

# Community report

## Berri and Barmera (DC)

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

AREA

**Berri and Barmera (DC)**

COMPARISON

**Regional SA**

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

Berri and Barmera (DC) | Regional SA comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 85+ year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Berri and Barmera (DC), accounting for 46.1% (165 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (45.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 25–34 year olds, which increased by 26 people and 2.1 percentage points.

## 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

Berri and Barmera (DC) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
0-4	0	0.0%	1.6%	8	1.4%	1.3%	-8	-1.4
5-14	94	7.7%	5.2%	72	5.4%	3.9%	+22	+2.3
15-19	44	7.1%	4.3%	28	4.4%	3.3%	+16	+2.7
20-24	24	4.4%	3.5%	19	3.8%	2.9%	+5	+0.6
25-34	50	4.4%	2.7%	24	2.3%	2.3%	+26	+2.1
35-44	36	3.2%	2.8%	40	3.5%	3.1%	-4	-0.3
45-54	80	6.0%	4.3%	71	4.9%	4.4%	+9	+1.1
55-64	110	7.3%	6.2%	126	8.0%	6.0%	-16	-0.7
65-74	148	10.1%	8.7%	135	10.9%	8.5%	+13	-0.8
75-84	157	21.0%	17.5%	157	21.8%	16.4%	0	-0.8
85+	165	46.1%	45.5%	158	47.6%	41.7%	+7	-1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>+75</b>	<b>+0.7</b>

Data basis: usual residence.