

Community report

Adelaide (C)

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

AREA

Adelaide (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Qualifications

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.

Qualifications

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Key takeaway

In 2021, bachelor degree or higher was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Adelaide (C), accounting for 45.5% (10,729 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (25.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 2,966 people and 8.3 percentage points.

About this topic

Qualifications records the highest non-school qualification completed by people aged 15 years and over. It describes post-school educational attainment such as certificates, diplomas, and university degrees.

This topic is a key indicator of skill level and socio-economic opportunity within an area. It is most useful when read with employment status, occupation, and income, which show how qualifications relate to labour market outcomes.

Interpretation notes

- This topic uses highest completed non-school qualification, so incomplete study and current enrolment do not count as attained qualifications.

- It applies to people aged 15 years and over and should be read with schooling for the full education profile.

Highest qualification achieved

Adelaide (C) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	10,729	45.5%	25.9%	7,763	37.2%	21.2%	+2,966	+8.3
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	1,875	8.0%	9.0%	1,687	8.1%	8.8%	+188	-0.1
Vocational	2,074	8.8%	19.7%	1,693	8.1%	19.3%	+381	+0.7
No Qualification	6,559	27.8%	39.0%	6,829	32.8%	42.3%	-270	-5.0
Not Stated	2,341	9.9%	6.3%	2,878	13.8%	8.4%	-537	-3.9
Total	23,578	100.0%	100.0%	20,850	100.0%	100.0%	+2,728	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.