

Community report

Wollongong (C)

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

AREA

Wollongong (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Wollongong (C), accounting for 36.6% (64,671 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (39.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 10,050 people and 4.6 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	43,337	24.5%	17.8%	33,287	19.9%	14.5%	+10,050	+4.6
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	16,438	9.3%	8.7%	14,989	9.0%	8.2%	+1,449	+0.3
Vocational	39,749	22.5%	24.4%	36,609	21.9%	23.6%	+3,140	+0.6
No Qualification	64,671	36.6%	39.1%	66,773	40.0%	41.7%	-2,102	-3.4
Not Stated	12,662	7.2%	10.0%	15,415	9.2%	12.1%	-2,753	-2.0
Total	176,857	100.0%	100.0%	167,073	100.0%	100.0%	+9,784	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.