

# Community report

## West Tamar (M)

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

AREA

**West Tamar (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 Tamar (M) | Regional Tas. 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 West Tamar (M), accounting for 16.2% (300 people). This share was lower than Regional Tas. (18.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 76 people and 0.1 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

West Tamar (M) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
0-4	10	0.8%	1.7%	14	1.2%	1.1%	-4	-0.4
5-14	144	4.8%	5.6%	114	4.1%	4.0%	+30	+0.7
15-19	67	4.5%	4.9%	44	2.9%	3.6%	+23	+1.6
20-24	47	4.1%	3.8%	28	2.5%	3.0%	+19	+1.6
25-34	69	2.6%	2.8%	48	2.3%	2.6%	+21	+0.3
35-44	70	2.5%	3.3%	60	2.4%	3.5%	+10	+0.1
45-54	121	3.7%	5.2%	121	3.7%	5.2%	0	0.0
55-64	200	5.3%	6.9%	212	6.0%	7.1%	-12	-0.7
65-74	256	7.6%	10.0%	215	7.5%	9.6%	+41	+0.1
75-84	300	16.2%	18.9%	224	16.1%	18.3%	+76	+0.1
85+	238	41.4%	45.1%	222	44.6%	46.2%	+16	-3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>+211</b>	<b>+0.3</b>

Data basis: usual residence.