

# Community report

## Towong (S)

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

AREA

**Towong (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

Towong (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 Towong (S), accounting for 40.6% (88 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (46.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 65–74 year olds, which increased by 18 people and 1 percentage point.

## 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

Towong (S) – Persons (Usual residence)

| Category     | 2021       |             |                 | 2016       |             |                 | Change     |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
|              | Count      | %           | Regional Vic. % | Count      | %           | Regional Vic. % | Count      | pp          |
| 0-4          | 5          | 1.8%        | 1.5%            | 0          | 0.0%        | 1.2%            | +5         | +1.8        |
| 5-14         | 26         | 3.8%        | 5.5%            | 19         | 2.8%        | 3.9%            | +7         | +1.0        |
| 15-19        | 12         | 4.1%        | 4.6%            | 14         | 4.3%        | 3.4%            | -2         | -0.2        |
| 20-24        | 6          | 3.0%        | 3.7%            | 10         | 4.7%        | 2.9%            | -4         | -1.7        |
| 25-34        | 9          | 1.9%        | 2.8%            | 11         | 2.4%        | 2.4%            | -2         | -0.5        |
| 35-44        | 20         | 3.2%        | 3.1%            | 11         | 1.9%        | 3.0%            | +9         | +1.3        |
| 45-54        | 27         | 3.5%        | 4.3%            | 28         | 3.2%        | 4.2%            | -1         | +0.3        |
| 55-64        | 59         | 5.3%        | 6.0%            | 54         | 5.2%        | 5.8%            | +5         | +0.1        |
| 65-74        | 72         | 7.0%        | 8.8%            | 54         | 6.0%        | 8.1%            | +18        | +1.0        |
| 75-84        | 75         | 14.1%       | 18.7%           | 60         | 13.9%       | 17.0%           | +15        | +0.2        |
| 85+          | 88         | 40.6%       | 46.4%           | 73         | 37.1%       | 42.3%           | +15        | +3.5        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>394</b> | <b>6.3%</b> | <b>6.9%</b>     | <b>339</b> | <b>5.7%</b> | <b>6.0%</b>     | <b>+55</b> | <b>+0.6</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.