

This publication presents preliminary figures for the number of students, subject enrolments and hours of delivery relating to Australia's public vocational education and training (VET) system for 2009. As the figures are preliminary, they may be subject to change as further processing of the data is undertaken. Final data, with more detail and a wider range of variables, are expected to be released in early July 2010.

Highlights

- Over 1.7 million students enrolled in the public VET system in 2009, an increase of 0.4% since 2008.
- The largest increases in student numbers—in percentage terms—occurred in the Australian Capital Territory (7.3% increase) and the Northern Territory (6.4% increase).
- In numerical terms, the greatest increases in student numbers occurred in Western Australia (8100 additional students) and Victoria (4200 additional students).
- Nationally, there was a 7.3% increase for both hours of delivery and full-time training equivalents in 2009.

Data scope

The table provides information on VET delivery that covers all vocational education and training delivered by technical and further education (TAFE) institutes, other government VET providers (including multi-sector higher education institutions and registered community education providers) and the publicly funded component of VET delivered by other registered providers. The data are sourced from the administrative records held by the state training authorities and other relevant bodies.

It does not include training activity that is recreation, leisure and personal enrichment activity ('non-vocational' programs), fee-for-service delivery by private providers, delivery undertaken at overseas campuses of Australian VET institutions, credit transfer, vocational education and training delivered in schools (where the delivery has been undertaken by schools), and any activity where revenue was earned from another registered training organisation in terms of subcontracted, auspicing, partnership arrangements or similar arrangements.

Information included in this document is derived from the National VET Provider Collection, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical System (AVETMISS). Information on the AVETMISS is available from <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21055.html>>.

For terms used in this publication, refer to the terms and definitions paper at <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/statistic/publications/2164.html>>.



Table 1 Summaries of state and territory data, 2005–09

	2005 (‘000)	2006 (‘000)	2007 (‘000)	2008 (‘000)	2009 (‘000)	2008–09 % change
Number of students						
Australia	1650.8	1676.0	1665.0	1699.7	1706.7	0.4
New South Wales ¹	562.1	565.3	549.0	550.9	549.9	-0.2
Victoria	459.1	471.1	472.9	490.0	494.3	0.9
Queensland	290.4	293.3	287.1	291.3	290.1	-0.4
South Australia ²	125.2	121.7	123.0	125.3	121.9	-2.7
Western Australia	130.1	137.2	142.3	149.1	157.2	5.4
Tasmania	39.7	41.8	43.9	46.3	43.2	-6.5
Northern Territory	21.3	21.9	22.8	22.2	23.6	6.4
Australian Capital Territory	23.0	23.6	24.0	24.7	26.5	7.3
Number of full-year training equivalents						
Australia	502.8	516.8	541.8	568.4	609.6	7.3
New South Wales ¹	172.8	173.8	178.4	186.5	195.1	4.6
Victoria	145.2	150.8	166.9	175.3	188.7	7.7
Queensland	78.7	83.0	83.8	88.5	95.9	8.3
South Australia ²	32.1	32.2	34.7	34.9	38.9	11.4
Western Australia	48.7	50.7	51.3	55.0	62.6	13.8
Tasmania	10.8	11.3	12.3	13.6	12.3	-9.5
Northern Territory	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.9
Australian Capital Territory	8.9	9.3	8.7	8.9	10.0	13.0
Number of hours of delivery						
Australia ³	362011.9	372100.2	390071.2	409217.3	438900.0	7.3
New South Wales ¹	124420.4	125133.7	128434.2	134272.0	140450.9	4.6
Victoria ³	104535.2	108576.4	120201.2	126196.2	135894.4	7.7
Queensland	56639.7	59745.2	60325.5	63714.5	69018.5	8.3
South Australia ^{2,4}	23130.8	23178.0	25018.7	25133.9	27990.4	11.4
Western Australia	35065.0	36506.1	36908.3	39595.7	45058.6	13.8
Tasmania	7797.6	8171.0	8857.3	9781.7	8848.1	-9.5
Northern Territory	3985.0	4105.4	4088.4	4137.0	4422.7	6.9
Australian Capital Territory	6438.3	6684.4	6237.5	6386.3	7216.4	13.0
Number of subject enrolments						
Australia ³	11714.3	12031.2	12340.7	12965.1	13596.1	4.9
New South Wales ¹	4127.2	4121.1	4149.1	4327.8	4353.2	0.6
Victoria ³	3226.2	3344.0	3440.2	3690.3	3925.5	6.4
Queensland	1973.1	2118.1	2167.1	2228.7	2355.7	5.7
South Australia ^{2,4}	765.2	737.9	832.3	825.2	870.2	5.5
Western Australia	1045.9	1093.3	1103.6	1210.2	1384.1	14.4
Tasmania	271.0	299.4	323.6	345.7	313.1	-9.4
Northern Territory	135.5	141.1	146.0	146.6	153.9	5.0
Australian Capital Territory	170.2	176.4	178.7	190.5	240.4	26.1

- Notes:
1. In 2006 New South Wales reported activity for workplace learning and the NSW Adult Migrant English Service (AMES) Skillmax Program for the first time.
 2. Data from the Workers' Education Association of South Australia was unable to be reported in 2009. In 2008 there were 6397 students, 7993 subject enrolments, 135312 hours of delivery and 187.9 full-year training equivalents.
 3. Victoria moved from reporting scheduled hours to standard nominal hour values for the first time in 2007. This represents a break in series for Victoria.
 4. In 2007 some South Australian enrolment data was reported at an element level rather than unit of competency level. This increased the number of enrolments in 2007. In 2008 this issue was rectified, contributing to the 0.9% decline between 2007 and 2008.

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