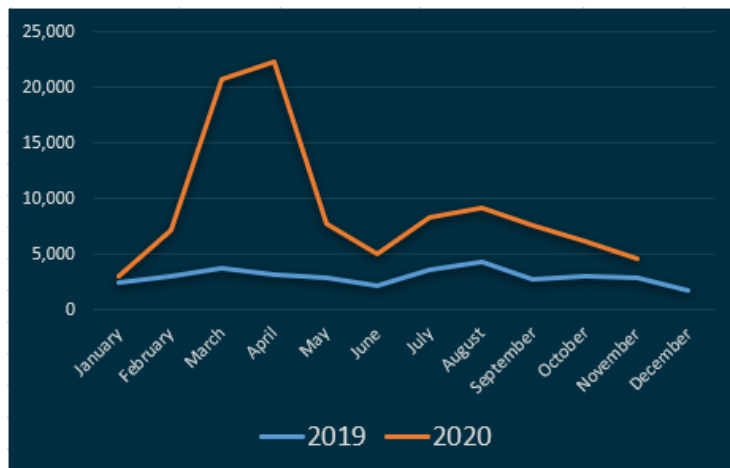




November 2020 international student data update

Figure 1: Enrolment deferments in 2019 and 2020



For the year-to-date November 2020, there were a total of 101,628 enrolment deferments.

At the end of November 2020:

- 34,066 (34%) had since recommenced studying or finished:
- 33,743 (33%) had a new proposed start date: 3% in 2020; 89% in 2021 and 9% after 2021. Of those scheduled to commence in 2021, the majority (23,133) were scheduled to commence in the January-March quarter.
- 33,665 (33%) did not yet have a new proposed start date.

The 101,628 year-to-date enrolment deferments were generated by over 76,800 individual students. The location of around 60 per cent were outside Australia, 26 per cent were in Australia and 14 per cent were unknown. This suggests students outside Australia had a higher propensity to defer than those in Australia.

Data matching to estimate how many enrolled students are currently in and outside

Australia The location of enrolled students in or outside Australia can be achieved by matching with concurrent student visa data, which leaves just 5 per cent of enrolments with location unknown. Matching data on a single day (15 November 2020) gives a close proxy for the number of enrolled students on that day.

The Department of Home Affairs' student visa location data includes the subset *Outside Australia – No Movement*. Students in this category have been granted visas but have not yet used those visas to travel from the country in which they were granted. Hence, it is likely the majority are students who were granted a visa after travel restrictions to Australia were imposed in March 2020.

A pivot table is available [here](#) with this data, incorporating source country, state/territory and education sector elements. On 15 November 2019, there were 586,724 enrolled students.

Table 1: Location of international students by education sector as of 15 November 2020

Sector	Inside Australia	Outside Australia			Unknown	Grand Total	Proportion	
		Movement	No movement	Total			Outside	Unknown
Higher Education	214,164	65,852	11,615	77,467	7,514	299,145	26%	3%
VET	138,700	3,094	315	3,409	14,500	156,609	2%	9%
Schools	15,535	1,699	180	1,879	316	17,730	11%	2%
ELICOS	12,121	1,035	3,140	4,175	1,989	18,285	23%	11%
Non-Award	4,479	3,595	1,666	5,261	693	10,433	50%	7%
Grand Total	384,999	75,275	16,916	92,191	25,012	502,202	18%	5%

As can be calculated from the pivot table, of the total 92,191 enrolled students confirmed as outside Australia, 70 per cent were Chinese (64,847). Of the 16,916 students confirmed in the sub-category *Outside Australia – No Movement*, 76 per cent were Chinese (12,809). China had one of the highest proportions of enrolled students confirmed as outside Australia (44%).