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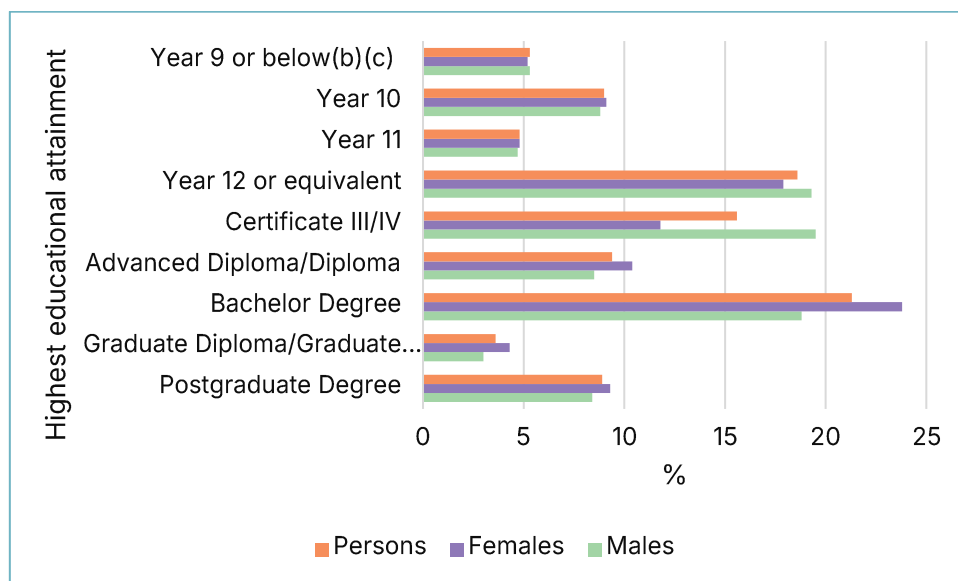
EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

Educational attainment in Australia has risen significantly over recent decades. Australians are completing Year 12 at higher rates than ever before, and more people hold university or vocational qualifications. However, attainment varies considerably by gender, age, Indigenous status, and geographic location.

- 86% of the Australian population aged 20-24 years have completed schooling to at least year 12 (or equivalent).
- 68.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 20-24 years have completed schooling to at least year 12 (or equivalent).
- Australian men are more likely than women to report a certificate III/IV as their highest level of education
- Australian women are more likely to report a Bachelor degree as their highest level of education

In 2025, 69.4 % of Australians aged 15-74 years completed schooling to at least year 12

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



Highest level of education attainment by age and sex, 2025 (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

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