

International Student PRISMS Data 2015

Austrade PRISMS data: <http://www.austrade.gov.au/Education/Student-Data>

DET Data: <https://internationaleducation.gov.au/research/Pages/Data-and-Research.aspx>

DIBP visa data: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/reports-publications/research-statistics/statistics/study-in-australia>

PRISMS Data

The monthly Department of Education and Training (DET) PRISMS data show total enrolments and new commencements onshore by international students on a student visa, as reported by education providers. This does not include visitors who studied on other visa classes, particularly some short courses, or those who undertook Australian transnational programs offshore.

PRISMS record each enrolment and commencement, or change of course as a new instance; for example the same student progressing from an ELICOS to a HE degree course counts as two separate enrolments and commencements. Hence the number of actual students is slightly less than the PRISMS enrolment data may suggest. Figures need to be interpreted in conjunction with Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) student visa data, and DET Research Snapshots and Papers.

A total of 498,155 individual international students studied in Australia on a student visa in 2015, an increase of 10.0% over the previous year. China and India were the largest source countries, with 27.3% and 10.8% of all students.

Total enrolments were 645,185 an increase of 9.8%, and course commencements were 377,973 an increase of 7.6% - the highest ever figures, surpassing the previous peak of 2009.

Higher education was the largest sector, with 42.2% of all enrolments. Bachelor commencements grew by 16.4%, and PG coursework by 3.5%, while PG Research declined by 3.5%.

Table 1: Enrolments and Commencements by Sector All Providers

Sector	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
HE	230,090	230,440	249,074	272,095	88,470	95,031	107,894	116,165	7.7%
VET	144,274	134,250	149,316	169,700	84,075	83,162	99,065	110,061	11.1%
Schools	18,512	17,747	18,422	20,596	8,394	8,760	9,644	11,075	14.8%
ELICOS	95,423	114,637	136,390	145,298	75,517	91,358	106,598	111,707	4.8%
Non-award	25,102	27,910	34,163	37,496	20,448	22,792	27,995	28,965	3.5%
Total	513,401	524,984	587,365	645,185	276,904	301,103	351,196	377,973	7.6%
Foundation	7,574	8,163	10,103	12,625	4,721	5,502	6,984	8,389	20.1%

Non-Government (NG) providers accounted for over 50% of all enrolments, and 57% of commencements, largely in the VET and ELICOS sectors; NG providers increased their share of HE enrolments (17.3%) and commencements (20.2%).

Characterization as Government and Non-Government is sometimes arbitrary, for example in the case of ELICOS and academic pathway programs controlled by or in partnership with “public” universities.

Table 2: Enrolments and Commencements by Sector Non-Government Providers

Sector	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
HE	29,789	33,794	40,670	47,009	14,100	17,388	20,625	23,518	14.0%
VET	124,885	116,619	129,083	149,596	72,093	71,045	83,762	95,287	13.8%
Schools	7,883	6,909	6,860	7,379	3,369	3,128	3,343	3,717	11.2%
ELICOS	73,396	87,766	104,724	114,670	58,607	69,993	82,520	88,395	7.1%
Non-award	3,741	4,347	5,298	6,725	2,797	3,155	3,863	4,777	23.7%
Total	239,694	249,435	286,635	325,379	150,966	164,709	194,113	215,694	11.1%
Foundation	2,646	2,652	3,358	4,432	1,653	1,751	2,314	2,939	27.0%

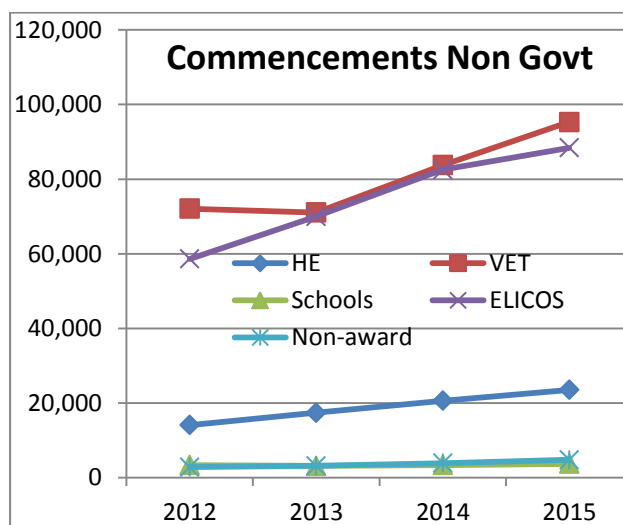
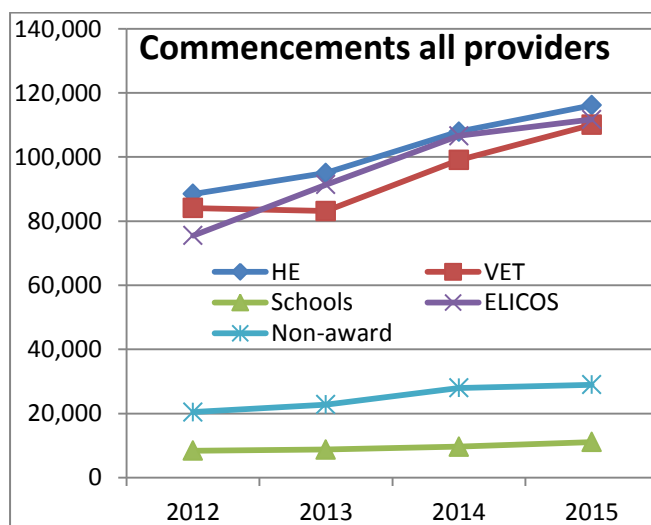


Table 3: HE Enrolments and Commencements All Providers by Country

All Providers	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
Total	230,090	230,440	249,074	272,095	88,470	95,031	107,894	116,165	7.7%
China	89,337	86,009	89,133	97,050	34,557	36,064	39,256	43,029	9.6%
India	12,622	16,627	26,211	35,362	5,654	9,204	14,702	17,597	19.7%
Nepal	7,093	8,006	10,152	12,261	2,295	3,675	4,937	5,748	16.4%
Vietnam	10,990	11,126	11,918	12,798	4,309	4,329	5,093	5,503	8.1%
Malaysia	16,268	14,952	14,332	14,302	5,315	5,109	5,340	5,436	1.8%
Pakistan	4,075	5,588	7,244	9,210	2,126	2,863	3,399	4,143	21.9%
Indonesia	9,011	8,710	8,466	8,458	3,292	3,214	3,180	3,279	3.1%
Hong Kong	6,470	7,185	7,979	8,129	2,700	2,746	3,017	3,126	3.6%
Singapore	8,098	7,769	7,380	7,081	2,705	2,573	2,572	2,397	-6.8%
Sri Lanka	3,300	3,406	4,093	4,901	1,191	1,398	1,793	2,062	15.0%
Other	62,826	61,062	62,166	62,543	24,326	23,856	24,605	23,845	-3.1%

Table 4: HE Enrolments and Commencements Non Govt Providers by Country

Non Govt Providers	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
Total	29,789	33,794	40,670	47,009	14,100	17,388	20,625	23,518	14.0%
China	9,663	9,966	11,496	13,116	4,547	5,336	5,930	6,904	16.4%
India	1,687	2,737	4,573	6,582	901	1,655	2,891	3,841	32.9%
Pakistan	1,111	2,047	2,997	4,277	761	1,205	1,534	2,080	35.6%
Nepal	2,924	3,464	4,185	4,180	773	1,631	1,908	1,927	1.0%
Vietnam	1,956	2,335	2,974	3,417	1,056	1,144	1,496	1,654	10.6%
Indonesia	1,457	1,531	1,706	1,748	681	753	800	761	-4.9%
Hong Kong	1,284	1,296	1,395	1,436	682	632	734	705	-4.0%
Korea S	1,541	1,424	1,265	1,236	740	635	575	577	0.3%
Malaysia	789	745	860	930	386	365	477	470	-1.5%
Bangladesh	666	779	807	899	318	363	310	384	23.9%
Other	6,711	7,470	8,412	9,188	3,255	3,669	3,970	4,215	6.2%

Non-Government HE providers enrolled a slightly higher proportion of students from the Subcontinent and Vietnam, and fewer from China (although still by far the largest source) Malaysia and Singapore.

Table 5: Bachelor and MCW Enrolments and Commencements by Provider Type

Bachelor	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	Share
Govt	114,989	105,891	102,105	106,690	35,065	33,182	35,364	40,110	84.9%
Non Govt	11,021	11,968	13,159	15,927	4,585	4,634	5,236	7,153	15.1%
Master CW	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	Share
Govt	59,115	65,286	79,660	91,510	28,933	34,863	41,482	42,818	90.2%
Non Govt	2,889	4,950	7,794	9,994	1,610	3,017	4,286	4,646	9.8%

Non-Government Bachelor commencements grew strongly by 36.6% over the previous year, to a 15.1% total share; MCW grew by 9.8%, to a 9.8% share. Over all HE, Non-Government commencements grew by 17.3%, for a 20.2% share.

Across all providers, Bachelor and Masters Coursework commencements are about equal, with each contributing over 40% of HE commencements; however the longer duration Bachelor enrolments are greater (45% of total) and increasing at a greater rate after the earlier recovery in MCW in 2013 and 2014.

The Non-Government sector has the greater number of commencements in HE Diplomas (83%) and Advanced Diplomas (90%); while some of these are in specialized fields, the majority are Bachelor pathways to mainstream fields in Business, IT and Science.

Management and Commerce is the dominant field, with 50.1% of all Bachelor commencements, and 82.6% of the Non-Government sector.

The 2015 international student enrolment and commencement data continue previous trends of a recovery across all education sectors, following the previous peak and subsequent decline a few years ago. This continuing growth in demand is consistent with global observations, such as UNESCO and OECD reports, and competitor countries' data:

- Education New Zealand reports a 13% increase in student visas in 2015, with 45% of these first time students
- In the USA, the Institute of International Education *Open Doors* reports an increase of 9.6% in international students for 2014/15 (excluding Optional Practical Training), including a 7.6% increase in undergraduate, and 9.8% in graduate students.

Table 6: HE Enrolments and Commencements All Providers by Level of Study

All Providers	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
Total	230,090	230,440	249,074	272,095	88,470	95,031	107,894	116,165	7.7%
Adv Dipl	1,187	1,043	928	787	560	506	450	317	-29.6%
Assoc Deg	1,680	1,498	1,354	1,313	744	702	664	638	-3.9%
Bachelor	126,010	117,859	115,264	122,617	39,650	37,816	40,600	47,263	16.4%
Diploma	17,075	18,012	21,376	22,553	8,499	10,392	12,260	12,509	2.0%
Doctorate	15,123	16,043	17,132	17,691	4,014	3,961	4,392	4,292	-2.3%
Grad Cert	1,507	1,467	1,325	1,620	1,333	1,263	1,085	1,381	27.3%
Grad Dipl	4,120	2,941	2,902	2,741	2,610	1,947	2,106	1,792	-14.9%
Master CW	62,004	70,236	87,454	101,504	30,543	37,880	45,768	47,464	3.7%
Master Res	1,384	1,341	1,339	1,255	517	564	569	495	-13.0%

Table 7: HE Enrolments and Commencements Non Govt Providers by Level of Study

Non Govt Providers	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
Total	29,789	33,794	40,670	47,009	14,100	17,388	20,625	23,518	14.0%
Adv Dipl	1,047	936	846	712	510	503	416	295	-29.1%
Assoc Deg	674	543	462	436	329	224	257	213	-17.1%
Bachelor	11,021	11,968	13,159	15,927	4,585	4,634	5,236	7,153	36.6%
Diploma	13,436	14,692	17,470	18,802	6,630	8,563	9,765	10,504	7.6%
Doctorate	72	70	65	73	16	17	15	24	60.0%
Grad Cert	52	62	118	181	43	49	102	125	22.5%
Grad Dipl	562	548	733	861	365	373	534	548	2.6%
Master CW	2,889	4,950	7,794	9,994	1,610	3,017	4,286	4,646	8.4%
Master Res	36	25	23	23	12	8	14	10	-28.6%

Table 8: Bachelor Enrolments and Commencements All Providers by Field of Study

All Providers	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
Total	126,010	117,859	115,264	122,617	39,650	37,816	40,600	47,263	16.4%
Dual Qual	4,483	4,196	3,667	3,322	964	875	684	867	26.8%
Agri, Envir	1,289	1,299	1,326	1,493	423	430	492	572	16.3%
Arch Build	2,383	2,432	2,450	2,667	773	783	847	1,019	20.3%
Creative Art	6,140	5,505	4,939	4,853	2,229	1,835	1,812	1,895	4.6%
Education	716	654	748	907	240	266	289	338	17.0%
Engineering	12,391	12,404	12,729	13,539	3,315	3,379	3,794	4,364	15.0%
Food, Hosp	350	297	279	423	164	108	131	248	89.3%
Health	13,223	12,774	12,938	13,601	3,844	3,981	4,426	4,805	8.6%
InfoTech	7,185	6,642	6,712	7,517	2,344	2,304	2,675	3,295	23.2%
Man Comm	62,505	56,447	54,013	57,889	20,165	18,864	19,923	23,658	18.7%
Mixed Field	139	143	249	321	50	62	168	157	-6.5%
Sciences	6,455	6,626	6,977	7,469	2,254	2,277	2,467	2,737	10.9%
Society Cult	8,751	8,440	8,237	8,616	2,885	2,652	2,892	3,308	14.4%

Table 9: Bachelor Enrolments and Commencements Non Govt Providers by Field

Non Govt Providers	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015/14
Total	11,021	11,968	13,159	15,927	4,585	4,634	5,236	7,153	36.6%
Dual Qual	10	10	6	6	1	2	2	1	
Agri, Envir	37	21	5	8	7	6	2	5	
Arch Build	53	62	62	80	22	22	24	45	87.5%
Creative Art	1,119	1,054	1,020	981	513	335	398	374	-6.0%
Education	9	7	7	9	3	2	2	4	
Engineering	4	6	7	11	1	5	2	6	
Food, Hosp	45	72	100	192	45	29	52	121	132.7%
Health	215	169	170	195	59	51	64	86	34.4%
InfoTech	141	156	201	492	59	54	92	345	275.0%
Man Comm	8,707	9,786	11,036	13,413	3,620	3,901	4,390	5,909	34.6%
Mixed Field	25	23	20	18	9	13	7	8	
Sciences	37	23	10	7	13	7	1	3	
Society Cult	619	579	515	515	233	207	200	246	23.0%

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