

Introduction

This publication presents early estimates of apprentice and trainee commencements for the March quarter 2012. Indicative information about this quarter is presented here; the most recent figures are estimated, taking into account reporting lags that occur at the time of data collection.

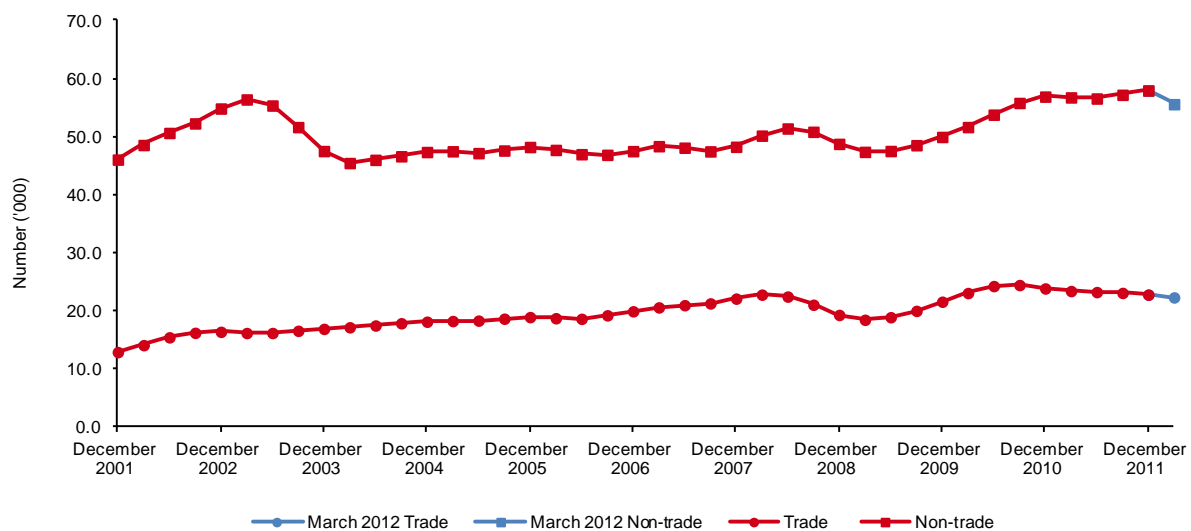
The early trend estimates are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.71, March 2012. Data are only available for commencements at the national level and have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed. Further information at the disaggregated level for the March quarter 2012 will be released in early September 2012.

Highlights

Early indications for the March quarter 2012 show that:

- Trade commencements grew steadily from the June quarter 2009 to the September quarter 2010. Since then there has been a decline.
- Non-trade commencements declined in the March quarter 2012, after growth over the previous two quarters.

Figure 1 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, December 2001 – March 2012



Data for this publication are compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for the Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 6.0, March 2008. Information on AVETMISS is available from <http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21061.html>.

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Table 1 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, December 2001 – March 2012 ('000)

| | Trade | Non-trade | Total |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| December 2001 | 12.9 | 46.1 | 58.9 |
| March 2002 | 14.1 | 48.6 | 62.6 |
| June 2002 | 15.4 | 50.6 | 66.1 |
| September 2002 | 16.2 | 52.3 | 68.4 |
| December 2002 | 16.4 | 54.9 | 71.1 |
| March 2003 | 16.2 | 56.4 | 72.5 |
| June 2003 | 16.2 | 55.4 | 71.7 |
| September 2003 | 16.5 | 51.7 | 68.4 |
| December 2003 | 16.9 | 47.5 | 64.6 |
| March 2004 | 17.2 | 45.5 | 62.7 |
| June 2004 | 17.5 | 46.0 | 63.5 |
| September 2004 | 17.9 | 46.6 | 64.4 |
| December 2004 | 18.1 | 47.4 | 65.5 |
| March 2005 | 18.2 | 47.5 | 65.9 |
| June 2005 | 18.3 | 47.2 | 65.7 |
| September 2005 | 18.6 | 47.6 | 66.2 |
| December 2005 | 18.9 | 48.2 | 67.0 |
| March 2006 | 18.7 | 47.7 | 66.3 |
| June 2006 | 18.6 | 47.0 | 65.6 |
| September 2006 | 19.2 | 46.9 | 66.1 |
| December 2006 | 19.9 | 47.5 | 67.4 |
| March 2007 | 20.6 | 48.4 | 68.9 |
| June 2007 | 21.0 | 48.1 | 68.9 |
| September 2007 | 21.3 | 47.5 | 68.6 |
| December 2007 | 22.1 | 48.3 | 70.3 |
| March 2008 | 22.8 | 50.2 | 73.1 |
| June 2008 | 22.5 | 51.4 | 74.0 |
| September 2008 | 21.0 | 50.8 | 71.8 |
| December 2008 | 19.3 | 48.8 | 67.9 |
| March 2009 | 18.4 | 47.4 | 65.8 |
| June 2009 | 18.9 | 47.5 | 66.3 |
| September 2009 | 20.0 | 48.5 | 68.5 |
| December 2009 | 21.6 | 50.0 | 71.6 |
| March 2010 | 23.1 | 51.7 | 74.8 |
| June 2010 | 24.3 | 53.8 | 77.9 |
| September 2010 | 24.4 | 55.8 | 79.9 |
| December 2010 | 23.8 | 56.9 | 80.4 |
| March 2011 | 23.4 | 56.8 | 80.0 |
| June 2011 | 23.2 | 56.6 | 79.7 |
| September 2011 | 23.1 | 57.2 | 80.0 |
| December 2011 | 22.8 | 58.0 | 80.3 |
| March 2012 ^(a) | 22.3 | 55.6 | 78.1 |

Note: (a) The March quarter 2012 estimate is based on an early estimate which is seasonally adjusted (based on data from December 2001 to March 2012) and 7-point Henderson smoothed. Only the March quarter 2012 estimate from this series is presented. The quarterly data presented to December 2011 have been seasonally adjusted (based on data from December 2001 to December 2011) and 7-point Henderson smoothed. These are consistent with the forthcoming December quarterly 2011 publication.

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