

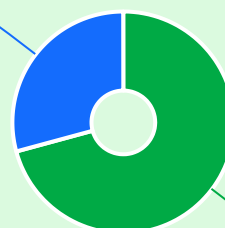


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 1561 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the **Hunter** region in 2019-2024*

71%

of reports received in this region
related to an older person*

456 reports



1,105 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

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

52%

were female



Of reports relating to
older people*

70%

were female



65% of reports about adults with
disability were made by a **paid
worker**^



33% of reports about **older people** came
from a **paid worker**^

26% of reports came from the
child of the older person



12% of reports came from the
older person experiencing abuse

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



57 reports involved an adult who
spoke a language other than
English at home with
Macedonian being the most
common language reported

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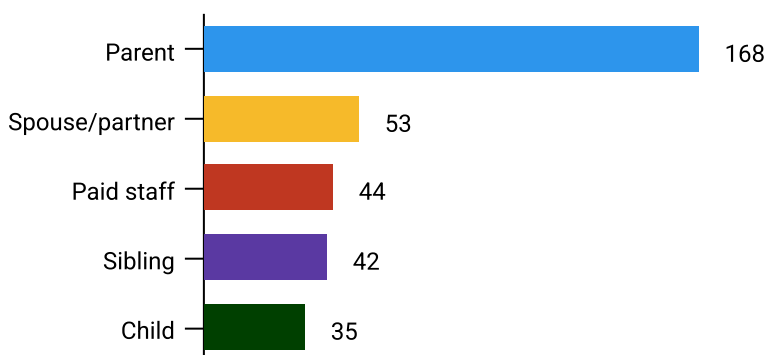
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ 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

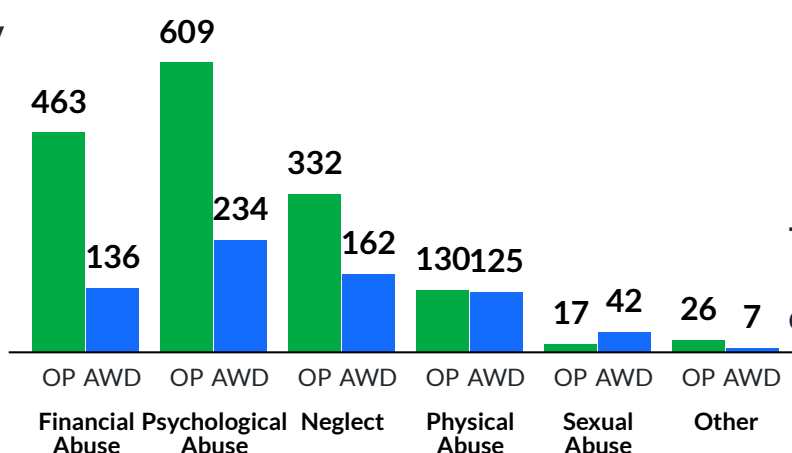
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



61% 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)** was **verbal abuse, financial exploitation** and **failure to meet support needs**[`]



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was **verbal abuse, failure to meet support needs, and preventing or restricting access to supports or services**[`]

What else do we know about the Hunter Region community?

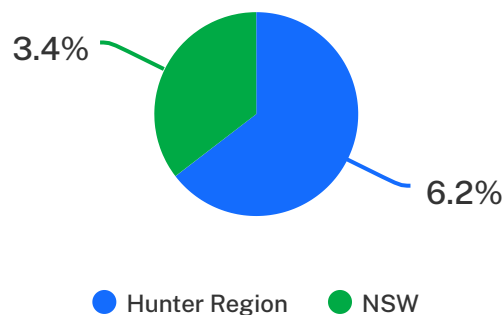
19%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



6.2%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



71%

of all households are family households
26% are single person households and **4%** are group households₂

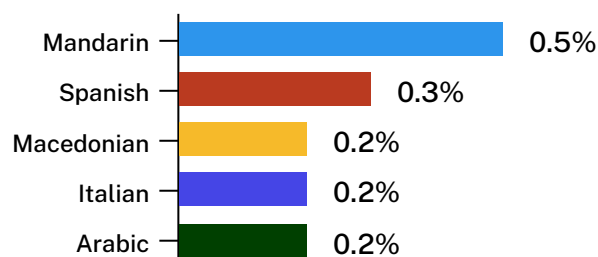


8%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Mandarin is the most common language other than English₂



[`] The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

₁ 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats). Data is a total of LGAs within this region.

₂ 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements. Data is a total of LGAs within this region.