

# Community report

## Bega Valley (A)

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

AREA

**Bega Valley (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Bega Valley (A), accounting for 37.1% (11,324 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 1,496 people and 3.7 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

Bega Valley (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	5,692	18.7%	17.8%	4,196	15.0%	14.5%	+1,496	+3.7
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	2,756	9.0%	8.7%	2,331	8.3%	8.2%	+425	+0.7
Vocational	7,566	24.8%	24.4%	6,669	23.8%	23.6%	+897	+1.0
No Qualification	11,324	37.1%	39.1%	11,100	39.7%	41.7%	+224	-2.6
Not Stated	3,176	10.4%	10.0%	3,698	13.2%	12.1%	-522	-2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,514</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>27,994</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+2,520</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.