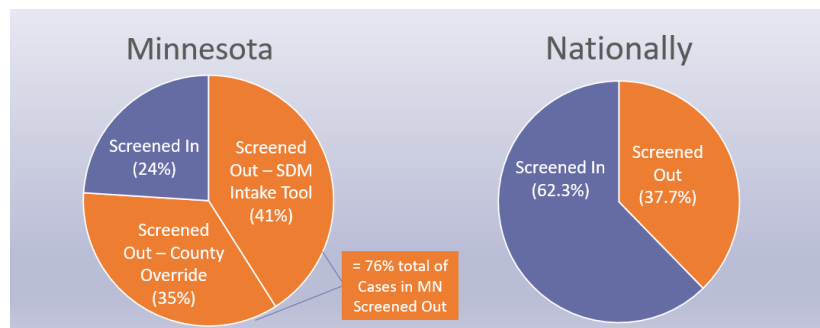


## HF3852: Investing in Minnesota’s Adult Protection Services System

In Minnesota, too many vulnerable adults who are at risk of or experiencing financial exploitation, abuse, and neglect are turned away from services from Adult Protection Services (APS). Minnesota accepts only 24% of potential cases across all counties, trailing far behind the national average of 62%.\* Acceptance for services varies greatly depending on the county in which the maltreatment report is made.



### In Minnesota

- Racial and ethnic minorities are statistically more likely to be screened out for APS than Caucasians.
- Persons with chemical dependency issues are more likely to be screened out than other vulnerable adults.
- County APS systems have been chronically underfunded from our state and federal government.

### We Need

- **Immediate funding** to address Minnesota’s systemic underinvestment in APS and improve the low case acceptance rates.
- **Working groups and pilot projects** to develop and implement improvements to the APS screening system to ensure fair access.

\* In July 2021, The Minnesota Department of Human Services [released the findings of a multiyear study](#) that shows Minnesota Adult Protection System intake system needs repair.