

Mid North Coast

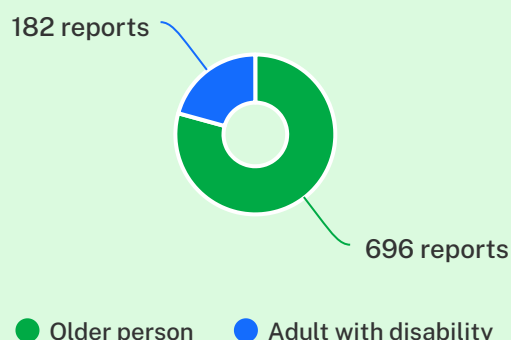
Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Nambucca Valley, Port Macquarie-Hastings and Mid Coast



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 878 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the **Mid North Coast** region in 2019-2024*.

79%

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



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

55%

were female



Of reports relating to **older people***

67%

were female



63% of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



29% of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker**^

26% of reports came from the **child of the older person**



12% of reports came from the **person experiencing abuse**

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



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



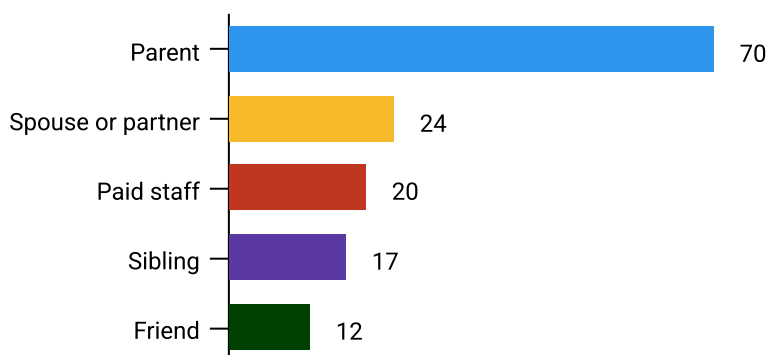
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ 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

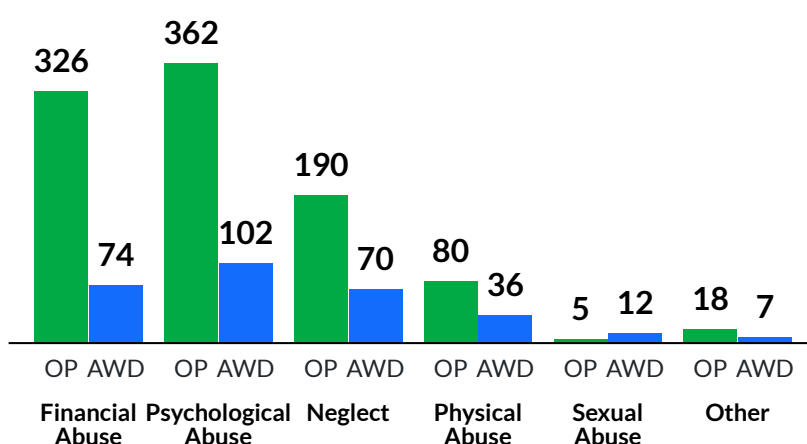
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



53% 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 **failure to meet support needs, verbal abuse and preventing or restricting access to supports or services**

What else do we know about the Mid North Coast community?

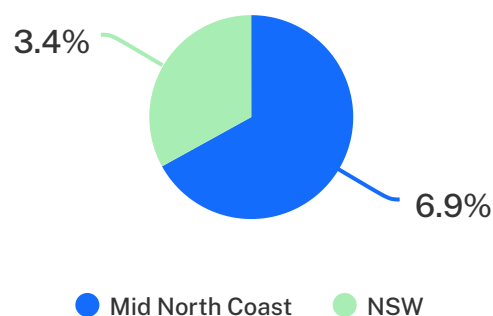
29%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



6.9%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



67%

of all households are family households
29% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂

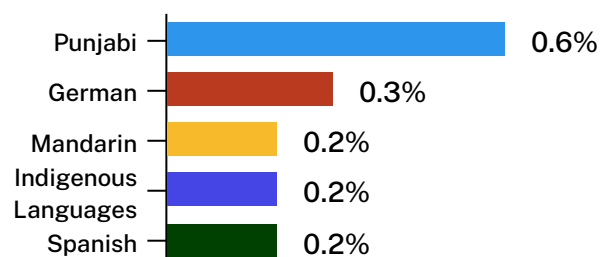


6%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Punjabi 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). Data is a total of LGAs within this region.

² 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements. Data is a total of LGAs within this region.