

# Community report

## Central Goldfields (S)

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

AREA

**Central Goldfields (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Service age groups

### 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.

# Service age groups

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, Seniors (70 to 84) was the most common category among residents in Central Goldfields (S), accounting for 18.9% (2,544 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (13%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Seniors (70 to 84), which increased by 440 people and 2.7 percentage points.

## About this topic

Service age groups divide the population into broad life-stage bands such as children, young adults, working-age adults, and older people. The groupings are designed to reflect typical demand for age-based services and facilities rather than exact five-year cohorts.

This view is useful for planning childcare, schools, recreation, aged services, and other community infrastructure. It works best alongside five year age groups, household type, and dwelling data, which add more detail about who is living in an area and how needs may change over time.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived grouping rather than a direct Census question, so the age bands are planning-oriented summaries built from standard age data.
- Percentages relate to the total population; use five year age groups when exact cohort detail matters.

## Age structure - Service age groups

Central Goldfields (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	526	3.9%	5.4%	579	4.5%	5.8%	-53	-0.6
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	985	7.3%	8.4%	989	7.6%	8.7%	-4	-0.3
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	890	6.6%	7.2%	869	6.7%	7.4%	+21	-0.1
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	813	6.0%	7.3%	886	6.8%	7.9%	-73	-0.8
Young workforce (25 to 34)	1,182	8.8%	11.7%	1,003	7.7%	10.9%	+179	+1.1
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	1,847	13.7%	17.6%	2,054	15.8%	18.1%	-207	-2.1
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	1,956	14.5%	13.1%	1,886	14.5%	13.9%	+70	0.0
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	2,224	16.5%	13.6%	2,179	16.8%	13.4%	+45	-0.3
Seniors (70 to 84)	2,544	18.9%	13.0%	2,104	16.2%	11.1%	+440	+2.7
Elderly aged (85 and over)	496	3.7%	2.7%	456	3.5%	2.7%	+40	+0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,483</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,995</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.