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Highlights

In-training as at 30 September 2015

There were 295 300 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 September 2015, a decrease of 13.7% from 30 September 2014.

Quarterly training activity

In the September quarter 2015, compared with the September quarter 2014:

- commencements decreased by 19.3%, to 36 000
- completions decreased by 6.0%, to 27 600
 - trades completions increased by 18.1%, to 11 800
 - non-trades completions decreased by 18.4%, to 15 800
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 10.7%, to 24 000.

Training activity: 12-month ending series

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2015, compared with the 12 months ending 30 September 2014:

- commencements decreased by 8.8%, to 175 900
- completions decreased by 21.5%, to 127 200
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 7.1%, to 103 200.

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Introduction

This publication presents estimates of apprentice and trainee activity in Australia for the September quarter 2015. The figures in this publication are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.86 (December 2015 estimates).

The most recent figures in this publication are estimated (that is, for training activity from the March quarter 2014 to the September quarter 2015). Estimates take into account reporting lags that occur at the time of data collection. Consequently, the figures in this publication may differ from those published in earlier or later reports. The figures in **bold** are actual numbers.

Estimated data are presented on a quarterly and 12-month ending series basis. The 12-month ending series is particularly useful in showing longer-term data trends, but is less useful in identifying turning points.

This publication also presents early trend estimates for the December quarter 2015 for seasonally adjusted and smoothed commencements at the national level for trade and non-trade occupations. Seasonal adjustment and smoothing involves the use of a mathematical model to smooth out fluctuations due to seasonal influences. These early trend estimates cannot be disaggregated further by state and territory.

Note that percentages presented in this publication are reported to one decimal place. All other numbers, after aggregation, have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Rounding can lead to situations where the numbers in the body of a given table might not add to the rounded totals.

More information

Further details on the estimation methodology used for reporting apprentices and trainees may be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.html>.

For additional data tables on apprentices and trainees, please refer to <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2857.html>. These data tables include state and territory breakdowns of information contained in this publication and pivot tables to allow further manipulation of the data.

Australia in summary

Quarterly training activity: September quarter 2015 compared with the same period in 2014

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 September 2015 was 295 300, a decrease of 13.7% from 30 September 2014.

Table 2

Commencements

Overall, 36 000 apprentices and trainees commenced in the September quarter 2015, down 8600 (or 19.3%) from the September quarter 2014.

Table 4

In the September quarter 2015, compared with the September quarter 2014:

Table 10

- trades commencements decreased by 8.5%, to 16 100. Commencements for those aged:
 - 24 years and younger decreased by 5.6%
 - 25 years and older decreased by 13.9%
- non-trades commencements decreased by 26.4%, to 19 900. Commencements for those aged:
 - 24 years and younger decreased by 18.9%
 - 25 years and older decreased by 34.4%.

Completions

The number of completions in the September quarter 2015 was 27 600, a decrease of 6.0% from the September quarter 2014.

Table 6

In the September quarter 2015, compared with the September quarter 2014:

Table 11

- trades completions increased by 18.1%, to 11 800. Completions for those aged:
 - 24 years and younger increased by 23.2%
 - 25 years and older increased by 12.3%
- non-trades completions decreased by 18.4%, to 15 800. Completions for those aged:
 - 24 years and younger decreased by 9.9%
 - 25 years and older decreased by 25.1%.

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the September quarter 2015 was 24 000, a decrease of 10.7% from the September quarter 2014.

Table 8

Training activity: 12 months ending 30 September 2015 compared with the previous 12 months

Commencements

The number of commencements in the 12 months ending 30 September 2015 was 175 900, a decrease of 8.8% from the 12 months ending 30 September 2014. During this period:

Table 15

- trades commencements increased by 0.6%
- non-trades commencements decreased by 15.9%.

State and territory commencements in the 12 months ending 30 September 2015, compared with the previous 12 months, showed:

- New South Wales (-12.9%)
- Victoria (-6.1%)
- Queensland (-4.9%)
- South Australia (-12.1%)
- Western Australia (-7.8%)
- Tasmania (-12.6%)
- Northern Territory (-16.5%)
- Australian Capital Territory (-13.7%)

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2015, 64.4% of apprentices and trainees who commenced were aged 24 years and younger, compared with 61.9% in the previous 12 months.

Completions

The number of completions in the 12 months ending 30 September 2015 was 127 200, a decrease of 21.5% from the previous 12 months.

Table 16

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 30 September 2015 was 103 200, a decrease of 7.1% from the previous 12 months.

Table 17

Early trend estimates

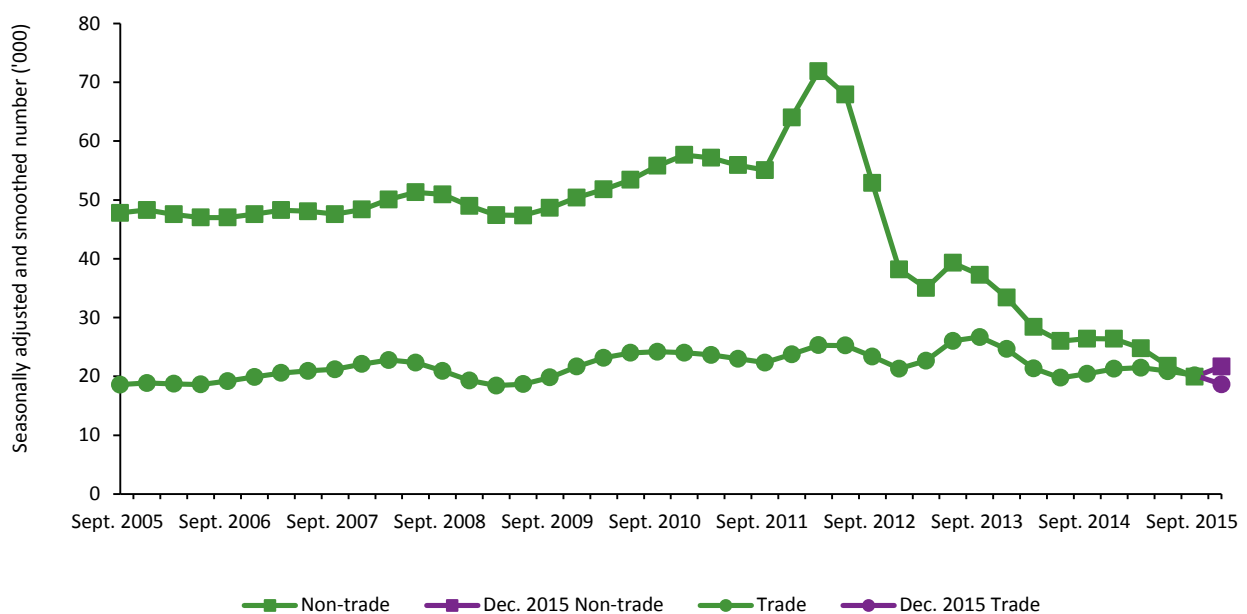
Early trend estimates series suggest:

- A decrease in the last three quarters for trades commencements (from the March quarter 2015 to the December quarter 2015).
- An increase in non-trades commencements in the December quarter 2015 when compared with the previous quarter after having experienced a period of decline.

Figure 1

Table 20

Figure 1 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, September 2005 – December 2015



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Tables

Quarterly training activity

Table 1 In-training by state/territory and selected training characteristics, as at 30 September 2015 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	26.0	19.7	23.1	6.3	10.3	2.3	0.9	1.4	90.1
	20 to 24 years	29.1	24.7	18.8	6.8	11.0	2.4	1.0	2.1	95.9
	25 to 44 years	21.3	18.8	18.2	4.8	15.3	2.5	1.3	1.8	83.9
	45 years and over	6.1	6.0	5.0	1.3	5.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	25.5
Sex	Male	59.4	50.6	47.9	13.7	29.9	5.1	2.4	3.4	212.5
	Female	23.2	18.5	17.2	5.4	12.2	3.0	1.0	2.3	82.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.9	1.6	1.3	0.6	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	6.5
	Technicians and trades workers	51.2	45.3	41.2	10.9	24.3	4.0	2.0	2.9	181.7
	Community and personal service workers	11.9	8.8	7.4	1.6	5.6	1.2	0.5	1.4	38.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.8	4.0	4.3	1.1	5.1	0.8	0.3	0.4	21.8
	Sales workers	5.5	4.2	3.8	3.4	1.7	0.9	0.2	0.3	19.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	4.5	1.5	5.1	0.5	2.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	14.6
	Labourers	2.7	3.8	2.1	1.0	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	12.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	3.4	1.8	2.8	1.4	2.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	12.3
	Certificate III	68.8	57.5	57.2	16.2	27.1	6.3	2.7	4.1	239.9
	Certificate IV	8.0	7.5	2.9	1.2	10.9	0.9	0.3	0.6	32.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.3	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.8	10.8
Full-time status	Full-time	69.1	53.8	45.6	13.8	36.5	5.8	2.8	4.1	231.6
	Part-time	13.5	15.4	19.5	5.3	5.5	2.2	0.7	1.6	63.7
Total		82.6	69.1	65.1	19.1	42.1	8.1	3.5	5.7	295.3

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Table 2 In-training by state/territory as at the end of each quarter, 2010–15 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2010	146.2	110.1	93.8	32.8	37.4	12.2	4.3	7.4	444.2
December 2010	145.2	107.0	90.0	32.5	37.4	11.7	4.0	7.2	434.9
March 2011	149.3	114.6	94.2	33.9	39.2	12.3	4.5	8.1	456.1
June 2011	145.9	118.8	95.6	34.6	39.3	12.3	4.4	8.2	459.2
September 2011	144.8	119.8	95.0	34.9	38.6	12.2	4.3	8.6	458.2
December 2011	140.4	115.9	90.0	34.9	37.8	11.5	3.9	8.8	443.3
March 2012	145.7	120.7	96.3	36.7	40.6	12.0	4.2	9.8	466.0
June 2012	158.5	136.1	107.4	40.5	45.6	12.9	4.4	11.0	516.5
September 2012	149.5	124.4	102.6	38.8	44.6	12.2	4.2	10.7	487.1
December 2012	140.2	106.7	94.2	36.9	42.7	11.0	3.7	10.0	445.5
March 2013	136.2	103.4	92.9	36.4	43.3	10.9	4.0	10.1	437.2
June 2013	125.2	95.2	86.4	33.6	42.3	9.6	3.9	10.1	406.2
September 2013	127.5	99.5	88.9	33.5	42.8	9.5	3.8	10.2	415.8
December 2013	118.2	90.0	82.2	31.1	41.3	8.7	3.4	9.4	384.4
March 2014	113.9	89.9	81.8	29.5	43.0	8.9	3.7	9.4	380.1
June 2014	103.2	83.4	74.3	26.1	42.1	8.7	3.7	8.4	349.9
September 2014	100.2	80.2	74.0	24.8	42.4	8.8	3.8	8.1	342.3
December 2014	93.0	71.7	68.6	22.9	40.9	8.5	3.6	7.6	316.7
March 2015	92.3	73.9	69.4	21.8	43.1	8.7	3.8	7.4	320.6
June 2015	86.8	71.7	67.4	20.5	44.2	8.6	3.6	6.3	309.1
September 2015	82.6	69.1	65.1	19.1	42.1	8.1	3.5	5.7	295.3

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Table 3 Commencements by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2015 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	3.5	3.2	3.9	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	13.8
	20 to 24 years	2.3	2.4	1.6	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	8.5
	25 to 44 years	2.6	2.4	2.3	0.5	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	10.6
	45 years and over	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.2
Sex	Male	5.6	5.9	5.7	1.4	3.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	23.0
	Female	3.6	2.9	2.8	0.9	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.4	13.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8
	Technicians and trades workers	3.6	4.8	4.1	1.0	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.3	16.1
	Community and personal service workers	1.8	1.3	1.3	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	6.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.0
	Sales workers	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.7
	Labourers	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.7
	Certificate III	7.4	7.2	7.4	2.0	3.2	0.7	0.3	0.6	28.9
	Certificate IV	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2
Full-time status	Full-time	7.2	6.4	5.4	1.5	4.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	26.2
	Part-time	2.0	2.4	3.1	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	9.9
Existing worker	Existing worker	0.3	1.3	1.7	0.2	1.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	5.8
	Newly commencing worker	8.9	7.4	6.8	2.1	3.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	30.2
Total		9.2	8.7	8.5	2.3	5.2	0.9	0.3	0.8	36.0

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Table 4 Commencements in each quarter by state/territory, 2010–15 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2010	23.6	22.0	15.9	5.3	6.3	2.1	0.7	1.2	76.9
December 2010	22.2	19.9	14.0	5.4	6.7	1.9	0.5	0.9	71.5
March 2011	29.6	27.5	18.8	7.2	8.1	2.2	1.1	1.8	96.4
June 2011	19.7	24.7	16.2	5.8	6.4	1.9	0.6	1.1	76.3
September 2011	22.2	22.5	16.2	5.8	6.3	2.1	0.5	1.2	76.7
December 2011	20.5	21.9	13.7	5.5	6.6	1.7	0.4	1.0	71.4
March 2012	31.2	26.6	21.9	7.9	9.5	2.6	1.0	2.1	102.6
June 2012	34.4	38.4	26.6	9.5	11.8	2.7	0.8	2.1	126.2
September 2012	12.7	12.0	10.9	3.9	6.6	1.3	0.5	1.0	48.7
December 2012	14.7	15.3	10.6	4.4	5.6	1.3	0.4	0.8	53.1
March 2013	21.3	17.4	14.1	5.2	7.7	1.8	0.8	1.5	69.7
June 2013	16.2	15.8	15.0	4.8	7.1	1.3	0.5	0.9	61.7
September 2013	20.2	20.6	15.3	4.6	7.7	1.5	0.5	1.2	71.6
December 2013	11.6	10.8	8.7	2.7	6.7	1.1	0.4	0.8	42.9
March 2014	18.0	15.4	12.2	3.7	8.0	1.6	0.8	1.5	61.1
June 2014	10.7	11.8	9.0	2.9	6.7	1.5	0.7	0.8	44.1
September 2014	11.2	10.4	10.8	2.7	6.7	1.5	0.6	0.8	44.6
December 2014	10.8	10.6	8.5	2.3	5.9	1.3	0.5	0.6	40.6
March 2015	16.0	16.3	11.7	3.3	7.6	1.5	0.8	1.2	58.4
June 2015	8.8	9.9	10.0	2.7	7.3	1.2	0.4	0.7	40.9
September 2015	9.2	8.7	8.5	2.3	5.2	0.9	0.3	0.8	36.0

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Table 5 Completions by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2015 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	1.1	1.2	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.0
	20 to 24 years	2.8	2.0	1.9	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	9.2
	25 to 44 years	2.9	1.8	2.0	0.6	1.8	0.4	0.1	0.3	9.8
	45 years and over	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	3.6
Sex	Male	4.6	3.7	4.0	1.2	2.9	0.5	0.2	0.3	17.4
	Female	3.3	2.0	2.0	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	10.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
	Technicians and trades workers	2.6	2.7	2.9	0.8	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	11.8
	Community and personal service workers	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	4.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	4.0
	Sales workers	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
	Labourers	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.0
	Certificate III	5.7	4.4	5.1	1.6	2.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	20.7
	Certificate IV	1.5	0.9	0.4	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	5.9	4.2	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.7	0.2	0.4	19.4
	More than two years	2.0	1.6	1.9	0.8	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	8.2
Full-time status	Full-time	6.3	4.0	4.4	1.4	3.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	21.0
	Part-time	1.6	1.7	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	6.6
Total		7.9	5.8	6.0	1.9	4.2	1.0	0.3	0.7	27.6

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Table 6 Completions in each quarter by state/territory, 2010–15 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2010	11.8	10.5	8.9	2.7	4.1	1.2	0.3	0.4	40.0
December 2010	13.0	13.7	11.4	3.4	4.2	1.6	0.4	0.5	48.2
March 2011	15.5	11.1	8.7	3.5	3.6	1.0	0.4	0.4	44.1
June 2011	12.5	11.2	9.0	2.7	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	40.9
September 2011	13.0	12.2	10.1	3.0	4.1	1.4	0.3	0.2	44.3
December 2011	14.8	16.0	12.0	3.2	4.5	1.7	0.5	0.3	52.9
March 2012	15.8	12.4	9.6	3.6	3.8	1.3	0.3	0.6	47.3
June 2012	12.1	12.8	9.4	3.2	3.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	43.0
September 2012	12.0	12.7	9.3	3.1	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.6	43.4
December 2012	14.5	22.6	12.4	3.9	4.1	1.7	0.5	0.8	60.6
March 2013	16.4	11.3	9.6	3.4	4.1	1.2	0.2	0.8	47.1
June 2013	18.9	15.4	15.6	5.2	5.2	1.9	0.4	0.5	63.2
September 2013	10.9	8.8	7.4	2.5	4.4	0.9	0.3	0.6	35.8
December 2013	13.2	12.4	9.8	2.9	5.1	1.3	0.4	1.2	46.2
March 2014	15.2	8.1	7.3	3.0	3.8	0.9	0.3	1.0	39.6
June 2014	13.8	10.8	10.7	3.8	5.2	1.1	0.3	1.3	47.0
September 2014	8.1	7.0	6.5	2.2	3.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	29.4
December 2014	11.2	10.5	8.6	2.3	4.9	1.2	0.4	0.6	39.7
March 2015	11.0	5.9	5.9	2.5	3.4	0.8	0.2	0.9	30.7
June 2015	8.3	5.5	7.1	2.2	4.1	0.9	0.3	0.8	29.2
September 2015	7.9	5.8	6.0	1.9	4.2	1.0	0.3	0.7	27.6

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Table 7 Cancellations and withdrawals by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2015 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	2.5	1.9	2.0	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.1
	20 to 24 years	2.2	2.1	1.4	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	7.4
	25 to 44 years	1.7	1.5	1.4	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	6.7
	45 years and over	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
Sex	Male	4.6	4.1	3.5	0.9	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	16.3
	Female	2.1	1.8	1.6	0.4	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	7.7
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
	Technicians and trades workers	3.8	3.7	3.0	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	13.5
	Community and personal service workers	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
	Sales workers	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
	Labourers	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
	Certificate III	5.6	4.9	4.3	1.1	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	19.3
	Certificate IV	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	6.1	5.3	4.7	1.1	3.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	21.6
	More than two years	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.4
Full-time status	Full-time	5.5	4.6	3.7	0.9	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	18.6
	Part-time	1.2	1.3	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	5.4
Total		6.7	5.9	5.2	1.3	3.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	24.0

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Table 8 Cancellations and withdrawals in each quarter by state/territory, 2010–15 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2010	11.1	9.1	6.8	1.9	2.7	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.4
December 2010	11.1	9.5	7.4	1.9	2.9	0.9	0.4	0.7	34.8
March 2011	11.6	9.6	7.2	1.8	3.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.1
June 2011	11.7	10.1	6.8	1.8	3.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	35.4
September 2011	11.6	10.4	7.5	1.9	3.3	0.9	0.4	0.7	36.6
December 2011	11.1	10.2	7.5	1.8	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.7
March 2012	11.5	10.4	7.2	1.9	3.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	36.3
June 2012	10.9	11.0	6.9	1.9	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	35.8
September 2012	11.0	11.6	7.0	2.0	3.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	37.3
December 2012	10.2	10.5	7.2	1.8	3.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	35.5
March 2013	10.3	9.6	6.5	1.7	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	33.2
June 2013	9.6	8.8	6.3	1.6	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	31.4
September 2013	8.8	7.8	6.0	1.4	3.1	0.7	0.3	0.5	28.7
December 2013	8.4	7.8	6.1	1.5	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	28.6
March 2014	8.8	7.9	6.0	1.4	3.0	0.6	0.3	0.5	28.4
June 2014	8.2	7.6	5.7	1.3	2.8	0.7	0.4	0.5	27.2
September 2014	8.5	7.2	5.5	1.3	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	26.8
December 2014	7.9	8.7	5.8	1.4	2.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	28.0
March 2015	7.5	8.6	5.7	1.4	2.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	26.8
June 2015	6.9	6.8	5.3	1.3	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	24.4
September 2015	6.7	5.9	5.2	1.3	3.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	24.0

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Table 9 In-training as at the end of each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June. 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013
Age	19 years and under	132.6	125.6	139.4	136.9	129.7	120.0	134.2	135.9	125.1	110.1	117.4
	20 to 24 years	117.1	114.8	115.5	118.0	119.9	117.0	116.8	124.4	122.4	116.5	113.1
	25 to 44 years	135.8	135.2	140.0	142.1	144.9	143.4	149.2	175.2	164.8	151.5	144.3
	45 years and over	58.7	59.3	61.3	62.2	63.8	63.0	65.8	80.9	74.8	67.3	62.3
Sex	Male	292.8	287.3	300.4	299.7	297.9	288.0	300.9	327.9	312.5	290.1	290.4
	Female	151.5	147.6	155.7	159.6	160.4	155.3	165.0	188.6	174.6	155.3	146.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	17.1	19.1	23.4	27.5	30.9	34.3	39.0	50.2	47.8	42.9	37.8
	Technicians and trades workers	210.3	206.2	215.8	214.0	210.7	203.1	211.8	216.4	211.8	205.2	212.1
	Community and personal service workers	48.3	45.3	49.4	50.5	50.8	47.2	51.1	57.9	53.9	46.7	46.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	67.1	65.9	67.8	67.3	66.8	62.7	65.2	75.2	68.4	59.5	56.7
	Sales workers	45.2	43.4	43.9	44.9	43.9	42.2	44.0	53.0	47.2	39.7	35.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	30.2	29.9	29.8	28.7	28.6	27.5	27.9	31.7	29.3	26.9	25.1
	Labourers	26.0	25.0	26.0	26.2	26.5	26.3	27.0	32.1	28.7	24.5	23.3
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	32.0	28.7	30.3	28.7	25.4	20.5	21.4	21.6	19.2	15.1	15.5
	Certificate III	322.2	314.1	326.9	327.0	325.2	314.1	327.5	350.1	333.0	309.8	310.7
	Certificate IV	76.5	75.5	77.5	77.7	78.1	74.9	78.1	93.5	86.0	76.5	73.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	13.6	16.5	21.3	25.7	29.6	33.7	39.0	51.3	48.9	44.0	38.0
Full-time status	Full-time	343.4	339.0	353.5	352.9	354.6	344.9	358.1	393.8	373.4	347.6	343.4
	Part-time	100.8	95.9	102.7	106.3	103.7	98.4	107.9	122.7	113.7	97.9	93.7
Total		444.2	434.9	456.1	459.2	458.2	443.3	466.0	516.5	487.1	445.5	437.2

Table 9 (continued)

		June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015
Age	19 years and under	111.5	106.3	97.0	106.7	102.4	97.8	89.1	98.7	95.6	90.1
	20 to 24 years	109.4	112.8	107.6	104.5	100.1	102.0	97.7	96.9	96.3	95.9
	25 to 44 years	130.6	137.7	127.0	120.6	106.5	104.3	96.4	93.7	89.2	83.9
	45 years and over	54.7	59.0	52.7	48.3	40.9	38.1	33.5	31.3	28.1	25.5
Sex	Male	276.7	283.4	264.2	262.4	242.4	238.9	223.6	228.0	221.3	212.5
	Female	129.5	132.4	120.2	117.7	107.5	103.4	93.1	92.5	87.8	82.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	24.4	22.3	18.8	16.9	13.3	11.4	8.9	8.1	6.8	6.5
	Technicians and trades workers	210.1	215.1	206.1	208.5	195.1	193.7	185.3	190.9	187.7	181.7
	Community and personal service workers	43.3	44.8	41.2	44.2	43.3	43.0	39.4	41.1	39.8	38.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	53.2	53.2	45.7	41.3	35.5	33.5	29.0	27.7	24.9	21.8
	Sales workers	30.1	31.9	29.5	28.7	26.1	25.0	23.0	22.1	21.2	19.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	23.4	25.0	22.4	20.7	18.1	18.0	16.5	16.0	15.4	14.6
	Labourers	21.7	23.5	20.7	19.8	18.4	17.7	14.6	14.7	13.4	12.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	15.3	14.7	12.5	14.2	14.8	14.5	12.0	12.9	12.8	12.3
	Certificate III	297.2	303.8	285.5	286.2	266.4	264.1	248.7	254.7	247.7	239.9
	Certificate IV	70.8	76.6	68.5	63.1	54.1	49.8	43.3	40.9	37.6	32.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	22.9	20.8	17.9	16.6	14.6	13.9	12.6	12.1	11.0	10.8
Full-time status	Full-time	323.6	332.6	309.0	301.5	274.0	269.0	251.0	253.1	243.4	231.6
	Part-time	82.6	83.2	75.4	78.6	75.8	73.3	65.7	67.5	65.7	63.7
Total		406.2	415.8	384.4	380.1	349.9	342.3	316.7	320.6	309.1	295.3

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Table 10 Commencements in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June. 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013
Age	19 years and under	23.6	25.7	42.0	24.7	21.6	23.2	42.3	27.8	16.9	20.3	32.6
	20 to 24 years	14.2	12.0	16.1	14.1	14.2	12.2	16.9	19.9	10.4	9.9	12.5
	25 to 44 years	26.8	23.0	27.1	25.8	27.9	24.9	30.6	51.5	15.7	16.4	18.3
	45 years and over	12.4	10.9	11.2	11.7	13.0	11.1	12.8	27.0	5.7	6.5	6.2
Sex	Male	42.3	40.5	57.2	41.0	42.6	39.4	60.0	69.2	28.2	30.3	45.5
	Female	34.6	31.0	39.2	35.3	34.1	32.0	42.6	57.0	20.6	22.8	24.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	5.2	5.2	7.1	7.2	7.4	8.6	10.0	17.2	3.8	4.2	2.8
	Technicians and trades workers	19.8	20.5	34.7	19.2	19.6	18.2	35.5	26.2	16.3	18.1	32.5
	Community and personal service workers	11.6	9.8	14.4	11.6	11.1	10.5	15.1	17.2	7.4	8.3	10.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	15.7	13.8	16.3	14.3	14.4	12.0	17.1	24.7	7.5	7.8	10.0
	Sales workers	12.3	10.9	12.1	12.5	11.1	10.1	12.4	20.3	6.3	8.0	6.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.8	9.3	3.3	3.1	3.5
	Labourers	6.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	7.3	7.0	6.8	11.2	3.9	3.5	4.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	8.0	7.9	10.1	6.7	5.0	4.3	7.3	5.5	3.6	3.4	5.0
	Certificate III	47.6	45.7	64.4	48.3	49.3	45.8	68.1	72.0	34.4	37.7	52.2
	Certificate IV	16.3	12.9	15.1	14.4	15.0	12.5	17.1	30.5	6.9	8.0	10.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	4.9	5.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	8.7	10.1	18.3	3.8	4.0	2.1
Full-time status	Full-time	53.7	49.8	69.5	51.5	53.9	48.8	72.3	90.3	34.3	36.0	53.4
	Part-time	23.2	21.8	27.0	24.9	22.8	22.6	30.3	35.9	14.5	17.1	16.3
Existing worker	Existing worker	27.8	24.9	27.6	27.8	30.3	27.9	33.2	68.8	12.6	14.8	14.9
	Newly commencing worker	49.1	46.6	68.8	48.5	46.4	43.4	69.4	57.4	36.1	38.3	54.8
Total		76.9	71.5	96.4	76.3	76.7	71.4	102.6	126.2	48.7	53.1	69.7

Table 10 (continued)

		June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015
Age	19 years and under	19.5	15.8	17.6	30.5	16.2	15.4	16.9	29.7	15.5	13.8
	20 to 24 years	11.2	12.8	8.5	11.5	9.5	10.1	8.3	11.8	8.8	8.5
	25 to 44 years	21.4	28.8	12.7	15.0	13.6	14.5	11.4	13.2	12.6	10.6
	45 years and over	9.6	14.2	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.6	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.2
Sex	Male	36.1	44.2	25.7	39.6	26.2	27.6	25.0	40.0	26.7	23.0
	Female	25.6	27.4	17.2	21.6	17.9	17.0	15.5	18.4	14.2	13.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	2.2	2.0	1.2	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.8
	Technicians and trades workers	21.1	26.9	18.4	29.8	17.5	17.6	17.2	31.3	19.2	16.1
	Community and personal service workers	9.8	9.7	7.9	11.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	9.9	6.4	6.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	11.5	11.7	5.1	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.0	5.8	4.7	4.0
	Sales workers	7.8	8.0	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	4.5	6.4	2.2	2.7	2.5	3.7	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.7
	Labourers	4.7	6.9	2.8	3.6	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	4.0	3.1	3.0	5.0	3.7	3.2	2.6	4.0	2.9	2.7
	Certificate III	41.1	47.5	32.7	47.3	31.9	33.7	31.3	47.4	31.2	28.9
	Certificate IV	15.1	19.5	6.0	6.9	6.6	6.0	5.0	5.7	5.8	3.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.2
Full-time status	Full-time	44.7	56.6	30.1	44.3	30.9	32.6	28.2	44.0	30.2	26.2
	Part-time	17.0	15.0	12.8	16.8	13.1	12.0	12.3	14.4	10.7	9.9
Existing worker	Existing worker	22.9	34.1	8.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	7.7	7.7	9.3	5.8
	Newly commencing worker	38.8	37.5	34.6	51.9	34.9	35.5	32.9	50.7	31.6	30.2
Total		61.7	71.6	42.9	61.1	44.1	44.6	40.6	58.4	40.9	36.0

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Table 11 Completions in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June. 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013
Age	19 years and under	7.5	11.8	8.4	7.3	8.3	12.7	8.4	6.8	8.1	16.0	7.7
	20 to 24 years	11.4	13.8	15.4	11.7	12.2	13.9	16.6	11.8	11.7	14.4	14.5
	25 to 44 years	13.8	15.1	13.8	14.4	15.5	17.1	15.3	15.9	15.4	19.7	16.7
	45 years and over	7.2	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.3	9.2	7.1	8.5	8.2	10.4	8.2
Sex	Male	22.0	26.7	26.3	22.7	25.2	29.4	28.4	23.5	23.8	32.5	27.2
	Female	18.0	21.5	17.8	18.1	19.1	23.5	18.9	19.5	19.6	28.1	19.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.6	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.3	6.1	5.0
	Technicians and trades workers	11.5	14.2	15.9	11.6	13.2	15.0	17.6	12.0	11.9	14.0	15.9
	Community and personal service workers	5.8	8.2	5.8	5.7	5.9	9.2	6.2	5.9	6.3	10.8	6.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	7.8	9.2	8.4	8.3	8.4	10.4	8.4	8.3	7.6	11.0	7.4
	Sales workers	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.8	7.3	7.3	5.9	6.8	7.1	10.6	5.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3
	Labourers	2.9	3.8	2.8	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.7	3.2
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	5.0	6.7	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.7	3.4	2.9	3.3	4.8
	Certificate III	27.1	32.1	31.3	27.3	29.7	34.4	33.3	28.2	29.1	38.7	31.3
	Certificate IV	7.2	8.3	7.4	7.7	8.2	10.0	8.0	8.7	7.7	11.1	8.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.8	2.8	2.6	3.2	3.4	6.0	5.1
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	30.0	36.5	31.3	31.7	34.4	41.7	33.1	34.1	34.3	50.2	35.5
	More than two years	10.0	11.7	12.7	9.2	9.9	11.1	14.1	8.9	9.1	10.4	11.7
Full-time status	Full-time	28.8	32.6	34.3	29.7	32.5	36.0	36.9	31.7	30.7	38.6	36.0
	Part-time	11.2	15.6	9.7	11.2	11.9	16.9	10.4	11.3	12.7	22.0	11.1
Total		40.0	48.2	44.1	40.9	44.3	52.9	47.3	43.0	43.4	60.6	47.1

Table 11 (continued)

		June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015
Age	19 years and under	8.6	4.9	10.5	5.7	6.0	5.5	10.0	5.1	4.3	5.0
	20 to 24 years	14.2	9.9	12.9	14.4	13.5	8.3	11.0	11.9	9.3	9.2
	25 to 44 years	26.3	13.8	15.1	13.6	18.6	10.3	12.5	9.8	10.8	9.8
	45 years and over	14.1	7.3	7.6	6.0	8.8	5.3	6.2	3.9	4.8	3.6
Sex	Male	32.4	21.9	27.8	25.8	29.8	17.4	23.1	19.8	18.8	17.4
	Female	30.8	13.9	18.3	13.8	17.2	12.0	16.6	10.9	10.5	10.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	12.8	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	1.2	2.0	0.9	0.7	0.4
	Technicians and trades workers	13.2	12.9	17.1	18.2	21.2	10.0	14.0	14.6	12.8	11.8
	Community and personal service workers	8.9	4.5	7.7	5.0	6.3	5.0	7.7	4.7	4.3	4.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	9.9	7.0	7.9	6.4	6.7	4.5	6.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
	Sales workers	9.7	3.3	4.6	3.1	4.4	3.7	3.6	2.7	2.9	3.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	4.5	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.4	2.6	2.8	1.7	2.2	2.1
	Labourers	4.2	3.0	3.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	3.5	2.0	2.1	1.9
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	2.4	2.0	3.5	1.7	1.6	2.1	3.4	1.6	1.7
	Certificate III	35.6	24.1	32.4	29.5	34.4	20.2	27.4	23.7	21.9	20.7
	Certificate IV	11.4	8.0	8.4	6.7	9.2	6.0	7.1	4.5	4.8	4.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	13.8	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.6
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	53.5	27.4	34.5	26.5	34.9	21.8	29.4	19.7	20.6	19.4
	More than two years	9.7	8.5	11.6	13.1	12.1	7.5	10.3	11.0	8.6	8.2
Full-time status	Full-time	43.2	28.6	33.8	33.3	38.0	21.4	27.5	24.7	23.2	21.0
	Part-time	20.0	7.3	12.3	6.3	9.0	8.0	12.2	5.9	6.0	6.6
Total		63.2	35.8	46.2	39.6	47.0	29.4	39.7	30.7	29.2	27.6

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Table 12 Cancellations and withdrawals in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June. 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013
Age	19 years and under	11.3	12.4	12.5	11.5	12.1	12.2	12.2	11.1	11.1	11.3	10.5
	20 to 24 years	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.3	9.5	9.4	9.6	9.1	9.0
	25 to 44 years	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.7	11.1	10.6	10.9	11.1	11.9	10.9	10.0
	45 years and over	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.7
Sex	Male	20.2	21.3	21.4	21.8	22.2	21.9	22.0	21.5	22.3	21.7	20.7
	Female	13.2	13.5	13.7	13.6	14.5	13.8	14.3	14.3	15.1	13.8	12.6
Occupation (ANZSCO group)	Managers and professionals	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.5
	Technicians and trades workers	13.1	13.8	14.2	13.6	14.5	14.2	14.1	13.5	13.4	13.8	14.3
	Community and personal service workers	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.7	5.2	4.8	4.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.0	4.5
	Sales workers	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.4	3.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8
	Labourers	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.9	2.2
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3
	Certificate III	23.7	24.6	25.0	25.0	26.0	25.6	26.0	25.0	26.1	24.9	23.9
	Certificate IV	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6
Duration until cancelled/ withdrawn	Two years or less	30.8	32.4	32.7	33.0	34.5	33.6	34.0	33.3	34.9	33.0	30.6
	More than two years	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.7
Full-time status	Full-time	24.2	24.7	25.3	25.8	26.7	25.2	26.1	26.0	26.8	25.2	24.6
	Part-time	9.2	10.1	9.9	9.5	9.9	10.5	10.2	9.8	10.5	10.3	8.7
Total		33.4	34.8	35.1	35.4	36.6	35.7	36.3	35.8	37.3	35.5	33.2

Table 12 (continued)

		June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015
Age	19 years and under	9.5	8.9	9.2	8.9	8.2	8.4	9.2	9.0	8.3	8.1
	20 to 24 years	8.4	7.8	7.5	7.9	7.6	7.8	8.5	8.4	7.3	7.4
	25 to 44 years	9.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.8	6.7
	45 years and over	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.8
Sex	Male	19.6	18.3	18.1	18.4	17.3	17.3	18.8	18.5	16.4	16.3
	Female	11.8	10.4	10.4	10.0	9.9	9.5	9.2	8.3	8.0	7.7
Occupation (ANZSCO group)	Managers and professionals	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
	Technicians and trades workers	13.9	13.7	13.4	13.9	13.5	13.8	14.7	15.3	13.1	13.5
	Community and personal service workers	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.1
	Sales workers	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2
	Labourers	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4
	Certificate III	22.6	20.9	20.9	21.3	20.0	20.5	21.8	21.7	19.3	19.3
	Certificate IV	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.3	3.7	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7
Duration until cancelled/ withdrawn	Two years or less	28.5	26.3	26.2	25.9	24.5	24.3	24.7	23.7	21.9	21.6
	More than two years	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.1	2.5	2.4
Full-time status	Full-time	23.7	22.1	21.3	21.7	20.9	20.6	21.0	20.8	18.7	18.6
	Part-time	7.7	6.6	7.3	6.7	6.4	6.3	7.0	6.0	5.7	5.4
Total		31.4	28.7	28.6	28.4	27.2	26.8	28.0	26.8	24.4	24.0

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Table 13 In-training in top 20 training packages by state/territory, as at 30 September 2015 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	15.0	14.6	9.2	2.4	5.5	1.0	0.4	0.9	48.9
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	8.9	7.3	7.0	2.0	4.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	31.1
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	8.3	5.8	5.8	2.0	3.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	26.2
Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT, THC, THH, THT)	6.7	6.5	5.6	1.4	3.3	0.9	0.2	0.8	25.5
Community Services (CHC)	7.3	3.6	3.6	0.5	2.5	0.7	0.3	0.9	19.4
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	4.5	3.0	6.2	1.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	18.9
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	4.2	3.1	3.8	0.8	4.7	0.8	0.2	0.3	18.0
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	4.6	3.4	3.3	3.0	1.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	17.0
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	3.9	1.8	1.5	0.4	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	10.2
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	2.8	3.4	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	10.1
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	1.2	0.7	5.0	0.5	1.8	0.3	0.2	0.0	9.7
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	2.4	1.7	2.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	8.7
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	1.6	1.3	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.9
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	1.6	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.6
Information and Communications Technology (ICA, ICT)	1.7	1.3	1.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.6
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	1.0	2.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.5
Sustainability (MSS)	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	-	-	4.5
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.4
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.3	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Health (HLT)	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.5
Top 20 training packages sub-total	78.2	66.0	61.8	17.9	39.6	7.5	3.3	5.0	279.3
Other training packages	4.4	3.1	3.3	1.2	2.5	0.6	0.2	0.7	15.9
All training packages	82.6	69.1	65.1	19.1	42.0	8.1	3.5	5.7	295.2
Non-training packages	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	0.2
Total number	82.6	69.1	65.1	19.1	42.1	8.1	3.5	5.7	295.3
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9

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Table 14 Commencements in top 20 training packages by state/territory, September quarter 2015 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.9
Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT, THC, THH, THT)	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.4
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.4
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.2
Community Services (CHC)	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.5
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.7
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Information and Communications Technology (ICA, ICT)	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Sustainability (MSS)	0.0	0.2	0.0	-	0.2	0.0	-	-	0.5
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Health (HLT)	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	0.3
Top 20 training packages sub-total	8.9	8.3	8.1	2.3	4.8	0.9	0.3	0.8	34.4
Other training packages	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.6
All training packages	9.2	8.7	8.5	2.3	5.2	0.9	0.3	0.8	36.0
Non-training packages	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0
Total number	9.2	8.7	8.5	2.3	5.2	0.9	0.3	0.8	36.0
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Training activity: 12-month ending series

Table 15 Commencements by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Age	19 years and under	113.4	114.0	110.2	88.2	79.7	75.9
	20 to 24 years	52.6	56.4	59.4	46.4	39.7	37.4
	25 to 44 years	96.3	103.8	122.7	84.9	55.8	47.8
	45 years and over	43.1	46.7	56.6	36.5	17.6	14.8
Sex	Male	175.3	181.4	196.8	156.2	119.1	114.8
	Female	130.2	139.5	152.1	99.9	73.7	61.1
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	13.8	27.0	39.6	11.2	4.8	3.2
	Technicians and trades workers	93.7	94.0	96.2	98.6	83.4	83.9
	Community and personal service workers	43.6	47.0	50.2	38.3	37.3	30.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	60.0	58.7	61.4	41.1	23.4	19.5
	Sales workers	46.3	46.6	49.1	29.7	20.1	16.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	22.9	21.7	23.3	17.6	11.1	11.3
	Labourers	25.2	26.0	29.0	19.5	12.7	11.2
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	35.7	29.7	20.7	15.4	14.9
	Certificate III	199.3	207.7	220.2	178.4	145.6	138.7
	Certificate IV	58.6	57.4	67.1	53.0	25.6	19.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	11.8	26.1	40.9	9.2	6.7	5.2
Full-time status	Full-time	217.2	224.5	245.6	190.6	138.0	128.7
	Part-time	88.3	96.4	103.3	65.4	54.8	47.2
Total		305.4	320.9	348.9	256.0	192.8	175.9

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Table 16 Completions by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Age	19 years and under	33.5	35.8	35.9	37.2	27.7	24.4
	20 to 24 years	50.9	53.0	54.0	53.1	49.1	41.4
	25 to 44 years	54.1	58.9	63.8	76.4	57.6	42.9
	45 years and over	28.6	29.8	32.9	40.0	27.7	18.5
Sex	Male	93.9	100.9	105.1	114.0	100.7	79.1
	Female	73.1	76.6	81.5	92.7	61.4	48.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	6.0	6.9	12.6	25.9	7.8	4.0
	Technicians and trades workers	50.9	55.0	56.4	56.1	66.4	53.2
	Community and personal service workers	25.1	25.7	27.6	30.6	23.9	21.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	32.4	34.4	34.7	35.2	25.5	18.3
	Sales workers	25.2	27.8	27.1	29.4	15.8	12.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	14.8	13.5	13.5	14.3	11.6	8.8
	Labourers	12.8	14.1	14.6	15.1	11.1	9.6
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	21.2	20.2	15.2	11.8	8.9
	Certificate III	114.9	120.5	125.1	129.7	116.5	93.8
	Certificate IV	28.8	31.7	34.3	38.7	30.4	20.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.2	5.1	12.0	26.6	6.3	4.1
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	123.7	134.0	143.3	166.5	117.8	89.2
	More than two years	43.4	43.5	43.3	40.2	44.3	38.1
Full-time status	Full-time	122.9	129.2	135.3	146.4	126.6	96.5
	Part-time	44.1	48.3	51.3	60.3	35.5	30.8
Total		167.1	177.5	186.6	206.7	162.1	127.2

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Table 17 Cancellations and withdrawals by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Age	19 years and under	46.8	48.5	46.5	40.2	34.7	34.6
	20 to 24 years	33.2	36.8	37.7	34.3	30.8	31.5
	25 to 44 years	36.7	41.6	44.6	39.5	34.1	28.7
	45 years and over	12.9	15.0	16.3	14.8	11.5	8.3
Sex	Male	79.2	86.7	87.5	80.3	71.2	70.0
	Female	50.4	55.3	57.6	48.5	39.9	33.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	3.6	6.3	10.0	9.1	5.0	1.9
	Technicians and trades workers	51.9	56.1	55.2	55.7	54.6	56.6
	Community and personal service workers	17.8	18.7	19.8	16.4	15.8	14.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	19.6	22.0	22.1	17.7	13.4	9.9
	Sales workers	17.9	18.9	17.9	14.0	9.4	8.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	8.2	9.0	8.3	6.9	5.8	5.3
	Labourers	10.6	11.0	11.7	9.0	7.0	6.5
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	16.5	14.8	10.5	7.3	6.0	5.8
	Certificate III	92.4	100.6	102.7	92.3	82.7	82.1
	Certificate IV	18.6	21.2	22.0	20.1	17.2	12.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.3	5.4	9.9	9.1	5.2	3.4
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	119.7	132.5	135.9	118.4	100.9	91.8
	More than two years	9.9	9.4	9.2	10.4	10.2	11.3
Full-time status	Full-time	92.7	102.5	104.0	95.5	84.5	79.0
	Part-time	36.9	39.5	41.1	33.2	26.6	24.1
Total		129.6	142.0	145.1	128.8	111.1	103.2

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Table 18 Commencements by industry skills council, 12 months ending 30 September 2015, Australia ('000)

Industry skills council	Trades	Non-trades	Total
AgriFood	7.2	8.8	16.0
Auto Skills Australia	9.7	1.3	11.0
Community Services and Health	0.2	14.1	14.4
Construction and Property Services	23.8	2.6	26.5
E-oz Energy	11.8	0.1	11.9
ForestWorks	0.1	0.2	0.3
Government	-	1.3	1.3
Innovation and Business	4.9	18.7	23.6
Manufacturing	13.5	1.3	14.8
Service	10.2	31.0	41.2
SkillsDMC	2.3	5.2	7.5
Transport and Logistics	-	7.4	7.4
World Vision Australia	-	-	-
Training packages not assigned to industry skills councils	-	-	-
Training package qualifications total	83.8	92.0	175.8
Non-training package qualifications total	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	83.9	92.0	175.9

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Table 19 Commencements by occupation and state/territory, 12 months ending 30 September 2015 ('000)

Occupation (ANZSCO) group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Managers	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	2.7
11 Chief executives, general managers and legislators	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.1
12 Farmers and farm managers	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	1.2
13 Specialist managers	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
14 Hospitality, retail and service managers	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-	0.2	0.5
Professionals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
21 Arts and media professionals	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
22 Business, human resource and marketing professionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1	-	0.0	-	0.2
23 Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.2
24 Education professionals	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
25 Health professionals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 ICT professionals	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0
27 Legal, social and welfare professionals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technicians and trades workers	20.4	25.6	18.2	4.6	11.1	1.6	0.8	1.5	83.9
31 Engineering, ICT and science technicians	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.8
32 Automotive and engineering	4.2	3.8	4.2	1.0	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	16.0
33 Construction trades workers	6.4	8.7	5.1	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.1	0.4	24.3
34 Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	4.0	3.8	3.0	0.8	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	13.9
35 Food trades workers	2.3	3.3	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	9.2
36 Skilled animal and horticultural workers	1.1	1.5	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.0
39 Other technicians and trades workers	1.9	3.9	2.6	0.6	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	12.7
391 Hairdressers	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.0
392 Printing trades workers	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.4
393 Textile, clothing and footwear trades workers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	0.1
394 Wood trades workers	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2
399 Miscellaneous	0.3	1.9	1.1	0.1	2.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.9
Community and personal service workers	8.9	7.1	6.4	0.9	5.0	0.8	0.4	1.0	30.6
41 Health and welfare support workers	1.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	3.0
42 Carers and aides	4.0	2.4	2.3	0.2	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	11.3
43 Hospitality workers	2.8	1.6	2.9	0.3	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	10.5
44 Protective service workers	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5
45 Sports and personal service workers	1.1	1.7	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.3
Clerical and administrative workers	5.1	3.8	4.1	1.0	4.1	0.8	0.3	0.3	19.5
51 Office managers and program administrators	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.2
52 Personal assistants and secretaries	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.2
53 General clerical workers	1.8	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	7.1
54 Inquiry clerks and receptionists	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.1
55 Numerical clerks	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.1
56 Clerical and office support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59 Other clerical and administrative workers	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Sales workers	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.8	1.6	0.8	0.1	0.2	16.3
61 Sales representatives and agents	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
62 Sales assistants and salespersons	3.5	3.8	2.6	2.7	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.2	15.2
63 Sales support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery operators and drivers	3.2	1.0	4.4	0.3	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.0	11.3
71 Machine and stationary plant operators	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.5
72 Mobile plant operators	0.2	0.0	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.0
73 Road and rail drivers	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.6
74 Storepersons	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.1
Labourers	2.5	3.3	2.3	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	11.2
81 Cleaners and laundry workers	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8
82 Construction and mining labourers	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.0
83 Factory process workers	1.3	2.2	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	-	6.3
84 Farm, forestry and garden workers	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.3
85 Food preparation assistants	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
89 Other labourers	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
Total	44.8	45.5	38.7	10.6	25.9	5.0	2.1	3.4	175.9

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Early trend estimates

Table 20 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, 2005–15 ('000)

	Trade	Non-trade	Total
December 2005	18.9	48.3	67.1
March 2006	18.7	47.5	66.2
June 2006	18.6	47.0	65.6
September 2006	19.2	47.0	66.3
December 2006	19.9	47.6	67.6
March 2007	20.6	48.2	68.8
June 2007	20.9	48.1	68.9
September 2007	21.2	47.6	68.7
December 2007	22.1	48.4	70.5
March 2008	22.8	50.1	73.0
June 2008	22.4	51.3	73.8
September 2008	20.9	50.9	71.9
December 2008	19.3	49.0	68.2
March 2009	18.4	47.4	65.8
June 2009	18.7	47.4	66.1
September 2009	19.8	48.6	68.6
December 2009	21.7	50.4	72.2
March 2010	23.2	51.8	75.0
June 2010	24.0	53.4	77.5
September 2010	24.2	55.8	80.0
December 2010	24.0	57.7	81.5
March 2011	23.6	57.2	80.6
June 2011	23.0	55.9	79.0
September 2011	22.3	55.1	77.5
December 2011	23.8	64.0	87.8
March 2012	25.3	71.9	97.2
June 2012	25.2	67.9	93.3
September 2012	23.4	52.9	76.7
December 2012	21.3	38.2	59.9
March 2013	22.7	35.0	57.7
June 2013	26.0	39.3	65.0
September 2013	26.7	37.3	63.5
December 2013	24.6	33.4	57.9
March 2014	21.4	28.4	49.8
June 2014	19.8	26.0	45.5
September 2014	20.4	26.4	46.5
December 2014	21.3	26.4	47.8
March 2015	21.5	24.8	46.5
June 2015	20.9	21.8	42.4
September 2015	20.2	19.9	39.2
December 2015	18.6	21.7	39.3

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Please note: Trend estimates are produced by optimally smoothing the seasonally adjusted series. Any referencing of early trend estimates must be done so with caution due to the preliminary nature of the submitted data. The submitted data are subject to reporting lags and are updated each quarter. Therefore, results in the trend series are revised quarterly. These revisions affect the most recent four quarters to a much greater extent than the preceding quarters.

Terms

AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework. For more details on the AQF, go to <http://www.aqf.edu.au>.

ANZSCO (Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations) is a classification of the occupations of individuals. The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication, *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations* (First edition, Revision 2, ABS cat.no.1220.0).

Cancellations and withdrawals refers to apprentices and trainees whose contract of training has been terminated prior to a successful completion. Cancellation and withdrawal figures may also include contracts which have been transferred due to a change in employer.

Commencements refers to apprentices and trainees starting a program of training. The date of commencement is the date that an apprentice or trainee contract of training is registered or approved under the provisions of the relevant state/territory legislation.

Completions refers to apprenticeship or traineeship contracts of training where all of the prescribed requirements have been met.

Contract status indicates the status of apprentice and trainee contracts of training, including the commencement, completion, cancellation/withdrawal of contracts, and apprentices and trainees in-training.

Early trend estimates refers to early indications of training activity for the quarter being collected for the first time. These estimates are only available for seasonally adjusted and smoothed commencements at the national level for trade and non-trade occupations.

Existing workers refers to those apprentices and trainees who were employed by their current employer for more than three months full-time (or 12 months part-time/casual) prior to commencing their training contract.

Full-time apprentices or trainees are those whose ordinary hours of employment, including the training component, are at least the usual hours of employment for a full-time employee in that occupation.

Industry skills councils are organisations representing particular industries. For more information on industry skills councils, go to <http://www.isc.org.au/>. For more information on training packages developed by industry skills councils, go to <http://www.training.gov.au>.

In-training refers to apprentices and trainees who are actively training, at the end of each quarter, under the terms of their training contract, and who have not completed, cancelled or withdrawn from their training, nor had their training contract expire without meeting all of the prescribed requirements of their program.

Non-trades refers to those apprentices and trainees employed in occupations outside the trades. 'Non-trades' includes all occupations listed under ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2, with the exception of major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers).

Part-time apprentices or trainees are defined as those whose ordinary hours of employment, including the training component, are less than full-time. Part-time provisions vary across Australia and across occupations, with 'part-time' defined by each state and territory.

Seasonal adjustment refers to a mathematical model used in time series data to smooth out fluctuations attributable to seasonal influences.

Trades refers to those apprentices and trainees employed in trades occupations under major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) of ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2.

Training duration indicates the amount of time that an apprentice or trainee takes to complete their contract of training from the time of commencement.

Training packages are a set of nationally endorsed standards, guidelines and qualifications for training and for recognising and assessing skills. For more details on training packages, go to <http://www.training.gov.au>.

12-month ending series refers to the total number of commencements, completions and cancellations/withdrawals within a 12-month period (that is, summing the current quarter with the previous three quarters).

Explanatory notes

Data source

Information included in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.86, December 2015 estimates, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 6.0, March 2008.

Estimation procedure

This publication contains figures on apprentice and trainee activity (such as commencements, completions and in-training) based on the date of effect rather than the date of processing. Due to lags in processing, the most recent figures in this publication are estimated (for training activity from December quarter 2013 to September quarter 2015). The estimation method involves weighting recently processed numbers, based on average reporting lags. Because estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or in subsequent reports. Figures in bold are actual numbers. Further details on the methodology can be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.html>. For the standard errors on the estimates used in this publication, see the data tables at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2857.html>.

Early trend estimates

Early trend estimates for the quarter being collected for the first time (December quarter 2015) are possible for commencements at the national level for trade and non-trade occupations. These estimates are then seasonally adjusted and smoothed using X-11-ARIMA methodology, based on data from September 2005 to December 2015. Because estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or in subsequent reports.

Due to the variability of first submission data, these early trend estimates cannot be disaggregated further by state and territory.

State and territory comments

Due to the transition to a new IT system in the June quarter 2013, data for the South Australian Department of State Development (DSD) may be subject to future revisions in subsequent quarters.

Definitions and derivations

Non-trades are defined as all major occupations groups 1–2 and 4–8 (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2). Trades are defined as all major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2). ANZSCO has now been back-cast by NCVER to 1994 for reporting purposes. For further information on the methodology, see <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2266.html>.

Unknown data have not been reported in any tables, whereas the total includes all contracts, including those with unknown status. Hence, some figures in the tables may not sum to the total.

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

Additional information

From 1 July 2012 the Australian Government discontinued the \$1500 standard employer commencement incentive payment and increased the standard completion incentive by \$500 to \$3000 for existing worker apprentice and trainees in non-National Skills Needs List occupations. The observed changes to commencements and completion levels need to be seen in the context of this policy change. Further details on incentive changes may be found in the 2012–13 Budget <http://www.budget.gov.au/2012-13/content/bp2/html/bp2_expense-15.htm>.

In April 2012, the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development announced through *Refocusing vocational training in Victoria* that it would refocus subsidy rates for VET courses to better target areas of greatest public benefit and future jobs growth. New fee and funding rates were effective from 1 July 2012 for all new course commencements. Changes to these subsidy rates may influence employer decisions on whether to commence trainees in some VET courses.



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