

Community report

Bellingen (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 Bellingen (A), accounting for 34.1% (3,760 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 508 people and 3.6 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	2,455	22.2%	17.8%	1,947	18.6%	14.5%	+508	+3.6
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	1,068	9.7%	8.7%	975	9.3%	8.2%	+93	+0.4
Vocational	2,552	23.1%	24.4%	2,401	22.9%	23.6%	+151	+0.2
No Qualification	3,760	34.1%	39.1%	3,945	37.7%	41.7%	-185	-3.6
Not Stated	1,202	10.9%	10.0%	1,197	11.4%	12.1%	+5	-0.5
Total	11,037	100.0%	100.0%	10,465	100.0%	100.0%	+572	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.