

# Community report

## Hobart (C)

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

AREA

**Hobart (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Hobart**

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, 85+ year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Hobart (C), accounting for 51.4% (684 people). This share was higher than Greater Hobart (49.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 97 people and 0.1 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

Hobart (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	pp
0-4	16	0.7%	1.6%	21	0.9%	1.2%	-5	-0.2
5-14	153	3.0%	5.2%	82	1.7%	3.5%	+71	+1.3
15-19	84	2.9%	4.4%	48	1.6%	2.7%	+36	+1.3
20-24	69	1.7%	2.8%	60	1.3%	2.3%	+9	+0.4
25-34	142	1.3%	1.9%	114	1.5%	2.3%	+28	-0.2
35-44	105	1.5%	2.6%	113	1.8%	3.0%	-8	-0.3
45-54	171	2.6%	4.3%	188	2.9%	4.6%	-17	-0.3
55-64	235	3.7%	5.9%	250	3.9%	6.3%	-15	-0.2
65-74	342	6.0%	9.1%	294	6.3%	9.4%	+48	-0.3
75-84	545	18.1%	20.0%	448	18.0%	19.3%	+97	+0.1
85+	684	51.4%	49.6%	706	50.4%	46.5%	-22	+1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>+237</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.