

# Community report

## Warrumbungle Shire (A)

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

AREA

**Warrumbungle Shire (A)**

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

Warrumbungle Shire (A) | Regional NSW comparison | Persons

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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 Warrumbungle Shire (A), accounting for 17% (148 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (18.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 55–64 year olds, which decreased by 19 people and 1.1 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

Warrumbungle Shire (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
0-4	3	0.6%	1.6%	3	0.6%	1.3%	0	0.0
5-14	36	3.3%	5.2%	29	2.4%	3.8%	+7	+0.9
15-19	27	5.2%	4.2%	16	3.3%	3.2%	+11	+1.9
20-24	16	4.9%	3.4%	14	3.6%	2.6%	+2	+1.3
25-34	23	2.7%	2.6%	28	3.7%	2.4%	-5	-1.0
35-44	30	3.6%	2.8%	37	4.1%	3.0%	-7	-0.5
45-54	64	5.8%	4.2%	48	3.8%	4.4%	+16	+2.0
55-64	89	6.3%	6.0%	108	7.4%	6.2%	-19	-1.1
65-74	131	9.2%	9.1%	127	9.4%	8.7%	+4	-0.2
75-84	148	17.0%	18.9%	137	17.3%	17.8%	+11	-0.3
85+	145	42.0%	46.5%	141	46.2%	43.8%	+4	-4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+0.4</b>

Data basis: usual residence.