

# Community report

## Oberon (A)

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

AREA

**Oberon (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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

Oberon (A) | Regional NSW 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 Oberon (A), accounting for 7.8% (66 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (9.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 65–74 year olds, which increased by 34 people and 3.6 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

Oberon (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021       |             |                | 2016       |             |                | Change     |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
|              | Count      | %           | Regional NSW % | Count      | %           | Regional NSW % | Count      | pp          |
| 0-4          | 0          | 0.0%        | 1.6%           | 0          | 0.0%        | 1.3%           | 0          | 0.0         |
| 5-14         | 29         | 4.2%        | 5.2%           | 17         | 2.7%        | 3.8%           | +12        | +1.5        |
| 15-19        | 17         | 6.3%        | 4.2%           | 9          | 2.5%        | 3.2%           | +8         | +3.8        |
| 20-24        | 0          | 0.0%        | 3.4%           | 8          | 2.5%        | 2.6%           | -8         | -2.5        |
| 25-34        | 14         | 2.6%        | 2.6%           | 7          | 1.4%        | 2.4%           | +7         | +1.2        |
| 35-44        | 13         | 2.1%        | 2.8%           | 11         | 2.0%        | 3.0%           | +2         | +0.1        |
| 45-54        | 19         | 2.6%        | 4.2%           | 14         | 1.8%        | 4.4%           | +5         | +0.8        |
| 55-64        | 36         | 4.3%        | 6.0%           | 41         | 5.7%        | 6.2%           | -5         | -1.4        |
| 65-74        | 66         | 7.8%        | 9.1%           | 32         | 4.2%        | 8.7%           | +34        | +3.6        |
| 75-84        | 65         | 15.2%       | 18.9%          | 40         | 13.4%       | 17.8%          | +25        | +1.8        |
| 85+          | 51         | 47.7%       | 46.5%          | 60         | 53.6%       | 43.8%          | -9         | -5.9        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>308</b> | <b>5.5%</b> | <b>6.8%</b>    | <b>254</b> | <b>4.8%</b> | <b>6.3%</b>    | <b>+54</b> | <b>+0.7</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.