

Community report

Newcastle (C)

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

AREA

Newcastle (C)

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, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Newcastle (C), accounting for 34.9% (49,387 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 9,805 people and 4.9 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	40,076	28.3%	17.8%	30,271	23.4%	14.5%	+9,805	+4.9
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	12,487	8.8%	8.7%	11,267	8.7%	8.2%	+1,220	+0.1
Vocational	28,740	20.3%	24.4%	26,567	20.6%	23.6%	+2,173	-0.3
No Qualification	49,387	34.9%	39.1%	49,402	38.2%	41.7%	-15	-3.3
Not Stated	10,824	7.6%	10.0%	11,705	9.1%	12.1%	-881	-1.5
Total	141,514	100.0%	100.0%	129,212	100.0%	100.0%	+12,302	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.