

Community report

Forbes (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Forbes (A), accounting for 44.2% (3,303 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in no qualification, which decreased by 262 people and 2.5 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

Forbes (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	927	12.4%	17.8%	759	9.9%	14.5%	+168	+2.5
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	494	6.6%	8.7%	513	6.7%	8.2%	-19	-0.1
Vocational	1,806	24.2%	24.4%	1,691	22.1%	23.6%	+115	+2.1
No Qualification	3,303	44.2%	39.1%	3,565	46.7%	41.7%	-262	-2.5
Not Stated	939	12.6%	10.0%	1,108	14.5%	12.1%	-169	-1.9
Total	7,469	100.0%	100.0%	7,636	100.0%	100.0%	-167	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.