

# Community report

## Gold Coast (C)

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

AREA

**Gold Coast (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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 Gold Coast (C), accounting for 20.1% (7,237 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (20.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 1,962 people and 0.4 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

Gold Coast (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
0-4	477	1.4%	1.5%	364	1.1%	1.2%	+113	+0.3
5-14	3,641	4.8%	5.0%	2,382	3.5%	3.5%	+1,259	+1.3
15-19	1,286	3.5%	4.0%	870	2.5%	2.9%	+416	+1.0
20-24	918	2.3%	2.8%	665	1.8%	2.2%	+253	+0.5
25-34	1,503	1.7%	2.1%	1,132	1.5%	1.9%	+371	+0.2
35-44	1,677	2.0%	2.5%	1,458	1.9%	2.5%	+219	+0.1
45-54	2,524	3.0%	3.8%	2,240	3.0%	3.8%	+284	0.0
55-64	3,514	4.8%	6.0%	3,256	5.1%	6.0%	+258	-0.3
65-74	5,341	8.6%	9.6%	4,325	8.2%	9.1%	+1,016	+0.4
75-84	7,237	20.1%	20.4%	5,275	19.7%	19.3%	+1,962	+0.4
85+	6,121	47.8%	47.7%	5,535	47.5%	46.7%	+586	+0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,233</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>+6,733</b>	<b>+0.6</b>

Data basis: usual residence.