

Community report

Ashburton (S)

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

AREA

Ashburton (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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, vocational was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Ashburton (S), accounting for 30.1% (1,709 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (24.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in vocational, which decreased by 2,203 people and 4.5 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

Ashburton (S) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	660	11.6%	13.5%	1,244	11.0%	11.6%	-584	+0.6
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	391	6.9%	7.6%	760	6.7%	7.3%	-369	+0.2
Vocational	1,709	30.1%	24.7%	3,912	34.6%	24.0%	-2,203	-4.5
No Qualification	1,642	29.0%	40.5%	3,121	27.6%	42.3%	-1,479	+1.4
Not Stated	1,268	22.4%	13.6%	2,268	20.1%	14.8%	-1,000	+2.3
Total	5,670	100.0%	100.0%	11,305	100.0%	100.0%	-5,635	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.