

# Community report

## South Gippsland (S)

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

AREA

**South Gippsland (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

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

South Gippsland (S) | Regional Vic. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 85+ year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in South Gippsland (S), accounting for 46.6% (399 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (46.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 125 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

South Gippsland (S) - Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
0-4	17	1.2%	1.5%	10	0.6%	1.2%	+7	+0.6
5-14	170	4.6%	5.5%	113	3.2%	3.9%	+57	+1.4
15-19	73	4.3%	4.6%	34	2.1%	3.4%	+39	+2.2
20-24	35	3.1%	3.7%	37	3.2%	2.9%	-2	-0.1
25-34	72	2.7%	2.8%	70	2.8%	2.4%	+2	-0.1
35-44	93	3.0%	3.1%	81	2.7%	3.0%	+12	+0.3
45-54	125	3.2%	4.3%	157	4.0%	4.2%	-32	-0.8
55-64	229	4.7%	6.0%	203	4.5%	5.8%	+26	+0.2
65-74	345	7.2%	8.8%	265	6.6%	8.1%	+80	+0.6
75-84	387	15.8%	18.7%	262	13.4%	17.0%	+125	+2.4
85+	399	46.6%	46.4%	342	42.3%	42.3%	+57	+4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>+377</b>	<b>+0.9</b>

Data basis: usual residence.