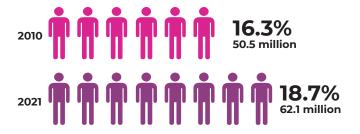
# Abuse among Latin@ elders

## Latin@s in the United States

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2021)



73,380,000

people age 60 or older in the U.S. in 2019.

increase between 2010 and 2020, in the Hispanic population.

of the total U.S. population growth bet 2010 and 2020 came from the Hispanic of the total U.S. population growth between population.

# Risk and protective factors

for elder abuse among Latin@s

Social support within families and communities is a protective factor in preventing elder abuse among Latin@ older adults (Vilar-Compte & Gaitán-Rossi, 2018).

In research with immigrant Latin@ adults, older adults more acculturated to US culture were more at risk for experiencing elder abuse (DeLiema, et al., 2012).

Thus, strong Latin@ cultural ties in community may be protective for immigrant Latin@ adults at risk for elder abuse.

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### What is elder abuse?

Any action that causes harm or distress to an older person. Elder abuse occurs within the context of trusting familial or care-taking relationships and can include neglect as well as threats or the actual use of physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, psychological, or financial abuse.

## Scope of the issue

Research done with a sample of 200 immigrant Latin@ older adults living in Los Angeles (DeLiema et al., 2012) found:

40.4% of Latin@ elders experienced some form of abuse and/or neglect within the previous year.

25% of Latin@ elders reported psychological abuse.

16.7% of Latin@ elders reported financial exploitation.

11.7% of Latin@ elders were neglected by their caregivers.

10% of Latin@ elders reported physical assault.

9% of Latin@ elders reported sexual abuse.

In a sample of 1,089 Mexican adults aged 60 and older with long-term disability, 32.1% had experienced elder



2.5%

sexual abuse

**7.0**%

physical abuse

11.9% financial exploitation

In a large, population-based study of 4,156 community-dwelling, cognitively intact older adult Latin@s were at greater risk for experiencing emotional abuse than other ethnic groups. (Burnes, Pillemer, & Lachs, 2017)

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