

# Community report

## Cardinia (S)

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

AREA

**Cardinia (S)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**31 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

Cardinia (S) | Greater Melbourne comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Cardinia (S), accounting for 38.1% (34,802 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (35.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 7,507 people and 5.3 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

Cardinia (S) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

| Category                    | 2021          |               |                     | 2016          |               |                     | Change         |            |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
|                             | Count         | %             | Greater Melbourne % | Count         | %             | Greater Melbourne % | Count          | pp         |
| Bachelor Or Higher Degree   | 17,492        | 19.1%         | 32.8%               | 9,985         | 13.8%         | 27.5%               | +7,507         | +5.3       |
| Advanced Diploma Or Diploma | 10,105        | 11.1%         | 9.9%                | 7,247         | 10.0%         | 9.5%                | +2,858         | +1.1       |
| Vocational                  | 21,897        | 24.0%         | 14.8%               | 18,346        | 25.3%         | 15.3%               | +3,551         | -1.3       |
| No Qualification            | 34,802        | 38.1%         | 35.2%               | 30,034        | 41.5%         | 38.6%               | +4,768         | -3.4       |
| Not Stated                  | 7,130         | 7.8%          | 7.2%                | 6,790         | 9.4%          | 9.2%                | +340           | -1.6       |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>91,426</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>       | <b>72,402</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>       | <b>+19,024</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.