

Southern NSW

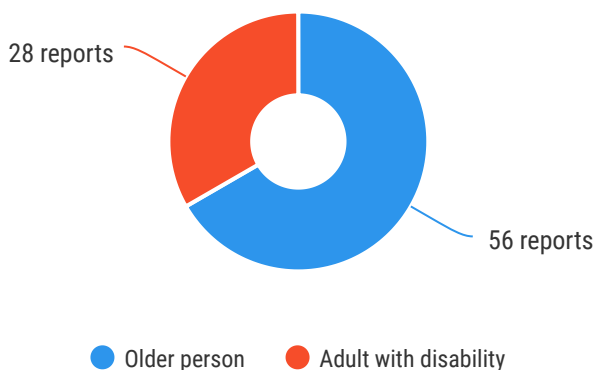
Bega, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang Region, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire, Yass Valley & Hilltops



The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received 84 reports related to allegations or concerns of abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability in **Southern NSW** in 2020*.

66%

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



Of reports related to **adults with disability***

67%

were female



Of reports related to **older people***

53%

were female



60%

of reports about **adults with disability** were made by a **paid worker^** followed by the person experiencing abuse themselves



35%

of reports about older people came from the **adult child** of the older person

21%

of reports came from a **paid worker^**

10%

of reports came from the person **experiencing abuse themselves**



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reports came from adults 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, with **Italian** the most commonly reported language

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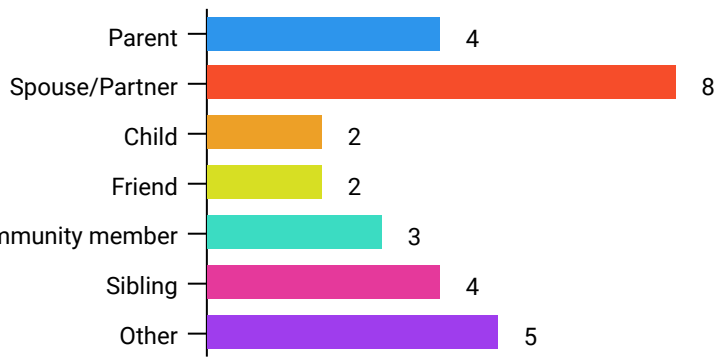


* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data collected between 1 January - 31 December 2020 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

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

~ Adults who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are 50 years of age and over.

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

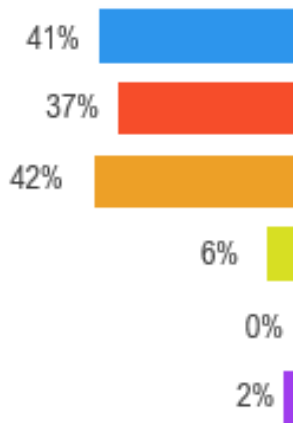


78% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children***, followed by the **spouse/partner** as the subject of allegation.

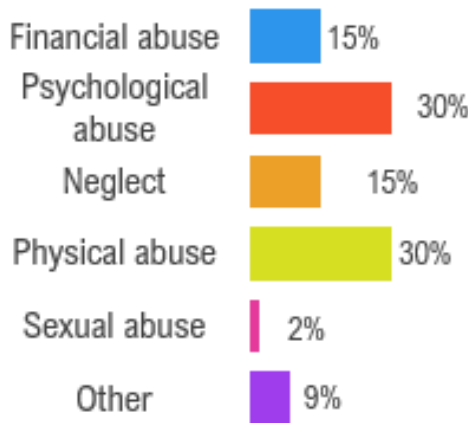


The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people were **verbal abuse**, **failure to meet support needs** and **financial exploitation**.

Older persons



Adults with disability



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

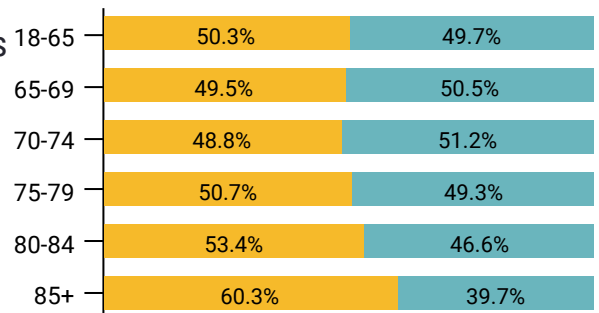
What else do we know about Southern NSW?

21% of the population are over the age of 65.



The age splits across men and women are relatively even, with more women than men aged 85+.

● Female ● Male



70% of all households are family households **26%** are single person households and **2%** are group households².



5.7% 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 2016 [Population data by LGA](#)

² 2016 [Census QuickStats](#), where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements