

# Community report

## Wagga Wagga (C)

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

AREA

**Wagga Wagga (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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

Wagga Wagga (C) | Regional NSW 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 Wagga Wagga (C), accounting for 46.8% (733 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (46.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 187 people and 2.8 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

Wagga Wagga (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
0-4	73	1.6%	1.6%	69	1.6%	1.3%	+4	0.0
5-14	463	5.0%	5.2%	312	3.7%	3.8%	+151	+1.3
15-19	160	3.5%	4.2%	141	3.2%	3.2%	+19	+0.3
20-24	164	3.2%	3.4%	95	1.9%	2.6%	+69	+1.3
25-34	256	2.6%	2.6%	166	1.9%	2.4%	+90	+0.7
35-44	191	2.3%	2.8%	183	2.4%	3.0%	+8	-0.1
45-54	322	4.3%	4.2%	259	3.4%	4.4%	+63	+0.9
55-64	396	5.4%	6.0%	347	4.8%	6.2%	+49	+0.6
65-74	555	9.1%	9.1%	405	7.9%	8.7%	+150	+1.2
75-84	679	19.3%	18.9%	492	16.5%	17.8%	+187	+2.8
85+	733	46.8%	46.5%	569	41.5%	43.8%	+164	+5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,998</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>+960</b>	<b>+1.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.