

(A Technical Summary of Selected Public Health Indicators)

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2009 Update

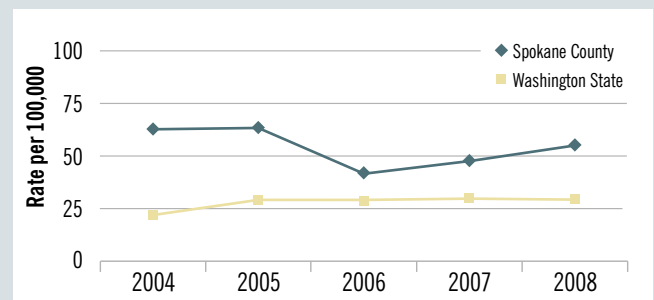
This indicator is 1 of 44 Spokane Counts indicators found at www.srhd.org/SpokaneCounts

Vulnerable Adult Abuse

Vulnerable adults include individuals 18 years of age or older who have a legal guardian, have a developmental delay, receive in-home healthcare services, or have a personal care aid. Additionally vulnerable adults include individuals 60 years of age or older who cannot care for themselves. Abuse among vulnerable adults is reported as the number of substantiated reports to Adult Protective Services per 100,000 adults. The Aging and Disability Services Administration estimates two-thirds of vulnerable adults are harmed by a family member. In most cases, the abuser is financially dependent on the vulnerable adult.¹

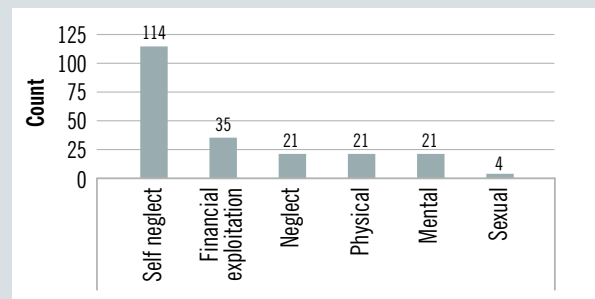
In Spokane County, there were 1,327 reports of vulnerable adult abuse in 2008. Of those, 190 cases had at least one substantiated type of abuse. Each report may involve more than one type of alleged abuse. The most prevalent type of substantiated abuse was self-neglect. Although there is year-to-year variability in the rate of vulnerable adult abuse, overall there was a significant decrease from 2004 to 2008. Spokane County had a higher rate of vulnerable adult abuse than did Washington State in 2008.

Vulnerable Adult Abuse



Source: Department of Social and Health Services

Type of Abuse Among Vulnerable Adults Spokane County, 2008



NOTE: counts are substantiated reports.

Source: Department of Social and Health Services

Indicator: Vulnerable Adult Abuse

Rate per 100,000
(95% Confidence Interval)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Total	Spokane County	62.3 (54.3, 71.5)	63.4 (55.4, 72.6)	41.9 (35.6, 49.4)	47.3 (40.5, 55.1)	54.4 (47.2, 62.7)
	Washington State	21.8 (20.5, 23.2)	29.0 (27.5, 30.6)	28.6 (27.1, 30.2)	29.7 (28.2, 31.3)	29.4 (28.0, 31.0)

NOTE: National data not available.

Source: Department of Social and Health Services

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1. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. <http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/APS/abusetypes.htm>. Accessed on 08/06/07.