

Census 2021: Education Topic Summary

The source of all the data presented is the 2021 Census.

Key points

- Just under one in five people in Sheffield aged 16 and over in Sheffield have no qualifications, while just over one in three have a qualification at Level 4 or above (i.e. equivalent to a degree).
- Sheffield ranks 166 out of 331 English local authorities on the ONS qualification index

Highest Level of Qualification

The table below shows the highest level of qualification of people aged 16 and over in Sheffield.

	Number	Percentage	Yorkshire and Humber Percentage	England Percentage
No qualifications	88,425	19.4	20.6	18.1
Level 1 and entry level qualifications	41,454	9.1	10.1	9.7
Level 2 qualifications	53,589	11.7	13.6	13.3
Apprenticeship	24,865	5.4	6.1	5.3
Level 3 qualifications	84,712	18.6	17.4	16.9
Level 4 qualifications and above	152,194	33.4	29.5	33.9
Other	11,011	2.4	2.6	2.8

A greater proportion of people in Sheffield have no qualifications than in comparison with England as a whole.

The ONS have produced a 'qualification index' which ranks Sheffield 166 out of 331 English local authorities, indicating that almost exactly half of local authorities are more qualified and half are less qualified than Sheffield.

Despite having a greater proportion of people with no qualifications Sheffield is still close to the median due to a higher than average proportion of people aged 16 and over with Level 3 qualifications.

The large number of university students in Sheffield is likely to lead to a lower index score and rank, because students are unlikely to have completed their highest qualification level yet.

At ward level, the proportion of people with no qualifications varies from 5.2% in City to 34.3% in Darnall, while the proportion of people with L4 qualifications and above is lowest in Southey (17.3%) and highest in Ecclesall (62.2%).

Schoolchildren and full-time students

Of people in Sheffield aged five years and older, 24.9% are full-time students. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points since 2011.

The wards with the highest proportion of schoolchildren and students are City (62.2%) and Broomhill and Sharrow Vale (50.0%) , while the lowest proportions are in East Ecclesfield (15.8%) and Beighton (15.9%).

Appendices

Table 1: Highest level of qualifications of people aged 16 years and over by Sheffield ward (percentage)

	No quals	L1 and entry level quals	L2 quals	App'ship	L3 quals	L4 quals and above	Other quals
Beauchief and Greenhill	18.9	11.2	13.7	6.3	15.4	31.8	2.7
Beighton	20.8	11.8	14.6	7.7	18.3	24.4	2.3
Birley	23.7	11.6	14.7	8.5	18.6	20.5	2.6
Broomhill and Sharrow Vale	6.3	2.9	5.1	1.5	39.1	43.9	1.2
Burngreave	33.7	11.3	12.0	4.7	12.1	22.5	3.7
City	5.2	2.4	4.8	1.4	36.9	47.3	2.1
Crookes and Crosspool	7.6	4.1	7.5	3.4	22.1	53.8	1.5
Darnall	34.3	11.5	12.3	5.0	13.6	19.9	3.4
Dore and Totley	9.8	6.6	11.9	3.9	13.9	51.7	2.1
East Ecclesfield	21.8	11.0	14.0	8.7	17.3	24.6	2.6
Ecclesall	6.8	4.9	9.7	2.8	12.1	62.2	1.5
Firth Park	31.2	12.9	14.5	5.8	13.1	19.6	3.0
Fulwood	5.5	4.1	7.6	2.4	27.9	50.9	1.7
Gleadless Valley	20.8	10.0	12.6	5.3	14.3	34.5	2.5
Graves Park	14.0	8.4	12.2	6.4	16.2	40.9	1.9
Hillsborough	16.9	10.1	13.4	6.0	16.5	34.8	2.3
Manor Castle	27.7	10.7	11.8	4.8	16.1	26.2	2.7
Mosborough	21.2	11.3	14.2	7.7	17.7	25.5	2.4
Nether Edge and Sharrow	14.2	5.9	7.7	2.1	20.8	47.4	1.7
Park and Arbourthorne	27.4	10.5	12.6	6.3	14.5	26.0	2.7
Richmond	25.7	11.9	14.8	8.1	16.8	20.4	2.4
Shiregreen and Brightside	27.6	13.1	15.2	6.8	14.6	20.0	2.8
Southey	31.0	13.1	14.6	7.1	14.3	17.3	2.6
Stannington	16.2	9.1	13.3	7.2	16.4	35.4	2.5
Stocksbridge and Upper Don	17.6	10.3	14.0	7.4	18.3	29.7	2.7
Walkley	16.0	6.9	8.1	3.9	19.3	43.6	2.3
West Ecclesfield	19.8	10.2	14.5	8.7	17.1	26.8	2.8

Table 2: Percentage of schoolchildren or students by Sheffield ward

	Student	Not a student
Beauchief and Greenhill	19.5	80.5
Beighton	15.9	84.1
Birley	17.1	82.9
Broomhill and Sharrow Vale	50.0	50.0
Burngreave	29.7	70.3
City	62.2	37.8
Crookes and Crosspool	29.6	70.4
Darnall	28.0	72.0
Dore and Totley	18.9	81.1
East Ecclesfield	15.8	84.2
Ecclesall	22.6	77.4
Firth Park	25.3	74.7
Fulwood	35.4	64.6
Gleadless Valley	21.1	78.9
Graves Park	16.5	83.5
Hillsborough	17.6	82.4
Manor Castle	26.0	74.0
Mosborough	16.1	83.9
Nether Edge and Sharrow	30.4	69.6
Park and Arbourthorne	20.5	79.5
Richmond	17.0	83.0
Shiregreen and Brightside	22.9	77.1
Southey	21.5	78.5
Stannington	17.5	82.5
Stocksbridge and Upper Don	17.4	82.6
Walkley	29.6	70.4
West Ecclesfield	16.2	83.8