

# Community report

## Whitsunday (R)

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

AREA

**Whitsunday (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**30 March 2026**

### 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

In 2021, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Whitsunday (R), accounting for 21.2% (379 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (20.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 75–84 year olds, which increased by 132 people and 2.3 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

Whitsunday (R) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
0-4	30	1.6%	1.5%	15	0.7%	1.2%	+15	+0.9
5-14	197	4.4%	5.0%	139	3.4%	3.5%	+58	+1.0
15-19	54	2.8%	4.0%	31	1.9%	2.9%	+23	+0.9
20-24	24	1.1%	2.8%	34	1.6%	2.2%	-10	-0.5
25-34	78	1.4%	2.1%	59	1.1%	1.9%	+19	+0.3
35-44	97	2.0%	2.5%	86	1.9%	2.5%	+11	+0.1
45-54	156	3.1%	3.8%	161	3.5%	3.8%	-5	-0.4
55-64	259	5.0%	6.0%	234	5.1%	6.0%	+25	-0.1
65-74	352	8.9%	9.6%	237	7.5%	9.1%	+115	+1.4
75-84	379	21.2%	20.4%	247	18.9%	19.3%	+132	+2.3
85+	247	49.1%	47.7%	199	45.2%	46.7%	+48	+3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>+434</b>	<b>+0.7</b>

Data basis: usual residence.