

# Community report

## Donnybrook-Balingup (S)

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

AREA

**Donnybrook-Balingup (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

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

Donnybrook–Balingup (S) | Regional WA comparison | Persons

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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 Donnybrook–Balingup (S), accounting for 16.5% (76 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (17%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 25 people and 0.7 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

Donnybrook-Balingup (S) - Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021       |             |               | 2016       |             |               | Change     |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|              | Count      | %           | Regional WA % | Count      | %           | Regional WA % | Count      | pp          |
| 0-4          | 9          | 2.9%        | 1.0%          | 3          | 0.9%        | 0.8%          | +6         | +2.0        |
| 5-14         | 30         | 4.2%        | 3.5%          | 20         | 2.7%        | 2.3%          | +10        | +1.5        |
| 15-19        | 14         | 4.4%        | 3.0%          | 9          | 2.9%        | 2.2%          | +5         | +1.5        |
| 20-24        | 8          | 3.7%        | 2.4%          | 4          | 2.0%        | 1.8%          | +4         | +1.7        |
| 25-34        | 12         | 2.4%        | 1.6%          | 6          | 1.1%        | 1.3%          | +6         | +1.3        |
| 35-44        | 8          | 1.2%        | 1.7%          | 13         | 1.9%        | 1.6%          | -5         | -0.7        |
| 45-54        | 33         | 3.9%        | 2.7%          | 27         | 3.2%        | 2.5%          | +6         | +0.7        |
| 55-64        | 30         | 3.0%        | 4.2%          | 27         | 2.6%        | 4.2%          | +3         | +0.4        |
| 65-74        | 48         | 4.9%        | 7.3%          | 41         | 5.2%        | 7.4%          | +7         | -0.3        |
| 75-84        | 76         | 16.5%       | 17.0%         | 51         | 15.8%       | 16.5%         | +25        | +0.7        |
| 85+          | 59         | 46.5%       | 42.6%         | 41         | 38.0%       | 41.4%         | +18        | +8.5        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>5.4%</b> | <b>4.6%</b>   | <b>250</b> | <b>4.3%</b> | <b>3.8%</b>   | <b>+81</b> | <b>+1.1</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.