

Community report

Cocos Islands

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

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Cocos Islands

COMPARISON

Other Territories

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 Cocos Islands, accounting for 45.2% (211 people). This share was higher than Other Territories (34%).

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

Cocos Islands – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	44	9.4%	13.2%	—	—	12.0%	—	—
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	16	3.4%	7.6%	—	—	7.3%	—	—
Vocational	80	17.1%	21.1%	—	—	20.5%	—	—
No Qualification	211	45.2%	34.0%	—	—	36.9%	—	—
Not Stated	116	24.8%	24.2%	—	—	23.3%	—	—
Total	467	100.0%	100.0%	—	—	100.0%	—	—

Data basis: usual residence.