

# Community report

## The Hills Shire (A)

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

AREA

**The Hills Shire (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 The Hills Shire (A), accounting for 18.3% (1,595 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (23.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 548 people, while its share fell by 0.2 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

The Hills Shire (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021         |             |                  | 2016         |             |                  | Change        |             |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
|              | Count        | %           | Greater Sydney % | Count        | %           | Greater Sydney % | Count         | pp          |
| 0-4          | 124          | 1.1%        | 1.3%             | 76           | 0.8%        | 1.1%             | +48           | +0.3        |
| 5-14         | 691          | 2.3%        | 3.4%             | 478          | 2.0%        | 2.7%             | +213          | +0.3        |
| 15-19        | 291          | 2.2%        | 2.7%             | 210          | 1.9%        | 2.2%             | +81           | +0.3        |
| 20-24        | 214          | 1.9%        | 1.8%             | 142          | 1.5%        | 1.5%             | +72           | +0.4        |
| 25-34        | 293          | 1.5%        | 1.3%             | 233          | 1.4%        | 1.2%             | +60           | +0.1        |
| 35-44        | 325          | 1.1%        | 1.6%             | 253          | 1.1%        | 1.8%             | +72           | 0.0         |
| 45-54        | 389          | 1.4%        | 2.9%             | 347          | 1.5%        | 3.2%             | +42           | -0.1        |
| 55-64        | 579          | 2.8%        | 5.5%             | 481          | 2.6%        | 5.7%             | +98           | +0.2        |
| 65-74        | 1,152        | 6.8%        | 10.5%            | 728          | 5.4%        | 9.9%             | +424          | +1.4        |
| 75-84        | 1,595        | 18.3%       | 23.1%            | 1,047        | 18.5%       | 23.4%            | +548          | -0.2        |
| 85+          | 1,460        | 51.3%       | 48.7%            | 1,024        | 51.2%       | 50.4%            | +436          | +0.1        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>7,108</b> | <b>3.7%</b> | <b>5.2%</b>      | <b>5,025</b> | <b>3.2%</b> | <b>4.9%</b>      | <b>+2,083</b> | <b>+0.5</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.