

Community report

Shoalhaven (C)

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

AREA

Shoalhaven (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

28 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 Shoalhaven (C), accounting for 38.1% (34,764 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 4,345 people and 3.7 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	14,417	15.8%	17.8%	10,072	12.1%	14.5%	+4,345	+3.7
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	8,263	9.1%	8.7%	7,061	8.5%	8.2%	+1,202	+0.6
Vocational	24,224	26.6%	24.4%	21,471	25.8%	23.6%	+2,753	+0.8
No Qualification	34,764	38.1%	39.1%	33,647	40.4%	41.7%	+1,117	-2.3
Not Stated	9,518	10.4%	10.0%	11,081	13.3%	12.1%	-1,563	-2.9
Total	91,186	100.0%	100.0%	83,332	100.0%	100.0%	+7,854	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.