

Data Sheet 6 (DS 006)

Highest Educational Qualification Achieved

What are we monitoring?

The highest educational qualification achieved by Blue Mountains residents in comparison to Greater Sydney.

What is the trend?

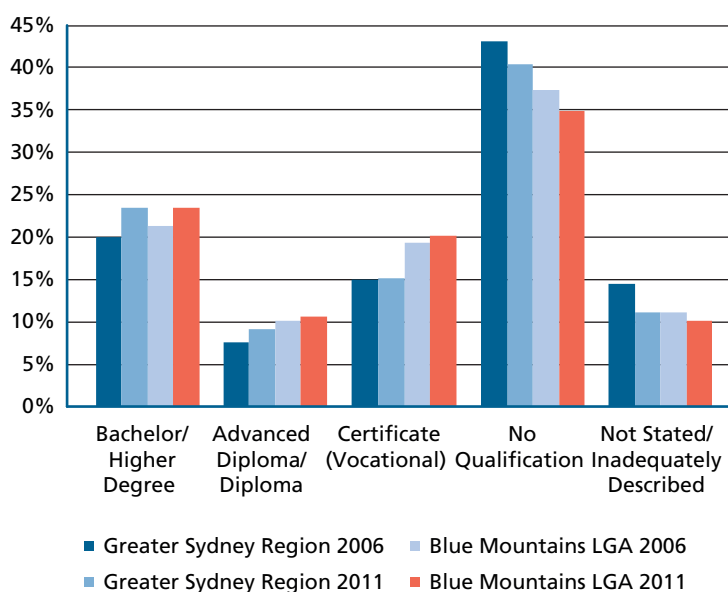
The percentage of people with a tertiary qualification living in the Blue Mountains has been steadily increasing. The highest growth in educational qualifications has been in those with a Bachelor Degree or higher.

The increase in people with a bachelor degree or higher is similar to the average for Greater Sydney. However, the Blue Mountains is generally more educated with a lower proportion of residents with no qualification than in the Greater Sydney region.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

This trend data provides information on the skills and knowledge of Blue Mountains residents – an important component of the City's human assets. An increasingly qualified population has potential economic, environmental and social benefits for the City.

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Qualification (1996 Classification System)	1996	1996 (%)	Qualification (2001–2011 Classification System)	2001	2001 (%)	2006	2006 (%)	2011	2011 (%)
Bachelor or Higher Degree	8081	14.6%	Bachelor or Higher Degree	10671	18.4%	12707	21.6%	14766	24.2%
Undergraduate/ Associate Diploma	5166	9.3%	Advanced Diploma and Diploma	4980	8.6%	5967	10.1%	6518	10.7%
Skilled/Basic Vocational	8768	15.8%	Certificate (Vocational)	10770	18.5%	11293	19.2%	12312	20.1%
No Qualification	26659	48.1%	No Qualification	25758	44.3%	22281	37.8%	21307	34.8%
Not Stated/Inadequately Described	6712	12.1%	Not Stated/Inadequately Described	5960	10.3%	6707	11.4%	6239	10.2%
Total	55386	100.0%	Total	58139	100.0%	58955	100.0%	61142	100.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census Data 2006, 2011 http://censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2011/communityprofile