

Community report

Rockhampton (R)

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

AREA

Rockhampton (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Rockhampton (R), accounting for 44.4% (29,006 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (39.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in vocational, which increased by 1,564 people and 1.6 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

Rockhampton (R) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | pp |
| Bachelor Or Higher Degree | 8,973 | 13.7% | 17.1% | 7,488 | 11.9% | 14.0% | +1,485 | +1.8 |
| Advanced Diploma Or Diploma | 4,315 | 6.6% | 9.1% | 3,807 | 6.0% | 8.3% | +508 | +0.6 |
| Vocational | 15,960 | 24.4% | 24.1% | 14,396 | 22.8% | 23.1% | +1,564 | +1.6 |
| No Qualification | 29,006 | 44.4% | 39.2% | 29,956 | 47.4% | 42.4% | -950 | -3.0 |
| Not Stated | 7,071 | 10.8% | 10.5% | 7,500 | 11.9% | 12.1% | -429 | -1.1 |
| Total | 65,325 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 63,147 | 100.0% | 100.0% | +2,178 | 0.0 |

Data basis: usual residence.