

# Community report

## Colac-Otway (S)

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

AREA

**Colac-Otway (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**3 April 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 Colac–Otway (S), accounting for 43.6% (8,154 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (40.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 772 people and 3.2 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

Colac-Otway (S) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	2,773	14.8%	18.2%	2,001	11.6%	14.5%	+772	+3.2
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	1,608	8.6%	9.3%	1,408	8.1%	8.5%	+200	+0.5
Vocational	4,331	23.2%	22.4%	3,881	22.5%	22.0%	+450	+0.7
No Qualification	8,154	43.6%	40.4%	7,906	45.8%	42.8%	+248	-2.2
Not Stated	1,824	9.8%	9.7%	2,081	12.0%	12.2%	-257	-2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,690</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17,277</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+1,413</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.