Australian Government

Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Enrolments on the 1st day of the month (January 2020)

The department's international student data can be adjusted to just show enrolments on the first day of a reporting month. This is particularly useful in January of each year to see the number of international student enrolments that carried over from the previous year, before January commencements are added to them.

Table 1 shows enrolments immediately after midnight on 1 January 2020 by education sector. For all nationalities combined there 479,546 active enrolments, a 9 per cent increase on the number recorded on 1 January 2019. Data for China is of particular interest in 2020 given travel restrictions due to the coronavirus outbreak. Chinese student enrolments on 1 January 2020 showed minimal growth on 1 January 2019, with higher education and VET growth offset by declines in schools, ELICOS and non-award. Such declines had been apparent for China throughout 2019 and are hence are not likely to have any relation to travel restrictions introduced in 2020. Nonetheless, with this benchmark established, the impact of the travel restrictions can be more readily assessed.

Table 1: All nationalities on 1 January

Sector	2019	2020	% growth
Higher Education	263,497	278,673	6%
VET	112,936	138,595	23%
Schools	13,607	12,477	-8%
ELICOS	39,186	38,272	-2%
Non-award	12,480	11,529	-8%
Grand Total	**441,706**	**479,546**	**9%**

China on 1 January

Sector	2019	2020	% growth
Higher Education	99,119	102,222	3%
VET	9,239	10,880	18%
Schools	7,424	6,264	-16%
ELICOS	12,650	10,030	-21%
Non-award	7,129	6,307	-12%
Grand Total	**135,561**	**135,703**	**0.1%**

How to capture data for the 1st day of any month

From a Standard or Detailed Pivot table (accessible to subscribers of Austrade's MIP), access the PivotTable Fields menu by clicking on any table cell with data; then switch from the default view of DATA YTD Enrolments and DATA YTD Commencements to DATA at 1st of month and that down to the Σ VALUES Box as below. You can then use the normal drop-down menus on the left to sort by nationality; state/territory and other options.

International student data for 2019 is available at: https://internationaleducation.gov.au/research/international-student-data/pages/default.aspx. For more information contact IEResearch@dese.gov.au.