

# Community report

## Parkes (A)

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

AREA

**Parkes (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**26 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 Parkes (A), accounting for 45.5% (5,204 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 228 people and 2.2 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

Parkes (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	1,321	11.6%	17.8%	1,093	9.4%	14.5%	+228	+2.2
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	747	6.5%	8.7%	720	6.2%	8.2%	+27	+0.3
Vocational	2,880	25.2%	24.4%	2,776	23.8%	23.6%	+104	+1.4
No Qualification	5,204	45.5%	39.1%	5,350	45.9%	41.7%	-146	-0.4
Not Stated	1,277	11.2%	10.0%	1,723	14.8%	12.1%	-446	-3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,429</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,662</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-233</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.