

Community report

Toowoomba (R)

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

AREA

Toowoomba (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 Toowoomba (R), accounting for 40.6% (56,490 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (39.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 5,808 people and 2.9 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	26,441	19.0%	17.1%	20,633	16.1%	14.0%	+5,808	+2.9
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	12,153	8.7%	9.1%	10,221	8.0%	8.3%	+1,932	+0.7
Vocational	32,652	23.4%	24.1%	28,224	22.0%	23.1%	+4,428	+1.4
No Qualification	56,490	40.6%	39.2%	55,287	43.1%	42.4%	+1,203	-2.5
Not Stated	11,564	8.3%	10.5%	13,823	10.8%	12.1%	-2,259	-2.5
Total	139,300	100.0%	100.0%	128,188	100.0%	100.0%	+11,112	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.