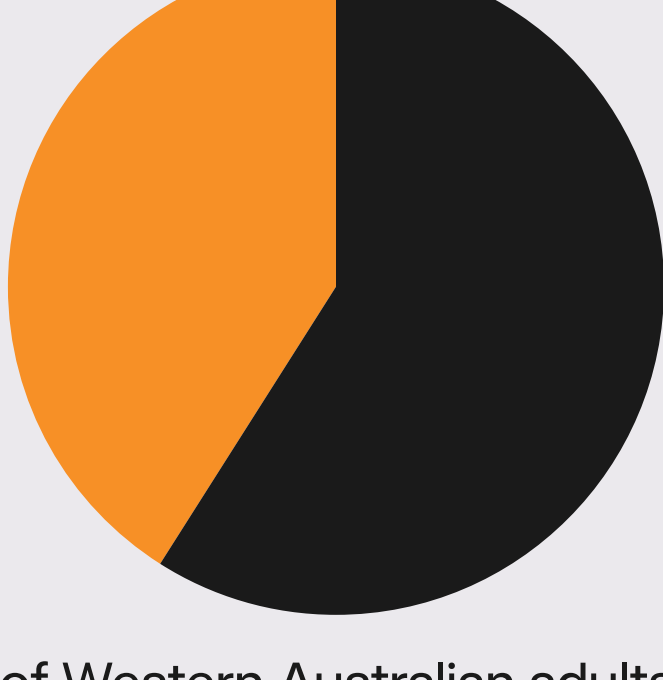


Bankwest Hidden Costs Report 2025

Western Australian attitudes and experiences of **Financial Abuse**.



59% of Western Australian adults have experienced or know someone who has experienced Financial Abuse.

79%

The research also revealed that **four-in-five** Western Australians agree that Financial Abuse is a widespread problem in Australia.

85%

of Western Australians also agree that domestic and family violence is a widespread problem in Australia.



20%
(or one-in-five) of men

and



30%
(nearly one-in-three) of women

know someone who has experienced financial abuse

Of those Western Australians who have experienced Financial Abuse, the most common behaviours experienced include:

54%

48%

47%

56% in 2024

62% in 2023

A perpetrator who uses all their partner's wages for household expenses, while spending their own money only on themselves.

51% in 2024

52% in 2023

A perpetrator who refuses to contribute financially to their household.

49% in 2024

45% in 2023

A perpetrator has hidden assets from you.

2023

2024

2025

While almost all (**98%**) WA residents were familiar with the term 'Family and Domestic Violence', the research also suggested Western Australians were similarly familiar with 'Financial Abuse', with more than nine-in-10 (**95%**) familiar with the term, stable from 2023.

Proportion of Western Australian adults who ...

2025 68%



2024 77%



2023 75%



2022 75%



could not recall the support available for financial abuse.

2025 55%



2024 56%



2023 60%

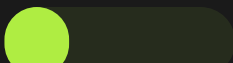


2022 57%



believe it would be hard for people experiencing Financial Abuse to seek support.

2025 28%



2024 25%



2023 28%



2022 22%



have experienced Financial Abuse and not sought help.

Leading barriers.



More than **one-in-three (34%)** of women who had experienced Financial Abuse had not sought support because:

risk of the perpetrator (partner) finding out

73%



risk of retaliation from the perpetrator

76%



they may feel embarrassed

65%



14%

DIFFERENCE

Male respondents (72%) were more likely than **women (58%)** to seek help after experiencing financial abuse.

9%

DIFFERENCE

30% women know someone who has experienced financial abuse compared to **21% of male respondents**.

14%

DIFFERENCE

More women (62%) believe it would be harder to seek help for financial abuse than **males (48%)**.

Scenarios most people consider as types of Financial Abuse

