

# Community report

## Richmond Valley (A)

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

AREA

**Richmond Valley (A)**

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 Richmond Valley (A), accounting for 45.5% (8,770 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 466 people and 2.1 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

Richmond Valley (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	1,848	9.6%	17.8%	1,382	7.5%	14.5%	+466	+2.1
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	1,245	6.5%	8.7%	1,092	5.9%	8.2%	+153	+0.6
Vocational	4,799	24.9%	24.4%	4,452	24.1%	23.6%	+347	+0.8
No Qualification	8,770	45.5%	39.1%	9,102	49.4%	41.7%	-332	-3.9
Not Stated	2,592	13.5%	10.0%	2,413	13.1%	12.1%	+179	+0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,254</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>18,441</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+813</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.