



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

As at year-to-date (YTD) October 2015, there were 615,061 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 9.7% increase on YTD October 2014 and compares with the average YTD October growth rate for enrolments of 5.9% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 347,835 commencements in YTD October 2015, representing a 7.2% increase over the same period in 2014. This compares with the average YTD October growth rate for commencements of 7.1% per year over the preceding ten years.

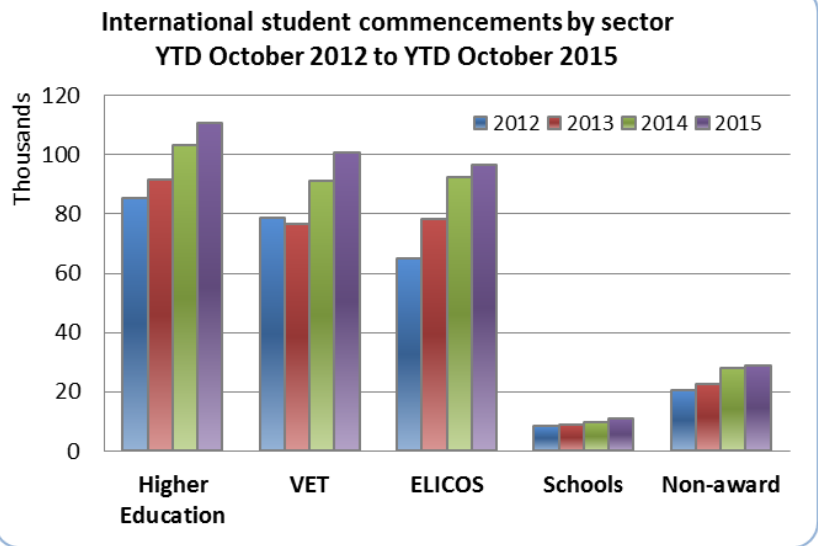
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 43.4% in YTD October 2015. Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 9.1% and 7.1% respectively on 2014 figures for the same period. China and India accounted for 36.2% and 12.5% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. Post-graduate research commencements declined by 5.1%, while other post-graduate commencements in higher education grew by 2.5% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased by 16.3% on the YTD October 2014 figures.

The VET sector accounted for 26.1% of total enrolments and 29.0% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 13.4% and 10.5% respectively on the YTD October 2014 figures. India contributed the largest share of total enrolments (17.0%) in YTD October 2015. The Republic of Korea accounted for the next largest share of VET enrolments at 8.3%, followed by China and Thailand at 8.0% and 7.7% respectively.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 21.2% of total enrolments and 27.7% of total commencements in YTD October 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 6.5% and 4.5% respectively over the same period in 2014. China contributed the largest shares of ELICOS enrolments and commencements of 26.2% and 25.3% respectively. Brazil was the next largest nationality for ELICOS enrolments with 8.9%, followed by Thailand (7.9%) and Colombia with 6.8%.

In YTD October 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.3% of total enrolments and 3.2% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in the sector grew by 11.9% and 14.9% respectively on YTD October 2014 figures. Asia contributed 84.2% of enrolments and 78.3% of commencements. By nationality, China contributed the largest share of enrolments in schools at 50.1% followed by Vietnam and the Republic of Korea at 8.9% and 6.3% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 9.8% and 3.5% respectively. China (29.0%), USA (15.0%) and Brazil (6.8%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 27.1% and 3.8% respectively and commencements from Brazil declined by 52.2% on 2014 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD Oct 2014	YTD Oct 2015	Growth on YTD Oct 2014	YTD Oct 2014	YTD Oct 2015	Growth on YTD Oct 2014
Higher Education	244,507	266,648	9.1%	103,343	110,702	7.1%
VET	141,414	160,388	13.4%	91,185	100,765	10.5%
ELICOS	122,156	130,086	6.5%	92,364	96,493	4.5%
Schools ²	18,358	20,539	11.9%	9,581	11,006	14.9%
Non-award	34,063	37,400	9.8%	27,895	28,869	3.5%
Total in Australia	560,498	615,061	9.7%	324,368	347,835	7.2%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.1% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 6,500 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD Oct 2014	YTD Oct 2015	Growth on YTD Oct 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD Oct 2015	Growth on YTD Oct 2014	Rank
China	146,121	164,614	12.7%	26.8%	Hong Kong	15,243	10.4%	10
India	58,664	67,954	15.8%	11.0%	Pakistan	15,156	11.8%	11
Vietnam	28,652	28,524	-0.4%	4.6%	Taiwan	12,638	34.2%	13
Republic of Korea	26,444	27,166	2.7%	4.4%	Italy	8,796	28.2%	18
Thailand	23,601	25,842	9.5%	4.2%	United Kingdom	6,507	12.3%	20
Other nationalities	277,016	300,961	8.6%	48.9%				
All nationalities	560,498	615,061	9.7%	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.