


The COVID-19 Pandemic and Domestic Violence for City of Newcastle




Roughly 13 reported domestic violence incidents in the Newcastle LGA per week - 653 over 2020-21 (1)



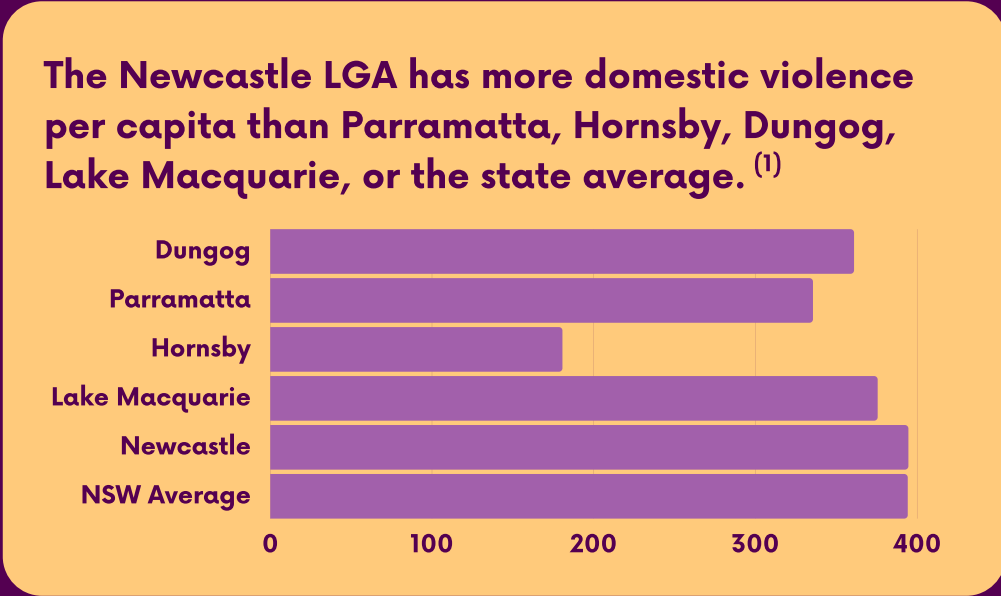
1 in 5
Women who lived with a partner in COVID experienced coercive, controlling, or abusive behaviours (3)



2 in 3
Over 66% of women said the abuse started or became worse in the pandemic (3)

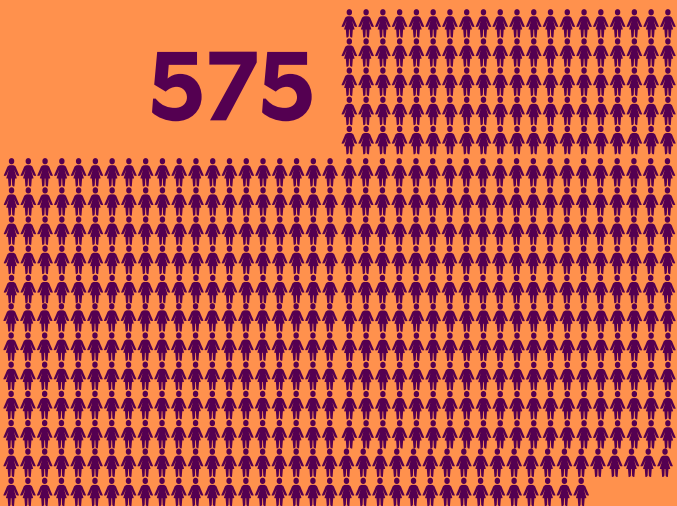


1 in 2
Of women experiencing physical abuse, over half report that the abuse became more frequent or more severe in the pandemic (3)




One local refuge saw a 15% increase in clients over the 2020-21 period. Jenny's Place were unable to accommodate 575 women and 434 children due to a lack of funding, and were only able to house 12% of those needing a refuge. (4)

575



434



(1.) BOCSAR Data 2020-21. (2.) Provided direct by Women's and Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS) Newcastle. (3.) The prevalence of violence among women in the COVID-19 pandemic, Australian Institute of Criminology, accessed [here](#). (4.) Jenny's Place website, [www.jennysplace.org](#). _Design and research by Artemis Designs and Tech.

