### City of Merri-bek

#### Education institution attending

The share of Brunswick's population attending educational institutions reflects the age structure of the population, as it is influenced by the number of children attending school; proximity to tertiary education, which can mean young adults leaving home to be nearer to educational facilities and; the degree to which people are seeking out educational opportunities in adulthood, especially in their late teens and early twenties.

This data is often combined with [Age Structure](service-age-groups?[QS]) to identify areas with significant university student populations.

[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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| **Education institution attending** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Brunswick - Total persons (Usual residence)** | **2021** |  |  | **2016** |  |  | **Change** |
| **Type of institution** | **Number** | **%** | **City of Merri-bek %** | **Number** | **%** | **City of Merri-bek %** | **2016 to 2021** |
| Pre-school | 354 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 275 | 1.1 | 1.5 | +78 |
| Primary school | 1,083 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 981 | 4.0 | 6.5 | +102 |
| Primary - Government | 850 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 759 | 3.1 | 3.9 | +91 |
| Primary - Catholic | 161 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 185 | 0.8 | 1.8 | -24 |
| Primary - Independent | 72 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 36 | 0.2 | 0.7 | +35 |
| Secondary school | 766 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 594 | 2.4 | 4.4 | +172 |
| Secondary - Government | 575 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 441 | 1.8 | 2.6 | +133 |
| Secondary - Catholic | 85 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 103 | 0.4 | 1.2 | -18 |
| Secondary - Independent | 106 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 49 | 0.2 | 0.7 | +57 |
| TAFE/Vocational | 675 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 476 | 2.0 | 1.7 | +198 |
| University | 2,794 | 11.2 | 7.5 | 3,230 | 13.3 | 8.2 | -436 |
| Other | 204 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 237 | 1.0 | 1.1 | -33 |
| Not attending | 18,316 | 73.3 | 70.7 | 16,959 | 69.7 | 69.8 | +1,356 |
| Not stated | 782 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 1,588 | 6.5 | 6.6 | -806 |
| **Total** | **24,974** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **24,343** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+631** |

Analysis of the share of the population attending educational institutions in Brunswick in 2021 compared to the City of Merri-bek shows that there was a lower proportion attending primary school, a lower proportion attending secondary school, and a higher proportion engaged in tertiary level education.

Overall, 4.3% of the population were attending primary school, 3.1% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 13.9% were learning at a tertiary level, compared with 6.6%, 4.8% and 10.3% respectively for the City of Merri-bek.

The major differences between the share of the population attending learning institutions in Brunswick and the City of Merri-bek were:

* A *larger* percentage of persons attending University (11.2% compared to 7.5%)
* A *larger* percentage of persons not attending (73.3% compared to 70.7%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons attending a primary school (any type) (4.3% compared to 6.6%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons attending a secondary school (any type) (3.1% compared to 4.8%)

From 2016 to 2021, Brunswick's population increased by 636 people (+2.6%). This represents an average annual change of 0.52% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the number of persons attending education institutions in Brunswick, between 2016 and 2021 were in those who nominated:

* University (-436 persons)
* TAFE/Vocational (+198 persons)
* Secondary school (+172 persons)
* Secondary - Government (+133 persons)