

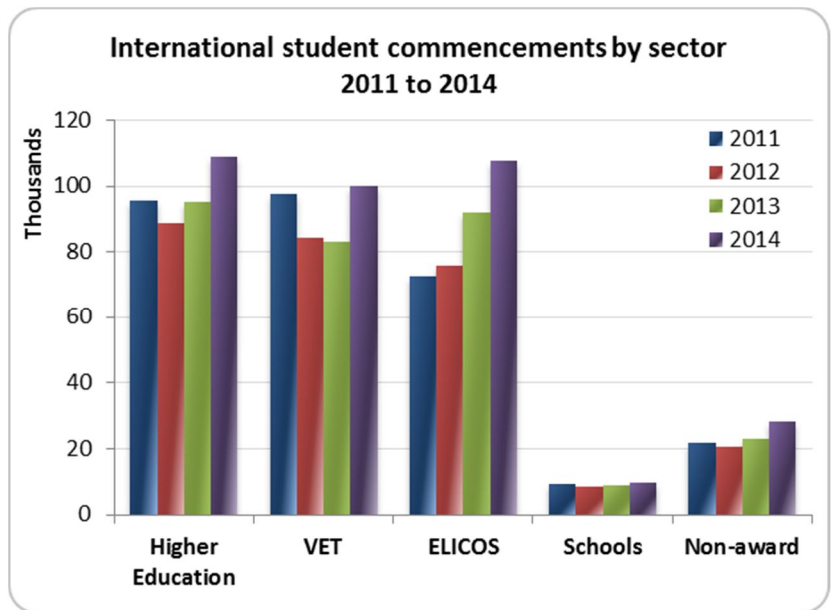


End of Year Summary of International Student Enrolment Data¹ – Australia – 2014

In 2014, there were 589,860 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 12.3% increase on 2013 and compares with the average annual growth rate for enrolments of 5.5% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 353,704 commencements in 2014, representing a 17.4% increase over 2013. This compares with the average annual growth rate for commencements of 6.2% per year over the preceding ten years.

The largest volume of enrolments and volume of commencements in 2014 were in higher education (42.4% and 30.8% respectively). Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 8.5% and 14.5% respectively on 2013 figures. China and India accounted for 36.1% and 10.5% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. Postgraduate research commencements in higher education increased by 9.3% and other postgraduate commencements grew by 19.8%. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased by 9.0% over the same period.



In 2014, Vocational Education and Training (VET) accounted for 25.4% of total enrolments and 28.2% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in VET increased by 11.7% and 20.1% respectively on 2013. India had the largest share of total enrolments (18.8%) and of total commencements (17.7%). China accounted for the next largest share of enrolments with 8.8%, followed by the Republic of Korea (7.8%) and Thailand (6.9%).

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) accounted for 23.3% of total enrolments and 30.4% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in ELICOS grew by 19.5% and 17.2% respectively on 2013 figures. China accounted for the largest share of enrolments (23.9%) and of commencements (23.4%) in ELICOS. Brazil and Thailand were the next largest nationalities for enrolments (8.6% each), followed by Vietnam (7.0%).

In 2014, schools accounted for 3.1% of total enrolments and 2.7% of total commencements. Enrolments in schools increased by 3.9% on the previous year. By nationality, China and Vietnam had the largest shares of enrolments (45.5% and 9.4% respectively).

Enrolments and commencements in non-award courses (which include study exchange and foundation programs) grew 22.4% and 22.9% respectively. China and the USA accounted for more enrolments than any other nationality (24.0% and 15.7% respectively). Commencements from China increased by 39.0% and commencements from the USA decreased by 0.6% on 2013 figures.

Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	2013	2014	Growth on 2013	2013	2014	Growth on 2013
Higher Education	230,436	249,990	8.5%	95,064	108,807	14.5%
VET	134,060	149,785	11.7%	82,980	99,688	20.1%
ELICOS	115,023	137,469	19.5%	91,752	107,548	17.2%
Schools ²	17,756	18,451	3.9%	8,766	9,665	10.3%
Non-award	27,902	34,165	22.4%	22,785	27,996	22.9%
Total in Australia	525,177	589,860	12.3%	301,347	353,704	17.4%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 50.8% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 10,000 enrolments (outside the top 5)			
Nationality	2013	2014	Growth on 2013	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	2014	Growth on 2013	Rank
China	140,992	152,898	8.4%	25.9%	Brazil	22,267	26.6%	6
India	48,822	63,096	29.2%	10.7%	Nepal	18,180	27.6%	8
Vietnam	25,915	30,121	16.2%	5.1%	Pakistan	14,733	16.1%	10
Republic of Korea	27,440	28,016	2.1%	4.7%	Hong Kong	12,913	21.8%	11
Thailand	21,664	25,642	18.4%	4.3%	Philippines	10,679	21.3%	14
Other nationalities	260,344	290,087	11.4%	49.2%	Taiwan	10,220	24.8%	16
All nationalities	525,177	589,860	12.3%	100.0%				

¹ The Department of Education and Training data on international student 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.