

# Community report

## Hornsby (A)

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

AREA

**Hornsby (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Hornsby (A), accounting for 45.2% (1,957 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (48.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 234 people, while its share fell by 1.3 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

Hornsby (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
0-4	82	1.1%	1.3%	64	0.8%	1.1%	+18	+0.3
5-14	553	2.6%	3.4%	405	2.1%	2.7%	+148	+0.5
15-19	226	2.3%	2.7%	181	1.9%	2.2%	+45	+0.4
20-24	170	2.0%	1.8%	143	1.7%	1.5%	+27	+0.3
25-34	270	1.9%	1.3%	243	1.7%	1.2%	+27	+0.2
35-44	279	1.3%	1.6%	297	1.4%	1.8%	-18	-0.1
45-54	431	2.0%	2.9%	383	1.8%	3.2%	+48	+0.2
55-64	582	3.1%	5.5%	506	2.9%	5.7%	+76	+0.2
65-74	911	6.4%	10.5%	689	5.7%	9.9%	+222	+0.7
75-84	1,571	17.6%	23.1%	1,337	18.9%	23.4%	+234	-1.3
85+	1,957	45.2%	48.7%	1,958	51.0%	50.4%	-1	-5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+816</b>	<b>+0.3</b>

Data basis: usual residence.