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A survey of 35 cases of reported abuse to individuals aged 60 and older in the state of Tennessee sought to determine demographic characteristics of the abused, perpetrators of elder abuse and neglect, types of abuse that occur, and any existence of relationships in elder abuse and neglect between urban and rural counties and eastern and western counties. It was found that the typical abused elder in Tennessee is a white female, 76 years old, living alone or with relatives, and obtaining most of her income from social security. A black female was found to have the same chance as a white female of being abused in western and urban counties. Neglect and self-neglect are the most common types of abuse with self-neglect the most common. (JD)