

# Community report

## Derwent Valley (M)

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

AREA

**Derwent Valley (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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

Derwent Valley (M) | Regional Tas. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 65–74 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Derwent Valley (M), accounting for 12.9% (160 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (10%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 35 people and 2.3 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

Derwent Valley (M) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
0-4	15	2.7%	1.7%	13	2.4%	1.1%	+2	+0.3
5-14	93	6.7%	5.6%	58	4.4%	4.0%	+35	+2.3
15-19	41	6.2%	4.9%	23	3.8%	3.6%	+18	+2.4
20-24	17	2.7%	3.8%	13	2.7%	3.0%	+4	0.0
25-34	34	2.8%	2.8%	36	3.4%	2.6%	-2	-0.6
35-44	43	3.2%	3.3%	45	3.8%	3.5%	-2	-0.6
45-54	100	6.8%	5.2%	110	7.5%	5.2%	-10	-0.7
55-64	143	9.0%	6.9%	135	9.1%	7.1%	+8	-0.1
65-74	160	12.9%	10.0%	139	12.1%	9.6%	+21	+0.8
75-84	150	23.8%	18.9%	125	21.7%	18.3%	+25	+2.1
85+	96	48.7%	45.1%	71	46.1%	46.2%	+25	+2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>+120</b>	<b>+0.5</b>

Data basis: usual residence.