

# Community report

## Longreach (R)

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

AREA

**Longreach (R)**

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, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Longreach (R), accounting for 25.2% (41 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (20.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 12 people and 2.4 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

Longreach (R) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021       |             |                | 2016       |             |                | Change    |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
|              | Count      | %           | Regional Qld % | Count      | %           | Regional Qld % | Count     | pp          |
| 0-4          | 0          | 0.0%        | 1.5%           | 8          | 3.5%        | 1.2%           | -8        | -3.5        |
| 5-14         | 22         | 4.5%        | 5.0%           | 10         | 2.1%        | 3.5%           | +12       | +2.4        |
| 15-19        | 5          | 2.7%        | 4.0%           | 0          | 0.0%        | 2.9%           | +5        | +2.7        |
| 20-24        | 4          | 1.8%        | 2.8%           | 4          | 1.8%        | 2.2%           | 0         | 0.0         |
| 25-34        | 7          | 1.5%        | 2.1%           | 9          | 2.0%        | 1.9%           | -2        | -0.5        |
| 35-44        | 7          | 1.5%        | 2.5%           | 12         | 2.9%        | 2.5%           | -5        | -1.4        |
| 45-54        | 9          | 2.1%        | 3.8%           | 14         | 2.7%        | 3.8%           | -5        | -0.6        |
| 55-64        | 19         | 3.5%        | 6.0%           | 26         | 4.9%        | 6.0%           | -7        | -1.4        |
| 65-74        | 31         | 8.1%        | 9.6%           | 30         | 9.5%        | 9.1%           | +1        | -1.4        |
| 75-84        | 41         | 25.2%       | 20.4%          | 39         | 21.4%       | 19.3%          | +2        | +3.8        |
| 85+          | 41         | 46.6%       | 47.7%          | 39         | 51.3%       | 46.7%          | +2        | -4.7        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>183</b> | <b>5.0%</b> | <b>6.3%</b>    | <b>186</b> | <b>5.1%</b> | <b>5.5%</b>    | <b>-3</b> | <b>-0.1</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.