

Ageing and Disability Commission Lake Macquarie

564*
reports

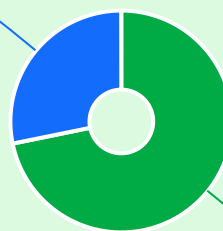


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 564 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Lake Macquarie** in 2019-2024*.

72%

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

159 reports



405 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to adults with disability*

63%

were female



Of reports relating to older people*

69%

were female



61%

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



37%

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

23%

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

11%

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



29

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



24

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.

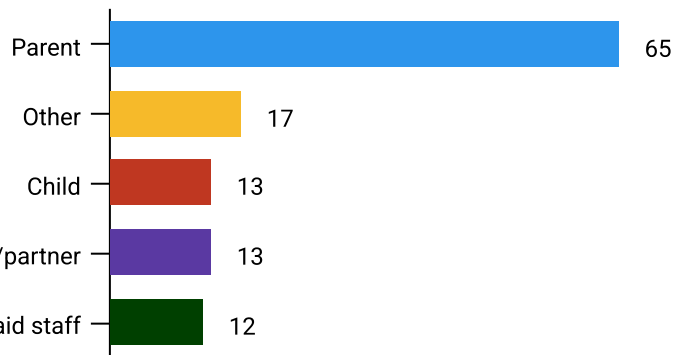
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

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

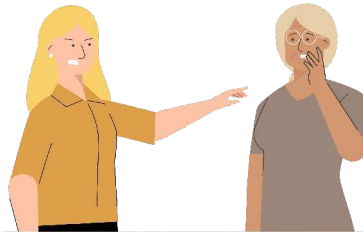
The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

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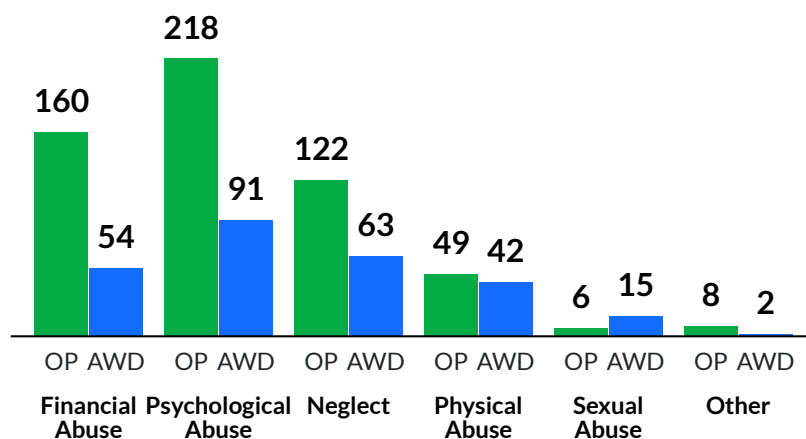
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



56% 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, failure to meet support needs and financial exploitation**[`]



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

What else do we know about the Lake Macquarie community?

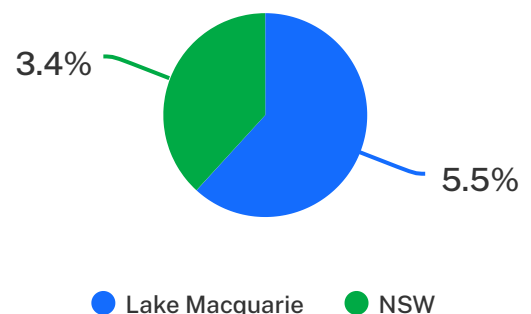
23%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



5.5%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



73%

of all households are family households
25% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂

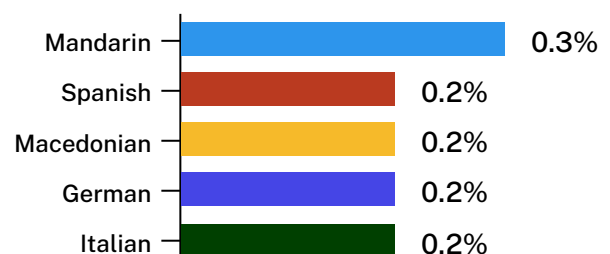


8%

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)

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