

Community report

Brisbane (C)

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

AREA

Brisbane (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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, bachelor degree or higher was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Brisbane (C), accounting for 38.1% (391,338 people). This share was higher than Greater Brisbane (27%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 87,372 people and 5.5 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	391,338	38.1%	27.0%	303,966	32.6%	22.9%	+87,372	+5.5
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	99,793	9.7%	9.8%	86,416	9.3%	9.2%	+13,377	+0.4
Vocational	152,437	14.9%	20.1%	136,547	14.7%	19.3%	+15,890	+0.2
No Qualification	316,150	30.8%	35.8%	321,503	34.5%	39.3%	-5,353	-3.7
Not Stated	66,499	6.5%	7.3%	83,447	9.0%	9.3%	-16,948	-2.5
Total	1,026,217	100.0%	100.0%	931,879	100.0%	100.0%	+94,338	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.