

Community report

Ballarat (C)

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

AREA

Ballarat (C)

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

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Key takeaway

In 2021, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Ballarat (C), accounting for 38.8% (35,869 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (40.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 5,849 people and 4.3 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	21,427	23.2%	18.2%	15,578	18.9%	14.5%	+5,849	+4.3
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	8,463	9.2%	9.3%	6,969	8.5%	8.5%	+1,494	+0.7
Vocational	19,439	21.0%	22.4%	16,964	20.6%	22.0%	+2,475	+0.4
No Qualification	35,869	38.8%	40.4%	34,353	41.8%	42.8%	+1,516	-3.0
Not Stated	7,236	7.8%	9.7%	8,355	10.2%	12.2%	-1,119	-2.4
Total	92,434	100.0%	100.0%	82,219	100.0%	100.0%	+10,215	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.