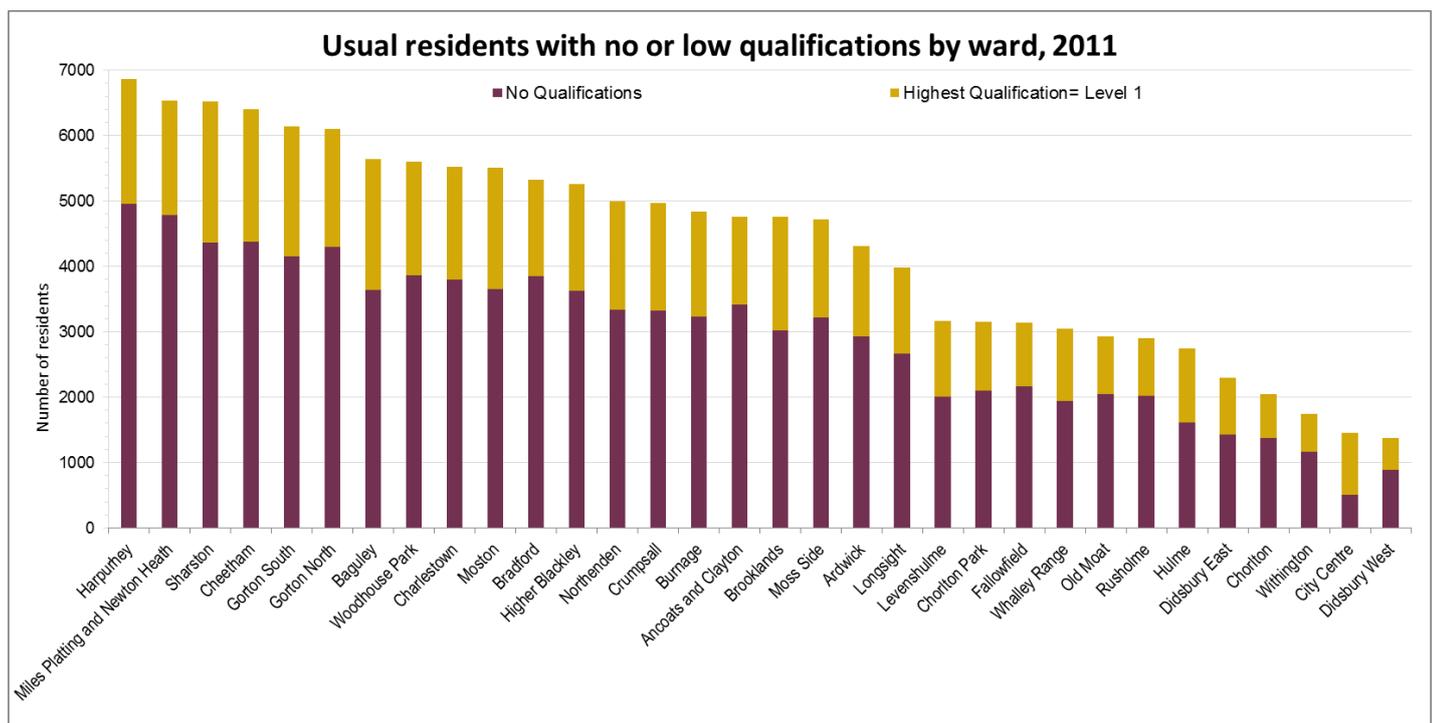


It is not possible to directly compare 2011 Census data on qualifications with 2001 because of definition change – ‘Residents aged 16 to 74’ has become ‘aged 16 and over’; however, in relative terms the percentage point change between censuses shows Manchester has reduced the proportion of people with no qualifications more than the higher geographies and is now just 0.4 percentage points below average for England and Wales at 23.1%. Manchester also remains above average for residents with Level 4 or above qualifications.

	Residents Aged 16 and Over	No Qualifications	Highest qualification: Level 1	Highest qualification: Level 2	Highest qualification: Apprenticeship	Highest qualification: Level 3	Highest qualification: Level 4 and Above	Highest qualification: Other
Manchester	405,709	23.1%	11.1%	12.0%	1.7%	16.0%	28.9%	7.1%
England	42,989,620	22.5%	13.3%	15.2%	3.6%	12.4%	27.4%	5.7%

Manchester’s residents have similar proportions of different levels of qualifications to the national average; however, because university students boost the number of residents with higher qualifications it is important that Manchester continues to retain them after qualifying. The proportions mask the fact that despite Manchester having over 120,000 more people included in the figures than in 2001 and the new definition widening the cohort, the number of people with no qualifications is 3,000 lower than in 2001.

At ward level, 41% of residents in Miles Platting and Newton Heath aged over 16 have no qualifications followed by Harpurhey and Woodhouse Park (although the latter has the City’s smallest number of residents in this age group). Moston has the greatest number and proportion of Apprenticeship as highest qualification, whilst at the other end of the scale, City Centre ward has the highest number of residents qualified to Level 4 or above, followed by Didsbury West which has the highest proportion.



The table below shows which lower super output areas (LSOAs) have the highest proportions at each level. LSOA 052C in Sharston has the highest proportion of people with no qualifications, however, this is misleading as it also has the lowest number of people aged 16 and over and 76 other LSOAs have higher numbers. In contrast, LSOA 032B has the highest proportion of Apprenticeships as highest qualification and, because it contains the Owens Park student campus, the highest number of people aged over 16.

LSOA 2011	LSOA 2011 name	Within Ward	Highest level of qualification	Total residents aged 16 and over in this group	Total residents aged 16 and over in this LSOA	% of this group in this LSOA
E01005293	052C	Sharston	No qualifications	200	983	20.3%
E01005187	021A	Gorton North	Level 1	276	1388	19.9%
E01005260	011E	Miles Platting and Newton Heath	Level 2	74	1228	6.0%
E01005185	032B	Fallowfield	Apprenticeship	2944	3969	74.2%
E01033670	039E	Chorlton Park	Level 3	887	1132	78.4%
E01005145	008A	Cheetham	Level 4 and over	333	1916	17.4%
E01033658	054C	City Centre	Other	72	1190	6.1%

LSOAs with the highest numbers of residents aged 16 and over with different levels of highest qualification are not always the same as those with the highest proportions, as shown in the table below. Whilst Crumpsall is average for low or no qualifications at ward level, it can be seen that within the ward there is an area where these qualification levels are the highest in the city. LSOA 039F has the greatest number of residents whose highest qualification is Level 3 suggesting that The Boulevard complex there has been successful in attracting students and young professionals.

LSOA 2011	LSOA 2011 name	Within Ward	Highest level of qualification	Total residents aged 16 and over in this group	Total residents aged 16 and over in this LSOA	% of this group in this LSOA
E01005140	002E	Crumpsall	No qualifications	320	2192	26.9%
E01005140	002E	Crumpsall	Level 1	344	2192	15.7%
E01005260	011E	Miles Platting and Newton Heath	Level 2	74	1228	6.0%
E01005185	032B	Fallowfield	Apprenticeship	2944	3969	74.2%
E01033671	039F	Chorlton Park	Level 3	1121	1576	71.1%
E01033656	057B	City Centre	Level 4 and over	354	3470	10.2%
E01005147	058B	Cheetham	Other	91	1726	5.3%

Cheetham has one output area with the highest proportion of residents aged 16 and over without a qualification (69%) and another with the highest number, 324 residents; this latter output area also has the highest number of residents with Level 1 as their highest qualification, whereas two output areas in Baguley have the highest proportions. Cheetham also has two output areas with some of the highest numbers of people qualified to Level 4 and above, however (slightly behind ones in Hulme and Bradford) demonstrating that output area data is essential to reveal the disparate clusters within the wards.

Level 1: 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSEs (any grade), Entry Level Foundation Diploma, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ

Level 2: 5+ O Levels (Passes)/CSEs (Grade 1)/GCSEs (Grades A*-C), School Certificate, 1 A Level/ 2-3 AS Levels/VCEs, Intermediate/Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First/General Diploma, RSA Diploma

Level 3: 2+ A Levels/VCEs, 4+ AS Levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression/Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma, NVQ Level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma

Level 4+: Degree/Higher Degree, NVQ Level 4-5, HNC/ HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher, Foundation degree (NI), Professional qualifications

Other: Vocational/Work-related Qualifications, Foreign Qualifications (Not stated/ level unknown).

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