

# Adult Protective Services

## Information Sharing and Advisory Committee (ISAC)

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# State Fiscal Year 2020-2021

- The data presented for SFY 2020-2021 is preliminary data.
- The data is currently going through the review and approval process.
- Once approved, the report will be published and made available on the Department of Human Services website.

# “What” and “Why”

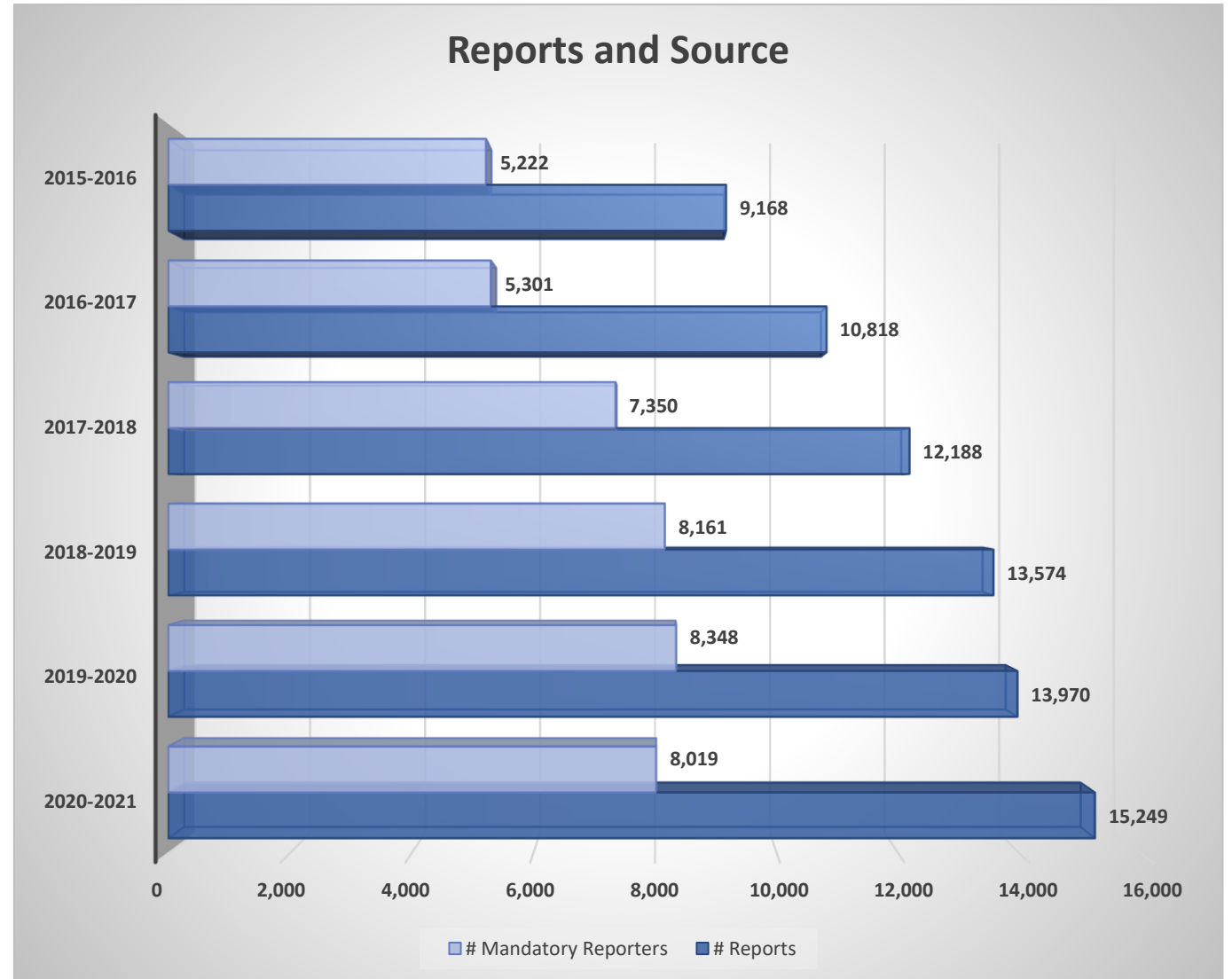
Paraphrased from October 2018

The information presented here tells us what is happening (and has happened) but does not tell us why it is happening (or has happened).

There are many reasons why things might happen.

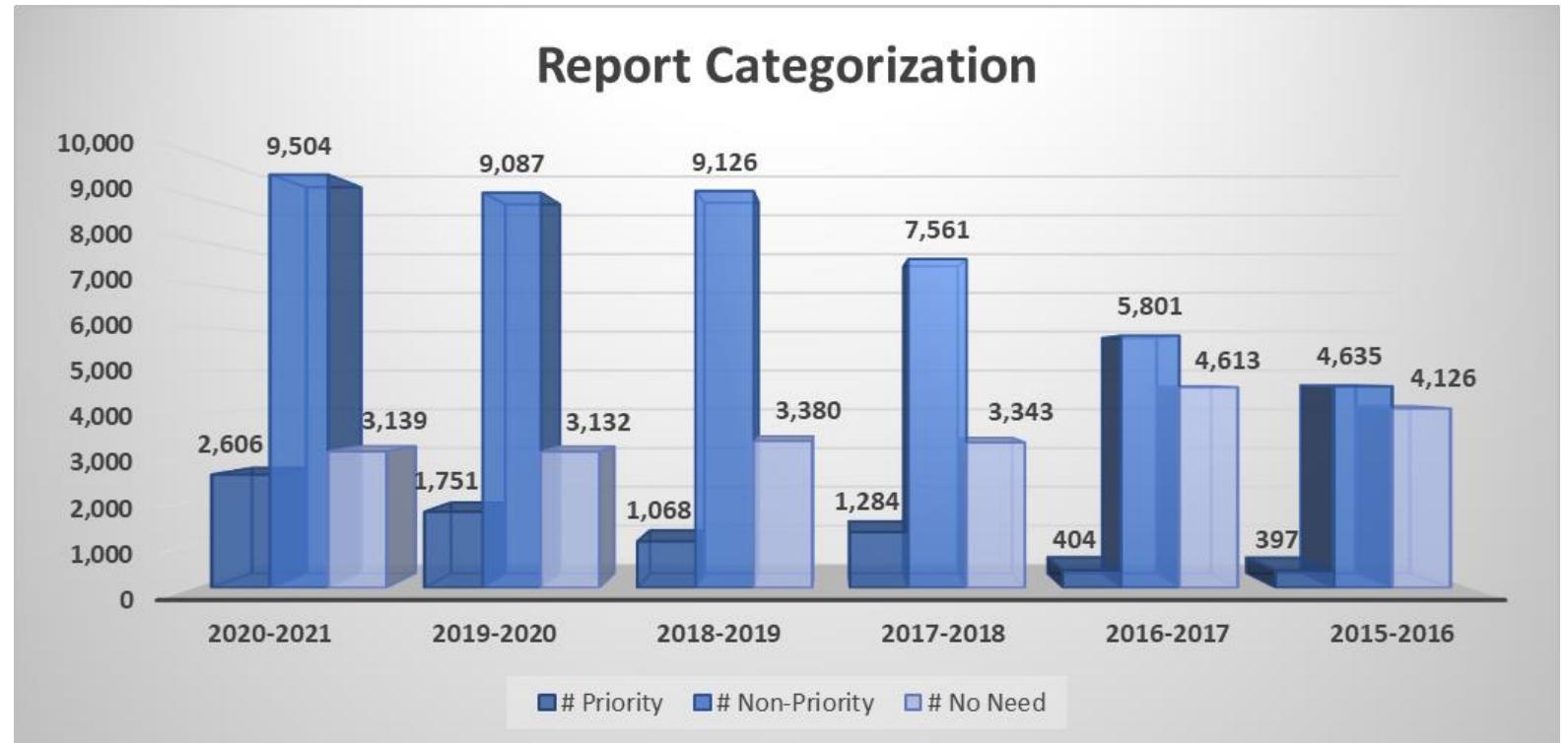
We can not use this data to tell us why things are happening the way they are.

Of the total reports received annually, between 53% - 60% were from mandatory reporters.

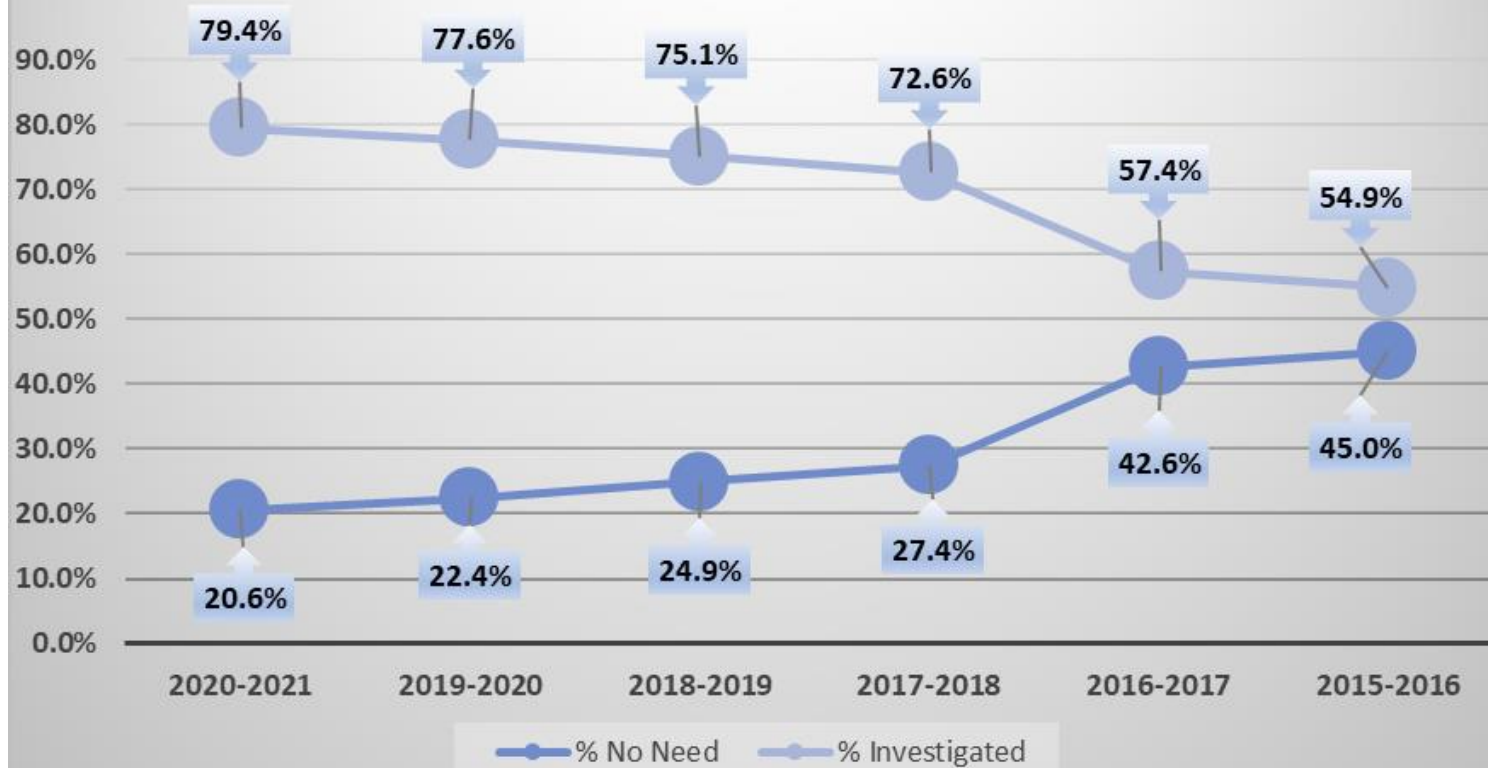


# Reports, Priority and Non-Priority Investigations and No Needs

- The number of Reports, Priority and Non-Priority Investigations have steadily increased in each of the six years of APS.
- In contrast, No Needs have declined in the six-year period.



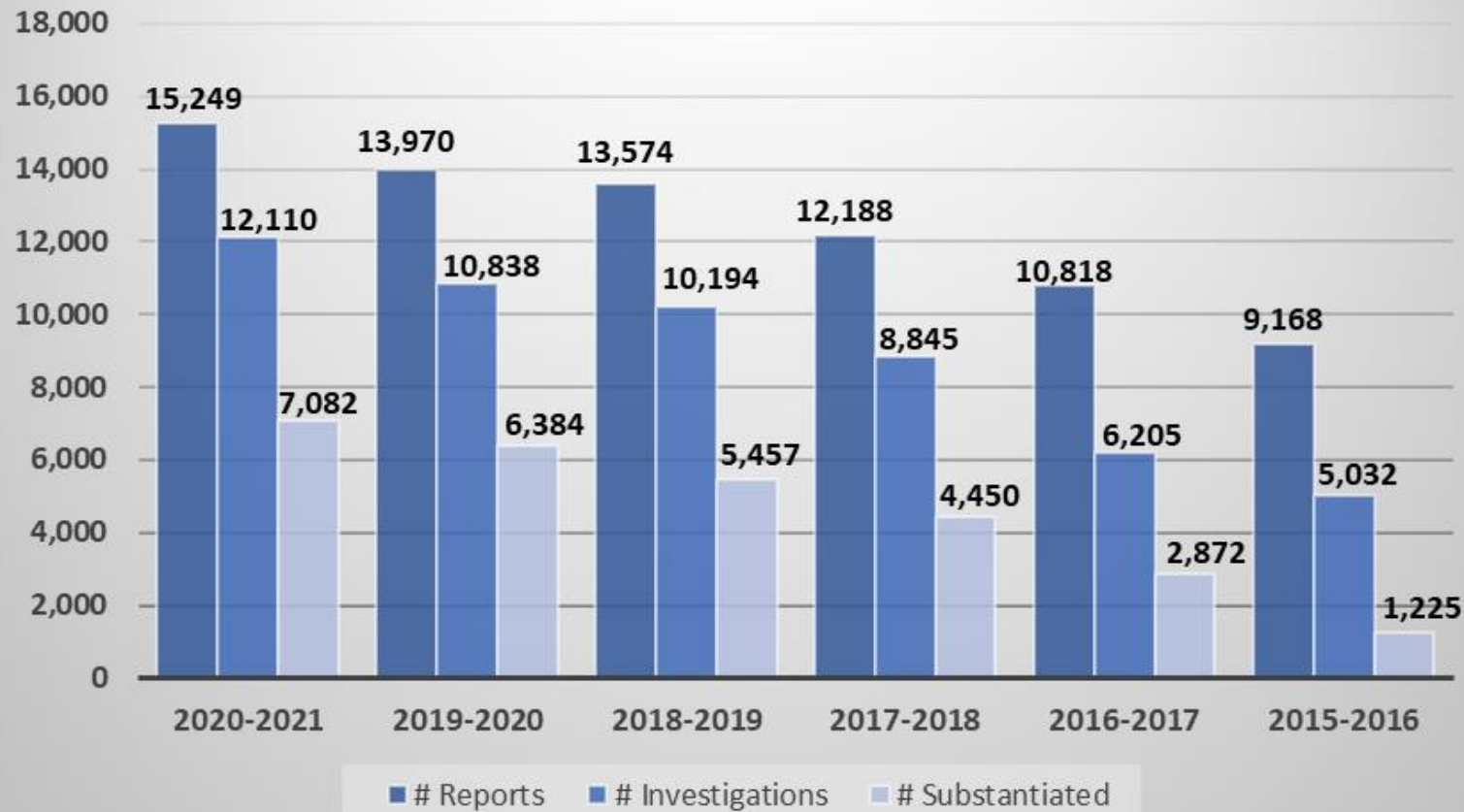
## Investigation vs. No Need Trend



## Widening Gap

- FY 2015-2016 investigation rates for reports were 54.9% (45.0% categorized as No Needs).
- FY 2017-2018 investigation rates for reports were 72.6% (27.4% categorized as No Needs).
- FY 2020-2021 investigation rates for reports were 79.4% (20.6% categorized as No Needs).

## Reports, Investigations & Substantiations

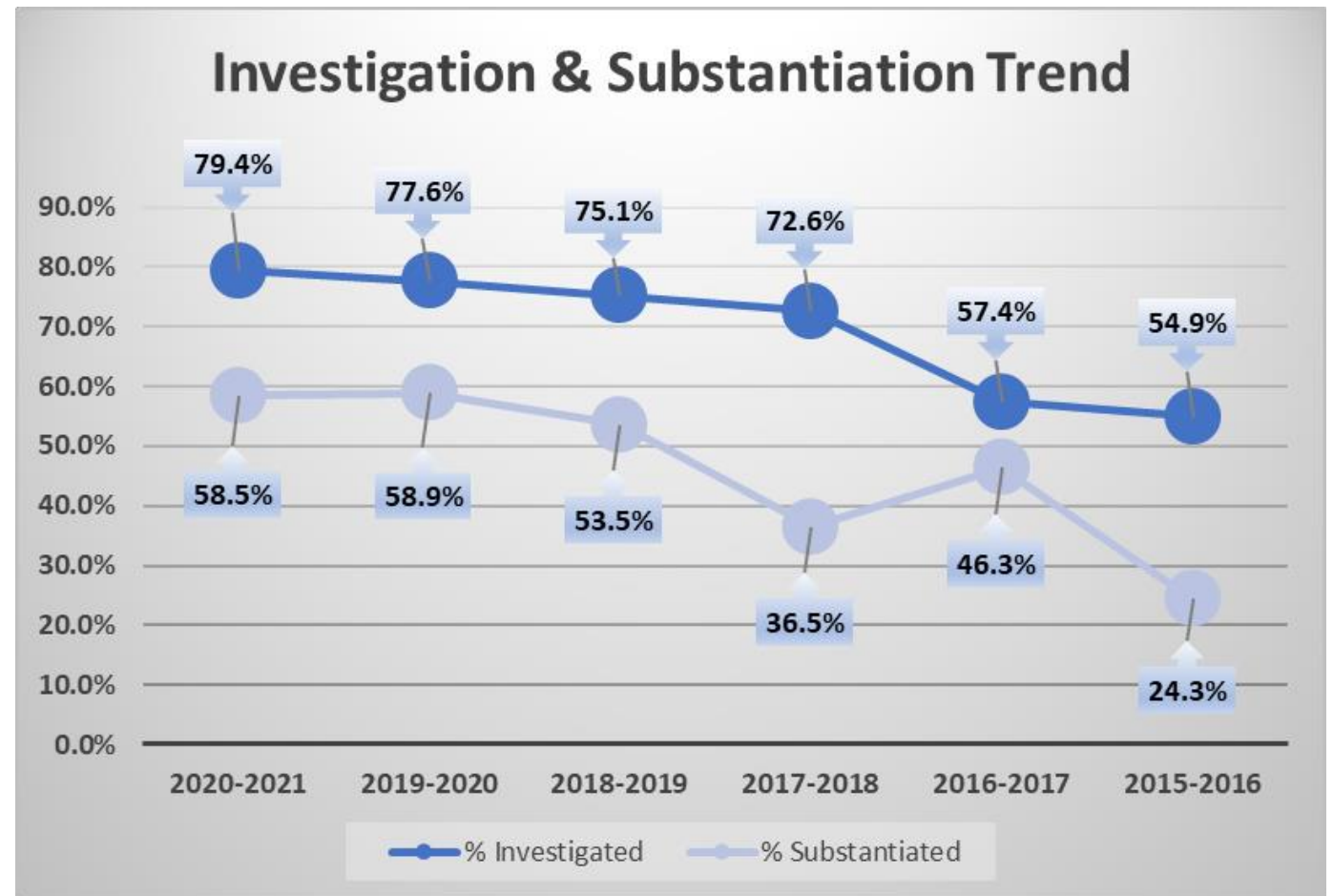


## Substantiations Increase

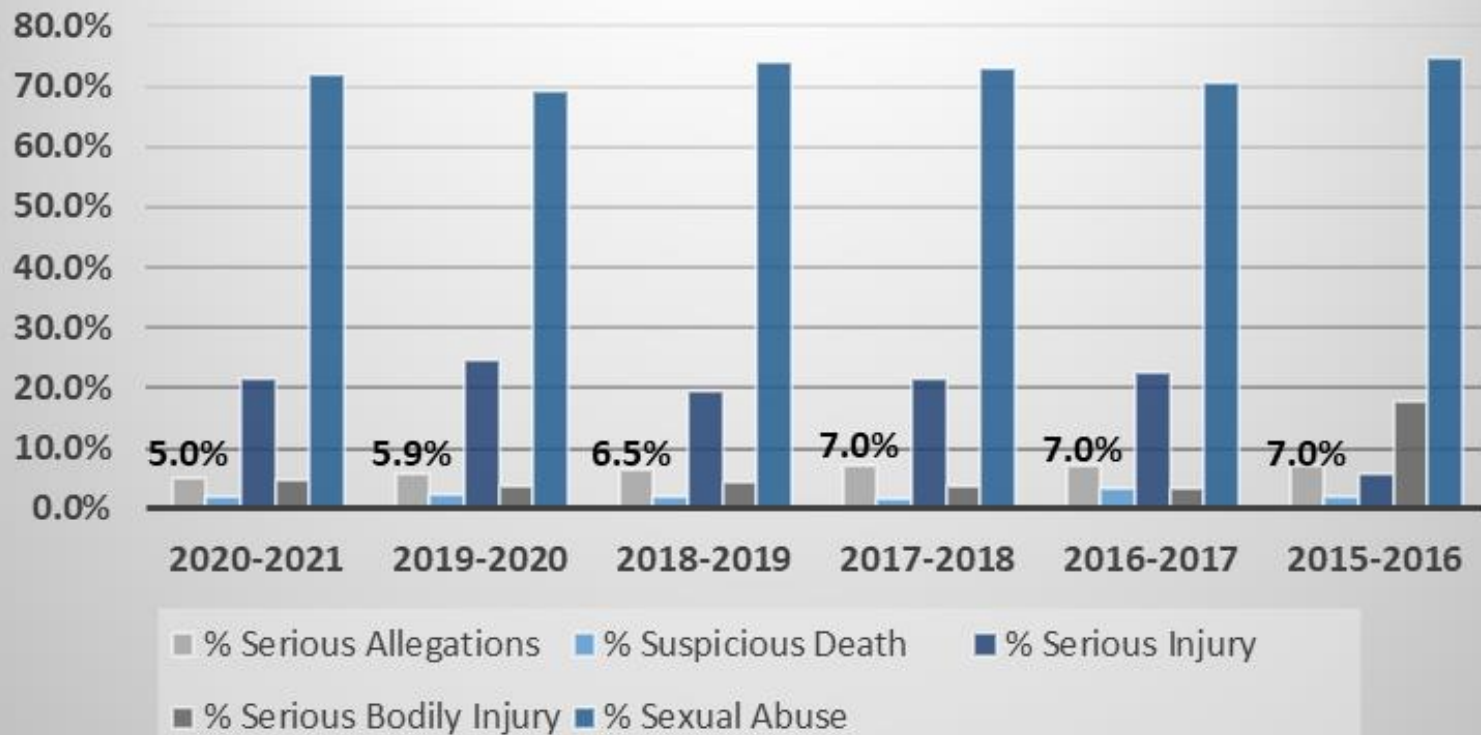
In addition to the number of Reports and Investigations steadily increasing in each of the six years of APS, the numbers of Substantiated cases have also increased in the six-year period.

# Investigation and Substantiation Rate Trends

- FY 2015-16, 54.9% of reports were investigated and substantiated at a 24.3% rate.
- FY 2017-18, 72.6% of reports were investigated and substantiated at a 36.5% rate.
- FY 2020-21, 79.4% of reports were investigated and substantiated at a 58.5% rate.



## Serious Allegations



### Serious Allegations:

Suspicious death (not investigated by APS)

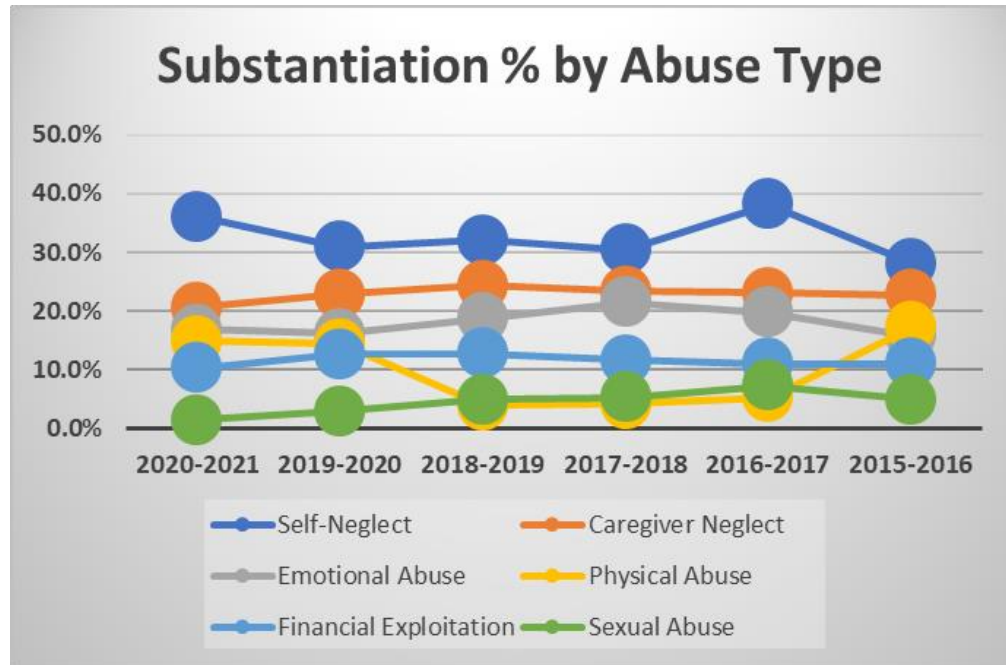
Serious Injury

Serious Bodily Injury

Sexual Abuse

**Serious Allegations** accounted for between 5% - 7% annually of reports received in the six-year period. Sexual Abuse accounting annually for approximately 70% - 75% of the serious allegations reported.

# Substantiation % by Abuse Type



| State Fiscal Year | Self-Neglect | Caregiver Neglect | Emotional Abuse | Physical Abuse | Financial Exploitation | Sexual Abuse |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 2020-2021         | 36.0%        | 20.6%             | 16.9%           | 14.9%          | 10.3%                  | 1.4%         |
| 2019-2020         | 31.0%        | 22.8%             | 16.2%           | 14.4%          | 12.6%                  | 3.0%         |
| 2018-2019         | 32.1%        | 24.4%             | 18.8%           | 4.0%           | 12.8%                  | 4.9%         |
| 2017-2018         | 30.4%        | 23.4%             | 21.5%           | 4.2%           | 11.7%                  | 5.3%         |
| 2016-2017         | 38.1%        | 23.1%             | 19.7%           | 5.3%           | 11.1%                  | 7.3%         |
| 2015-2016         | 28.1%        | 22.7%             | 15.8%           | 17.3%          | 11.0%                  | 5.0%         |

# Characteristics of an Adult (victim) Reported to Need Protective Services

| State Fiscal Year | 51-59 Years | Caucasion | Female | Single | Own Home<br>or Apartment | Live Alone | Live with<br>Other<br>Family |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 2020-2021         | 41%         | 71%       | 55%    | 73%    | 61%                      | 32%        | --                           |
| 2019-2020         | 42%         | 70%       | 54%    | 74%    | 59%                      | 29%        | --                           |
| 2018-2019         | 43%         | 70%       | 55%    | 72%    | 51%                      | --         | 29%                          |
| 2017-2018         | 42%         | 72%       | 55%    | 72%    | 52%                      | 28%        | --                           |
| 2016-2017         | 46%         | 69%       | 55%    | 70%    | 57%                      | --         | 29%                          |
| 2015-2016         | 42%         | 70%       | 55%    | 72%    | 64%                      | --         | 32%                          |

# Temporary Protective Service Costs

| State Fiscal Year | Temporary Protective Service Costs   |
|-------------------|--|
| 2020-2021         | <b>\$3,671,904.57</b><br>Legal Fees/Expenses<br>Home Health Services<br>Guardianship |
| 2019-2020         | <b>\$1,825,238.97</b><br>Legal Fees/Expenses<br>Guardianship<br>Respite Care         |
| 2018-2019         | <b>\$1,655,875.71</b><br>Legal Fees/Expenses<br>Guardianship<br>Personal Care Home   |
| 2017-2018         | <b>\$1,214,436.46</b><br>Legal Fees/Expenses<br>Guardianship<br>Home Health-Aide     |
| 2016-2017         | <b>\$792,818.52</b><br>Legal Fees/Expenses<br>Personal Care<br>Lodging               |
| 2015-2016         | <b>\$233,950.94</b><br>Legal Fees/Expenses<br>Lodging<br>Companion Services          |