

# Community report

## Rockhampton (R)

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

AREA

**Rockhampton (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Rockhampton (R), accounting for 25.9% (1,126 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (20.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 304 people and 2.4 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

Rockhampton (R) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
0-4	123	2.4%	1.5%	87	1.6%	1.2%	+36	+0.8
5-14	836	7.2%	5.0%	532	4.8%	3.5%	+304	+2.4
15-19	272	5.1%	4.0%	190	3.4%	2.9%	+82	+1.7
20-24	187	3.6%	2.8%	155	2.9%	2.2%	+32	+0.7
25-34	278	2.5%	2.1%	238	2.1%	1.9%	+40	+0.4
35-44	323	3.1%	2.5%	292	3.1%	2.5%	+31	0.0
45-54	478	4.9%	3.8%	462	4.5%	3.8%	+16	+0.4
55-64	728	7.4%	6.0%	631	6.8%	6.0%	+97	+0.6
65-74	867	11.6%	9.6%	699	10.9%	9.1%	+168	+0.7
75-84	1,126	25.9%	20.4%	930	23.9%	19.3%	+196	+2.0
85+	969	54.6%	47.7%	791	49.2%	46.7%	+178	+5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,180</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>+1,173</b>	<b>+1.2</b>

Data basis: usual residence.