

# VET in Schools 2018



## Introduction

This publication presents information on VET in Schools, the vocational education and training (VET) undertaken by school students as part of their senior secondary certificate of education (SSCE). The VET in Schools arrangement offers two main options: students can undertake school-based apprenticeships and traineeships; or they can enrol in other VET subjects and courses as part of their school curriculum (the latter is referred to as 'other VET in Schools students').

Data are presented by the state or territory of the senior secondary assessment authority.

## Highlights

In 2018, there were:

- 230 700 VET in Schools students
- 18 200 school-based apprentices and trainees, representing 7.9% of all VET in Schools students

In 2018, compared with 2017:

- VET in Schools students decreased by 4.7%
- school-based apprentices and trainees decreased by 8.9%
- students undertaking other VET in Schools programs decreased by 4.3%.

From 2014 to 2018:

- VET in Schools students decreased by 6.7%
- school-based apprentices and trainees decreased by 13.3%
- students undertaking other VET in Schools programs decreased by 6.0%.

## About this publication

The information contained in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National VET in Schools Collection, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS), Release 8.0. The scope of VET in Schools reporting is all activity encompassed by the definition developed by the former Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). This definition covers programs undertaken as part of a student's senior secondary certificate of education that provide credit towards a nationally recognised VET qualification.

## More information

For the latest data, further year-on-year and state and territory comparisons and terms and definitions please visit the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Portal <[www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/vet-in-schools/vet-in-schools](http://www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/vet-in-schools/vet-in-schools)>.

# Tables

**Table 1 Number of VET in Schools students by age group and state or territory, 2018 ('000)**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
14 years and under	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	2.2
15 years	1.9	7.7	17.5	1.3	3.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	33.2
16 years	19.8	17.4	32.7	4.1	17.3	0.9	0.7	0.9	93.8
17 years	20.5	16.8	21.6	4.0	15.0	1.5	0.5	1.1	81.0
18 years	5.1	6.4	2.2	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.3	17.1
19 years	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
20 years and over	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.7
Not known	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>230.7</b>

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no data reported in this category, whereas zero (0.0) is a rounded value.

**Table 2 Summary of VET in Schools students by state/territory, 2014–18**

	2014 (‘000)	2015 (‘000)	2016 (‘000)	2017 (‘000)	2018 (‘000)	2017–18 % change
<b>School-based apprentices and trainees</b>						
New South Wales	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.4	-3.9
Victoria	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	-0.1
Queensland	11.7	11.1	8.7	11.3	10.9	-3.7
South Australia	0.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.0	-6.8
Western Australia	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.3	-	-
Tasmania	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	4.1
Northern Territory	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	33.6
Australian Capital Territory	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	12.0
<b>Total school-based apprentices and trainees</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
<b>Other VET in Schools students</b>						
New South Wales	58.4	51.9	50.3	47.7	45.5	-4.6
Victoria	46.6	47.9	47.7	47.4	47.7	0.6
Queensland	71.6	83.1	72.6	72.9	63.8	-12.5
South Australia	12.5	11.9	12.1	10.4	10.7	3.7
Western Australia	26.1	32.3	35.0	35.5	37.0	4.2
Tasmania	5.5	4.2	2.6	2.8	2.8	-0.1
Northern Territory	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.4	-6.7
Australian Capital Territory	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.0	2.6	-12.4
<b>Total other VET in Schools students</b>	<b>226.2</b>	<b>237.0</b>	<b>226.1</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>212.5</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
<b>Total VET in Schools students</b>						
New South Wales	61.2	54.1	52.6	50.2	47.9	-4.5
Victoria	50.5	51.5	51.0	50.4	50.7	0.6
Queensland	83.2	94.2	81.3	84.2	74.7	-11.3
South Australia	12.8	13.0	13.4	11.4	11.7	2.8
Western Australia	27.3	33.4	35.8	36.8	37.0	0.5
Tasmania	6.1	4.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	0.6
Northern Territory	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.6	-4.7
Australian Capital Territory	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2	2.8	-11.0
<b>Total VET in Schools students</b>	<b>247.2</b>	<b>257.1</b>	<b>243.3</b>	<b>242.1</b>	<b>230.7</b>	<b>-4.7</b>

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no data reported in this category.

Note: Western Australian school-based apprentices and trainees figures in 2018 have been affected by non-reporting of the Client identifier – apprenticeships field in the National VET in Schools Collection.

# Explanatory notes

- VET in Schools data may not be comparable across states and territories due to differences in definitional and compilation practices used by states and territories to populate some fields.
- Numbers have been rounded after aggregation to the nearest hundred. Rounding can lead to situations where the numbers in the body of a given table might not add to the rounded totals.
- For further information, refer to the terms and definitions available from the publication download page <<https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/vet-in-schools-2018>> or the explanatory notes available from the VET in Schools data slicer, available at <<https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/data/all-data/vet-in-schools-2018-data-slicer>>.

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