### City of Darebin

#### Qualifications

Educational Qualifications relate to education outside of primary and secondary school and are one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as [Employment Status](employment-status), [Income](individual-income) and [Occupation](occupations?[QS]), the City of Darebin's Educational Qualifications help to evaluate the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of the area and identify skill gaps in the labour market.

[Learn more about planning education provision here.](https://blog.id.com.au/2016/location-analysis/education/planning-education-provision-in-a-rapidly-changing-australia/)

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| **Highest qualification achieved** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **City of Darebin - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)** | **2021** |  |  | **2011** |  |  | **Change** |
| **Qualification level** | **Number** | **%** | **Greater Melbourne %** | **Number** | **%** | **Greater Melbourne %** | **2011 to 2021** |
| Bachelor or Higher degree | 50,038 | 39.6 | 32.8 | 31,537 | 27.6 | 23.6 | +18,501 |
| Advanced Diploma or Diploma | 11,098 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 8,861 | 7.8 | 8.8 | +2,237 |
| Vocational | 14,586 | 11.6 | 14.8 | 13,160 | 11.5 | 15.0 | +1,426 |
| No qualification | 41,821 | 33.1 | 35.2 | 48,036 | 42.1 | 42.4 | -6,215 |
| Not stated | 8,673 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 12,637 | 11.1 | 10.3 | -3,964 |
| **Total persons aged 15+** | **126,216** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **114,231** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+11,985** |

Analysis of the qualifications of the population in the City of Darebin in 2021 compared to Greater Melbourne shows that there was a higher proportion of people holding formal qualifications (Bachelor or higher degree; Advanced Diploma or Diploma; or Vocational qualifications), and a lower proportion of people with no formal qualifications.

Overall, 52.7% of the population aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, and 37.1% had no qualifications, compared with 52.2% and 38.6% respectively for Greater Melbourne.

The major differences between qualifications held by the population of the City of Darebin and Greater Melbourne were:

* A *larger* percentage of persons with Bachelor or Higher degrees (32.7% compared to 27.5%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons with Vocational qualifications (11.6% compared to 15.3%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons with No qualifications (37.1% compared to 38.6%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons with Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (8.4% compared to 9.5%)

The largest changes in the qualifications of the population in the City of Darebin between 2011 and 2021 were in those with:

* Bachelor or Higher degrees (+8,745 persons)
* No qualifications (-2,307 persons)
* Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (+1,534 persons)
* Vocational qualifications (+1,181 persons)