

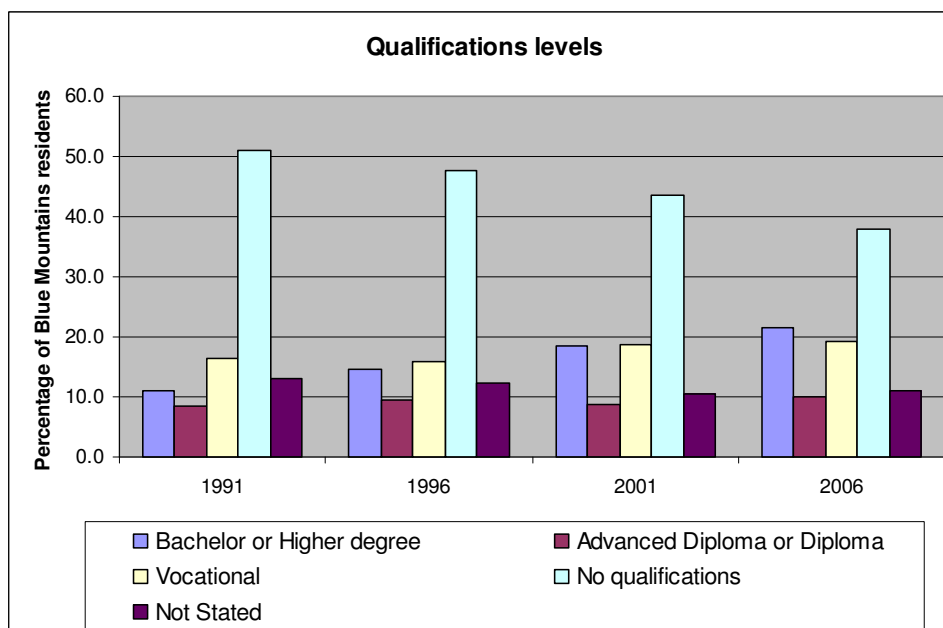
Population - educational status

What are we monitoring?

Percentage of residents with recognised tertiary qualifications

What is the trend?

The number of people with recognised tertiary qualifications has increased significantly in the last 15 years from 36.0 % of the population to 50.9% in 2006. The majority of educational growth has been in the Bachelor or higher degrees with a 10% increase in the proportion of the population with these qualifications in the last 15 years. The number of people with vocational awards has also increased from 16.5% in 1991 to 19.3% in 2006.



Qualification/Year	1991 (%)	1996 (%)	2001 (%)	2006 (%)
Bachelor or Higher degree	11.1	14.7	18.5	21.5
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	8.4	9.4	8.7	10.1
Vocational	16.5	16	18.7	19.3
No qualifications	50.9	47.7	43.7	38
Not stated	13.1	12.2	10.4	11.1
Total	100	100	100	100

Why is monitoring this trend important?

This trend data provides information on the skills and knowledge capability 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.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Census of Population and Housing (1991, 1996, 2001, 2006)

Note: Regional data is presented on the Western Sydney Regional Organisations of Council's Regional profile website www.id.com.au/profile/Default.aspx?id=303&pg=108&gid=140&type=enum