

Southern NSW

Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang Region, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire, Yass Valley & Hilltops

269*
reports

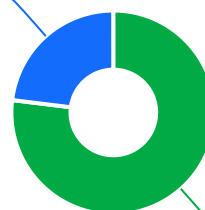


The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received 269 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability across Southern NSW in 2020 - 2022*.

77%

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

62 reports



207 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports related to adults with disability*



60%

were female

Of reports related to older people*



61%

were female

61% of reports about adults with disability were made by a paid worker^



29% of reports about older people came from a paid worker^

28% of reports about older people came from their adult child

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~



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

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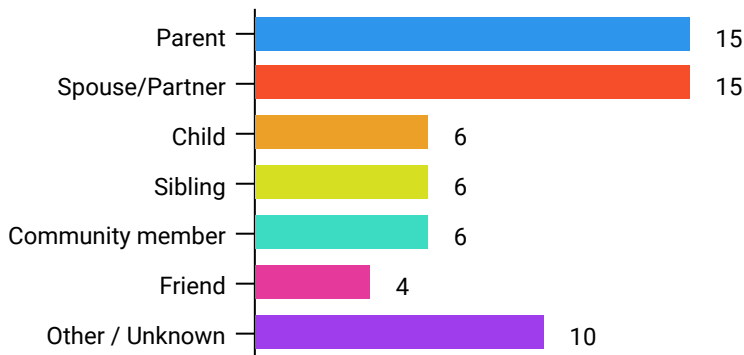


* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

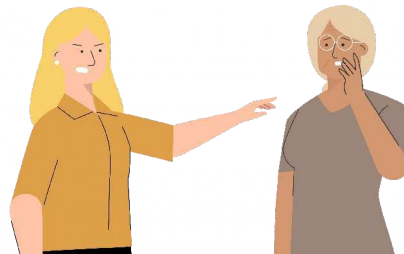
^A paid worker is defined as a formal paid support worker, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP provider.

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

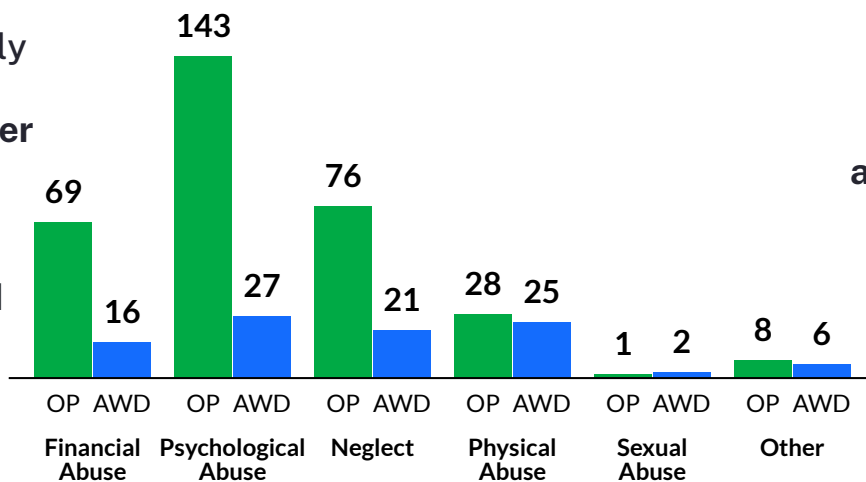
Reports about the abuse of adults with disability most commonly involved the **parent, spouse or partner*** as the subject of allegation



62% of reports about older people involved family members, mainly **adult children** followed by the spouse/partner,* 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 restricting access to support or services***



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** were **verbal abuse, failure to meet support needs, and hitting, kicking or punching***

What else do we know about Southern NSW?

20% of the population are over the age of 65₁



4.4% of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)₁



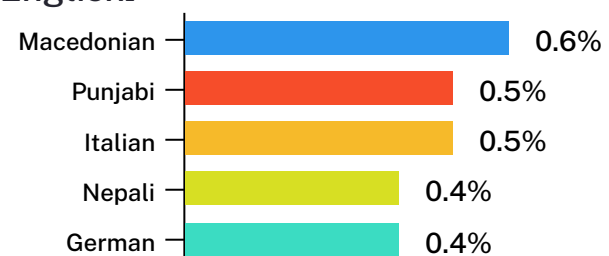
70% of all households are family households **27%** are single person households and **3%** are group households₂



10% of households speak a language other than English₂



Macedonian is the most commonly reported 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.