

Community report

The Hills Shire (A)

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

AREA

The Hills Shire (A)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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, bachelor degree or higher was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in The Hills Shire (A), accounting for 40.5% (61,188 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (33.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 19,779 people and 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

The Hills Shire (A) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	61,188	40.5%	33.3%	41,409	33.5%	28.3%	+19,779	+7.0
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	16,201	10.7%	9.7%	13,781	11.1%	9.3%	+2,420	-0.4
Vocational	21,411	14.2%	14.8%	19,164	15.5%	15.1%	+2,247	-1.3
No Qualification	44,762	29.6%	34.2%	41,566	33.6%	37.7%	+3,196	-4.0
Not Stated	7,651	5.1%	8.0%	7,701	6.2%	9.6%	-50	-1.1
Total	151,213	100.0%	100.0%	123,621	100.0%	100.0%	+27,592	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.