

VET in Schools 2016

National Centre for Vocational Education Research



Introduction

This publication presents information on VET in Schools, the vocational education and training (VET) undertaken by school students as part of their senior secondary certificate of education. The VET in Schools arrangement offers two main options: students can undertake school-based apprenticeships and traineeships; or they can take VET subjects and courses as part of their school curriculum (the latter is referred to as 'other VET in Schools programs').

Highlights

In 2016, there were:

- 243 300 VET in Schools students
- 17 200 school-based apprentices and trainees, representing 7.1% of all VET in Schools students
- 226 100 other VET in Schools students, representing 92.9% of all VET in Schools students.

In 2016, compared with 2015:

- the overall number of VET in Schools students decreased by 5.4%
- school-based apprentices and trainees decreased by 14.4%
- other VET in Schools students decreased by 4.6%.

Data scope

The information contained in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National VET in Schools Collection, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS), Release 7.0. The scope of VET in Schools reporting is all activity encompassed by the definition developed by the former Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). MCEECDYA's definition covers programs undertaken as part of a student's senior secondary certificate of education that provide credit towards a nationally recognised VET qualification.

More information

More detailed tables containing VET in Schools data are available in the data tables associated with this publication, see <<https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/vet-in-schools/vet-in-schools>>.

Tables

Table 1 Number of VET in Schools students by age group and state or territory, 2016 ('000)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
14 years and under	0.1	1.2	5.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	7.6
15 to 19 years	52.2	48.9	75.7	12.6	35.5	3.1	2.3	3.3	233.7
20 years and over	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Not known	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	-	0.0
Total	52.6	51.0	81.3	13.4	35.8	3.2	2.8	3.3	243.3

Notes: A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no data reported in this category.

For further information on data quality issues refer to the explanatory notes in the *VET in Schools Data slicer*, available at <<https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/vet-in-schools/vet-in-schools>>.

Table 2 State and territory summaries of VET in Schools students, 2012–16

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015–16
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	% change
School-based apprentices and trainees						
New South Wales	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.2	1.0
Victoria	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.3	-7.7
Queensland	13.2	13.1	11.7	11.1	8.7	-21.4
South Australia	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.1	1.3	12.9
Western Australia	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.8	-36.7
Tasmania	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	-8.6
Northern Territory	0.1	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-44.7
Australian Capital Territory	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	**
Total school-based apprentices and trainees	23.0	22.1	21.0	20.1	17.2	-14.4
Other VET in Schools students						
New South Wales	59.5	58.3	58.4	51.9	50.3	-3.0
Victoria	45.6	45.7	46.6	47.9	47.7	-0.5
Queensland	76.7	78.0	71.6	83.1	72.6	-12.7
South Australia	11.3	11.7	12.5	11.9	12.1	1.7
Western Australia	23.7	23.8	26.1	32.3	35.0	8.5
Tasmania	6.7	4.5	5.5	4.2	2.6	-38.8
Northern Territory	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.7	25.1
Australian Capital Territory	4.5	4.5	3.3	3.6	3.1	-12.1
Total other VET in Schools students	229.6	228.2	226.2	237.0	226.1	-4.6
Total VET in Schools students						
New South Wales	61.8	60.8	61.2	54.1	52.6	-2.8
Victoria	49.8	49.3	50.5	51.5	51.0	-1.0
Queensland	89.9	91.1	83.2	94.2	81.3	-13.7
South Australia	12.2	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.4	2.6
Western Australia	24.9	24.9	27.3	33.4	35.8	6.9
Tasmania	7.3	5.1	6.1	4.8	3.2	-34.9
Northern Territory	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.8	20.0
Australian Capital Territory	4.9	4.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	-7.4
Total VET in Schools students	252.6	250.3	247.2	257.1	243.3	-5.4

Notes: ** Percentage change not included due to small base numbers and large year-on-year percentage change.

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