

Community report

Shellharbour (C)

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

AREA

Shellharbour (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

29 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 Shellharbour (C), accounting for 41% (25,292 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in vocational, which increased by 2,670 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

Shellharbour (C) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	8,388	13.6%	17.8%	5,722	10.4%	14.5%	+2,666	+3.2
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	5,899	9.6%	8.7%	4,710	8.6%	8.2%	+1,189	+1.0
Vocational	17,434	28.3%	24.4%	14,764	26.9%	23.6%	+2,670	+1.4
No Qualification	25,292	41.0%	39.1%	24,246	44.2%	41.7%	+1,046	-3.2
Not Stated	4,642	7.5%	10.0%	5,412	9.9%	12.1%	-770	-2.4
Total	61,655	100.0%	100.0%	54,854	100.0%	100.0%	+6,801	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.