



End of Year Summary of International Student Enrolment Data¹ – Australia – 2013

In 2013, there were 526,932 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 2.6% increase on 2012 and compares with the average annual growth rate for enrolments of 5.9% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 302,976 commencements in 2013, representing a 9.3% increase over 2012. This compares with the average annual growth rate for commencements of 5.4% per year over the preceding ten years.

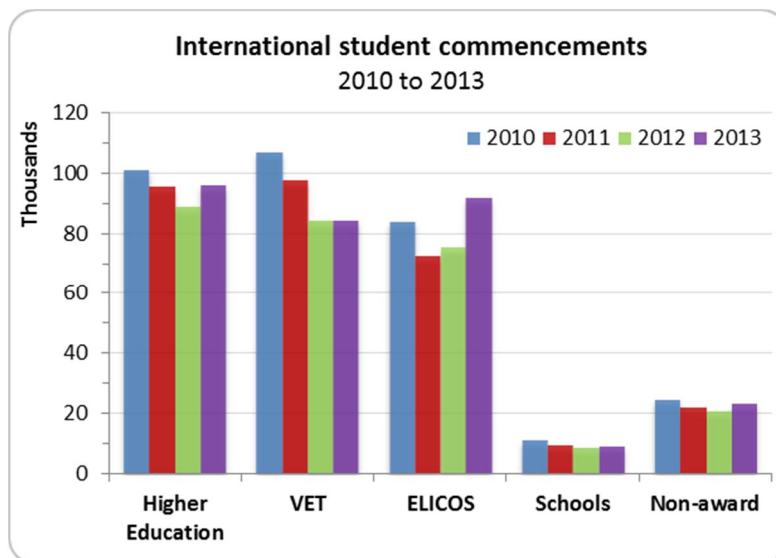
The largest volume of enrolments and volume of commencements in 2013 were in higher education (43.9% and 31.6% respectively). Enrolments increased slightly by 0.4% on 2012 figures and commencements increased by 8.1% in the same period. China and India accounted for 39.9% and 7.2% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. Post-graduate research commencements in higher education increased slightly by 0.2% and other post-graduate commencements grew by 19.4%. Commencements at bachelor degree level declined by 3.5% over the same period.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) accounted for 25.6% of total enrolments and 27.7% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in VET declined by 6.4% and 0.1% respectively on 2012. India had the largest share of total enrolments (21.5%) and of total commencements (17.6%). China accounted for the next largest share of enrolments with 10.5%, followed by the Republic of Korea (7.3%) and Thailand (6.6%).

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) accounted for 21.7% of total enrolments and 30.2% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in ELICOS grew by 20.1% and 21.0% respectively on 2012. China accounted for 25.0% of enrolments and 23.8% of commencements in ELICOS, more than any other nationality. Brazil was the second largest nationality for enrolments (8.7%) and commencements (9.1%), followed by Thailand (7.9% of enrolments and 8.0% of commencements). While over 90% of ELICOS students from China went on to do further study in Australia in 2012, less than a third of students from Brazil and about half of students from Thailand did.

In 2013, schools accounted for 3.4% of total enrolments and 2.9% of total commencements. Enrolments in schools declined by 3.8% on 2012 figures. By nationality, China and Vietnam had the largest shares of enrolments (46.0% and 10.0% respectively). China also accounted for 43.7% of commencements, followed by Germany with 8.5%.

Enrolments and commencements in the Non-award courses (which include study exchange and foundation programs) grew 11.2% and 11.6% respectively. China and the USA accounted for more enrolments than any other nationality (24.2% and 19.1% respectively). Commencements from China increased by 20.7% on 2012 figures, however those from the USA declined by 3.5%.



Type	Enrolments			Commencements		
	2012	2013	Growth on 2012	2012	2013	Growth on 2012
Higher Education	230,167	231,186	0.4%	88,580	95,729	8.1%
VET	144,330	135,151	-6.4%	84,138	84,059	-0.1%
ELICOS	95,396	114,603	20.1%	75,562	91,405	21.0%
Schools ²	18,548	17,838	-3.8%	8,409	8,803	4.7%
Non-award	25,311	28,154	11.2%	20,599	22,980	11.6%
Total in Australia	513,752	526,932	2.6%	277,288	302,976	9.3%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 52.1% of Australia's total enrolments					Double-digit increases & decreases for nationalities with over 5,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	2012	2013	Growth on 2012	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	2013	Growth on 2012	Rank
China	149,577	150,116	0.4%	28.5%	Brazil	17,554	16.3%	7
India	53,929	49,265	-8.6%	9.3%	Pakistan	12,869	15.2%	10
Republic of Korea	27,562	27,580	0.1%	5.2%	Colombia	12,030	18.8%	11
Vietnam	22,423	26,015	16.0%	4.9%	Philippines	8,830	27.3%	15
Thailand	20,142	21,762	8.0%	4.1%	Taiwan	8,228	14.3%	17
Other nationalities	240,119	252,194	5.0%	47.9%	Italy	5,377	37.1%	20
All nationalities	513,752	526,932	2.6%	100.0%				

For more information: <http://www.aei.gov.au/research/International-Student-Data/Pages/default.aspx>

¹ AEI data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.

² Commencements in schools for the current reference period are not strictly comparable to earlier years due to recent changes to secondary school level courses at a single large provider.