

Hunter Region

Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle, Port Stephens and Singleton

853*
reports

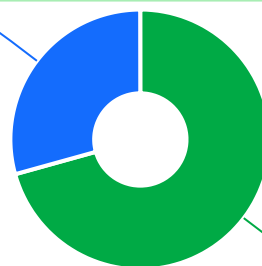


The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received **853** reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability across the **Hunter region** in 2020 - 2022*.

71%

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

250 reports



603 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports related to adults with disability*



52%

were female

Of reports related to older people*



72%

were female

64% of reports about adults with disability were made by a paid worker[^]



34% of reports about older people came from a paid worker[^]

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

14% 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**~



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reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home, with **Macedonian** the most commonly reported language

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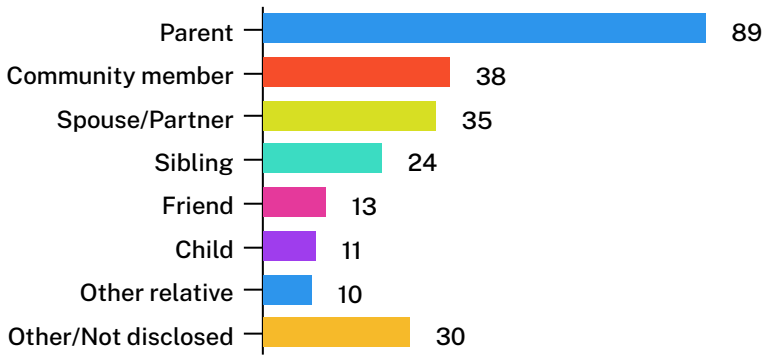


* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

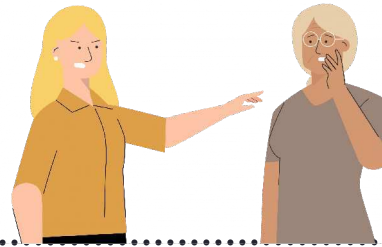
[^]A paid worker is defined as a formal paid support worker, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP provider.

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

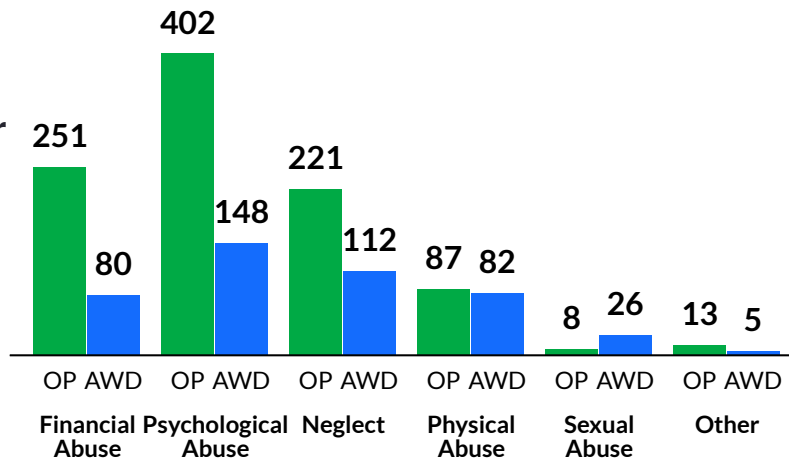
Reports about adults with disability most commonly involved a parent* as the subject of allegation



67% of reports relating to older people involved family members, mainly adult children,* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people (OP) were verbal abuse, failure to meet support needs and financial exploitation**



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

What else do we know about the Hunter region?

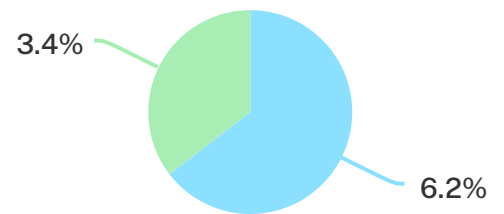
17%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



6.2%

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



● Hunter region ● NSW

75% of all households

are family households **23%** are single person households and **2%** are group households₂



4.2%

of households speak a 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.