

# Community report

## MacDonnell (R)

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

AREA

**MacDonnell (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NT**

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

MacDonnell (R) | Regional NT 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 MacDonnell (R), accounting for 30.2% (70 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (12.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 65–74 year olds, which increased by 16 people and 2.9 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

MacDonnell (R) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021       |             |               | 2016       |             |               | Change    |            |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
|              | Count      | %           | Regional NT % | Count      | %           | Regional NT % | Count     | pp         |
| 0-4          | 0          | 0.0%        | 0.8%          | 0          | 0.0%        | 0.6%          | 0         | 0.0        |
| 5-14         | 9          | 1.0%        | 2.0%          | 3          | 0.4%        | 1.4%          | +6        | +0.6       |
| 15-19        | 0          | 0.0%        | 1.4%          | 3          | 0.5%        | 1.5%          | -3        | -0.5       |
| 20-24        | 6          | 1.2%        | 1.5%          | 5          | 0.7%        | 1.0%          | +1        | +0.5       |
| 25-34        | 5          | 0.5%        | 0.9%          | 12         | 1.1%        | 1.1%          | -7        | -0.6       |
| 35-44        | 18         | 2.0%        | 1.8%          | 16         | 1.9%        | 1.8%          | +2        | +0.1       |
| 45-54        | 23         | 3.2%        | 3.8%          | 32         | 4.5%        | 4.0%          | -9        | -1.3       |
| 55-64        | 46         | 9.5%        | 6.3%          | 45         | 8.7%        | 6.1%          | +1        | +0.8       |
| 65-74        | 70         | 30.2%       | 12.7%         | 54         | 27.3%       | 14.0%         | +16       | +2.9       |
| 75-84        | 27         | 45.0%       | 26.5%         | 27         | 38.0%       | 26.4%         | 0         | +7.0       |
| 85+          | 7          | 50.0%       | 55.2%         | 10         | 58.8%       | 49.0%         | -3        | -8.8       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>206</b> | <b>3.6%</b> | <b>3.4%</b>   | <b>215</b> | <b>3.6%</b> | <b>3.2%</b>   | <b>-9</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.