

# Community report

## Alice Springs (T)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

**Alice Springs (T)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NT**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Need for assistance

### Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

# Need for assistance

Alice Springs (T) | Regional NT comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 65–74 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Alice Springs (T), accounting for 10.4% (177 people). This share was lower than Regional NT (12.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 40 people and 1 percentage point.

## About this topic

Need for assistance measures people who report needing help with self-care, body movement, or communication because of a disability, a long-term health condition, or older age. It is a high-needs indicator rather than a general measure of disability.

This topic is useful for planning accessible facilities, care services, respite, and support for carers. The measure is based on self-report in the Census, so it should be interpreted with care and read alongside unpaid care and other disability-related indicators.

## Interpretation notes

- The measure is self-reported and records need for help with core activities, so it is not a complete measure of disability prevalence.
- It applies to all persons and is strongest as an indicator of higher support need when read with unpaid care and ageing data.

## Need for assistance with core activities by age

Alice Springs (T) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
0-4	23	1.2%	0.8%	20	1.1%	0.6%	+3	+0.1
5-14	113	3.2%	2.0%	73	2.2%	1.4%	+40	+1.0
15-19	46	3.1%	1.4%	43	3.0%	1.5%	+3	+0.1
20-24	28	2.2%	1.5%	21	1.5%	1.0%	+7	+0.7
25-34	62	1.3%	0.9%	40	0.9%	1.1%	+22	+0.4
35-44	71	1.8%	1.8%	65	1.8%	1.8%	+6	0.0
45-54	110	3.3%	3.8%	113	3.0%	4.0%	-3	+0.3
55-64	136	4.5%	6.3%	122	4.0%	6.1%	+14	+0.5
65-74	177	10.4%	12.7%	149	10.9%	14.0%	+28	-0.5
75-84	140	23.2%	26.5%	126	25.6%	26.4%	+14	-2.4
85+	99	56.3%	55.2%	86	52.4%	49.0%	+13	+3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>+151</b>	<b>+0.5</b>

Data basis: usual residence.