

# Community report

## Ipswich (C)

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

AREA

**Ipswich (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Brisbane**

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, 5–14 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Ipswich (C), accounting for 6.6% (2,414 people). This share was higher than Greater Brisbane (5.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 978 people and 1.8 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

Ipswich (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
0-4	326	1.9%	1.6%	228	1.4%	1.2%	+98	+0.5
5-14	2,414	6.6%	5.2%	1,436	4.8%	3.7%	+978	+1.8
15-19	785	5.2%	3.9%	513	3.8%	2.8%	+272	+1.4
20-24	589	3.8%	2.6%	451	3.2%	1.9%	+138	+0.6
25-34	1,012	2.9%	2.1%	698	2.3%	1.7%	+314	+0.6
35-44	1,081	3.3%	2.3%	836	3.2%	2.3%	+245	+0.1
45-54	1,467	5.3%	3.6%	1,237	5.1%	3.5%	+230	+0.2
55-64	2,020	8.9%	6.0%	1,582	8.3%	5.8%	+438	+0.6
65-74	2,186	14.0%	10.4%	1,524	12.4%	9.4%	+662	+1.6
75-84	2,001	25.1%	22.3%	1,405	22.8%	20.6%	+596	+2.3
85+	1,178	45.7%	51.1%	1,133	50.4%	46.5%	+45	-4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,072</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>11,044</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+4,028</b>	<b>+0.9</b>

Data basis: usual residence.