

# Community report

## Peterborough (DC)

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

AREA

**Peterborough (DC)**

COMPARISON

**Regional SA**

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

Peterborough (DC) | Regional SA comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 55–64 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Peterborough (DC), accounting for 9.3% (29 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (6.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which decreased by 17 people and 10.9 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

Peterborough (DC) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021       |             |               | 2016       |              |               | Change    |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
|              | Count      | %           | Regional SA % | Count      | %            | Regional SA % | Count     | pp          |
| 0-4          | 0          | 0.0%        | 1.6%          | 4          | 5.6%         | 1.3%          | -4        | -5.6        |
| 5-14         | 15         | 10.0%       | 5.2%          | 16         | 9.8%         | 3.9%          | -1        | +0.2        |
| 15-19        | 5          | 7.0%        | 4.3%          | 5          | 5.4%         | 3.3%          | 0         | +1.6        |
| 20-24        | 5          | 8.3%        | 3.5%          | 3          | 5.2%         | 2.9%          | +2        | +3.1        |
| 25-34        | 4          | 3.3%        | 2.7%          | 9          | 6.5%         | 2.3%          | -5        | -3.2        |
| 35-44        | 10         | 6.4%        | 2.8%          | 10         | 7.1%         | 3.1%          | 0         | -0.7        |
| 45-54        | 19         | 9.1%        | 4.3%          | 12         | 6.1%         | 4.4%          | +7        | +3.0        |
| 55-64        | 29         | 9.3%        | 6.2%          | 41         | 11.5%        | 6.0%          | -12       | -2.2        |
| 65-74        | 29         | 9.7%        | 8.7%          | 15         | 6.0%         | 8.5%          | +14       | +3.7        |
| 75-84        | 20         | 12.7%       | 17.5%         | 37         | 23.6%        | 16.4%         | -17       | -10.9       |
| 85+          | 19         | 38.8%       | 45.5%         | 20         | 37.7%        | 41.7%         | -1        | +1.1        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>9.8%</b> | <b>7.0%</b>   | <b>168</b> | <b>10.0%</b> | <b>6.2%</b>   | <b>-7</b> | <b>-0.2</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.