

# Community report

## Cumberland (A)

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

AREA

**Cumberland (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Cumberland (A), accounting for 33.6% (2,961 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (23.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 593 people and 1.7 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

Cumberland (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
0-4	230	1.4%	1.3%	161	1.0%	1.1%	+69	+0.4
5-14	845	2.8%	3.4%	653	2.4%	2.7%	+192	+0.4
15-19	317	2.5%	2.7%	253	2.0%	2.2%	+64	+0.5
20-24	266	1.4%	1.8%	245	1.4%	1.5%	+21	0.0
25-34	556	1.3%	1.3%	566	1.3%	1.2%	-10	0.0
35-44	763	2.1%	1.6%	830	2.7%	1.8%	-67	-0.6
45-54	1,282	4.9%	2.9%	1,370	5.5%	3.2%	-88	-0.6
55-64	2,108	9.1%	5.5%	1,976	9.6%	5.7%	+132	-0.5
65-74	2,791	17.3%	10.5%	2,204	16.4%	9.9%	+587	+0.9
75-84	2,961	33.6%	23.1%	2,368	31.9%	23.4%	+593	+1.7
85+	1,909	55.5%	48.7%	1,875	57.1%	50.4%	+34	-1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,036</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>12,503</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+1,533</b>	<b>+0.2</b>

Data basis: usual residence.