

# Community report

## Toowoomba (R)

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

AREA

**Toowoomba (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**1 April 2026**

### 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

Toowoomba (R) | Regional Qld comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

## Key takeaway

In 2021, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Toowoomba (R), accounting for 21% (2,360 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (20.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 676 people and 2.2 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

Toowoomba (R) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
0-4	148	1.5%	1.5%	124	1.2%	1.2%	+24	+0.3
5-14	1,223	5.2%	5.0%	842	3.8%	3.5%	+381	+1.4
15-19	498	4.4%	4.0%	373	3.5%	2.9%	+125	+0.9
20-24	356	3.4%	2.8%	237	2.3%	2.2%	+119	+1.1
25-34	586	2.7%	2.1%	449	2.3%	1.9%	+137	+0.4
35-44	682	3.4%	2.5%	557	2.9%	2.5%	+125	+0.5
45-54	947	4.5%	3.8%	905	4.4%	3.8%	+42	+0.1
55-64	1,397	6.8%	6.0%	1,129	5.8%	6.0%	+268	+1.0
65-74	1,880	10.4%	9.6%	1,448	9.2%	9.1%	+432	+1.2
75-84	2,360	21.0%	20.4%	1,684	18.8%	19.3%	+676	+2.2
85+	2,116	48.3%	47.7%	1,682	44.2%	46.7%	+434	+4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,181</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>9,427</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>+2,754</b>	<b>+1.1</b>

Data basis: usual residence.