

# Community report

## Port Phillip (C)

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

AREA

**Port Phillip (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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

Port Phillip (C) | Greater Melbourne comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Port Phillip (C), accounting for 19.5% (832 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (24.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 113 people, while its share fell by 3 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

Port Phillip (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
0-4	44	1.1%	1.3%	32	0.7%	1.1%	+12	+0.4
5-14	172	2.3%	3.9%	119	1.7%	3.0%	+53	+0.6
15-19	76	2.3%	3.1%	46	1.6%	2.2%	+30	+0.7
20-24	86	1.5%	2.0%	54	0.8%	1.5%	+32	+0.7
25-34	188	0.8%	1.5%	159	0.6%	1.2%	+29	+0.2
35-44	221	1.2%	1.8%	187	1.0%	1.9%	+34	+0.2
45-54	357	2.4%	3.2%	294	2.2%	3.2%	+63	+0.2
55-64	462	4.0%	5.6%	419	4.1%	5.5%	+43	-0.1
65-74	579	7.2%	10.5%	483	7.0%	9.5%	+96	+0.2
75-84	832	19.5%	24.7%	719	22.5%	23.2%	+113	-3.0
85+	706	48.1%	54.0%	715	49.9%	49.0%	-9	-1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>3,224</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+497</b>	<b>+0.5</b>

Data basis: usual residence.