

Community report

Northam (S)

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

AREA

Northam (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Northam (S), accounting for 45.1% (4,196 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (40.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 149 people and 1.4 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

Northam (S) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	863	9.3%	13.5%	714	7.9%	11.6%	+149	+1.4
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	578	6.2%	7.6%	571	6.3%	7.3%	+7	-0.1
Vocational	2,103	22.6%	24.7%	1,977	21.9%	24.0%	+126	+0.7
No Qualification	4,196	45.1%	40.5%	4,055	45.0%	42.3%	+141	+0.1
Not Stated	1,559	16.8%	13.6%	1,702	18.9%	14.8%	-143	-2.1
Total	9,299	100.0%	100.0%	9,019	100.0%	100.0%	+280	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.