

Community report

Townsville (C)

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

AREA

Townsville (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Townsville (C), accounting for 39.8% (61,974 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (39.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 4,793 people and 2.4 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	28,212	18.1%	17.1%	23,419	15.7%	14.0%	+4,793	+2.4
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	12,824	8.2%	9.1%	11,677	7.8%	8.3%	+1,147	+0.4
Vocational	37,314	24.0%	24.1%	34,767	23.3%	23.1%	+2,547	+0.7
No Qualification	61,974	39.8%	39.2%	62,593	42.0%	42.4%	-619	-2.2
Not Stated	15,474	9.9%	10.5%	16,590	11.1%	12.1%	-1,116	-1.2
Total	155,798	100.0%	100.0%	149,046	100.0%	100.0%	+6,752	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.