

# Ageing and Disability Commission Coffs Harbour

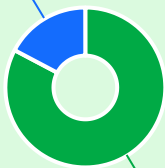


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 110 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Coffs Harbour** in 2019-2024\*.

**83%**

of reports received in this LGA related to an older person\*

19 reports



91 reports

● Older person    ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to **adults with disability\***

**53%**

were female



Of reports relating to **older people\***

**65%**

were female



**42%** of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**<sup>^</sup>



**34%** of reports came from the **child of the older person**

**22%** of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker**<sup>^</sup>

**11%** of reports came from the **older person** experiencing abuse



**4** reports were about an adult who identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**~



**2** reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home, with German being the most common

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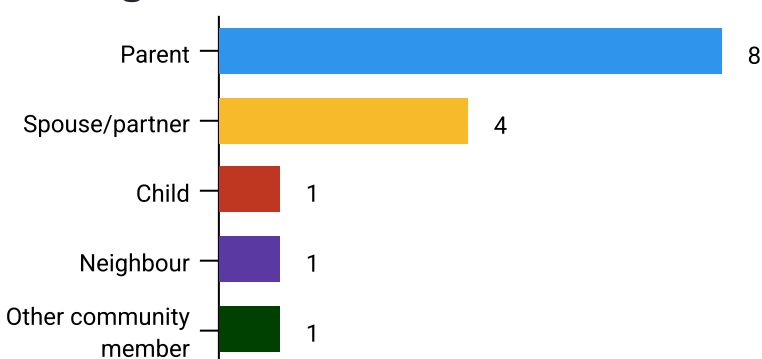
\* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

<sup>^</sup> Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

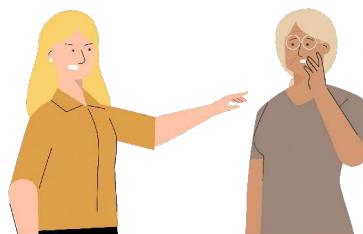
~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

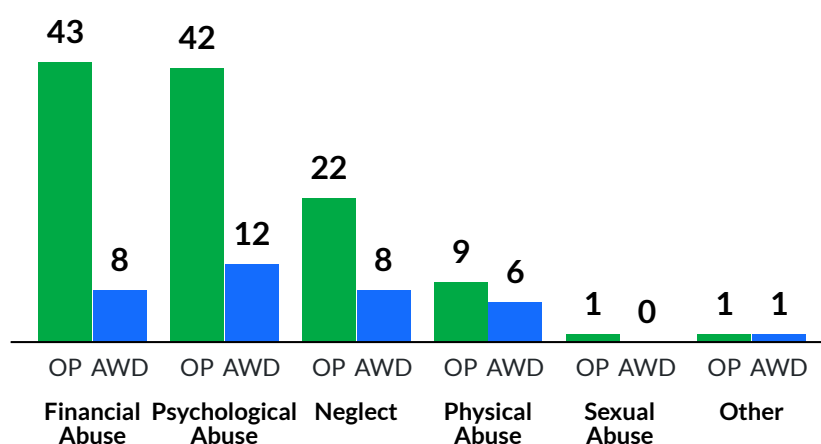
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent\*** as the subject of allegation



**56%** of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by the adult's spouse or partner,\* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **older people (OP)** were **financial exploitation, verbal abuse and failure to meet support needs**



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** were **verbal abuse, making excessive or degrading demands and other psychological abuse**

## What else do we know about the Coffs Harbour community?

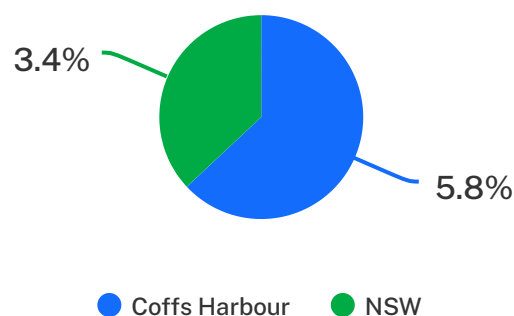
**24%**

of the population are over the age of 65<sub>1</sub>



**5.8%**

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander<sub>1</sub>



**69%**

of all households are family households  
**28%** are single person households and **4%** are group households<sub>2</sub>

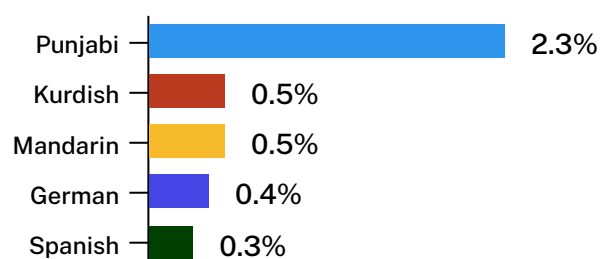


**10%**

of households speak a language other than English<sub>2</sub>



**Punjabi is the most common language other than English<sub>2</sub>**



<sup>1</sup> The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

<sup>2</sup> 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats)

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