

# Community report

## Ararat (RC)

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

AREA

**Ararat (RC)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**30 March 2026**

### 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

Ararat (RC) | Regional Vic. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Ararat (RC), accounting for 47.1% (4,748 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (40.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in no qualification, which increased by 465 people and 3.4 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

Ararat (RC) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

| Category                    | 2021          |               |                 | 2016         |               |                 | Change      |            |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
|                             | Count         | %             | Regional Vic. % | Count        | %             | Regional Vic. % | Count       | pp         |
| Bachelor Or Higher Degree   | 1,268         | 12.6%         | 18.2%           | 1,002        | 10.2%         | 14.5%           | +266        | +2.4       |
| Advanced Diploma Or Diploma | 893           | 8.9%          | 9.3%            | 769          | 7.8%          | 8.5%            | +124        | +1.1       |
| Vocational                  | 2,054         | 20.4%         | 22.4%           | 1,893        | 19.3%         | 22.0%           | +161        | +1.1       |
| No Qualification            | 4,748         | 47.1%         | 40.4%           | 4,283        | 43.7%         | 42.8%           | +465        | +3.4       |
| Not Stated                  | 1,109         | 11.0%         | 9.7%            | 1,851        | 18.9%         | 12.2%           | -742        | -7.9       |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>10,072</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   | <b>9,798</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   | <b>+274</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.