

# Community report

## Melville (C)

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

AREA

**Melville (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Perth**

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

Melville (C) | Greater Perth comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 85+ year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Melville (C), accounting for 46.8% (1,561 people). This share was similar to Greater Perth (46.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 85+ year olds, which increased by 336 people and 8.8 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

Melville (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021         |             |                 | 2016         |             |                 | Change      |             |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
|              | Count        | %           | Greater Perth % | Count        | %           | Greater Perth % | Count       | pp          |
| 0-4          | 58           | 1.2%        | 1.2%            | 45           | 0.9%        | 1.0%            | +13         | +0.3        |
| 5-14         | 403          | 3.1%        | 3.7%            | 278          | 2.3%        | 2.7%            | +125        | +0.8        |
| 15-19        | 182          | 2.8%        | 3.1%            | 108          | 1.7%        | 2.1%            | +74         | +1.1        |
| 20-24        | 107          | 1.7%        | 2.1%            | 87           | 1.3%        | 1.5%            | +20         | +0.4        |
| 25-34        | 207          | 1.9%        | 1.6%            | 144          | 1.3%        | 1.1%            | +63         | +0.6        |
| 35-44        | 158          | 1.2%        | 1.6%            | 153          | 1.2%        | 1.5%            | +5          | 0.0         |
| 45-54        | 233          | 1.7%        | 2.5%            | 221          | 1.6%        | 2.4%            | +12         | +0.1        |
| 55-64        | 328          | 2.5%        | 4.3%            | 290          | 2.3%        | 4.1%            | +38         | +0.2        |
| 65-74        | 540          | 4.6%        | 7.5%            | 478          | 5.1%        | 7.2%            | +62         | -0.5        |
| 75-84        | 1,091        | 16.3%       | 18.8%           | 863          | 15.2%       | 18.1%           | +228        | +1.1        |
| 85+          | 1,561        | 46.8%       | 46.7%           | 1,225        | 38.0%       | 43.0%           | +336        | +8.8        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4,868</b> | <b>4.7%</b> | <b>4.6%</b>     | <b>3,891</b> | <b>4.0%</b> | <b>3.9%</b>     | <b>+977</b> | <b>+0.7</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.