

Ageing and Disability Commission Wagga Wagga

103*
reports

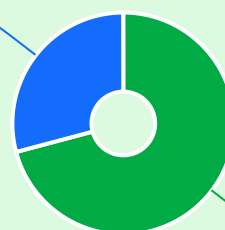


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 103 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from Wagga Wagga in 2019-2024*.

71%

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

30 reports



73 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to adults with disability*

60%

were male



Of reports relating to older people*

78%

were female



73%

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



38%

of reports about older people came from a paid worker^

33%

of reports came from the child of the older person

8%

of reports came from the Grandchild of the older person



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



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report involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home

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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.

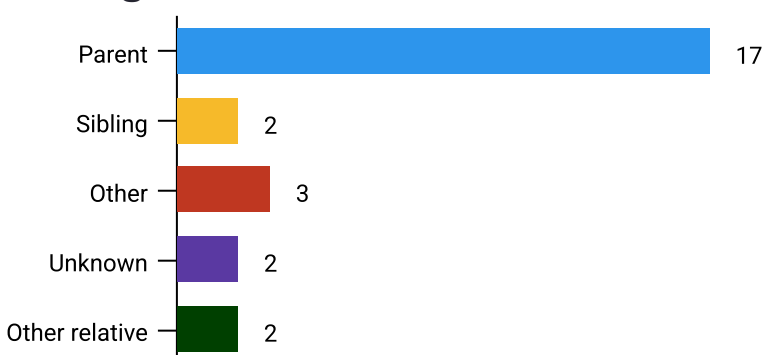
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

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

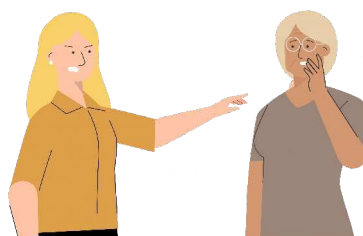
The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

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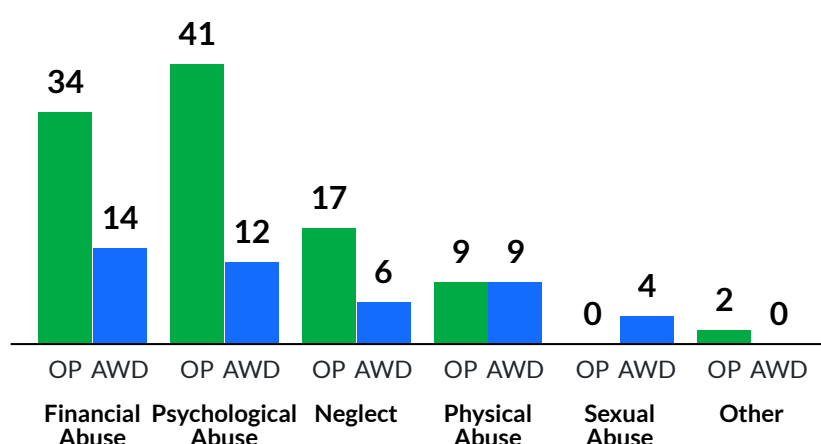
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



51% 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) were **financial exploitation, restricting access to family and others and verbal abuse**



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** were **hitting, kicking or punching, withholding or preventing access to the person's money and theft (taking the person's money)**

What else do we know about the Wagga Wagga community?

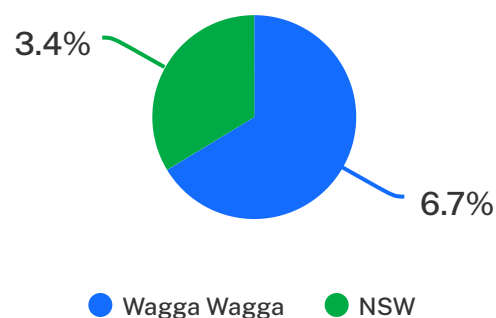
17%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



6.7%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



69%

of all households are family households
28% are single person households and **4%** are group households₂

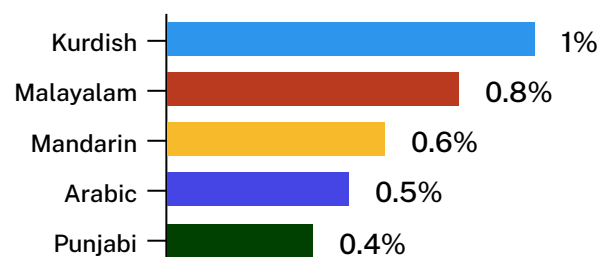


10%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Kurdish 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)

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