

# Community report

## Playford (C)

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

AREA

**Playford (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Adelaide**

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

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 5–14 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Playford (C), accounting for 9.7% (1,468 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (5.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 546 people and 2.6 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

Playford (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
0-4	210	2.8%	1.9%	207	2.7%	1.5%	+3	+0.1
5-14	1,468	9.7%	5.7%	922	7.1%	4.3%	+546	+2.6
15-19	406	6.6%	4.1%	306	5.1%	2.9%	+100	+1.5
20-24	320	4.6%	2.6%	254	3.7%	1.9%	+66	+0.9
25-34	546	3.5%	2.1%	440	3.2%	1.9%	+106	+0.3
35-44	577	4.5%	2.5%	514	4.8%	2.5%	+63	-0.3
45-54	834	7.4%	3.9%	824	7.3%	4.0%	+10	+0.1
55-64	1,123	10.3%	5.9%	1,019	11.0%	6.0%	+104	-0.7
65-74	1,123	15.6%	9.4%	889	14.8%	8.7%	+234	+0.8
75-84	1,016	26.0%	20.9%	868	24.1%	20.7%	+148	+1.9
85+	753	47.8%	52.1%	658	49.8%	48.1%	+95	-2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,373</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>6,898</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>+1,475</b>	<b>+0.7</b>

Data basis: usual residence.