

Ageing and Disability Commission Wollongong

518*
reports

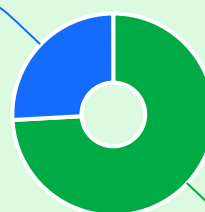


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 518 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Wollongong** in 2019-2024*.

74%

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

134 reports



384 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

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

52%

were female



Of reports relating to
older people*

69%

were female



70% of reports about adults with
disability were made by a **paid
worker**^



36% of reports about **older people** came
from a **paid worker**^

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



9% of reports came from the
older person experiencing abuse

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



71 reports involved an adult
who spoke a language other
than English at home, with
Italian 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.

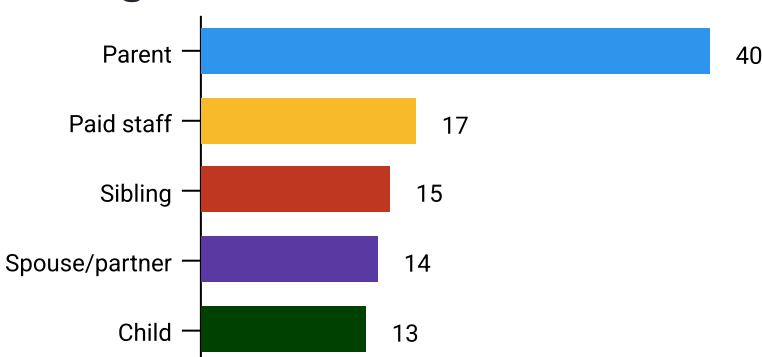
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

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

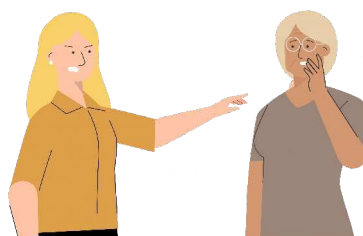
The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

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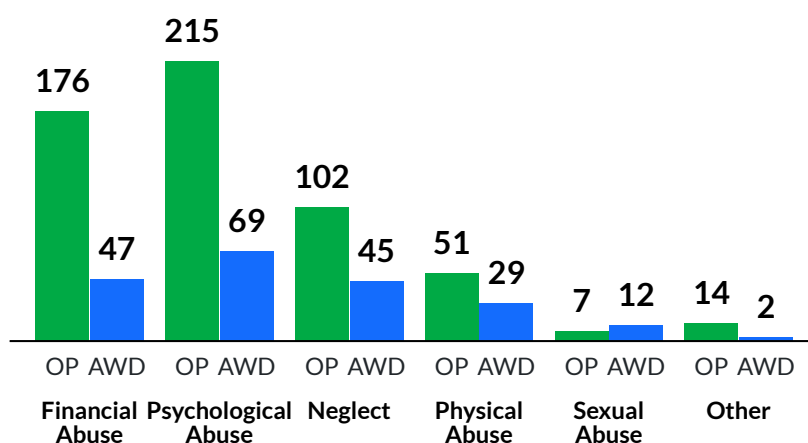
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



70% 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 preventing or restricting access to family or others**



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 Wollongong community?

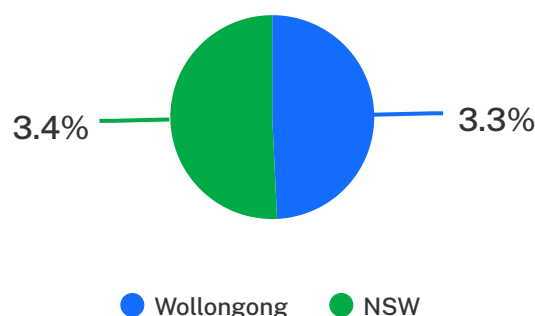
19%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



3.3%

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



70%

of all households are family households
27% are single person households and **5%** are group households₂

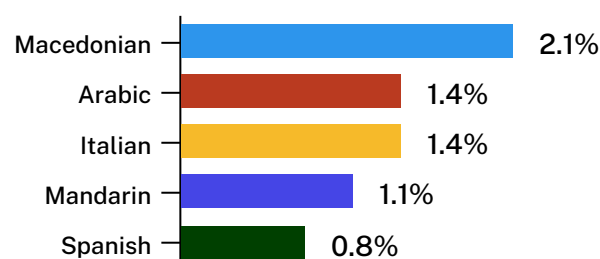


20%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Macedonian 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.