

# Community report

## Boroondara (C)

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

AREA

**Boroondara (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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

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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 Boroondara (C), accounting for 53% (2,628 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (54%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 327 people.

## 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

Boroondara (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
0-4	68	1.0%	1.3%	63	0.8%	1.1%	+5	+0.2
5-14	450	2.2%	3.9%	381	1.8%	3.0%	+69	+0.4
15-19	182	1.5%	3.1%	163	1.4%	2.2%	+19	+0.1
20-24	178	1.4%	2.0%	143	1.1%	1.5%	+35	+0.3
25-34	279	1.3%	1.5%	189	0.8%	1.2%	+90	+0.5
35-44	218	1.1%	1.8%	238	1.1%	1.9%	-20	0.0
45-54	366	1.5%	3.2%	359	1.5%	3.2%	+7	0.0
55-64	530	2.6%	5.6%	423	2.2%	5.5%	+107	+0.4
65-74	864	5.4%	10.5%	700	5.0%	9.5%	+164	+0.4
75-84	1,754	17.8%	24.7%	1,427	17.8%	23.2%	+327	0.0
85+	2,628	53.0%	54.0%	2,332	48.3%	49.0%	+296	+4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,516</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6,406</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+1,110</b>	<b>+0.7</b>

Data basis: usual residence.