



Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data¹ – Australia – YTD June 2015

As at year-to-date (YTD) June 2015, there were 464,787 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 10.4% increase on YTD June 2014 and compares with the average YTD June growth rate for enrolments of 5.3% per year over the preceding ten years.

In YTD June 2015, there were 198,347 commencements representing a 7.2% increase over the same period in 2014. This compares with the average YTD June growth rate for commencements of 6.5% per year over the preceding ten years.

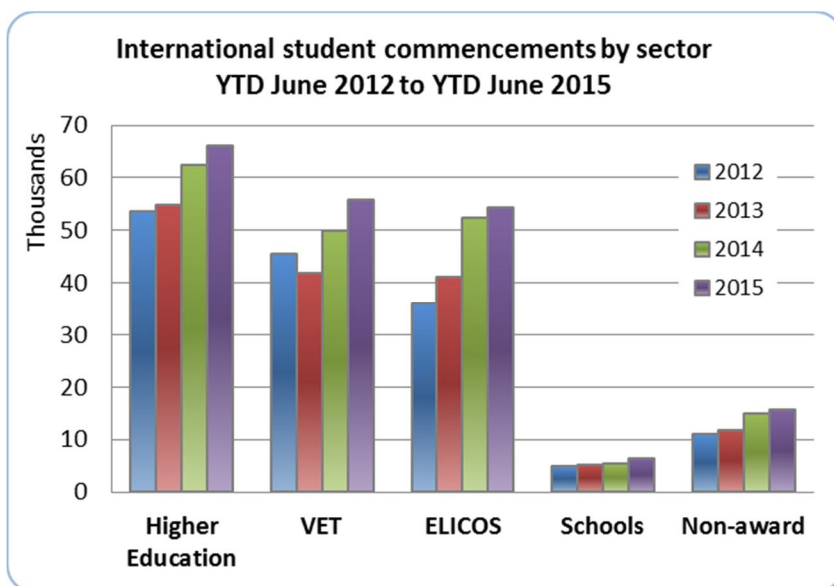
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 47.7% in the YTD June 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 8.8% and 5.7% over the same period in 2014. China and India accounted for 35.5% and 11.7% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. In YTD June 2015, post-graduate research commencements declined by 2.5%, while other post-graduate commencements in higher education grew by 1.0% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased, by 14.1%.

The VET sector accounted for 24.8% of total enrolments and 28.2% of total commencements respectively. Enrolments in the sector increased by 15.0% and commencements grew by 11.9% on YTD June 2014 figures. India had the largest share of total enrolments (17.5%) in YTD June 2015. The Republic of Korea and China had the next largest shares of VET enrolments with 8.3% and 8.0% respectively.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 18.9% of total enrolments and 27.4% of total commencements in YTD June 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 7.2% and 4.0% respectively on the same period in 2014. China accounted for the largest cohort of enrolments and commencements in ELICOS with shares of 24.1% and 21.2% respectively. Brazil was the next largest nationality for ELICOS enrolments with 8.6%, followed by Thailand and Colombia (8.5% and 7.0% respectively).

In YTD June 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.4% of total enrolments and 3.2% of total commencements respectively. Enrolments for the sector grew by 12.3% and commencements by 18.4% on YTD June 2014 figures. Asia contributed 87.4% of enrolments and 82.2% of commencements. By nationality, China had the largest share of enrolments in schools accounting for 49.5%, followed by Vietnam and the Republic of Korea at 9.3% and 7.3% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 14.8% and 5.2% respectively. China (30.4%), USA (13.2%) and Brazil (10.3%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 30.0% and 4.5% respectively and commencements from Brazil decreased by 21.5% on 2014 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD June 2014	YTD June 2015	Growth on YTD June 2014	YTD June 2014	YTD June 2015	Growth on YTD June 2014
Higher Education	203,661	221,573	8.8%	62,487	66,034	5.7%
VET	100,176	115,167	15.0%	49,937	55,898	11.9%
ELICOS	82,081	87,974	7.2%	52,294	54,372	4.0%
Schools ²	14,158	15,894	12.3%	5,379	6,371	18.4%
Non-award	21,071	24,179	14.8%	14,903	15,672	5.2%
Total in Australia	421,147	464,787	10.4%	185,000	198,347	7.2%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.1% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 4,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD June 2014	YTD June 2015	Growth on YTD June 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD June 2015	Growth on YTD June 2014	Rank
China	110,724	124,370	12.3%	26.8%	Nepal	14,362	12.0%	8
India	41,899	51,287	22.4%	11.0%	Pakistan	12,040	16.1%	10
Vietnam	22,204	22,304	0.5%	4.8%	Taiwan	8,898	32.8%	14
Republic of Korea	20,356	20,639	1.4%	4.4%	Italy	6,075	32.8%	19
Thailand	17,434	19,091	9.5%	4.1%	Sri Lanka	5,218	17.5%	20
Other nationalities	208,530	227,096	8.9%	48.9%				
All nationalities	421,147	464,787	10.4%	100.0%				

¹ The Department of Education and Training 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.