

Ageing and Disability Commission Newcastle

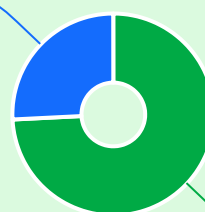


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 349 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Newcastle** in 2019-2024*.

74%

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

90 reports



259 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

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

58%

were male



Of reports relating to **older people***

71%

were female



61%

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



31%

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 **older person** experiencing abuse

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



16

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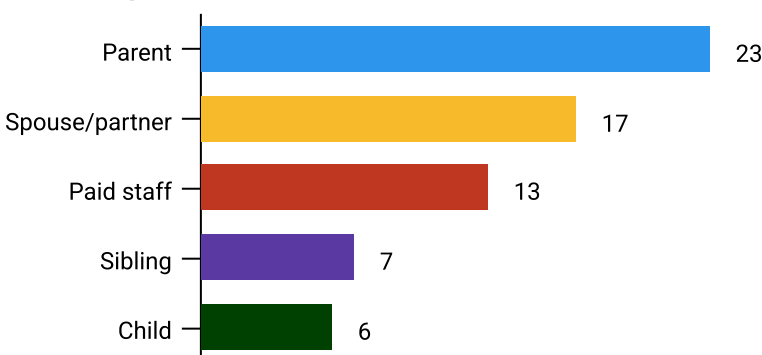
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ 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

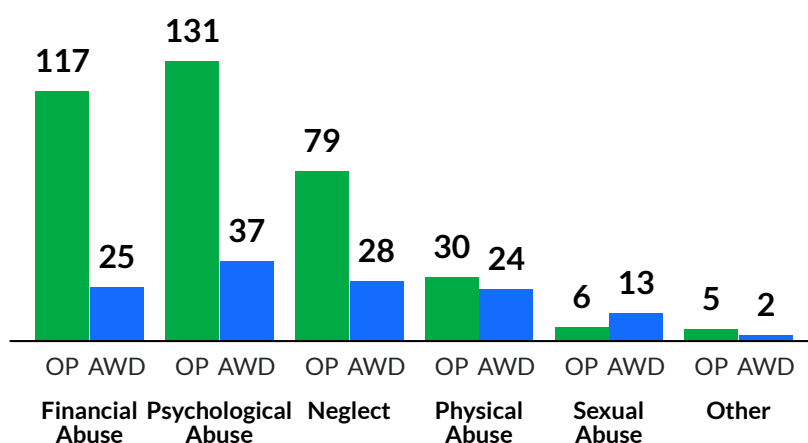
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



57% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by a friend,* 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, financial exploitation and failure to meet support needs**

What else do we know about the Newcastle community?

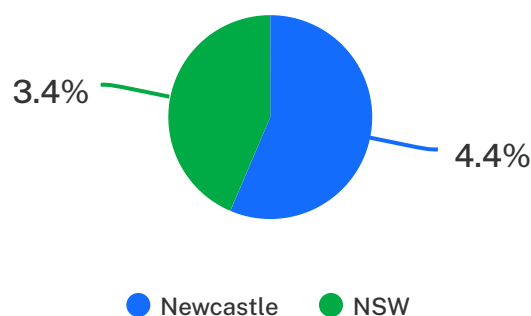
17%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



4.4%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)₁



64%

of all households are family households
30% are single person households and **7%** are group households

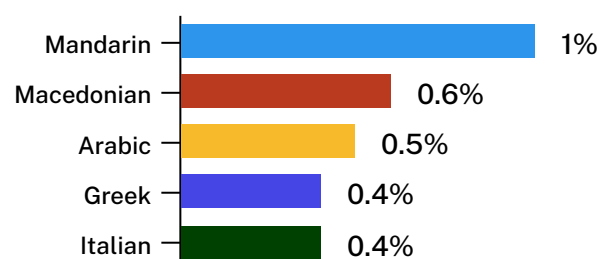


13%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Mandarin 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)

³ 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements.