

Community report

Kempsey (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

27 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 Kempsey (A), accounting for 42% (10,766 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in vocational, which increased by 753 people and 1.3 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

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

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| | Count | % | Regional NSW % | Count | % | Regional NSW % | Count | pp |
| Bachelor Or Higher Degree | 2,616 | 10.2% | 17.8% | 1,955 | 8.2% | 14.5% | +661 | +2.0 |
| Advanced Diploma Or Diploma | 1,804 | 7.0% | 8.7% | 1,500 | 6.3% | 8.2% | +304 | +0.7 |
| Vocational | 6,621 | 25.8% | 24.4% | 5,868 | 24.5% | 23.6% | +753 | +1.3 |
| No Qualification | 10,766 | 42.0% | 39.1% | 10,559 | 44.2% | 41.7% | +207 | -2.2 |
| Not Stated | 3,807 | 14.9% | 10.0% | 4,033 | 16.9% | 12.1% | -226 | -2.0 |
| Total | 25,614 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 23,915 | 100.0% | 100.0% | +1,699 | 0.0 |

Data basis: usual residence.