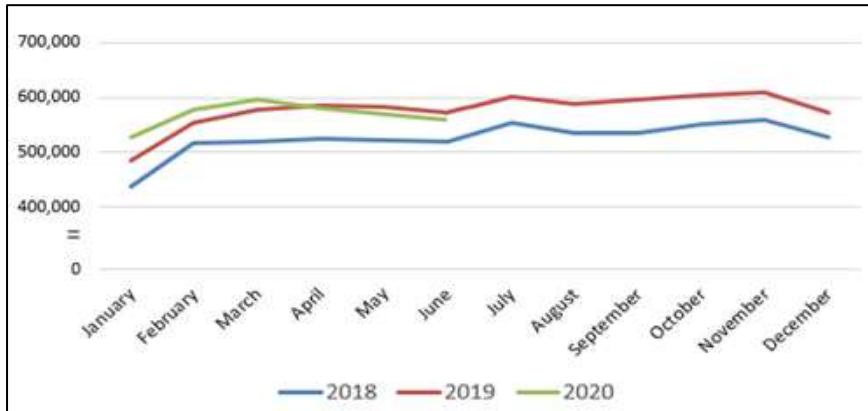




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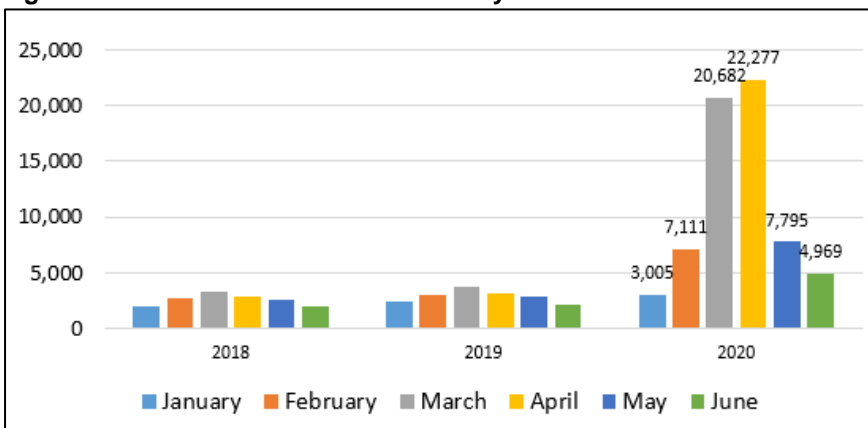
Figure 1: Enrolments month-by-month



While the year-to-date enrolment count to June 2020 still shows two per cent growth on the same period in 2019, it is apparent from a month-by-month count that 2020 enrolments have been slowly trending downwards since March.

Enrolments in the single month of June 2020 were down three per cent on June 2019.

Figure 2: Enrolment deferrals month-by-month



For the year-to-date June 2020, there were a total of 65,839 enrolment deferrals.

Of those 14,152 (21%) have since recommenced studying and the majority still deferred remain scheduled to recommence in the second half of 2020. Those students may choose to further postpone their studies into 2021 or later. This should become clearer when July and August 2020 data becomes available.

Data matching to estimate how many enrolled students are currently outside Australia

Enrolment data is reported by education providers in Australia and its location information is limited to the location of those providers in Australia. Since early 2020, student visa data has incorporated information about cross-border movements in close-to real time, identifying whether student visa holders are in or outside Australia.

Enrolment data captured from one day in mid-June was matched to current student visa holders on one day with 94 per cent success, leaving only 6 per cent of enrolments (26,696) with the student's location unknown. Assuming a single day count of enrolments is a close proxy for the number of individual enrolled students, then the number of enrolled students outside Australia was at least 72,447 and no more than 99,143 (i.e. 72,447+26,696) in mid-June 2020. There were expected to be more primary student visa holders than enrolled students as some visa holders had already completed their studies and others were yet to commence or had deferred.

Table 1: Location of international student enrolments and primary student visa holders in June 2020

Location	In Australia	Outside Australia	Unknown	Grand Total
Single day enrolments	436,494	72,447	26,696	535,637
Single day primary student visas	482,576	122,066		604,642

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment is working closely with the Department of Home Affairs to further improve enrolment and visa data matching in the coming months.