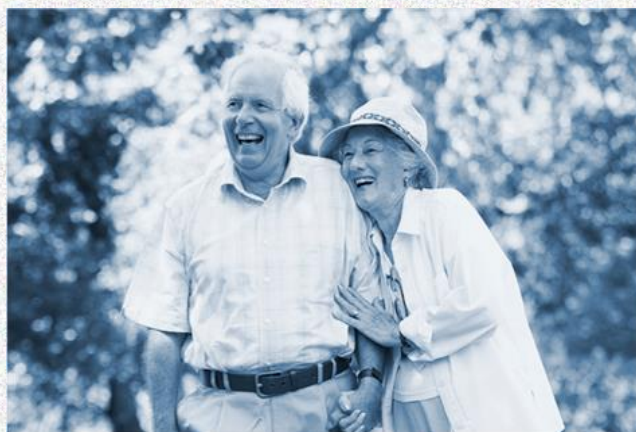




Using Big Data: the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System

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Goals of Today's Presentation

- Understand the role of the federal government in building an effective APS system
- Describe the levels and types of data collected by NAMRS
- Understand next steps in the development, analysis, and dissemination of NAMRS data

ACL's Vision for Elder Justice

A comprehensive, multidisciplinary system
that effectively supports
older adults and adults with disabilities
so they can exercise their right
to live where they choose,
with the people they choose, and
fully participate in their communities
without threat of
abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.





Building the APS System of Tomorrow



**Adult
Protective
Services**

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- National Voluntary Consensus Guidelines
- Enhancement grants to State APS Systems
- Elder Justice Innovation Grants
- APS Technical Assistance Resource Center
- NAMRS

National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System

The goal of NAMRS is to collect consistent, accurate national data on the exploitation and abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities as reported to state APS agencies.

Why NAMRS?

Data is the key to unlocking many doors to improving APS services

- Better understanding of what APS does
- Advocacy for resources and improvement
- Best practice and service innovation
- Address information gaps
- Provide a foundation for understanding mistreatment



Parameters

National: all states and territories

Adult: both older adults and adults with disabilities

Maltreatment: all types, including self-neglect

Reporting source: as investigated by state and local APS agencies

System: an automated system designed to collect data extracts from state information systems in a standardized format once a year

Policy: voluntary, existing data mapped to NAMRS system

Informing Theory and Research

- Adult Protective Services programs
- Investigations
- Clients/Victims
- Maltreatments
- Perpetrators
- Victim/Perpetrator Relationship

System Components

States submit

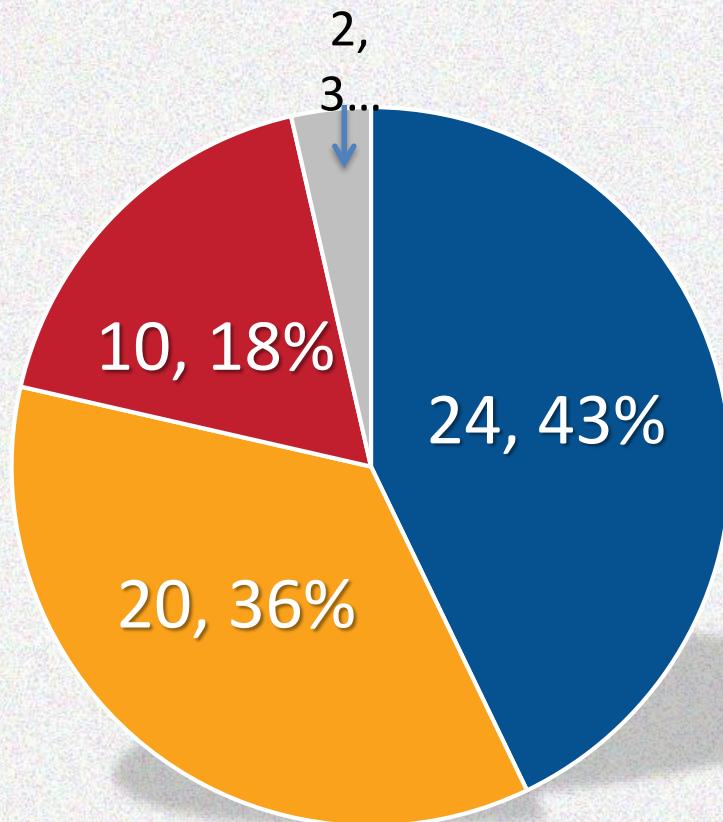
- **Agency Component (AC)** – agency, policy & practice information and a few data questions.

Either KI or CC

- **Key Indicators Component (KI)** – aggregated data on key statistics of investigations, clients/victims, and perpetrators.
- **Case Component (CC)** – detail level data on clients/victims, investigations, maltreatments, and perpetrators.

FFY2016 Participation Highlights

Data Submission Status by Type



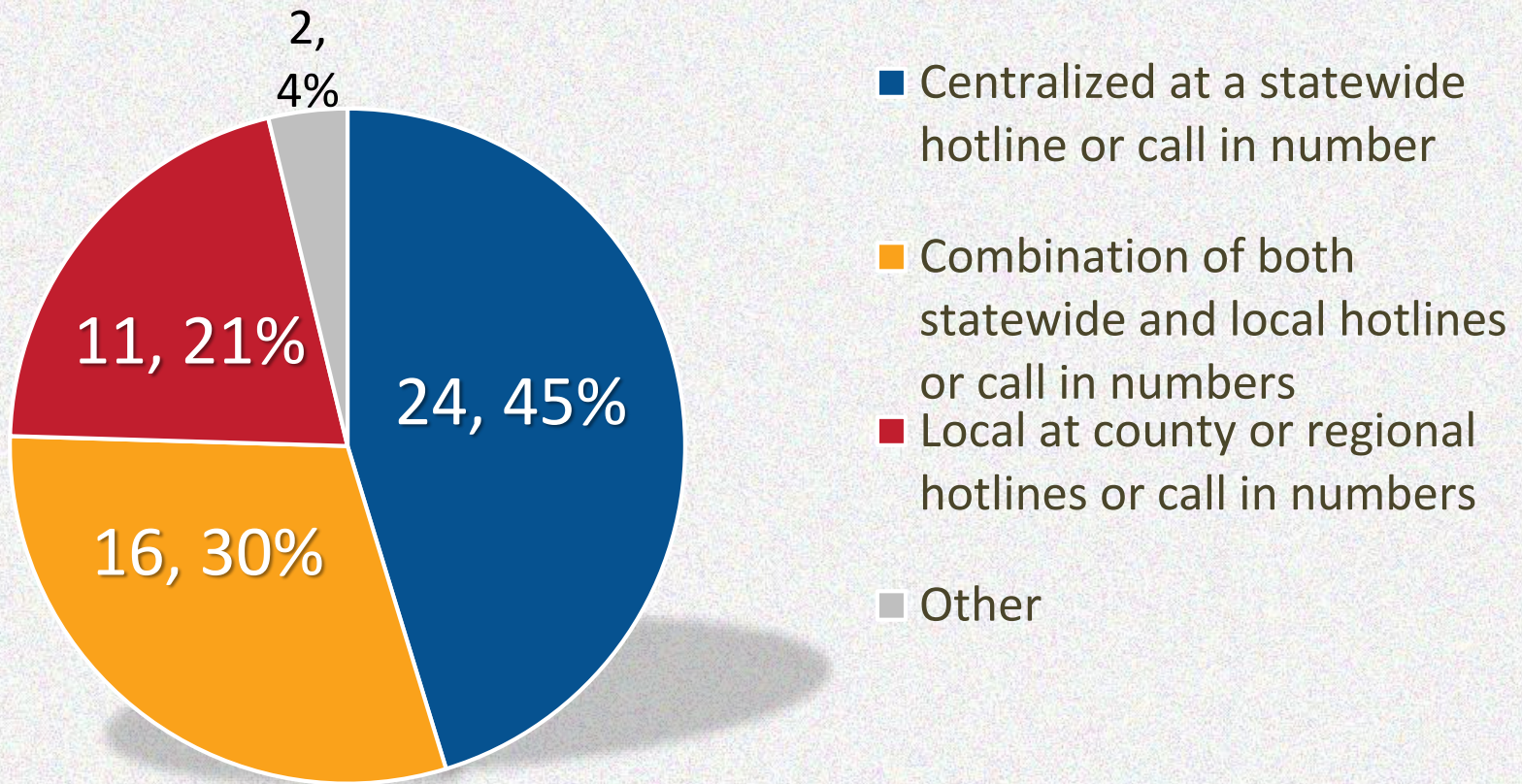
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States, District, and
Territories Participated

- Agency and Case Component
- Agency and Key Indicators
- Agency Component Only

Data Elements Submitted

2016 Submissions	# of Data Elements	Fewest Data Elements Submitted by a State	Most Data Elements Submitted by a State	Average # Submitted by a State
Key Indicators	20	5	19	12
Case Component	54	9	41	26

APS Administration Example - Intake



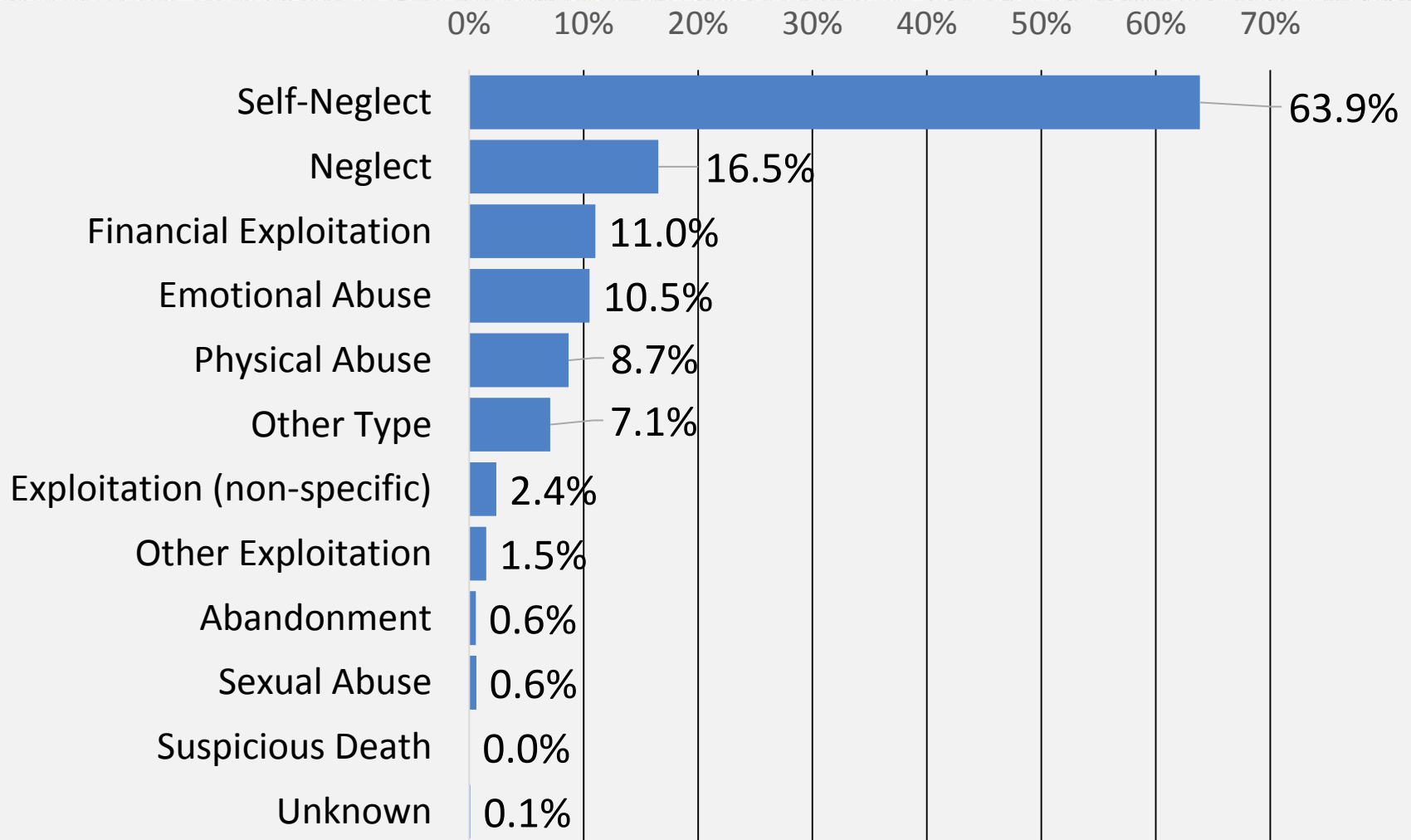
Investigations, Clients & Victims

Data provided by 43 states

Data Element	Count
Investigations Completed/Closed	634,258
Clients who received an investigation	645,853
Clients found to be victims (34%)	217,583

Maltreatment Types among Victims

Data provided by 43 states



The Future of NAMRS

Predictions for the influence of NAMRS

- Provide a forum for discussion of adult maltreatment
- Improve states reporting systems
- Provide information for program technical assistance
- Data driven APS practice changes
- Assist researchers in formulating theory for research
- Inform ACL funding opportunities

NAMRS Data and You

- No release of data for first 3 years
- Still developing protocols for accessing data
- First [NAMRS report](#) released August 2017; second data report in approval process
- Everything you've ever wanted to know about NAMRS: <https://www.acl.gov/node/18>

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