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Study participation, 2021



Proportion of university students aged 15–24 years studying full-time decreased in 2021



Based on counts of persons who stated they attended a university/tertiary institution in each census year. Total count includes persons who did not state full-time or part-time student status.



- Nearly half of people studying in the higher education or training sector were aged 20–29 years
- More females than males were studying in the higher education or training sector in every age group
- **2.3** times more women than men aged 45–54 were studying
- Half of university students were aged 15–24 years, compared with 1 in 3 vocational students

Non-school qualifications, 2021

59.0% of Queenslanders aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification, up from 54.5% in 2016



Females in the younger age groups (15–34 years) were more likely than males to have non-school qualifications



Note: Analysis excludes people who stated that they had a non-school qualification but did not state the level of education obtained. Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021

By median

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Highest non-school qualification, persons aged 20-64 years*

Analysis excludes those who did not state their level of education.



Highest non-school qualification—field of study, persons aged 20–64 years

Mixed field programmes and fields of study inadequately described not charted. 'Field of study not stated' excluded from analysis.

Field of study	% of total qualified				İ	Ť				
Management and Commerce	22.0			17.4					26.2	
Engineering and Related Technologies	15.6		30.2			2.3				
Society and Culture	14.0				8.8			18.8		
Health	12.7				6.3			18.4		
Education	8.5				3.6		12.9			
Architecture and Building	6.4			12.3	2	1.2				
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	6.7				4.9		8.2			
Creative Arts	4.1				3.3	4.7				
Natural and Physical Sciences	2.9				2.8	2.9				
Information Technology	3.2				5.2	1.4				
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	2.2				3.1	1.4				
		40	30	20	10	0	10	20	30	
		% of qualified males					% of qualified females			

Notes:

All figures are derived from place of usual residence. Data applies to all Queensland adults aged 15 years and older, unless otherwise stated. The higher education and training sector includes all university or tertiary institutions and technical or further educational institutions (e.g. TAFE).