

Northern NSW

Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed

484*
reports

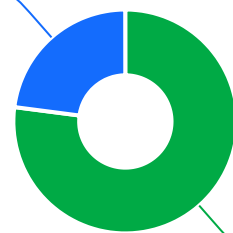


The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received 484 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability across Northern NSW in 2020 - 2022*.

77%

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

111 reports



373 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports related to adults with disability*

54%

were female



Of reports related to older people*

69%

were female



66%

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



27%

of reports came from the adult child of the older person

25%

of reports about older people came from a paid worker^

16%

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 Polish* the most common language reported

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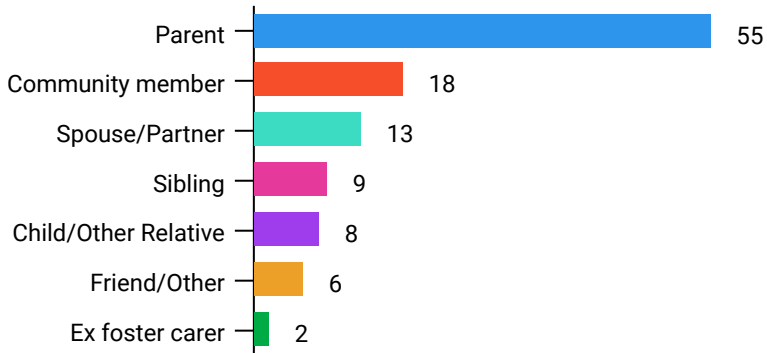


* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

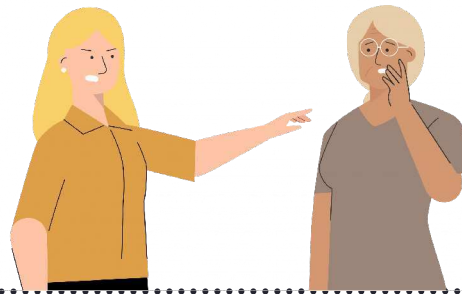
^A paid worker is defined as a formal paid support worker, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP provider.

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

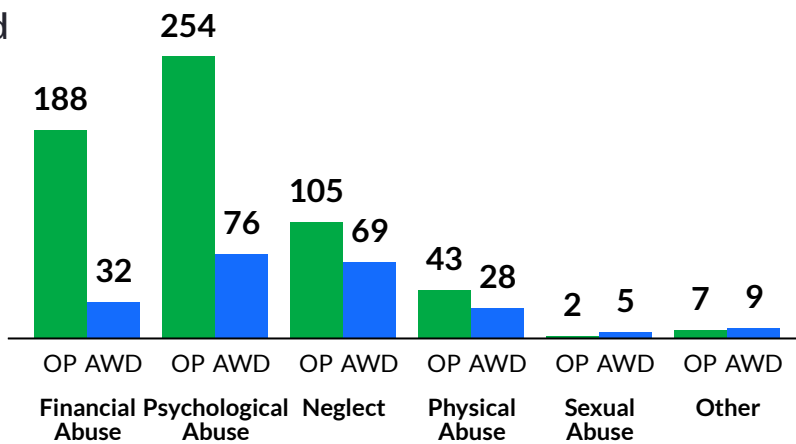
Reports about adults with disability most commonly involved a parent* as the subject of allegation



66% of reports about older people involved family members, mainly adult children, as the subject of allegation*



The most commonly reported type of abuse towards older people (OP) were verbal abuse, financial exploitation and restricting access to support or services*¹



The most commonly reported type of abuse towards adults with disability (AWD) were failure to meet support needs, verbal abuse and restricting access to support or services*¹

What else do we know about Northern NSW?

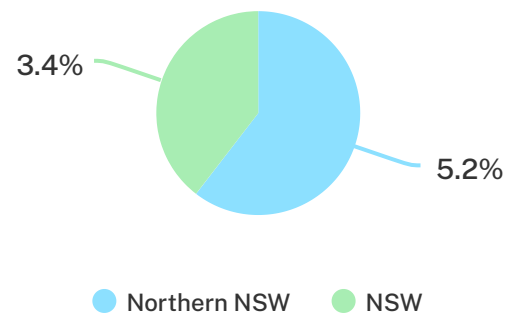
24%

of the population are over the age of 65¹



5.2%

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



68% of all households

are family households
28% are single person households and
4% are group households²

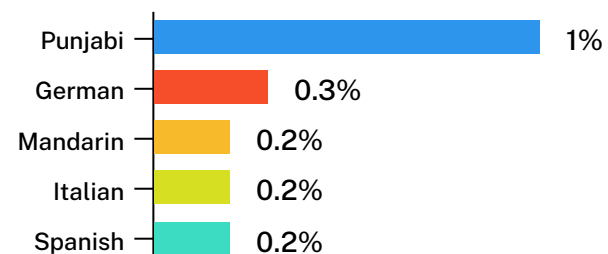


6%

of households speak a language other than English²



Punjabi is the most common language other than English spoken at home²



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.