

# Community report

## Kiama (A)

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

AREA

**Kiama (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**30 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, bachelor degree or higher was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Kiama (A), accounting for 30.1% (5,811 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (17.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 1,485 people and 5.9 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

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

| Category                    | 2021          |               |                | 2016          |               |                | Change        |            |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
|                             | Count         | %             | Regional NSW % | Count         | %             | Regional NSW % | Count         | pp         |
| Bachelor Or Higher Degree   | 5,811         | 30.1%         | 17.8%          | 4,326         | 24.2%         | 14.5%          | +1,485        | +5.9       |
| Advanced Diploma Or Diploma | 2,278         | 11.8%         | 8.7%           | 2,073         | 11.6%         | 8.2%           | +205          | +0.2       |
| Vocational                  | 4,317         | 22.4%         | 24.4%          | 4,017         | 22.5%         | 23.6%          | +300          | -0.1       |
| No Qualification            | 5,432         | 28.2%         | 39.1%          | 5,657         | 31.7%         | 41.7%          | -225          | -3.5       |
| Not Stated                  | 1,439         | 7.5%          | 10.0%          | 1,779         | 10.0%         | 12.1%          | -340          | -2.5       |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>19,277</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>17,852</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>+1,425</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: usual residence.