

Ageing and Disability Commission Ballina

179*
reports

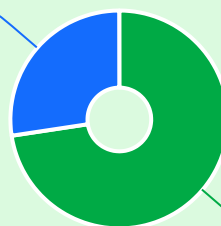


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 179 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Ballina** in 2019-2024*.

73%

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

49 reports



130 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

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

61%

were female



Of reports relating to
older people*

68%

were female



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



26% of reports about **older people** came
from a **paid worker**^

22% of reports came from the
child of the older person

20% of reports came from the
older person experiencing abuse



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



1 report involved an
adult who spoke a
language other than
English at home

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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.

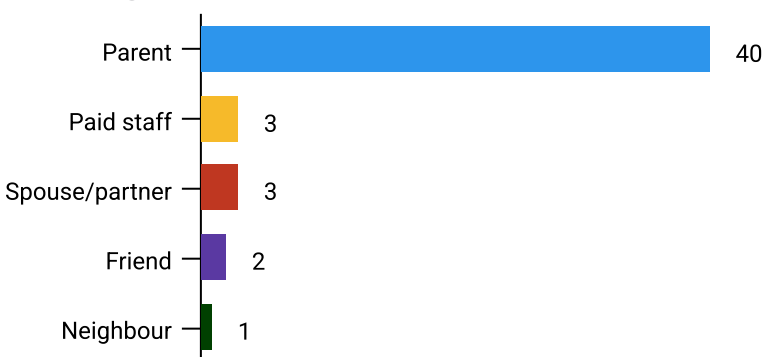
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

~ 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

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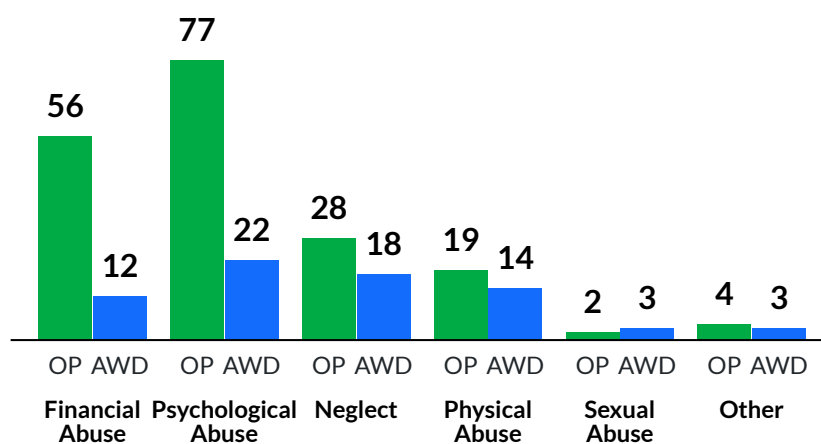
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



59% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by paid staff,* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **older people (OP)** was **verbal abuse, preventing or restricting access to family or others and financial exploitation**



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

What else do we know about the Ballina community?

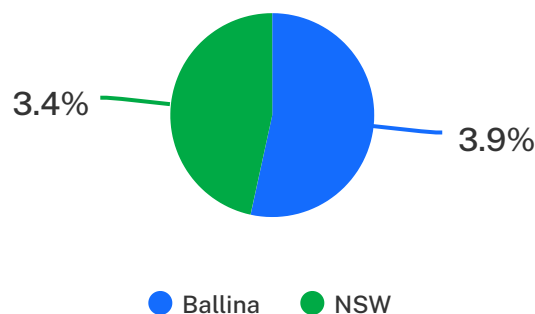
28%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



3.9%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



69%

of all households are family households
29% are single person households and **4%** are group households₂

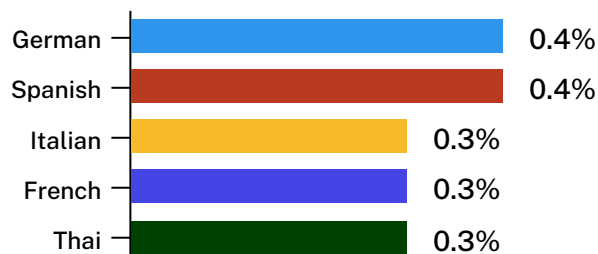


7%

of households speak a language other than English₂



German is the most common language other than English₂



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

² 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats)

² 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements.