

# Community report

## Yarra (C)

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

AREA

**Yarra (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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

In 2021, 75–84 year olds was the most common age group among residents who needed assistance with core activities in Yarra (C), accounting for 25% (801 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (24.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 85+ year olds, which increased by 192 people and 7.1 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

Yarra (C) – Persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
0-4	26	0.7%	1.3%	32	0.8%	1.1%	-6	-0.1
5-14	145	2.5%	3.9%	111	2.0%	3.0%	+34	+0.5
15-19	60	2.3%	3.1%	35	1.3%	2.2%	+25	+1.0
20-24	67	1.0%	2.0%	70	1.0%	1.5%	-3	0.0
25-34	238	0.9%	1.5%	143	0.5%	1.2%	+95	+0.4
35-44	213	1.4%	1.8%	161	1.1%	1.9%	+52	+0.3
45-54	263	2.6%	3.2%	283	2.9%	3.2%	-20	-0.3
55-64	413	4.9%	5.6%	381	4.9%	5.5%	+32	0.0
65-74	560	9.0%	10.5%	456	8.6%	9.5%	+104	+0.4
75-84	801	25.0%	24.7%	800	29.4%	23.2%	+1	-4.4
85+	761	60.0%	54.0%	569	52.9%	49.0%	+192	+7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>+501</b>	<b>+0.4</b>

Data basis: usual residence.