

# Community report

## Copper Coast (DC)

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

AREA

**Copper Coast (DC)**

COMPARISON

**Regional SA**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**28 March 2026**

### 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

Copper Coast (DC) | Regional SA comparison | Persons  
Community report section 1 of 1

## Key takeaway

In 2021, 65–74 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Copper Coast (DC), accounting for 9.6% (267 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (8.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 81 people and 1.6 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

Copper Coast (DC) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
0-4	14	2.2%	1.6%	13	2.0%	1.3%	+1	+0.2
5-14	100	6.7%	5.2%	82	5.3%	3.9%	+18	+1.4
15-19	45	6.8%	4.3%	29	3.9%	3.3%	+16	+2.9
20-24	24	4.3%	3.5%	23	4.0%	2.9%	+1	+0.3
25-34	45	3.6%	2.7%	51	4.0%	2.3%	-6	-0.4
35-44	44	3.3%	2.8%	59	4.6%	3.1%	-15	-1.3
45-54	117	6.9%	4.3%	119	6.3%	4.4%	-2	+0.6
55-64	211	8.5%	6.2%	187	8.3%	6.0%	+24	+0.2
65-74	267	9.6%	8.7%	234	10.1%	8.5%	+33	-0.5
75-84	256	16.0%	17.5%	175	14.4%	16.4%	+81	+1.6
85+	217	41.2%	45.5%	157	35.3%	41.7%	+60	+5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>+215</b>	<b>+0.9</b>

Data basis: usual residence.