

Community report

Canterbury-Bankstown (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Highest level of schooling

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.

Highest level of schooling

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Year 12 or Equivalent was the most common schooling level among residents aged 15 and over in Canterbury-Bankstown (A), accounting for 59.2% (176,189 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (64.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Year 12 or Equivalent, which increased by 22,933 people and 3.5 percentage points.

About this topic

Highest level of schooling shows the highest year of primary or secondary school completed by people aged 15 years and over. It describes school attainment rather than post-school qualifications.

This topic helps indicate educational attainment and can support analysis of access to employment, training, and services. It is best read with qualifications and other socio-economic indicators, because school completion alone does not show a person's full skill profile.

Interpretation notes

- This records the highest year of primary or secondary school completed by people aged 15 years and over.

- It is not a measure of post-school qualifications, so it should be read with non-school qualifications for full attainment.

Highest level of secondary schooling completed

Canterbury–Bankstown (A) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Year 8 Or Below	17,665	5.9%	3.5%	19,596	7.1%	4.1%	-1,931	-1.2
Year 9 Or Equivalent	13,143	4.4%	4.3%	13,987	5.1%	4.8%	-844	-0.7
Year 10 Or Equivalent	43,830	14.7%	15.4%	45,825	16.6%	17.1%	-1,995	-1.9
Year 11 Or Equivalent	13,959	4.7%	4.9%	13,366	4.9%	5.0%	+593	-0.2
Year 12 Or Equivalent	176,189	59.2%	64.5%	153,256	55.7%	60.0%	+22,933	+3.5
Did Not Go To School	9,178	3.1%	1.5%	8,070	2.9%	1.4%	+1,108	+0.2
Not Stated	23,561	7.9%	6.0%	21,165	7.7%	7.7%	+2,396	+0.2
Total	297,525	100.0%	100.0%	275,265	100.0%	100.0%	+22,260	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.