

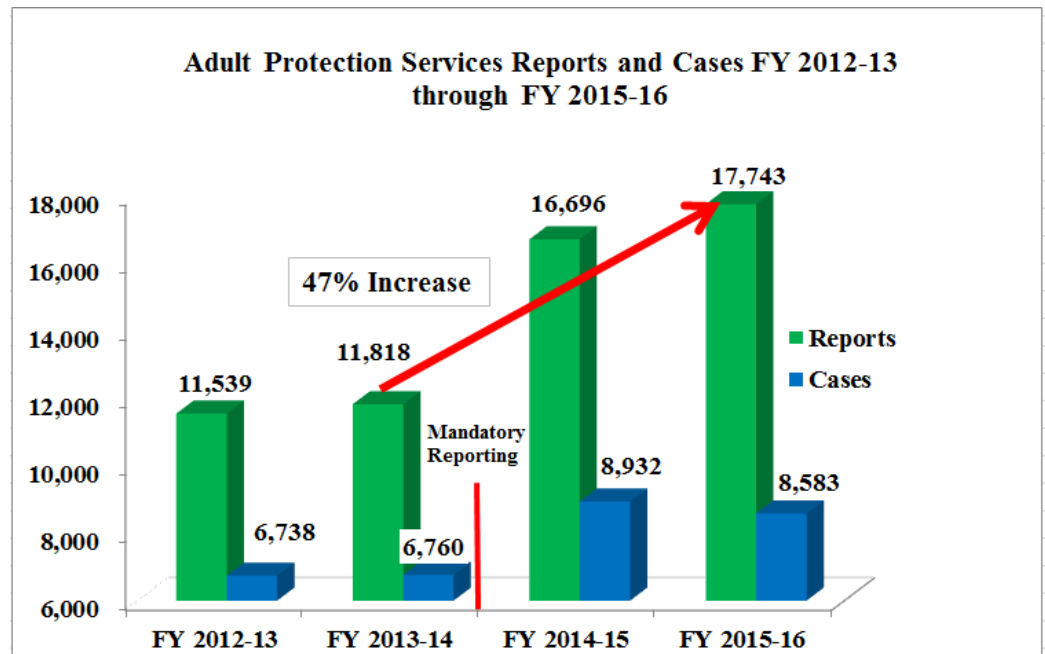
- Counties have experienced a **47%** increase in the number of adult protection reports (referrals) from FY 2013 to FY 2014. Mandatory reporting was implemented on July 1, 2014.
- The number of open adult protection cases increased from **6,760 to 8,583** or **27%** from FY 2013-14 to FY 2015-16.

**ADULT PROTECTION REFERRALS HAVE INCREASED WITH MANDATORY REPORTING**

In recent years the Colorado legislature has passed key laws regarding adult protection for at risk adults. It passed:

- The current law (Section 26-3.1-101, CRS) and corresponding reporting requirements (Section 26-3.1-102, CRS) were enacted in 2002.
- Mandatory reporting requirements for at-risk elders (Section 18-6.5-102(3), CRS) was implemented in July 1, 2014 and mandatory reporting requirements for at risk adults with Intellectual or Developmental Delays (IDD) (Section 18-6.5-102(2.5) CRS) was implemented on July 1, 2016.

The following chart shows that since the implementation of mandatory reporting, the number of reports of suspected adult maltreatment increased by **47%** from **11,818 to 17,743** from FY 2013-14 to FY 2015-2016. This number will increase with the implementation of mandatory reporting for adults with intellectual or developmental delays. The number of open adult protection cases increased from **6,760 to 8,583** or **27%** over this same span.



**Source:** Colorado Adult Protective Services (APS) Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2015-16.