

# Community report

## Golden Plains (S)

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

AREA

**Golden Plains (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**26 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

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Golden Plains (S), accounting for 37.1% (7,226 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (40.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in vocational, which increased by 952 people and 1.2 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

Golden Plains (S) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	3,231	16.6%	18.2%	2,393	14.3%	14.5%	+838	+2.3
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	2,027	10.4%	9.3%	1,582	9.4%	8.5%	+445	+1.0
Vocational	5,414	27.8%	22.4%	4,462	26.6%	22.0%	+952	+1.2
No Qualification	7,226	37.1%	40.4%	6,746	40.2%	42.8%	+480	-3.1
Not Stated	1,579	8.1%	9.7%	1,586	9.5%	12.2%	-7	-1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,477</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16,769</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+2,708</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.