

Ageing and Disability Commission Murrumbidgee

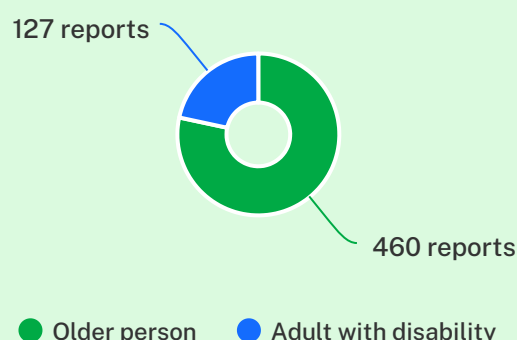
Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai region, Edward River, Greater Hume Shire, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray River, Narrandera, Temora, Federation and Wagga Wagga



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 587 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the **Murrumbidgee** region in 2019-2024*.

78%

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*

68%

were female



68% of reports about adults with
disability were made by a **paid
worker**^



35% of reports about **older people** came
from a **paid worker**^

28% of reports came from the
child of the older person



10% of reports came from the **person
experiencing abuse**

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



15 reports involved an adult who
spoke a language other than
English at home with German
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.

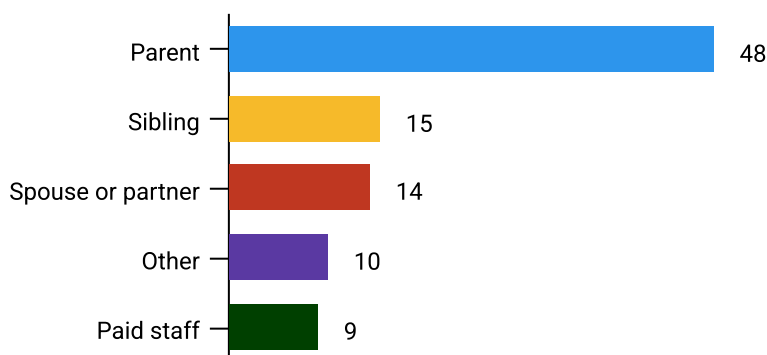
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

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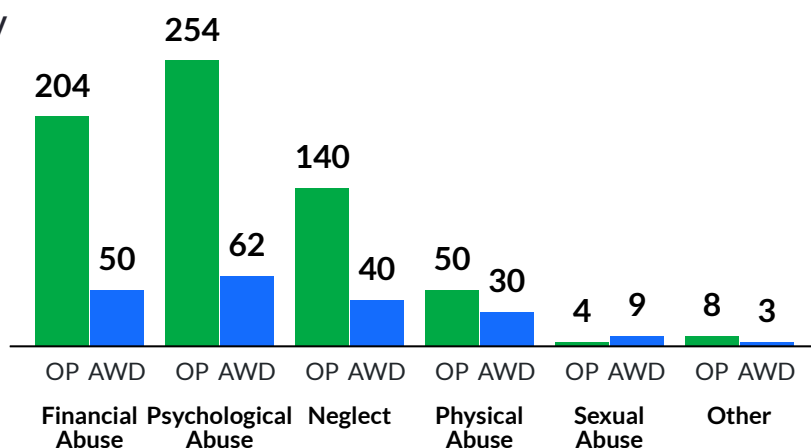
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



63% 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**



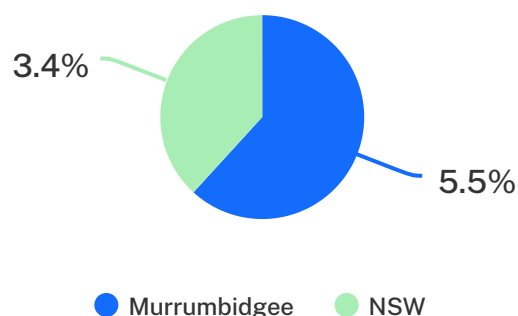
The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was **preventing or restricting access to supports or services, verbal abuse** and **failure to meet support needs**

What else do we know about the Murrumbidgee community?

21% of the population are over the age of 65₁



5.4% of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



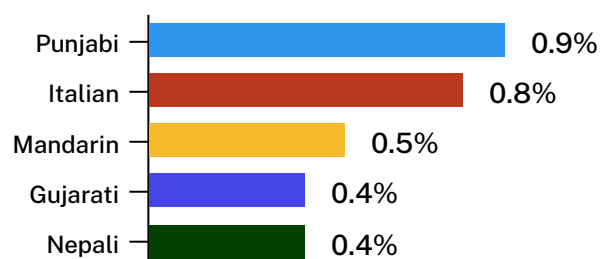
68% of all households are family households
29% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂



10% 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.