

# Community report

## Loddon (S)

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

AREA

**Loddon (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

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

Loddon (S) | Regional Vic. comparison | Persons

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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 Loddon (S), accounting for 9.1% (118 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (8.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 21 people and 2.5 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

Loddon (S) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
0-4	5	1.6%	1.5%	3	0.9%	1.2%	+2	+0.7
5-14	32	3.8%	5.5%	11	1.3%	3.9%	+21	+2.5
15-19	18	4.7%	4.6%	6	1.5%	3.4%	+12	+3.2
20-24	6	2.3%	3.7%	10	4.3%	2.9%	-4	-2.0
25-34	27	4.4%	2.8%	19	3.7%	2.4%	+8	+0.7
35-44	16	2.3%	3.1%	25	3.5%	3.0%	-9	-1.2
45-54	47	4.8%	4.3%	56	5.2%	4.2%	-9	-0.4
55-64	106	7.6%	6.0%	93	6.9%	5.8%	+13	+0.7
65-74	118	9.1%	8.8%	122	10.7%	8.1%	-4	-1.6
75-84	102	15.7%	18.7%	92	14.8%	17.0%	+10	+0.9
85+	108	35.1%	46.4%	115	44.9%	42.3%	-7	-9.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+0.1</b>

Data basis: usual residence.