

This publication presents preliminary figures for the number of students, subject enrolments, hours of delivery and full-year training equivalents relating to Australia's public vocational education and training (VET) system for 2010. 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 2011.

Highlights

- There were 1.8 million students enrolled in the public VET system in 2010, an increase of 5.4% since 2009.
- Student numbers increased in all states and territories in 2010. The largest increases in student numbers—in percentage terms—occurred in Tasmania (14.6%) and the Australian Capital Territory (10.8%).
- In numerical terms, the greatest increases in student numbers occurred in New South Wales (33 300 additional students) and Victoria (25 700 additional students).
- Nationally, there was a 7.6% increase for both hours of delivery and full-year training equivalents in 2010.

Data scope

The data are sourced from the administrative records held by the state training authorities and other relevant bodies. The tables provide information on VET delivery that covers all vocational education and training (VET) delivered by:

- technical and further education (TAFE) institutes and other government VET providers
- multi-sector higher education institutions
- community education providers
- the publicly funded component of VET delivered by other registered providers.

This publication does not cover the following types of training activity:

- recreation, leisure and personal enrichment activity ('non-vocational' programs)
- fee-for-service VET delivery by private providers
- delivery undertaken at overseas campuses of Australian VET institutions
- credit transfer
- VET delivered in schools, where the delivery has been undertaken by schools
- 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 Standard (AVETMISS).

Information on the AVETMISS is available from <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/31248.html>>.

For terms used in this publication, refer <http://www.ncver.edu.au/statistics/vet/ann09/terms_definitions.pdf>.



Table 1 Summaries of state and territory data, 2006–10

	2006 (‘000)	2007 (‘000)	2008 (‘000)	2009 (‘000)	2010 (‘000)	2009–10 % change
Number of students						
Australia	1676.0	1665.0	1699.7	1706.7	1799.0	5.4
New South Wales	565.3	549.0	550.9	549.9	583.2	6.1
Victoria	471.1	472.9	490.0	494.3	520.0	5.2
Queensland	293.3	287.1	291.3	290.1	303.0	4.5
South Australia	121.7	123.0	125.3	121.9	123.9	1.6
Western Australia	137.2	142.3	149.1	157.2	166.0	5.5
Tasmania	41.8	43.9	46.3	43.2	49.6	14.6
Northern Territory	21.9	22.8	22.2	23.6	24.1	1.8
Australian Capital Territory	23.6	24.0	24.7	26.5	29.4	10.8
Number of full-year training equivalents						
Australia ¹	516.8	541.8	568.4	609.6	655.8	7.6
New South Wales	173.8	178.4	186.5	195.1	204.0	4.6
Victoria ¹	150.8	166.9	175.3	188.7	207.5	9.9
Queensland	83.0	83.8	88.5	95.9	106.7	11.3
South Australia	32.2	34.7	34.9	38.9	39.6	1.9
Western Australia	50.7	51.3	55.0	62.6	67.3	7.5
Tasmania	11.3	12.3	13.6	12.3	13.6	10.4
Northern Territory	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.6	7.0
Australian Capital Territory	9.3	8.7	8.9	10.0	10.6	5.6
Number of hours of delivery						
Australia ¹	372100.2	390071.2	409217.3	438900.0	472185.7	7.6
New South Wales	125133.7	128434.2	134272.0	140450.9	146880.6	4.6
Victoria ¹	108576.4	120201.2	126196.2	135894.4	149404.7	9.9
Queensland	59745.2	60325.5	63714.5	69018.5	76814.5	11.3
South Australia	23178.0	25018.7	25133.9	27990.4	28512.6	1.9
Western Australia	36506.1	36908.3	39595.7	45058.6	48447.4	7.5
Tasmania	8171.0	8857.3	9781.7	8848.1	9772.2	10.4
Northern Territory	4105.4	4088.4	4137.0	4422.7	4732.2	7.0
Australian Capital Territory	6684.4	6237.5	6386.3	7216.4	7621.6	5.6
Number of subject enrolments						
Australia	12031.2	12340.7	12965.1	13596.1	14684.7	8.0
New South Wales	4121.1	4149.1	4327.8	4353.2	4597.3	5.6
Victoria	3344.0	3440.2	3690.3	3925.5	4415.9	12.5
Queensland	2118.1	2167.1	2228.7	2355.7	2546.3	8.1
South Australia ²	737.9	832.3	825.2	870.2	908.4	4.4
Western Australia	1093.3	1103.6	1210.2	1384.1	1460.5	5.5
Tasmania	299.4	323.6	345.7	313.1	342.0	9.2
Northern Territory	141.1	146.0	146.6	153.9	164.3	6.7
Australian Capital Territory	176.4	178.7	190.5	240.4	250.1	4.0

Notes:

1. 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.
2. 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 has been rectified, contributing to the 0.9% decline between 2007 and 2008.

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