

# Ageing and Disability Commission Cessnock

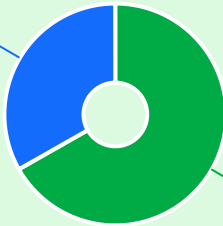


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 301 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Cessnock** in 2019-2024\*.

**67%**

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

100 reports



201 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to adults with disability\*

**53%**

were female



Of reports relating to older people\*

**77%**

were female



**72%** of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



**32%** of reports about older people came from a **paid worker**^

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

**17%** of reports came from the **older person** experiencing abuse



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



**6** reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home with Greek being the most common language reported



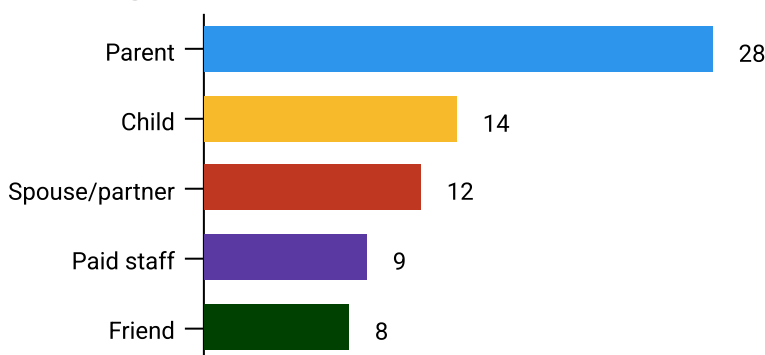
\* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ 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

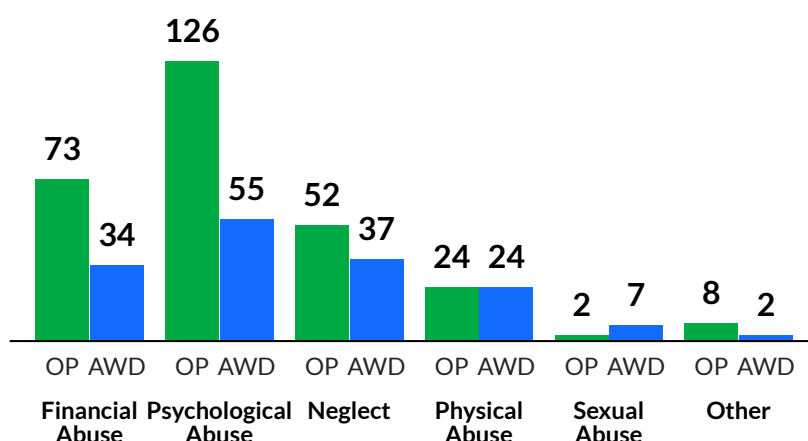
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent\*** as the subject of allegation



**71%** 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 financial exploitation**

## What else do we know about the Cessnock community?

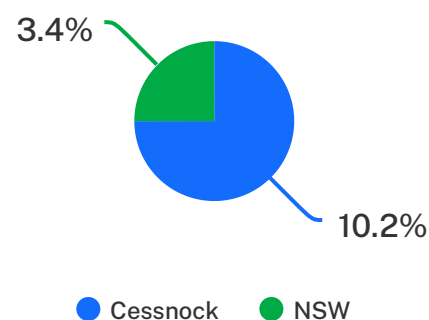
**18%**

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



**10.2%**

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



**74%**

of all households are family households  
**25%** are single person households and **3%** are group households<sub>2</sub>

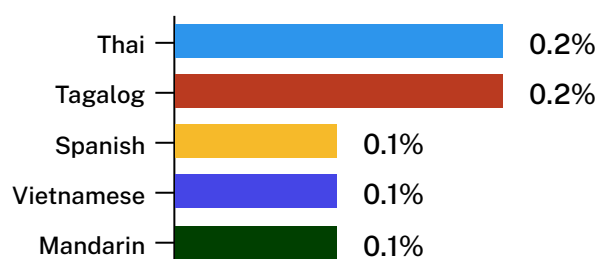


**5%**

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



**Thai** 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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