

Community report

Ballina (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Ballina (A), accounting for 35.1% (13,594 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 2,261 people and 3.9 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

Ballina (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	8,807	22.7%	17.8%	6,546	18.8%	14.5%	+2,261	+3.9
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	4,002	10.3%	8.7%	3,324	9.5%	8.2%	+678	+0.8
Vocational	8,767	22.6%	24.4%	7,753	22.2%	23.6%	+1,014	+0.4
No Qualification	13,594	35.1%	39.1%	13,101	37.6%	41.7%	+493	-2.5
Not Stated	3,583	9.2%	10.0%	4,136	11.9%	12.1%	-553	-2.7
Total	38,753	100.0%	100.0%	34,860	100.0%	100.0%	+3,893	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.