

# Community report

## Western Plains Regional (A)

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

AREA

**Western Plains Regional (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

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## Key takeaway

Detailed insight for Assistance in Western Plains Regional (A) is not yet available for the current filters.

## 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

Western Plains Regional (A) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
0-4	–	–	1.6%	44	1.2%	1.3%	–	–
5-14	–	–	5.2%	273	4.0%	3.8%	–	–
15-19	–	–	4.2%	114	3.6%	3.2%	–	–
20-24	–	–	3.4%	78	2.5%	2.6%	–	–
25-34	–	–	2.6%	140	2.1%	2.4%	–	–
35-44	–	–	2.8%	135	2.3%	3.0%	–	–
45-54	–	–	4.2%	274	4.3%	4.4%	–	–
55-64	–	–	6.0%	394	6.4%	6.2%	–	–
65-74	–	–	9.1%	413	9.0%	8.7%	–	–
75-84	–	–	18.9%	536	20.1%	17.8%	–	–
85+	–	–	46.5%	464	42.9%	43.8%	–	–
<b>Total</b>	–	–	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	–	–

Data basis: usual residence.