

Ageing and Disability Commission Bellingen

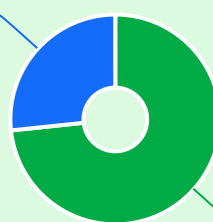


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 60 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Bellingen** in 2019-2024*.

73%

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

16 reports



44 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to adults with disability*

50%

were male



Of reports relating to older people*

75%

were female



50%

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



32%

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

30%

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



14%

of reports came from the **another relative** of the older person

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



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

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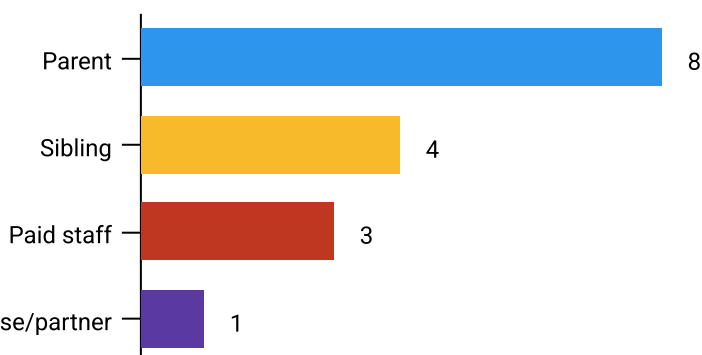
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ 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

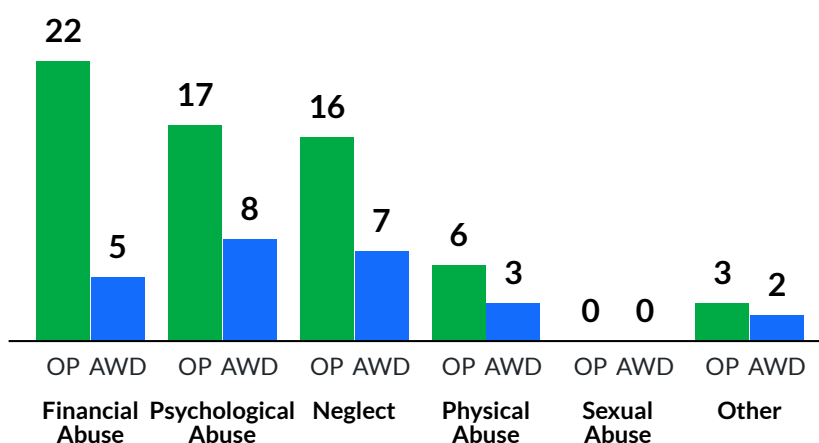
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



55% 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 **failure to meet support needs, medical care and verbal abuse**



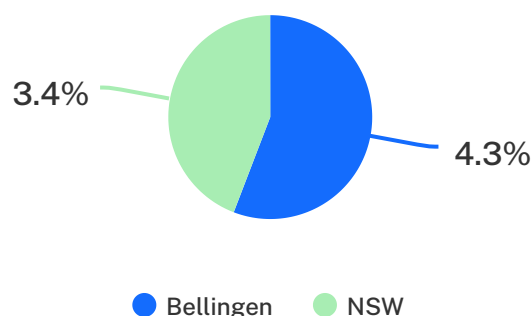
The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was **financial exploitation, making excessive or degrading demands, and preventing or restricting access to supports or services**

What else do we know about the Bellingen community?

27% of the population are over the age of 65₁



4.3% of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



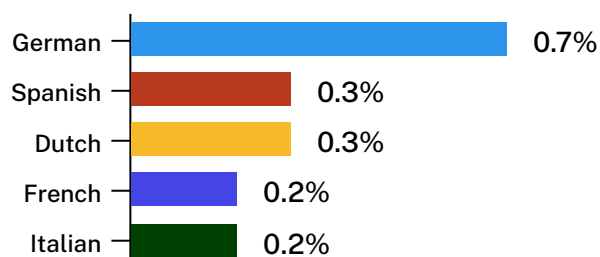
68% of all households are family households
29% are single person households and **4%** are group households₂



6% 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.

¹ 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats)

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