

Community report

Dorset (M)

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

AREA

Dorset (M)

COMPARISON

Regional Tas.

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 Dorset (M), accounting for 48.4% (2,765 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (43%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 192 people and 3.1 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

Dorset (M) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	589	10.3%	16.2%	397	7.2%	12.3%	+192	+3.1
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	351	6.1%	7.7%	312	5.7%	7.2%	+39	+0.4
Vocational	1,352	23.6%	23.9%	1,200	21.9%	22.6%	+152	+1.7
No Qualification	2,765	48.4%	43.0%	2,894	52.8%	46.5%	-129	-4.4
Not Stated	661	11.6%	9.2%	677	12.4%	11.4%	-16	-0.8
Total	5,718	100.0%	100.0%	5,480	100.0%	100.0%	+238	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.