

NSW Ageing and Disability Commission

Trends relating to reports of abuse and neglect of adults with disability in NSW
2020-2022 Data Report*



2,501

reports about adults with disability, a **46%** increase over three years

18-24 years

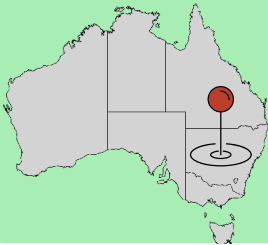
The largest proportion of reports related to people in this age bracket



Most were about **women** (54%)

Key outcomes of reports included that the will and preference of the adult with disability was sought and upheld; they were assisted to receive more support, including increases in disability and health support; and they moved to safer accommodation.

Regional NSW accounted for just over half of reports, with the **Hunter, Illawarra Shoalhaven and Central Coast** the most common areas.



Blacktown, Canterbury-Bankstown and Campbelltown have been the most common local government areas identified in reports about adults with disability.



Paid workers have consistently been the main reporters about **adults with disability** (61%). Over three years there has been an increase in reports by **friends** and by the **adult** with disability themselves.

The Canterbury-Bankstown Disability Abuse Prevention Collaborative was established in 2021 and raises awareness about abuse in their local community



34%



of alleged abuse was **psychological** (verbal abuse and preventing/restricting access to necessary supports)

26%



of alleged abuse was **neglect** (failure to meet support needs and medical neglect)

50%

of reports related to alleged abuse by relatives, mainly the adult's parents.

This was followed by paid workers (17%) and spouses (12%).



The languages spoken at home other than English by adults with disability who were the subject of a report were **Arabic, Vietnamese, Greek, Samoan, Italian, Cantonese, Turkish, Mandarin, Spanish and Tagalog**