

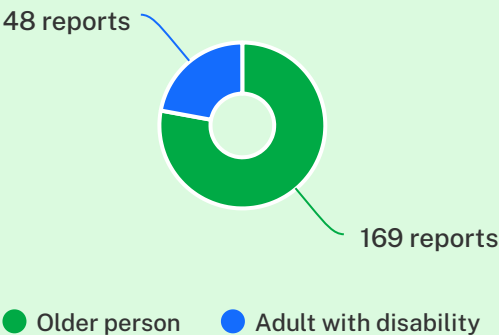
Ageing and Disability Commission Blue Mountains



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 217 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the **Blue Mountains** in 2019-2024*.

78%

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



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

61%

were female



Of reports relating to **older people***

67%

were female



71% of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



27% of reports came from the **older person** experiencing abuse

24% of reports came from the **child of the older person**

24% of reports about older people came from a **paid worker**^



3 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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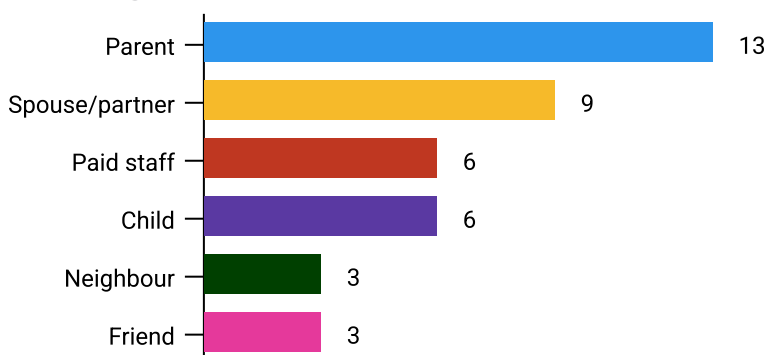
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

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

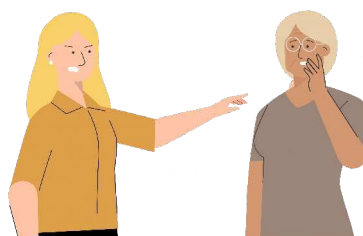
~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

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

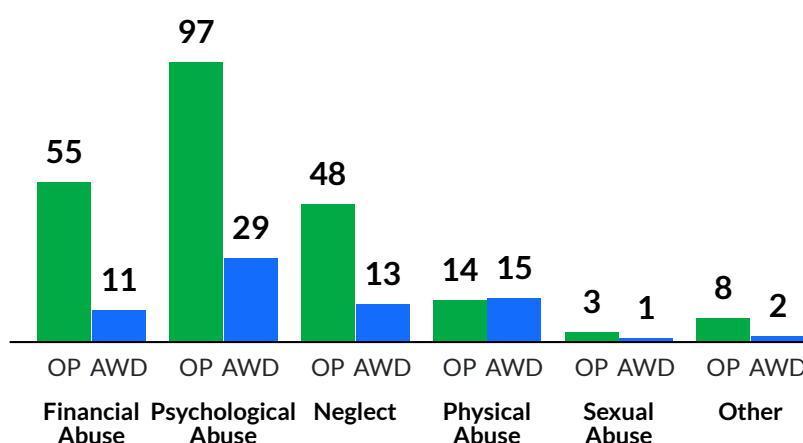
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



54% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by the paid staff,* 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 **other psychological abuse**

What else do we know about the Blue Mountains community?

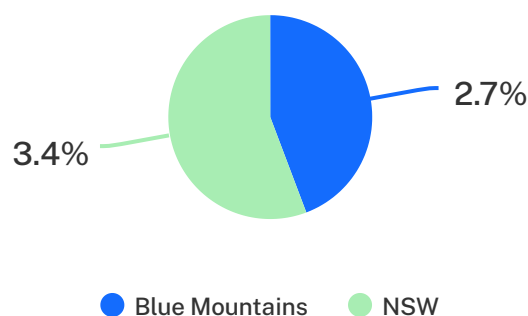
23%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



2.7%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



71%

of all households are family households
27% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂

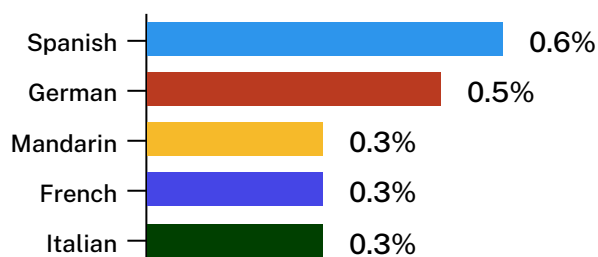


10%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Spanish 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.