

# Community report

## Kowanyama (S)

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

AREA

**Kowanyama (S)**

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, 65–74 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Kowanyama (S), accounting for 14.3% (7 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (9.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 25–34 year olds, which decreased by 4 people and 2.6 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

Kowanyama (S) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
0-4	0	0.0%	1.5%	0	0.0%	1.2%	0	0.0
5-14	4	2.1%	5.0%	3	1.8%	3.5%	+1	+0.3
15-19	0	0.0%	4.0%	0	0.0%	2.9%	0	0.0
20-24	0	0.0%	2.8%	0	0.0%	2.2%	0	0.0
25-34	0	0.0%	2.1%	4	2.6%	1.9%	-4	-2.6
35-44	0	0.0%	2.5%	0	0.0%	2.5%	0	0.0
45-54	3	1.8%	3.8%	4	3.4%	3.8%	-1	-1.6
55-64	5	5.9%	6.0%	4	4.2%	6.0%	+1	+1.7
65-74	7	14.3%	9.6%	8	22.9%	9.1%	-1	-8.6
75-84	0	0.0%	20.4%	0	0.0%	19.3%	0	0.0
85+	0	NaN%	47.7%	3	42.9%	46.7%	-3	NaN
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

Data basis: usual residence.