Taking Action Against
ELDER ABUSE Case Management

SPRING 2023

Types of Abuse Reported

Pie chart values: 180, 146, 94, 64, 42, 21, 7, 6
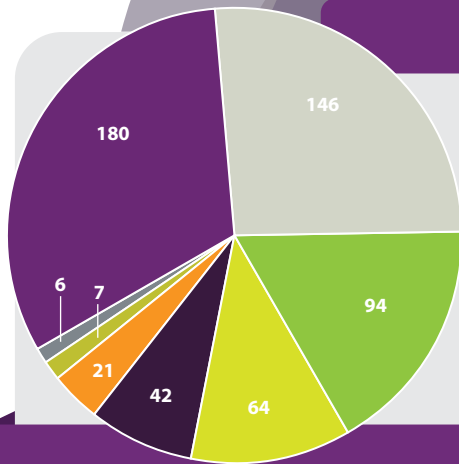
Legend:
- Emotional
- Financial
- Psychological
- Physical
- Neglect
- Medication
- Sexual
- Verbal

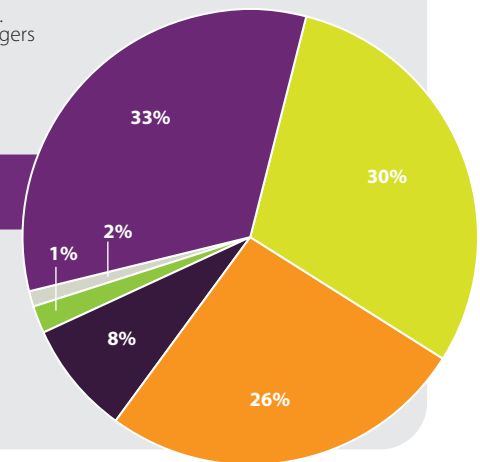**70%** of seniors accessed **first-time supports for abuse**

*Every situation involves an emotional impact to the older adult. Reporting it as emotional abuse is subjective to the case managers as to whether it was emotional abuse or an emotional impact.

While verbal abuse is not represented in the above data, it is a form of abuse typically captured under psychological and emotional abuse.
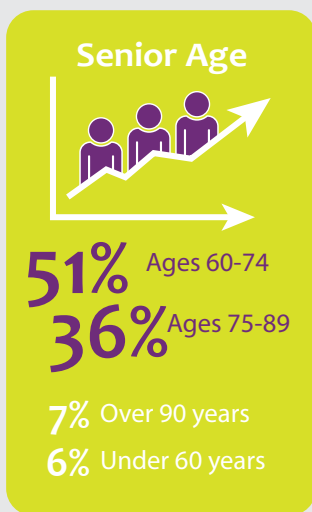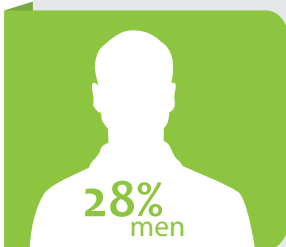
Abuse Reported By

34% of reporting came from a friend or family member highlighting the importance of providing training by-stander training such as **It's Not Right: Neighbours, Friends, and Family.**

Less than 1/3 of cases were self-reported highlighting the need for increased awareness.

Pie chart values: 33%, 30%, 26%, 8%, 2%, 1%

Legend:
- Professional
- Self-Report
- Family Member
- Friend
- Caregiver (Paid or Unpaid)
- Police

Seniors Demographics

70% women

28% men

Senior Age

51% Ages 60-74
36% Ages 75-89
7% Over 90 years
6% Under 60 years

Residence

96% of reported cases are living in a community (either urban or rural setting)

Housing Status

Pie chart values: 44%, 31%, 15%, 8%, 2%

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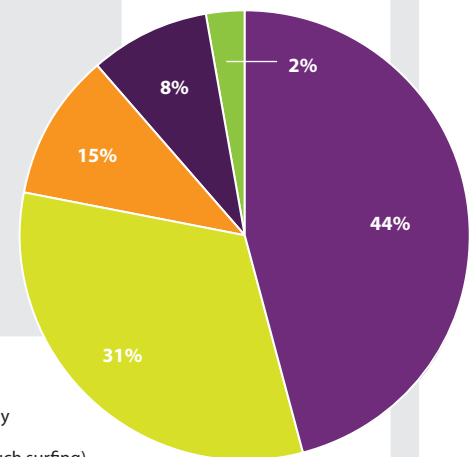- Homeowner
- Renter
- Living in Care
- Living with Family
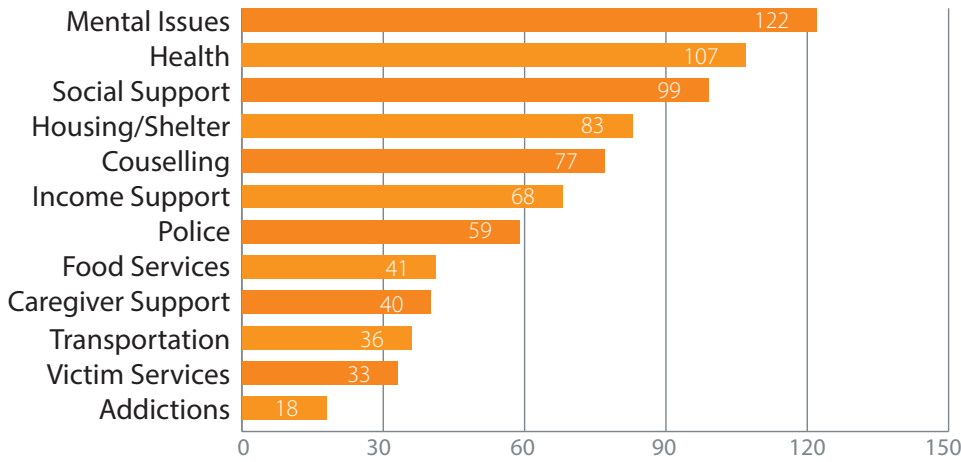- Homeless (or couch surfing)

73% of elder abuse victims are either widowed, divorced, single or separated.

Being single is considered **1 of the top 5 risk factors in elder abuse.**[1]

[1] According to a National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE) 2015 national elder abuse prevalence study called "Into the Light: National Survey on the Mistreatment of Older Canadians."

Top Case Manager Referrals

Top referrals include social prescribing, health supports, and financial supports; however, the complexity of issues highlights the importance of building relationships with other service providers.
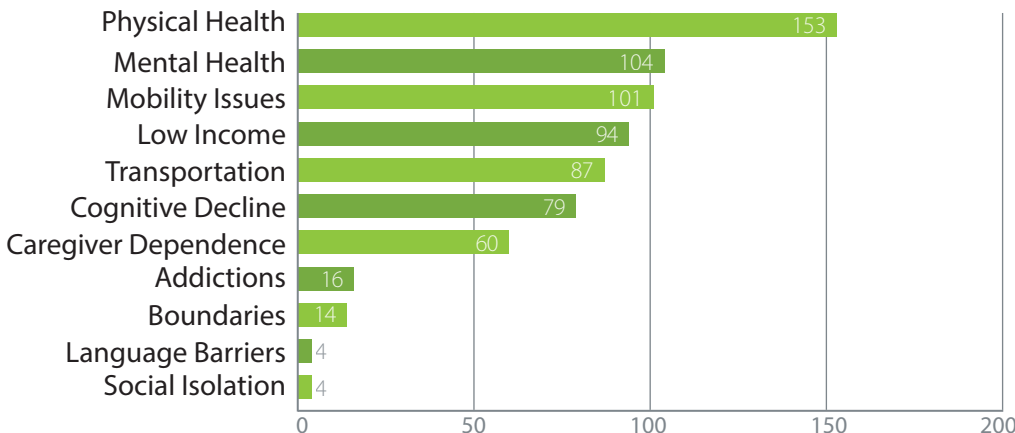
Category	Value
Mental Issues	122
Health	107
Social Support	99
Housing/Shelter	83
Couselling	77
Income Support	68
Police	59
Food Services	41
Caregiver Support	40
Transportation	36
Victim Services	33
Addictions	18

(Axis: 0, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150)

Elder abuse cases are complex and there are often multiple contributing factors occurring.

Nearly **1/2** reported financial issues as a contributing factor for the perpetrator, as well as almost half having a sense of entitlement.

3/4 had mental health and/or addiction issues.

1/4 reported a history of family violence which reflects the prevalence study – that a history of family violence is **one of the top 5 vulnerabilities of elder abuse cases.**[1]

Vulnerabilities Reported

37% of cases listed transportation as a vulnerability, which can lead to an increased risk of financial abuse.

6 of **10** seniors with addictions issues also had mental health issues.

| Category	Value
Physical Health	153
Mental Health	104
Mobility Issues	101
Low Income	94
Transportation	87
Cognitive Decline	79
Caregiver Dependence	60
Addictions	16
Boundaries	14
Language Barriers	4
Social Isolation	4

(Axis: 0, 50, 100, 150, 200)

Perpetrator Demographics

Highest number of perpetrators reported ranged from

40 - 55 years of age
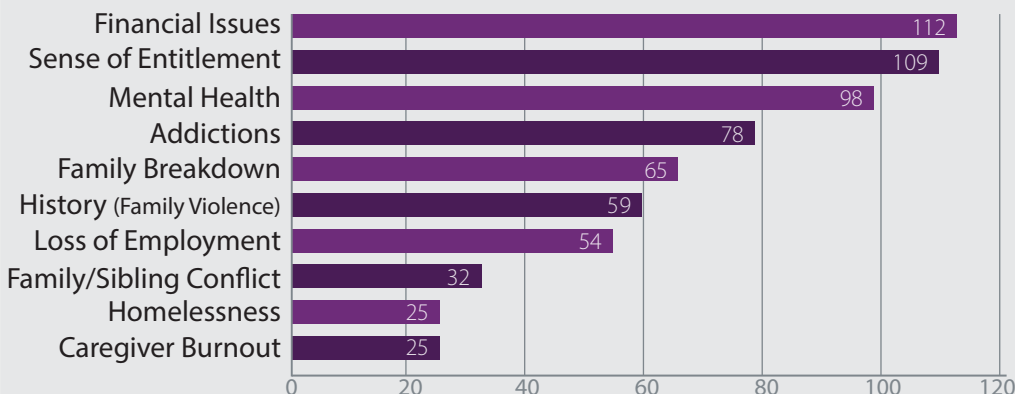
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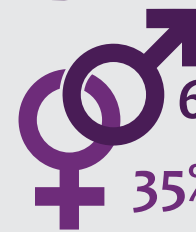
64% men

35% women

Relationship to Perpetrator

- 40% Adult Child
- 20% Intimate Partner
- 18% Other Family Member
- 6% Caregiver (paid or unpaid)
- 6% Neighbour
- 4% Grandchild
- 3% Friend
- 1% Unknown

Legend:
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- Intimate Partner
- Other Family Member
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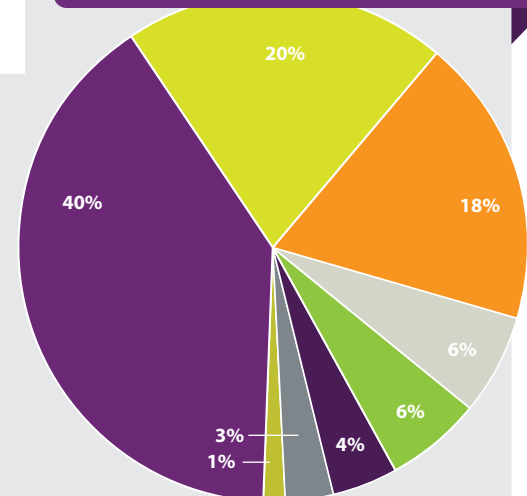
Contributing Factors for Perpetrator Abuse

Category	Value
Financial Issues	112
Sense of Entitlement	109
Mental Health	98
Addictions	78
Family Breakdown	65
History (Family Violence)	59
Loss of Employment	54
Family/Sibling Conflict	32
Homelessness	25
Caregiver Burnout	25

(Axis: 0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120)

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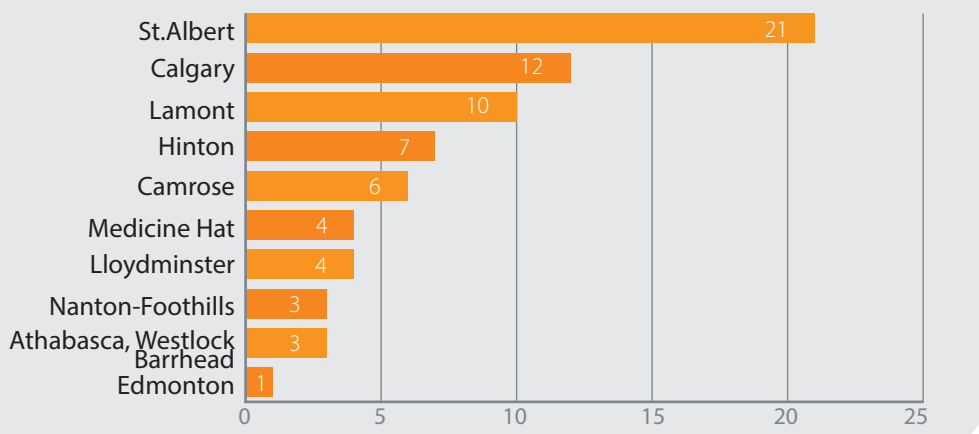## SENIORS REPORT 2023

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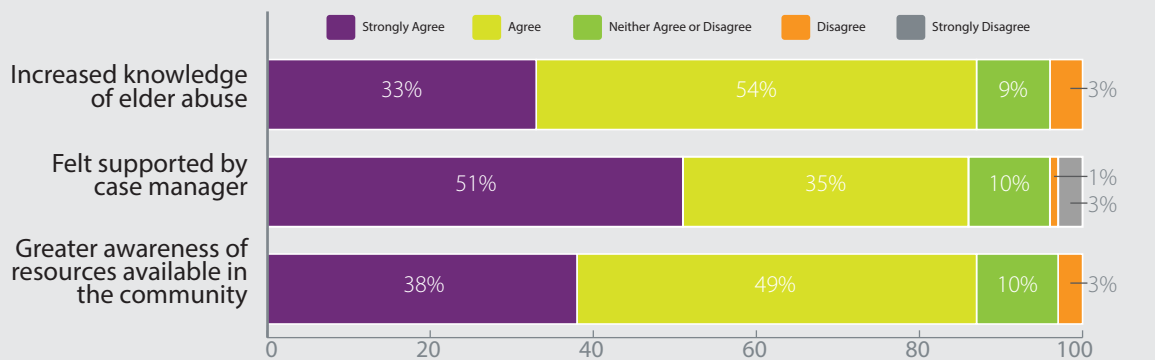Awareness Council

2022 20 YEARS

The following data represents answers provided by a sample of the older adults that have accessed Coordinated Community Response services with Case Managers.

Community Location of Seniors

Community	Value
St.Albert	21
Calgary	12
Lamont	10
Hinton	7
Camrose	6
Medicine Hat	4
Lloydminster	4
Nanton-Foothills	3
Athabasca, Westlock Barrhead	3
Edmonton	1

Seniors Answered

As a result of the Case Management program I have...

Legend: Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree or Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Increased knowledge of elder abuse	33%	54%	9%	3%	
Felt supported by case manager	51%	35%	10%	1%	3%
Greater awareness of resources available in the community	38%	49%	10%	3%	

Seniors Answered

As a result of accessing the Case Management program I have...

Legend:
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree

Built relationships with supportive people in the community that I can rely on

- Strongly Agree: 37%
- Agree: 43%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 16%
- Disagree: 4%

Improved my safety

- Strongly Agree: 39%
- Agree: 43%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 15%
- Disagree: 3%