



End of Year Summary of International Student Data 2018

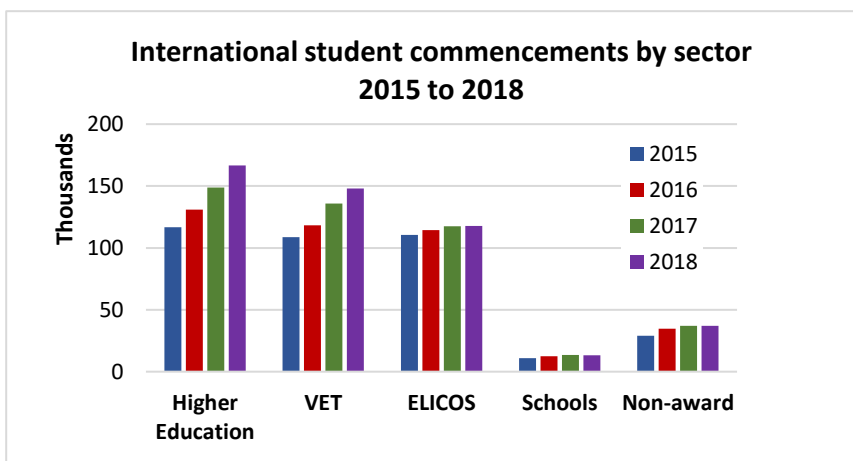
In 2018, there were 876,399 enrolments generated by 693,750 full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 10.1% increase on 2017 and compares with an average annual enrolments growth rate of 10.8% per year over the preceding five years. The commencements (new enrolments) increased by 6.6% on 2017 figures. This compares with the average annual commencements growth rate of 9.9% per year over the preceding five years.

Sector

The largest volume of enrolments and commencements in 2018 were in higher education (45.5% & 34.5% respectively) followed by VET (27.9% & 30.7%), ELICOS (17.8% & 24.4%) and the non-award sector (5.7% & 7.7%). Postgraduate research commencements increased by 5.4%, while other postgraduate commencements grew by 17.5% on 2017 figures. Bachelor degree commencements grew by 9.7% over the same period.

Nationality by sector

In the higher education sector, the top two source countries were China (38.3% enrolments and 38.4% commencements) and India (18.1% enrolments and 20.9% commencements).



India contributed the largest share of enrolments (12.2%) and commencements (13.0%) in the VET sector. China was the next largest source country for enrolments (9.1%) followed by Brazil (8.4%) and Nepal (8.0%).

In ELICOS, China accounted for the largest share of enrolments (30.5%) and commencements (29.8%). Brazil was the next largest nationality for enrolments (11.6%), followed by Colombia (9.4%) and Thailand (5.6%).

In schools, China contributed the largest share of enrolments at 51.0% followed by Vietnam (13.2%) and the Republic of Korea (4.8%).

In the non-award sector, China accounted for 38.9% of enrolments. The USA and the UK contributed a further 12.9% and 4.1% respectively. Enrolments from China and the USA fell by 0.8% and 1.2% respectively. Enrolments from the UK also declined by 3.5% on 2017.

Sector	Enrolments				Commencements			
	2017	2018	Growth on 2017	Share of all sectors	2017	2018	Growth on 2017	Share of all sectors
Higher Education	349,152	399,078	14.3%	45.5%	148,747	166,549	12.0%	34.5%
VET	216,123	244,287	13.0%	27.9%	135,845	148,023	9.0%	30.7%
ELICOS	155,212	156,369	0.7%	17.8%	117,564	117,769	0.2%	24.4%
Schools	25,664	26,801	4.4%	3.1%	13,403	13,121	-2.1%	2.7%
Non-award	49,979	49,864	-0.2%	5.7%	37,032	37,059	0.1%	7.7%
Total in Australia	796,130	876,399	10.1%	100.0%	452,591	482,521	6.6%	100.0%
The top 5 nationalities contributed 56.0% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit changes in markets with over 4,500 enrolments and outside the top 5			
Nationality	2017	2018	Growth on 2017	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	2018	Growth on 2017	Rank
China	230,681	255,896	10.9%	29.2%	Colombia	26,211	21.5%	9
India	86,966	108,292	24.5%	12.4%	Sri Lanka	13,040	24.5%	15
Nepal	35,212	52,243	48.4%	6.0%	Philippines	12,738	18.4%	16
Brazil	36,382	40,864	12.3%	4.7%	Bangladesh	7,203	10.3%	22
Malaysia	32,697	33,730	3.2%	3.8%	Chile	5,531	29.0%	25
Other nationalities	374,192	385,374	3.0%	44.0%	Kenya	4,606	15.2%	28
All nationalities	796,130	876,399	10.1%	100.0%	Mongolia	4,509	48.3%	29

Source: Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS). The data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.

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