

Community report

Sydney (C)

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

AREA

Sydney (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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, bachelor degree or higher was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Sydney (C), accounting for 52.6% (102,853 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (33.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 17,251 people and 8.6 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	102,853	52.6%	33.3%	85,602	44.0%	28.3%	+17,251	+8.6
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	18,735	9.6%	9.7%	16,400	8.4%	9.3%	+2,335	+1.2
Vocational	15,235	7.8%	14.8%	14,114	7.3%	15.1%	+1,121	+0.5
No Qualification	40,091	20.5%	34.2%	48,775	25.1%	37.7%	-8,684	-4.6
Not Stated	18,690	9.6%	8.0%	29,445	15.2%	9.6%	-10,755	-5.6
Total	195,604	100.0%	100.0%	194,336	100.0%	100.0%	+1,268	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.