

# Community report

## Melbourne (C)

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

AREA

**Melbourne (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Melbourne (C), accounting for 54.2% (75,557 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (32.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 18,468 people and 9.3 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

Melbourne (C) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	75,557	54.2%	32.8%	57,089	44.9%	27.5%	+18,468	+9.3
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	11,593	8.3%	9.9%	9,134	7.2%	9.5%	+2,459	+1.1
Vocational	8,826	6.3%	14.8%	6,828	5.4%	15.3%	+1,998	+0.9
No Qualification	30,178	21.6%	35.2%	36,624	28.8%	38.6%	-6,446	-7.2
Not Stated	13,361	9.6%	7.2%	17,557	13.8%	9.2%	-4,196	-4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,515</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>127,232</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+12,283</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.