

Community report

Mackay (R)

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

AREA

Mackay (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Mackay (R), accounting for 41% (39,811 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (39.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in vocational, which increased by 2,657 people and 1.1 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

Mackay (R) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	11,943	12.3%	17.1%	9,687	10.6%	14.0%	+2,256	+1.7
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	6,538	6.7%	9.1%	5,765	6.3%	8.3%	+773	+0.4
Vocational	27,048	27.8%	24.1%	24,391	26.7%	23.1%	+2,657	+1.1
No Qualification	39,811	41.0%	39.2%	40,296	44.2%	42.4%	-485	-3.2
Not Stated	11,850	12.2%	10.5%	11,065	12.1%	12.1%	+785	+0.1
Total	97,190	100.0%	100.0%	91,204	100.0%	100.0%	+5,986	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.