

Fact sheet

Year 12 completers and early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW

2021 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey

This fact sheet provides an overview of findings from the 2021 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey. Results are presented for Year 12 completers and early school leavers who live in areas outside of Greater Sydney (the Rest of NSW).

Refer to page 6 for further information on how we differentiate between 'Greater Sydney' and the 'Rest of NSW' in this fact sheet series.

Survey sample

There were 42,388 recent school leavers who completed the survey in 2021. Of these:

- 10,240 Year 12 completers and 3,349 early school leavers were living in the Rest of NSW.
- 25,676 Year 12 completers and 3,123 early school leavers were living in Greater Sydney.

Post-school destinations of school leavers living in the Rest of NSW in 2021

Of the recent school leavers living in the Rest of NSW in 2021, 91.7% of Year 12 completers and 83.4% of early school leavers were in education, training or employment.

Year 12 completers

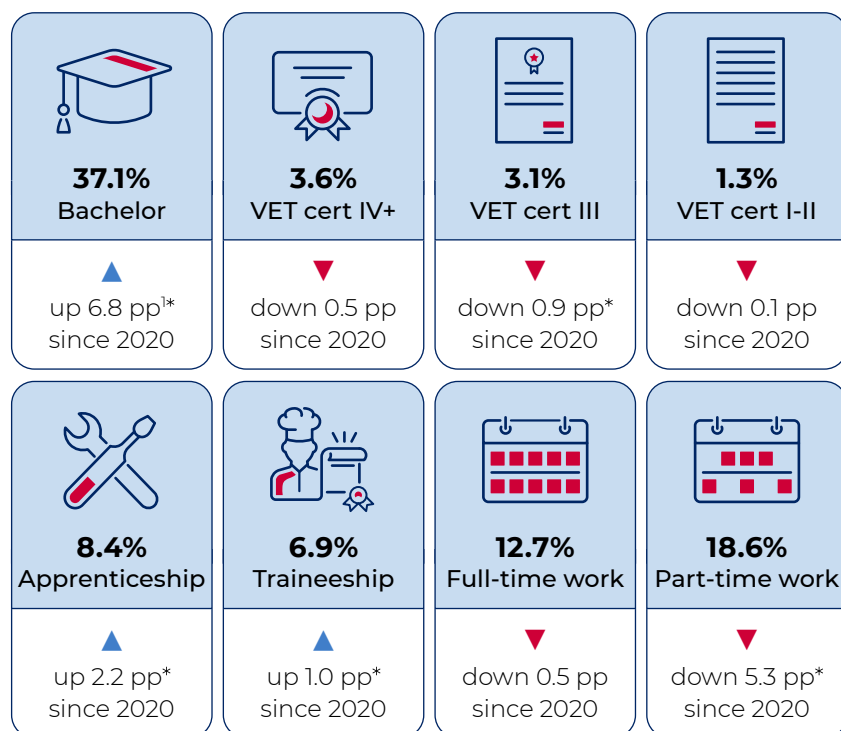


Early school leavers



* NILFET means not in the labour force, education or training.

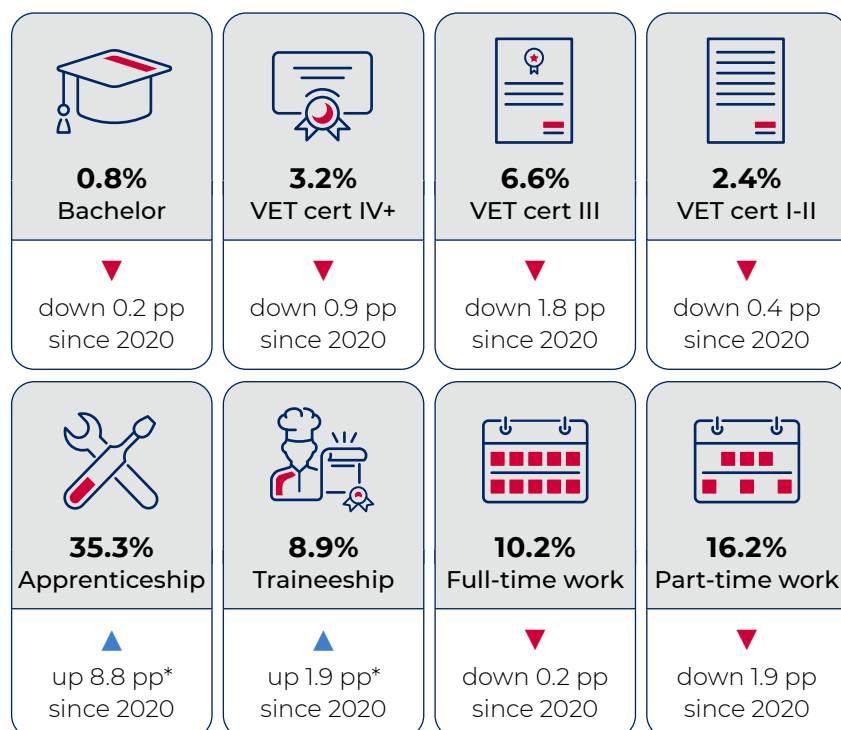
Post-school destinations of Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW in 2021



Compared to 2020, the proportion of Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW undertaking a VET cert III or engaged in part-time work has decreased, while the proportion undertaking a bachelor degree, apprenticeship or traineeship has increased.

Compared to 2014, the proportion of Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW undertaking a cert IV+ in 2021 has decreased, while the proportion engaged in full-time work has increased.

Post-school destinations of early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW in 2021



The proportion of early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW who were undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship has increased since 2020.

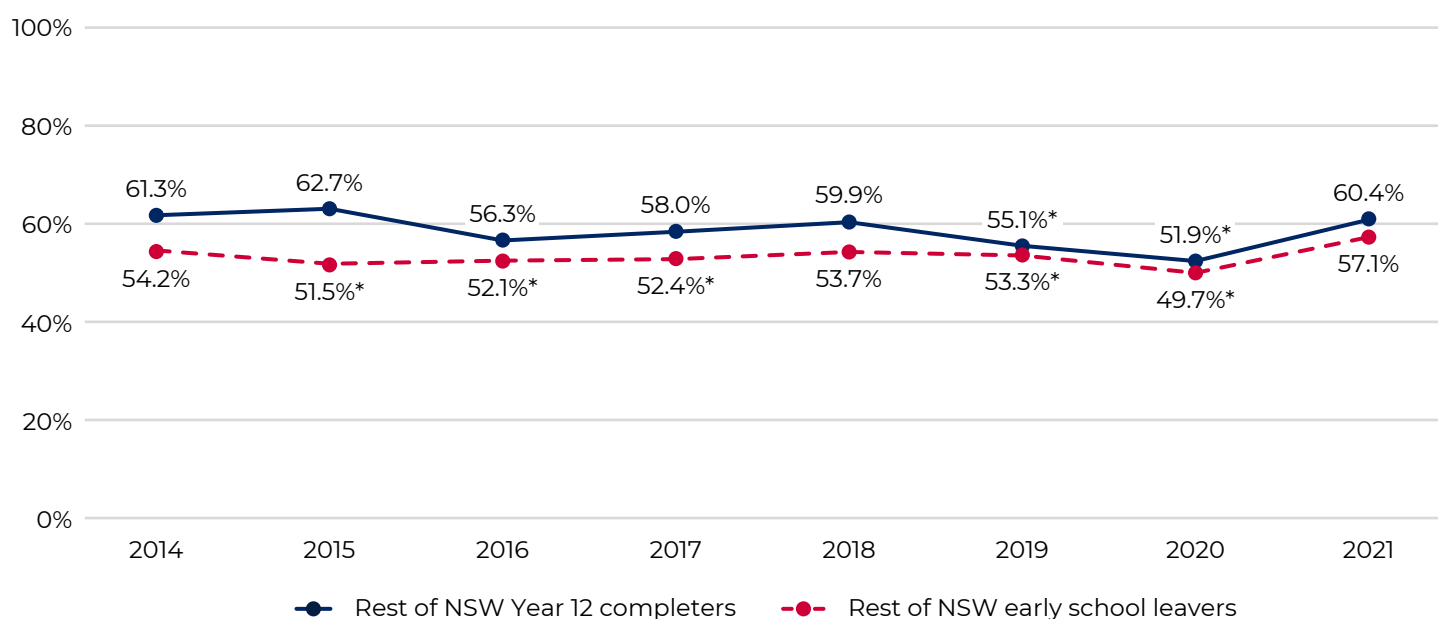
Compared to 2014, the proportion of early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW who were undertaking a VET cert IV+ or a VET cert I-II has decreased, while the proportion of early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW who were undertaking an apprenticeship or engaged in part-time work has increased.

Note. Percentage point differences accompanied by an asterisk (*) are statistically significant at a 99% confidence level ($p < .01$). Statistical significance is determined by both the size of the groups being compared and the percentage point difference between them.

1 pp = percentage points.

In education or training

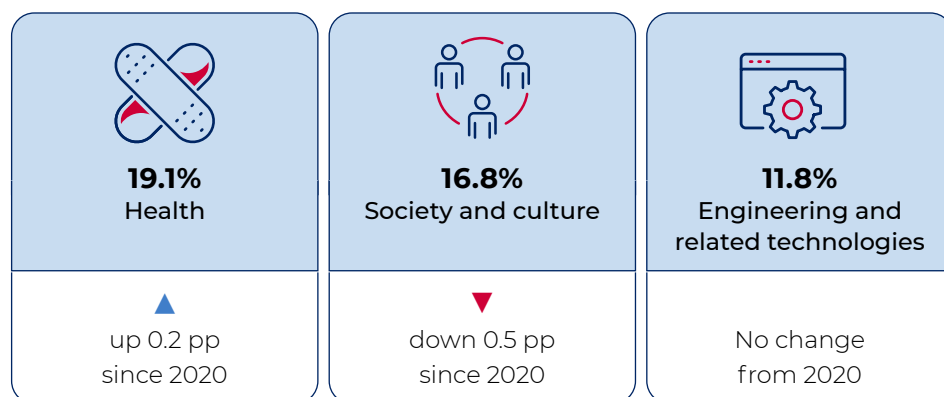
In the Rest of NSW, the proportion of Year 12 completers and early school leavers in education or training increased between 2020 and 2021.



* Years where education or training was significantly different to 2021 at the 99% confidence level ($p < .01$).

In education: Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW

Top 3 **areas of education** for Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW

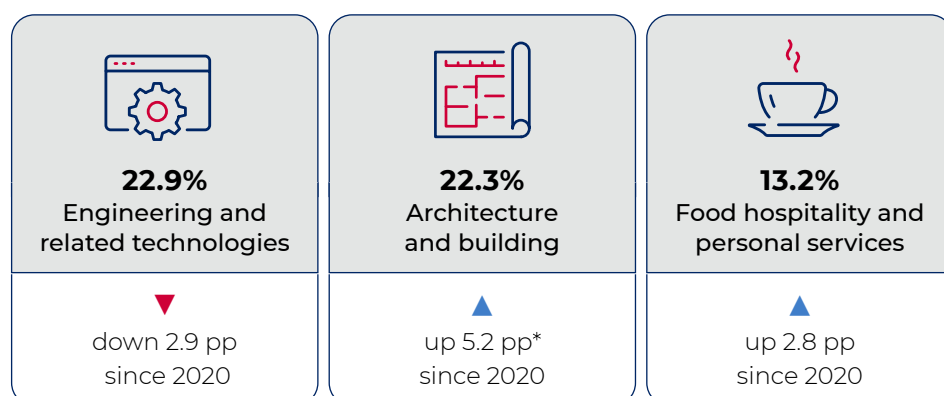


Top 5 study areas for Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW:

1. Teacher education
2. Nursing
3. Business and management
4. Biological sciences
5. Law

In education: early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW

Top 3 **areas of education** for early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW



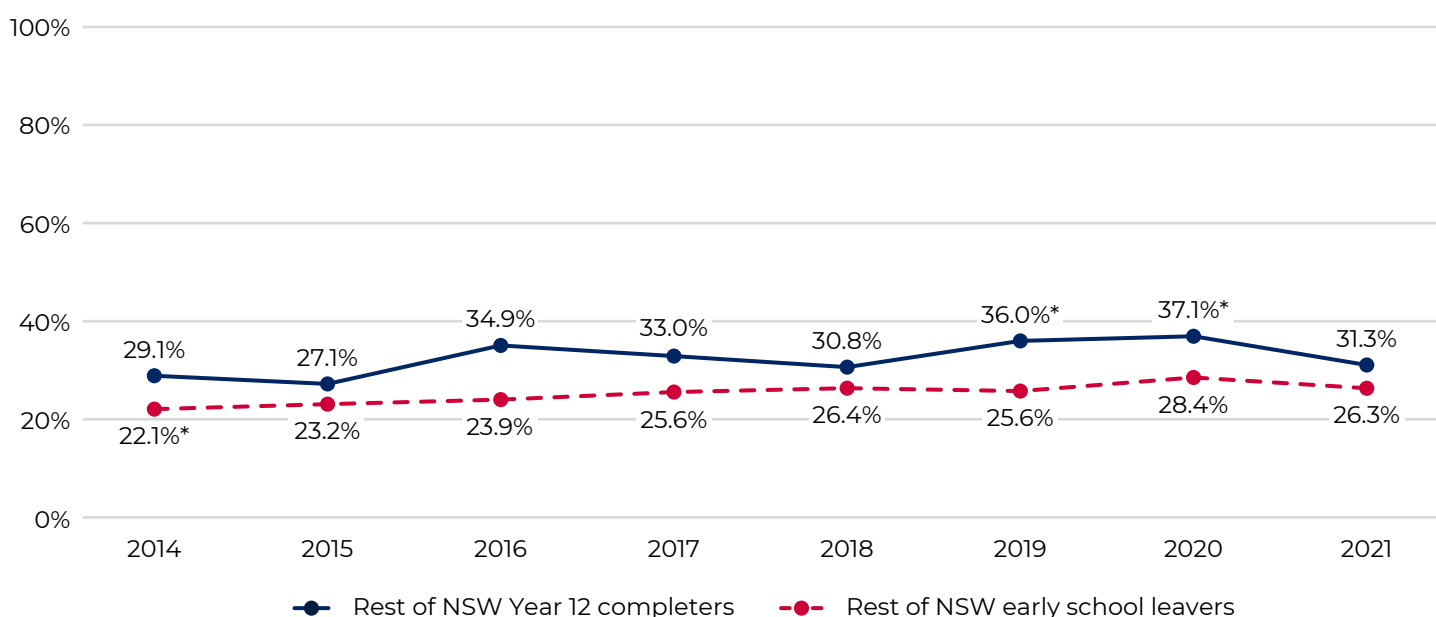
Top 5 study areas for early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW:

1. Building
2. Mechanical and industrial engineering and technology
3. Personal services²
4. Food and hospitality
5. Automotive engineering and technology

² Personal services include beauty therapy and/or hairdressing.

In employment

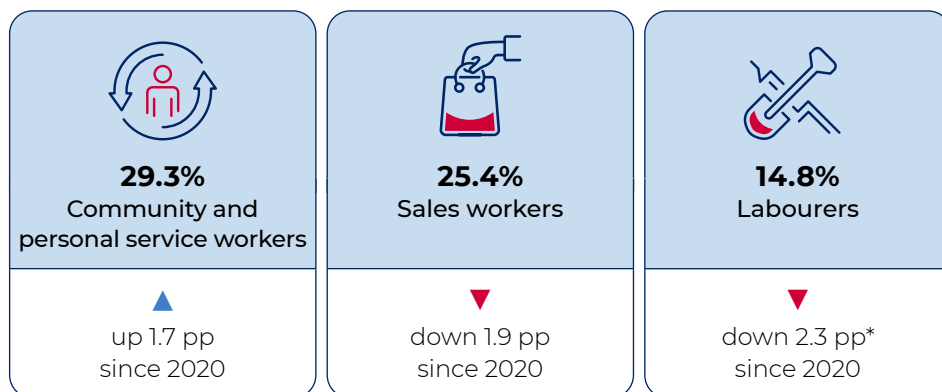
In the Rest of NSW, the proportion of Year 12 completers in employment in 2021 was lower than 2020. The proportion of early school leavers in employment in 2021 was higher than 2014.



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In employment: Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW

Top 3 **areas of employment** for Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW

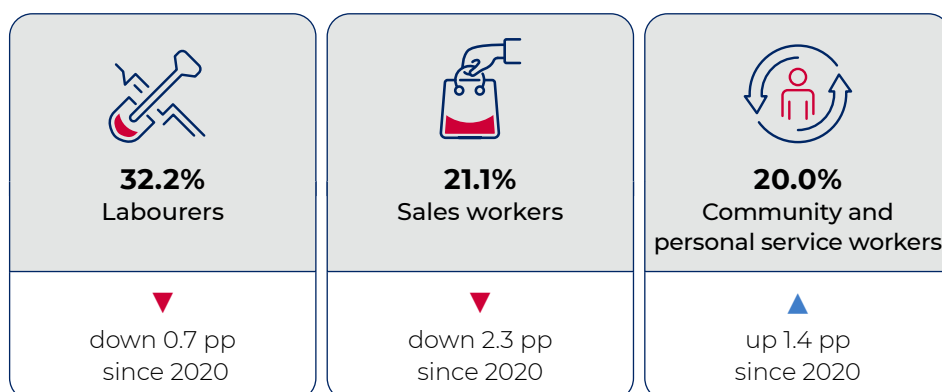


Top 5 work roles for Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW:

1. Hospitality workers
2. Sales assistants and salespersons
3. Storepersons
4. Food preparation assistants
5. Sales support workers

In employment: early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW

Top 3 **areas of employment** for early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW



Top 5 work roles for early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW:

1. Sales assistants and salespersons
2. Hospitality workers
3. Food preparation assistants
4. Sales support workers
5. Farm, forestry and garden workers

What are the subgroup differences in destinations of Year 12 completers and early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW?

Year 12 completers living in the Rest of NSW

Females more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate IV+
- VET certificate III
- Traineeship
- ◆ Part-time work

Males more likely to be in an:

- Apprenticeship
- ◆ Full-time work
- Looking for work
- NILFET

School leavers with **higher parental SES**[†] more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree

School leavers with **lower parental SES** more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate III
- Looking for work

Government school leavers more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate I-II
- VET certificate III
- ◆ Part-time work
- Looking for work
- NILFET

Non-government school leavers more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree

Aboriginal leavers* more likely to be:

- Looking for work
- NILFET

Non-Aboriginal leavers more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree

Early school leavers living in the Rest of NSW

Females more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate IV+
- VET certificate III
- VET certificate I-II
- Traineeship
- ◆ Part-time work
- Looking for work
- NILFET

Males more likely to be in an:

- Apprenticeship
- Full-time work

School leavers with a **higher parental SES** more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate IV+
- Apprenticeship

School leavers with a **lower parental SES** more likely to be:

- Looking for work

Government school leavers more likely to be:

- Looking for work
- NILFET

Non-government school leavers more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate IV+
- Apprenticeship

Aboriginal leavers more likely to be:

- Looking for work

Non-Aboriginal leavers more likely to be in an:

- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship

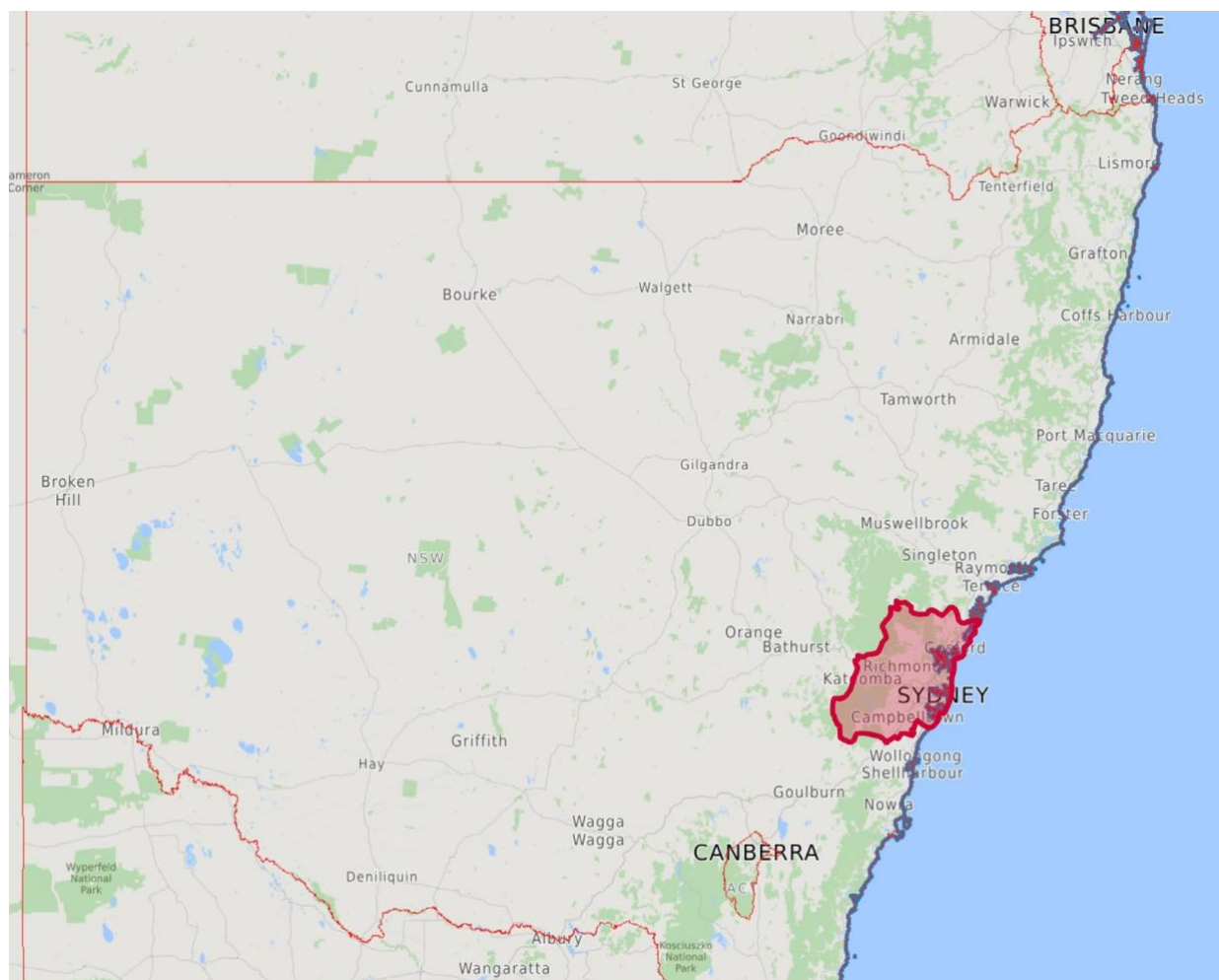
[†] SES means socioeconomic status.

* Aboriginal refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

● In education or training ◆ In employment ■ Looking for work or NILFET

Note. On this page, if a destination category (for example, VET certificate IV+) does not appear for a group comparison (for example, Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal) then it means that the destination did not differ significantly between those groups.

Defining Greater Sydney and the Rest of NSW



Greater Sydney region [Source: ABS Maps Greater Sydney (GCCSA)]

The region variable used in this fact sheet was constructed from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) standard category, 'Statistical Area 4 groupings' (SA4 groupings), and the Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA) classification. The department used the 11-group SA4 groupings category for reporting and publishing its own data (NSW Government, 2022)*. To increase interpretability the ABS also assigns these 11 groups to 2 categories: 'Greater Sydney' and the 'Rest of NSW' (that is, outside of Greater Sydney).

* NSW Government (2021) *Schools and students: 2021 statistical bulletin* (p. 49), NSW Education Data Hub website, accessed 10 August 2022.

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