

# Community report

## Hobsons Bay (C)

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

AREA

**Hobsons Bay (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Hobsons Bay (C), accounting for 29.2% (1,328 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (24.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 65–74 year olds, which increased by 221 people and 1.1 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

Hobsons Bay (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
0-4	77	1.3%	1.3%	64	1.1%	1.1%	+13	+0.2
5-14	463	4.1%	3.9%	296	2.9%	3.0%	+167	+1.2
15-19	152	3.4%	3.1%	121	2.6%	2.2%	+31	+0.8
20-24	102	2.2%	2.0%	97	1.9%	1.5%	+5	+0.3
25-34	222	1.8%	1.5%	160	1.2%	1.2%	+62	+0.6
35-44	234	1.6%	1.8%	219	1.6%	1.9%	+15	0.0
45-54	379	2.9%	3.2%	362	2.9%	3.2%	+17	0.0
55-64	600	5.4%	5.6%	629	6.1%	5.5%	-29	-0.7
65-74	995	12.4%	10.5%	774	11.3%	9.5%	+221	+1.1
75-84	1,328	29.2%	24.7%	1,178	27.3%	23.2%	+150	+1.9
85+	1,255	59.3%	54.0%	1,059	54.3%	49.0%	+196	+5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,812</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>4,956</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+856</b>	<b>+0.8</b>

Data basis: usual residence.