



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

As at year-to-date (YTD) November 2015, there were 640,922 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 10.3% increase on YTD November 2014 and compares with the average YTD November growth rate for enrolments of 6.0% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 373,734 commencements in YTD November 2015, representing an 8.4% increase over the same period in 2014. This compares with the average YTD November growth rate for commencements of 7.3% per year over the preceding ten years.

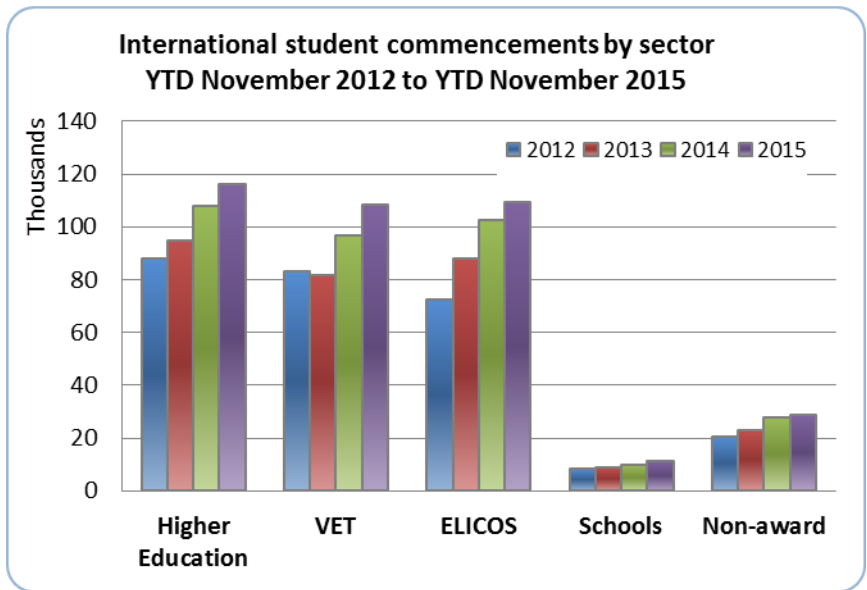
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 42.4% in YTD November 2015. Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 9.3% and 7.9% respectively on 2014 figures for the same period. China and India accounted for 35.7% and 13.0% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. Postgraduate research commencements declined by 3.6%, while other postgraduate commencements increase by 3.6% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements grew by 16.8% on the YTD November 2014 figures.

The VET sector accounted for 26.2% of total enrolments and 29.0% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 14.2% and 11.9% respectively on the YTD November 2014 figures. India contributed the largest share of total enrolments (17.0%) in YTD November 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 7.8% respectively.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 22.3% of total enrolments and 29.2% of total commencements in YTD November 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 7.8% and 6.4% respectively over the same period in 2014. China contributed the largest shares of ELICOS enrolments and commencements of 26.9% and 26.3% respectively. Brazil was the next largest nationality for ELICOS enrolments with 8.9%, followed by Thailand (7.9%) and Colombia (6.6%).

In YTD November 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.2% of total enrolments and 3.0% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in the sector grew by 11.9% and 15.0% respectively on YTD November 2014 figures. Asia contributed 84.2% of enrolments and 78.5% 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 6.2% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 9.8% and 3.6% respectively. China (28.9%), USA (14.9%) and Brazil (6.7%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 26.7% and 3.9% respectively and commencements from Brazil declined by 52.2% on 2014 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD Nov 2014	YTD Nov 2015	Growth on YTD Nov 2014	YTD Nov 2014	YTD Nov 2015	Growth on YTD Nov 2014
Higher Education	248,806	272,062	9.3%	107,647	116,148	7.9%
VET	147,132	168,048	14.2%	96,885	108,416	11.9%
ELICOS	132,354	142,735	7.8%	102,563	109,143	6.4%
Schools ²	18,400	20,585	11.9%	9,619	11,066	15.0%
Non-award	34,134	37,492	9.8%	27,966	28,961	3.6%
Total in Australia	580,826	640,922	10.3%	344,680	373,734	8.4%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.1% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 13,500 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD Nov 2014	YTD Nov 2015	Growth on YTD Nov 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD Nov 2015	Growth on YTD Nov 2014	Rank
China	150,418	170,015	13.0%	26.5%	Brazil	24,126	11.8%	6
India	61,889	72,131	16.5%	11.3%	Nepal	19,749	11.0%	8
Vietnam	29,621	29,460	-0.5%	4.6%	Pakistan	16,022	11.7%	10
Republic of Korea	27,447	28,343	3.3%	4.4%	Hong Kong	15,695	10.8%	11
Thailand	24,914	27,552	10.6%	4.3%	Colombia	13,784	11.0%	12
<i>Other nationalities</i>	<i>286,537</i>	<i>313,421</i>	<i>9.4%</i>	<i>48.9%</i>				
All nationalities	580,826	640,922	10.3%	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.