

# Community report

## Northern Beaches (A)

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

AREA

**Northern Beaches (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Northern Beaches (A), accounting for 37.7% (81,082 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (33.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 15,427 people and 5.4 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

Northern Beaches (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	81,082	37.7%	33.3%	65,655	32.3%	28.3%	+15,427	+5.4
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	24,872	11.6%	9.7%	23,826	11.7%	9.3%	+1,046	-0.1
Vocational	33,585	15.6%	14.8%	33,170	16.3%	15.1%	+415	-0.7
No Qualification	61,335	28.6%	34.2%	61,906	30.5%	37.7%	-571	-1.9
Not Stated	13,948	6.5%	8.0%	18,466	9.1%	9.6%	-4,518	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>214,822</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>203,023</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+11,799</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.