

# Community report

## North Sydney (A)

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

AREA

**North Sydney (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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

North Sydney (A) | Greater Sydney 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 North Sydney (A), accounting for 37.8% (463 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (48.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 140 people and 0.4 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

North Sydney (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
0-4	18	0.5%	1.3%	27	0.7%	1.1%	-9	-0.2
5-14	88	1.7%	3.4%	63	1.3%	2.7%	+25	+0.4
15-19	30	1.4%	2.7%	13	0.7%	2.2%	+17	+0.7
20-24	32	1.0%	1.8%	17	0.5%	1.5%	+15	+0.5
25-34	75	0.5%	1.3%	46	0.3%	1.2%	+29	+0.2
35-44	90	0.7%	1.6%	84	0.7%	1.8%	+6	0.0
45-54	80	0.9%	2.9%	96	1.2%	3.2%	-16	-0.3
55-64	156	2.1%	5.5%	138	1.9%	5.7%	+18	+0.2
65-74	255	4.0%	10.5%	175	3.0%	9.9%	+80	+1.0
75-84	425	11.0%	23.1%	285	10.6%	23.4%	+140	+0.4
85+	463	37.8%	48.7%	458	40.0%	50.4%	+5	-2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+312</b>	<b>+0.4</b>

Data basis: usual residence.