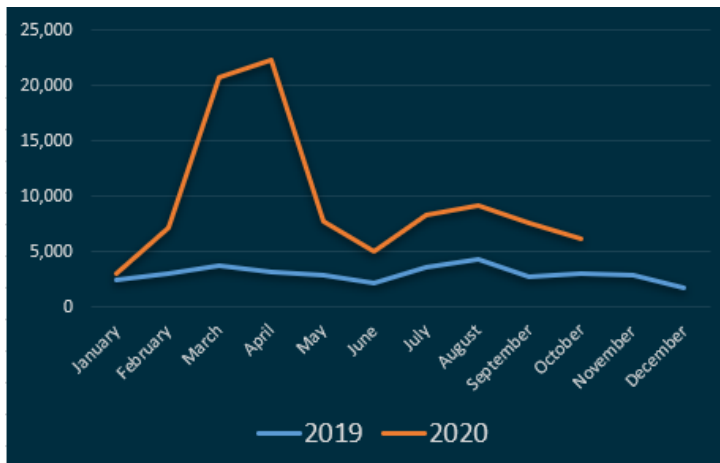




October 2020 international student data update

Figure 1: Enrolment deferrals in 2019 and 2020



For the year-to-date October 2020, there were a total of 97,077 enrolment deferrals.

At the end of October 2020:

- 32,947 (34%) had since recommenced studying or finished:
- 35,108 (36%) had a new proposed start date: 9% in 2020; 83% in 2021 and 8% after 2021. Of those scheduled to commence in 2021, the majority (22,680) were scheduled to commence in the January-March quarter.
- 28,898 (30%) did not yet have a new proposed start date.

The 97,077 year-to-date enrolment deferrals were generated by over 74,100 individual students.

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 October 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.

So, on 15 October 2020, there were at least 90,325 enrolled students outside Australia and not more than 115,033 (90,325 + 24,708). Of those students confirmed to be outside Australia, 14,700 were in the category *Outside Australia – No Movement*. A pivot table is available [here](#) with this data, incorporating source country, state/territory and education sector elements. On 15 October 2019, there were 580,202 enrolled students, presumably all in Australia.

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

Sector	Inside Australia	Outside Australia			Unknown	Grand Total	Proportion	
		Movement	No movement	Total			Outside	Unknown
Higher education	215,521	65,628	10,165	75,793	7,331	298,645	25%	2%
VET	138,584	3,567	307	3,874	14,697	157,155	2%	9%
Schools	15,648	1,778	185	1,963	320	17,931	11%	2%
ELICOS	12,817	1,116	2,673	3,789	1,848	18,454	21%	10%
Non-award	4,603	3,536	1,370	4,906	512	10,021	49%	5%
Grand Total	387,173	75,625	14,700	90,325	24,708	502,206	18%	5%

As can be calculated from the pivot table, of the total 90,325 enrolled students confirmed as outside Australia, 71 per cent were Chinese (63,776). Of the 14,700 students confirmed in the sub-category *Outside Australia – No Movement*, 80 per cent were Chinese (11,728). China had one of the highest proportions of enrolled students confirmed as outside Australia (44%).