

# Community report

## West Coast (M)

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

AREA

**West Coast (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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

West Coast (M) | Regional Tas. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 65–74 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in West Coast (M), accounting for 13.1% (76 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (10%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 5–14 year olds, which increased by 19 people and 4.4 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

West Coast (M) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
0-4	3	1.4%	1.7%	0	0.0%	1.1%	+3	+1.4
5-14	39	8.4%	5.6%	20	4.0%	4.0%	+19	+4.4
15-19	15	8.7%	4.9%	7	4.0%	3.6%	+8	+4.7
20-24	16	8.0%	3.8%	0	0.0%	3.0%	+16	+8.0
25-34	9	1.7%	2.8%	7	1.5%	2.6%	+2	+0.2
35-44	27	5.9%	3.3%	27	5.4%	3.5%	0	+0.5
45-54	56	8.9%	5.2%	43	6.5%	5.2%	+13	+2.4
55-64	68	9.4%	6.9%	60	9.0%	7.1%	+8	+0.4
65-74	76	13.1%	10.0%	68	15.4%	9.6%	+8	-2.3
75-84	59	23.2%	18.9%	46	20.4%	18.3%	+13	+2.8
85+	16	27.1%	45.1%	12	31.6%	46.2%	+4	-4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>+103</b>	<b>+2.2</b>

Data basis: usual residence.