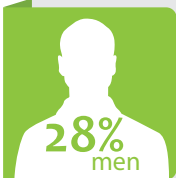


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FINAL REPORT 2024

Seniors Demographics



Seniors Age

38%
Ages 60-74

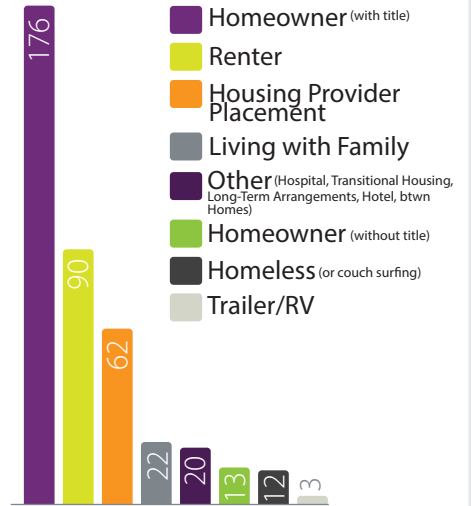
26% Ages 60-69 22% Ages 80-89

9% Over 90 years
5% Under 60 years

Living Arrangements

Alone	159
Spouse/Partner	93
w/Adult Children	84
Other	54
w/Grandchildren	20
w/Sibling	10
w/Friends	7
w/Roommates	7
w/Parents	1

Housing Status



Residence

58% of reported cases are living in a large or small city setting, while...

42% are residing in a small town, rural setting, hamlet or First Nation

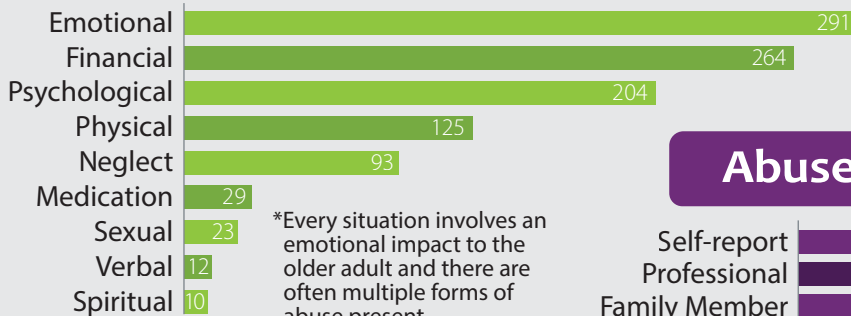


6% identified as Indigenous 9% identified as having immigrant or refugee status

68% of older adults experiencing abuse are either widowed, divorced, single or separated.

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

Types of Abuse Reported



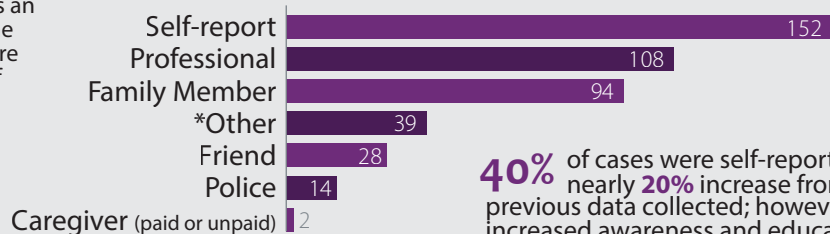
*Every situation involves an emotional impact to the older adult and there are often multiple forms of abuse present.



32% 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.**

68%
of seniors accessed first-time supports for abuse

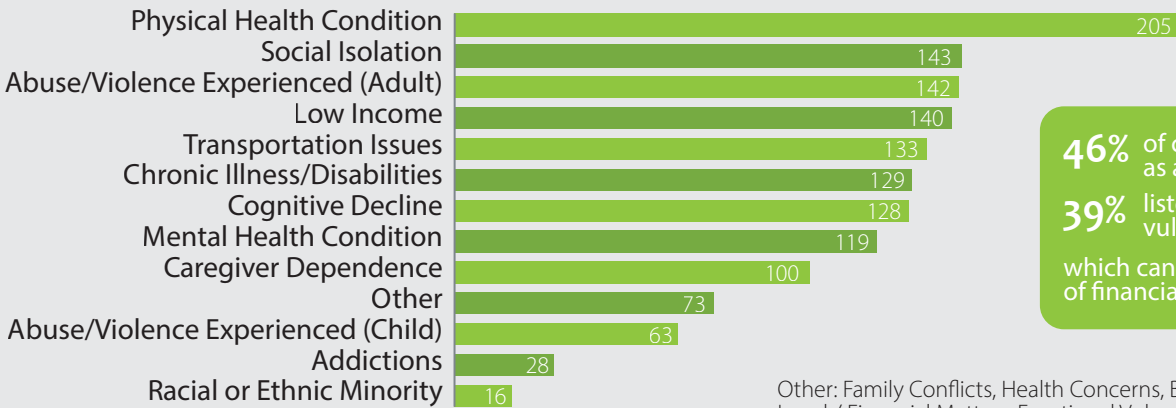
Abuse Reported By



*Other: Personal Connections, Professional Support, Housing/community, Transitional Movements

40% of cases were self-reported - nearly 20% increase from previous data collected; however, increased awareness and education should still remain a priority

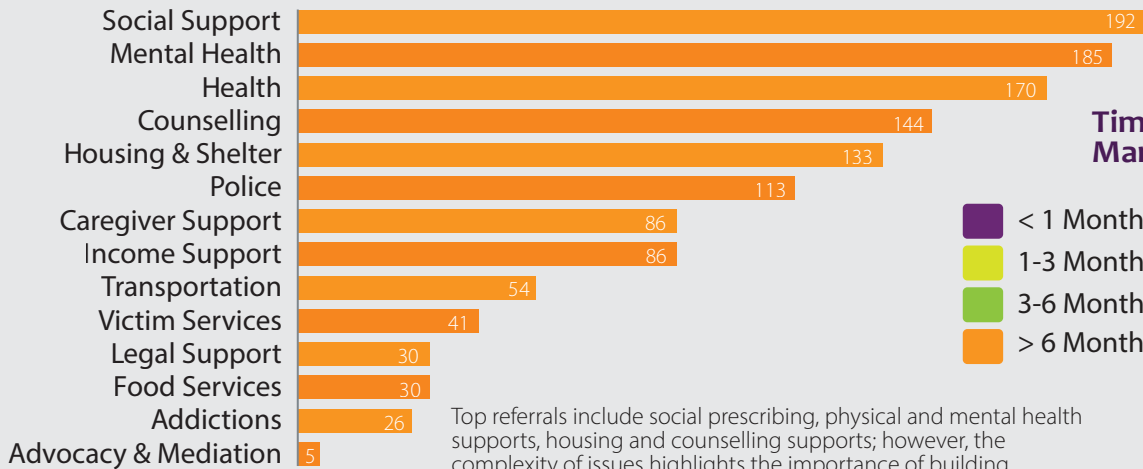
Vulnerabilities Reported



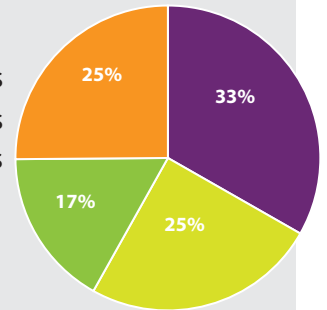
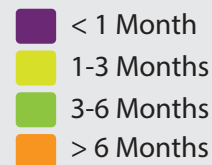
46% of cases listed transportation as a vulnerability
39% listed social isolation as a vulnerability
 which can lead to an increased risk of financial abuse.

Other: Family Conflicts, Health Concerns, Boundary Issues, Legal / Financial Matters, Emotional Vulnerability

Case Manager Referrals

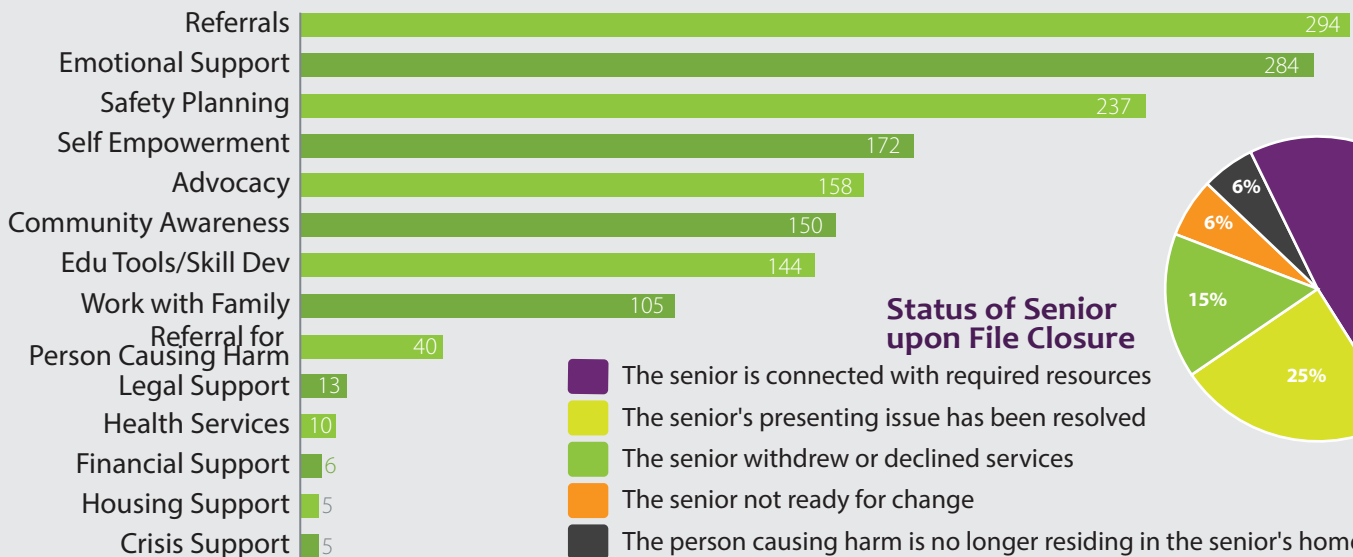


Timeframe for Case Management Support

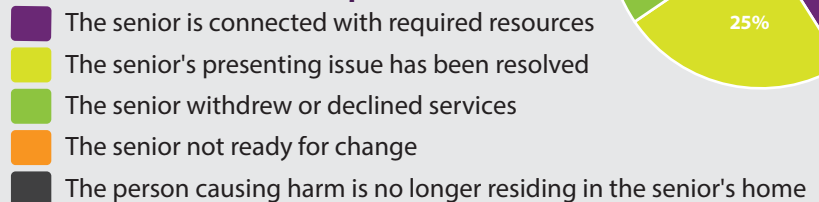


Top referrals include social prescribing, physical and mental health supports, housing and counselling supports; however, the complexity of issues highlights the importance of building relationships with other service providers.

Services Provided by Case Manager Referrals

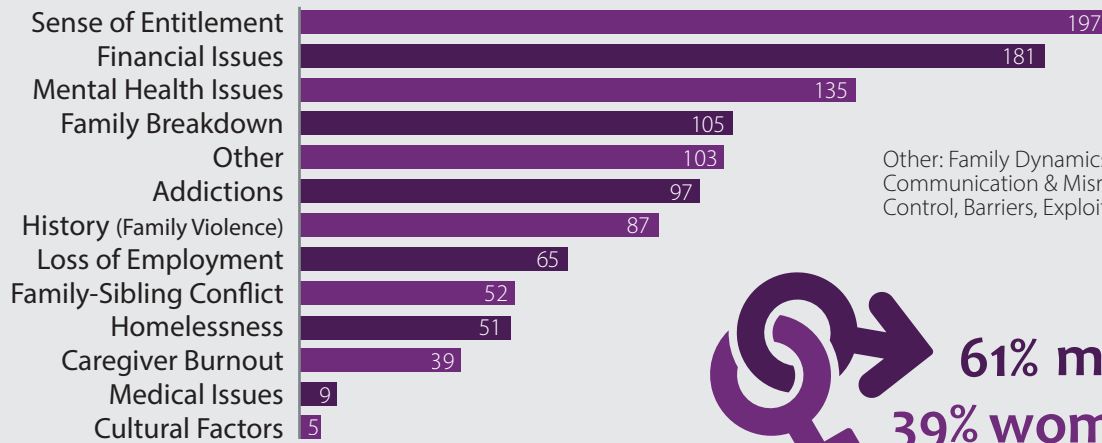


Status of Senior upon File Closure



Demographics of Person Causing Harm

Contributing Factors for Person Causing Harm



Other: Family Dynamics, Legal & Health Issues, Communication & Misrepresentation, Abuse & Control, Barriers, Exploitation, Societal Issues



Highest number of person causing harms reported ranged from

46 - 65 years of age

accounting for **42%** of responses.

Age groups **70+** and **31-45** accounted for

22% and **23%** of responses respectively,

while **13%** reported age of person causing harms as unknown.



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

nearly **1/2** reported financial issues while...

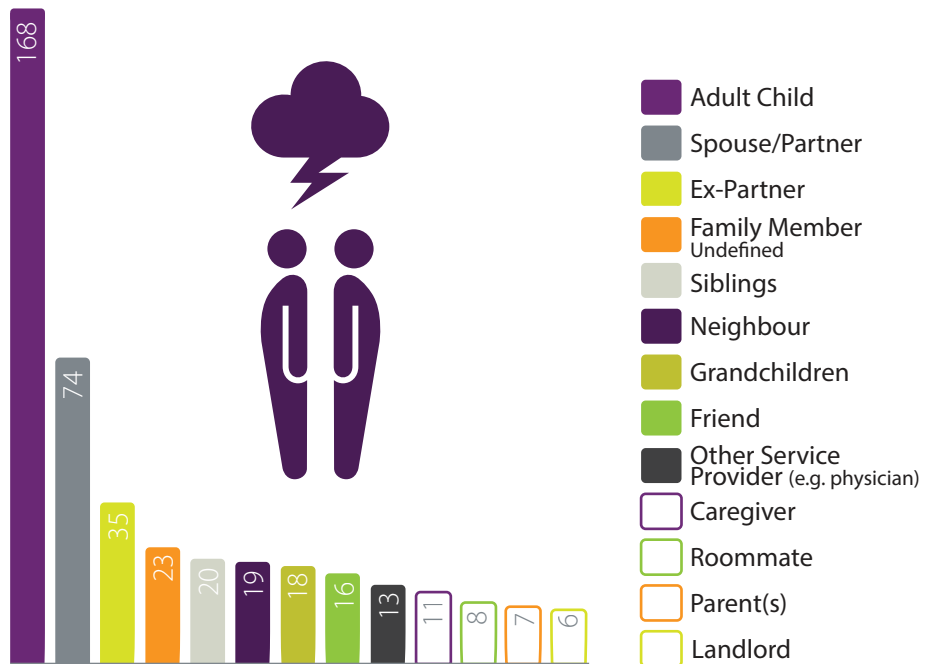
over **1/2** reported a sense of entitlement as a contributing factor for the person causing harm

3/4 had mental health and/or addiction issues - a significant increase in reporting since 2022

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

45% or reported abuse were perpetrated by an adult child

Relationship to Person Causing Harm



Other Relationships could include: Isolation, Predatory Relationships, Employers, Roommates, Scams, Online Predators and Manipulation

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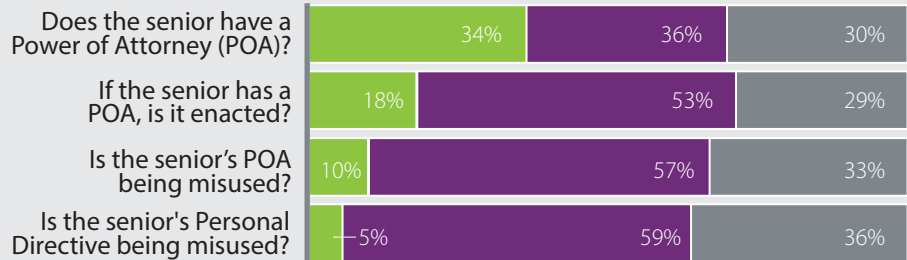


The following data represents answers provided by a sample of the older adults (across Alberta) who have accessed Coordinated Community Response services with Case Managers between September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

SENIORS' REPORT

Senior Responses

Power of Attorney & Personal Directives



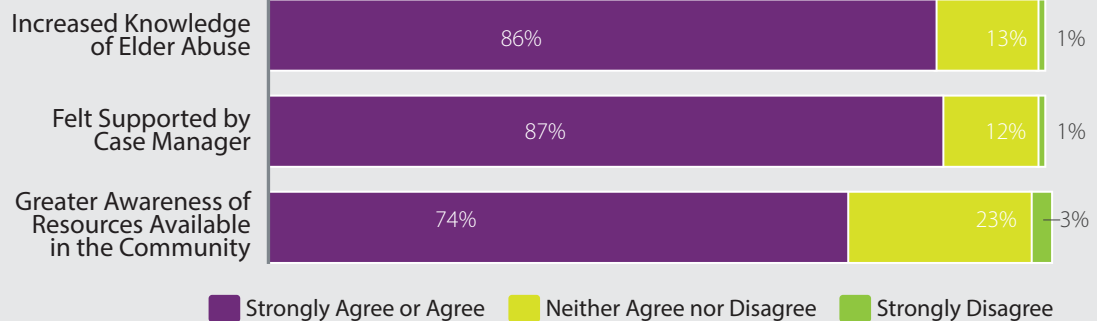
Yes No Unsure



The high number of unsure responses only reinforces the importance for seniors to have someone they trust be appointed as their agent.

Seniors Answered

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

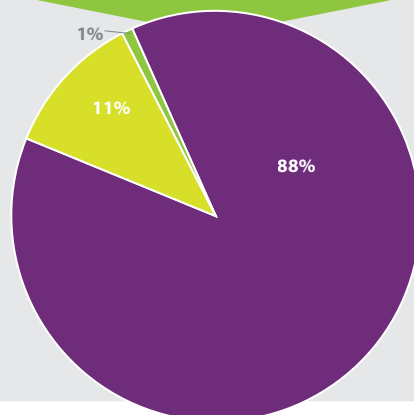


Strongly Agree or Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Strongly Disagree

Seniors Answered

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

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



Strongly Agree or Agree
Neither Agree nor Disagree
Strongly Disagree

Improved my safety

