

# Community report

## Warrnambool (C)

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

AREA

**Warrnambool (C)**

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

Warrnambool (C) | 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 Warrnambool (C), accounting for 44.9% (478 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (46.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 65–74 year olds, which increased by 104 people and 1.4 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

Warrnambool (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
0-4	28	1.5%	1.5%	22	1.1%	1.2%	+6	+0.4
5-14	226	5.2%	5.5%	157	3.8%	3.9%	+69	+1.4
15-19	96	4.6%	4.6%	51	2.3%	3.4%	+45	+2.3
20-24	69	3.8%	3.7%	65	2.9%	2.9%	+4	+0.9
25-34	144	3.2%	2.8%	80	2.0%	2.4%	+64	+1.2
35-44	125	3.0%	3.1%	126	3.2%	3.0%	-1	-0.2
45-54	182	4.1%	4.3%	161	3.6%	4.2%	+21	+0.5
55-64	237	5.2%	6.0%	239	5.6%	5.8%	-2	-0.4
65-74	350	8.6%	8.8%	246	7.2%	8.1%	+104	+1.4
75-84	397	16.8%	18.7%	328	16.5%	17.0%	+69	+0.3
85+	478	44.9%	46.4%	398	41.1%	42.3%	+80	+3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>+471</b>	<b>+1.1</b>

Data basis: usual residence.