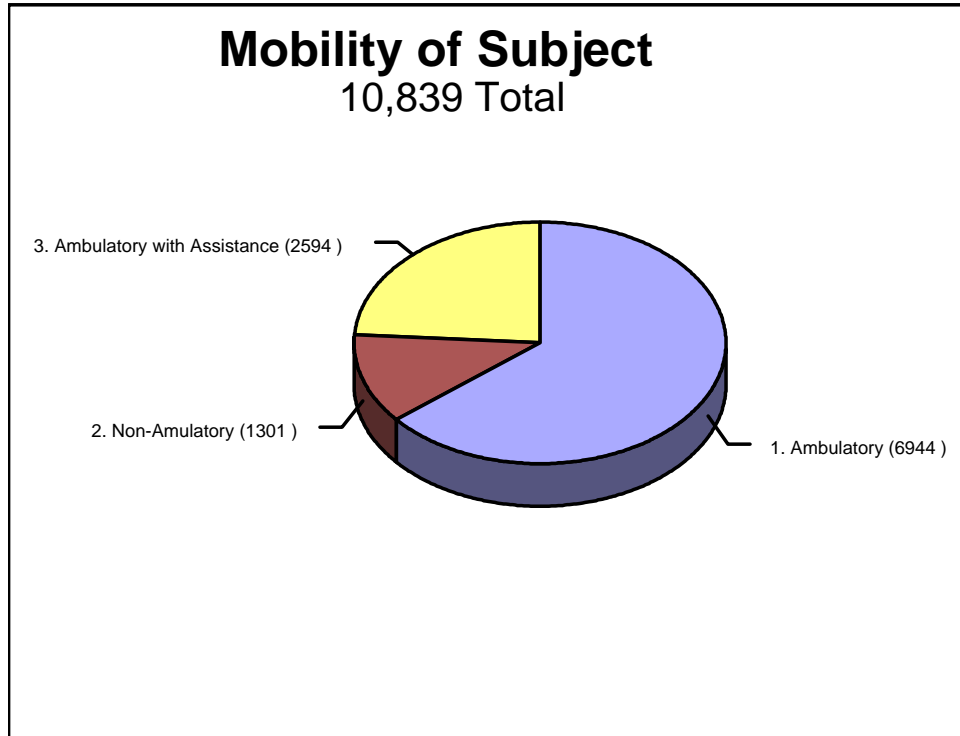
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Each graph reflects the number of cases as reported by the counties. The variation with the numbers in each graph is a result of the county reporting.



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### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Abuse** means the infliction upon an adult by himself or others of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. There are three forms of abuse:

**Physical Abuse** means pushing, hitting, slapping, pinching, and other ways of physically harming a person. Elderly people can also be positioned incorrectly (when they cannot position themselves) or force-fed. Elders may be restrained or medicated without their knowledge or consent.

**Sexual Abuse** means rape or other unwanted sexual contact, but it can also mean forced or coerced nudity, exhibitionism, and other nontouching sexual situations.

**Emotional Abuse** means when an elder is threatened, humiliated, intimidated, or otherwise psychologically hurt. Sometimes elders may be treated like infants or isolated from other people or activities. Elders human rights can be violated as well (e.g., removing their decision making authority with their personal matters or health care).

**Elderly Adult** means any person sixty years or age or older within this state who is handicapped by the infirmities of aging, has a physical or mental impairment which prevents him/her from providing for his/her own care or protection, and resides in an independent living arrangement.

**Case** means a written record that describes alleged incidents of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

**Emergency** means that the adult is living in conditions which present a substantial risk of immediate or irreparable physical harm or death to himself or any other person.

**Emergency Services** means protective services furnished to an adult in an emergency.

**Exploitation** means the unlawful or improper act of a caretaker using an adult or his resources for monetary or personal benefit, profit or gain.

**In Need of Protective Services** means an adult known or suspected to be suffering from abuse, neglect, or exploitation to an extent that either life is endangered or physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness results or is likely to result.

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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Neglect** means the failure of an adult to provide for himself the goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness or the failure of a caretaker to provide such goods or services.

**Protective Services** means services provided by the county department of job and family services or its designated agency to an adult who has been determined by evaluation to require them for the prevention, correction, or discontinuance of an act of as well as conditions resulting from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Protective services may include, but are not limited to case work services, medical care, mental health services, legal services, fiscal management, home health care, homemaker services, housing-related guardianship services, and placement services as well as the provision of such commodities as food, clothing and shelter.

**Self Abuse/Neglect** means abusive or neglectful conduct of a person directed at himself which threatens his/her health or safety.