

TOTAL VET STUDENTS AND COURSES 2017

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This infographic provides an estimate of the nature and extent of vocational education and training (VET) delivered by Australian training providers in domestic and overseas locations in 2017. This picture of training activity is known as 'total VET activity' (TVA) and reports on students who undertook government-subsidised training and those who undertook training on a fee-for-service basis.

The student numbers presented in this infographic are estimates. For further information please refer to the fact sheet [De-duplication of training activity and student counts in 'total VET activity'](#).

What the overall 2017 data show



4193 training providers (down 2.7% from 2016)



4.2 million estimated students (up 0.7% from 2016)



3.4 million program enrolments (down 7.6% from 2016)



29.0 million subject enrolments (down 3.5% from 2016)

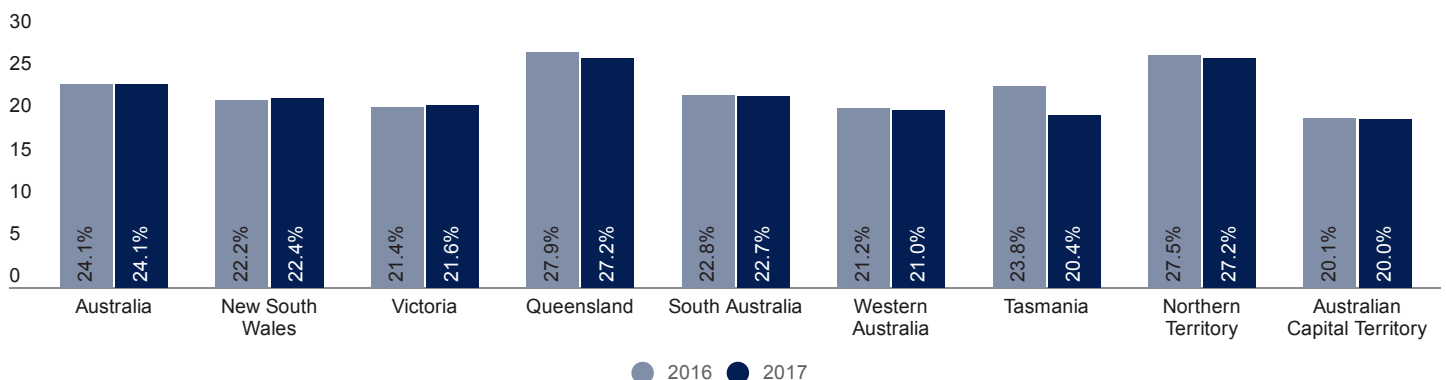


784.8 million delivery hours (down 3.9% from 2016)

For more information refer to the fact sheet [Fewer program enrolments than students in 'total VET activity'](#).

Estimated participation rate by location of residence

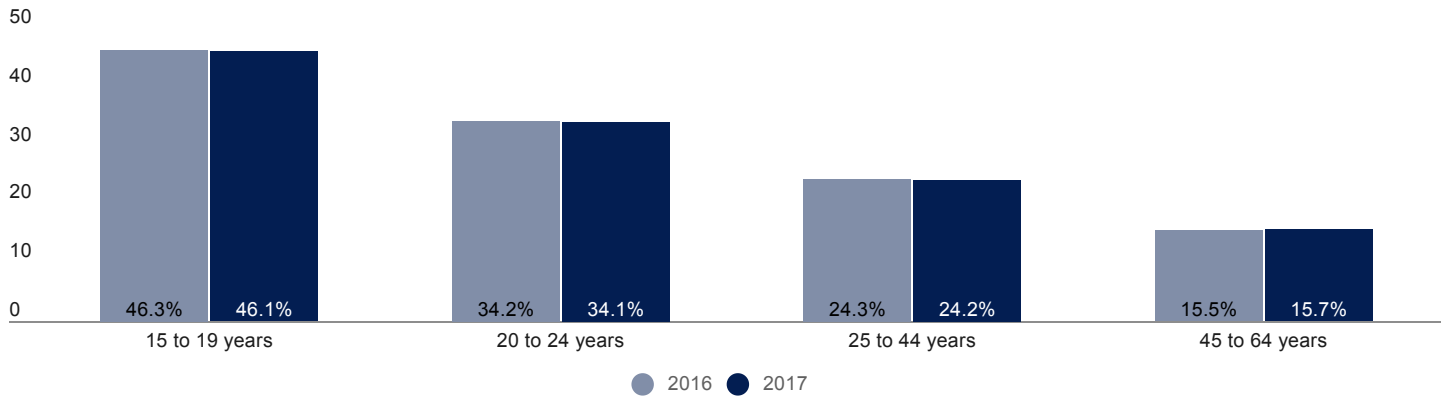
24.1% of the Australian population aged 15 to 64 years participated in VET in 2017



Estimated participation rate by age group



46.1% of the 15 to 19-year-old Australian population participated in VET in 2017



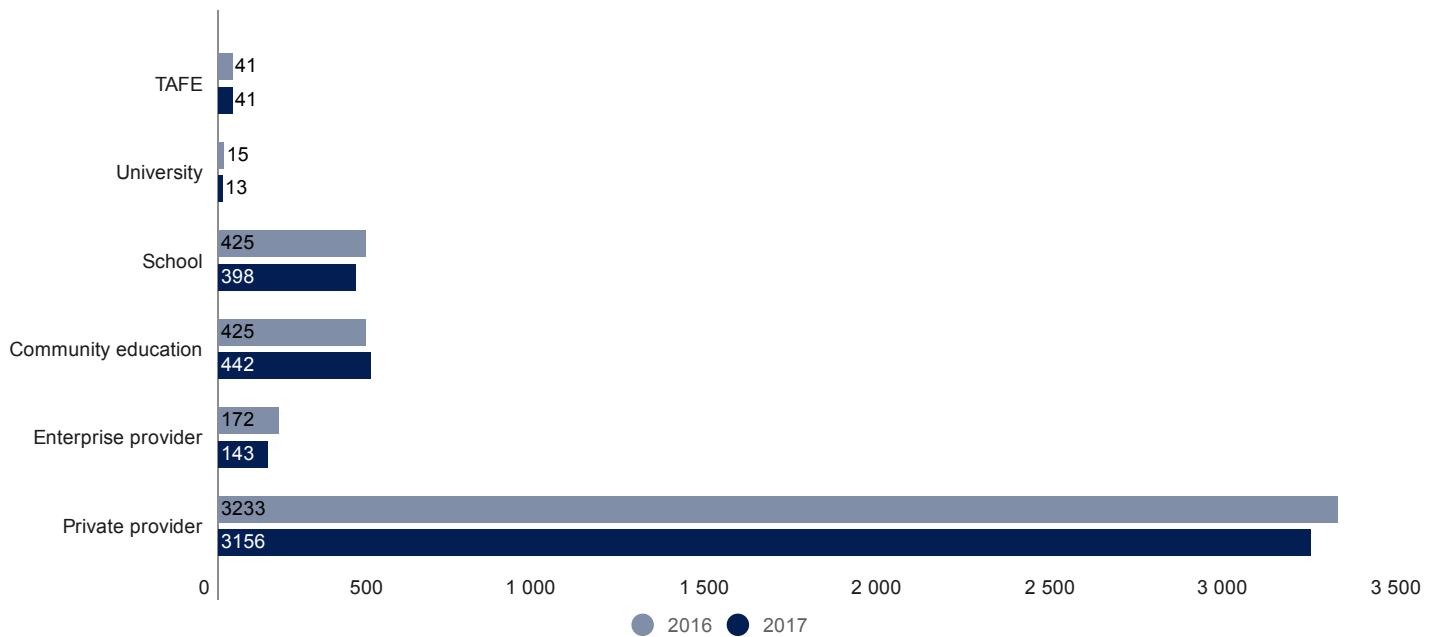
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Estimated participation rates are derived by calculating student numbers in the age group as a percentage of the estimated Australian resident population in the corresponding age group.

Number of training providers delivering training by type



3156 (75.3%) private training providers in 2017

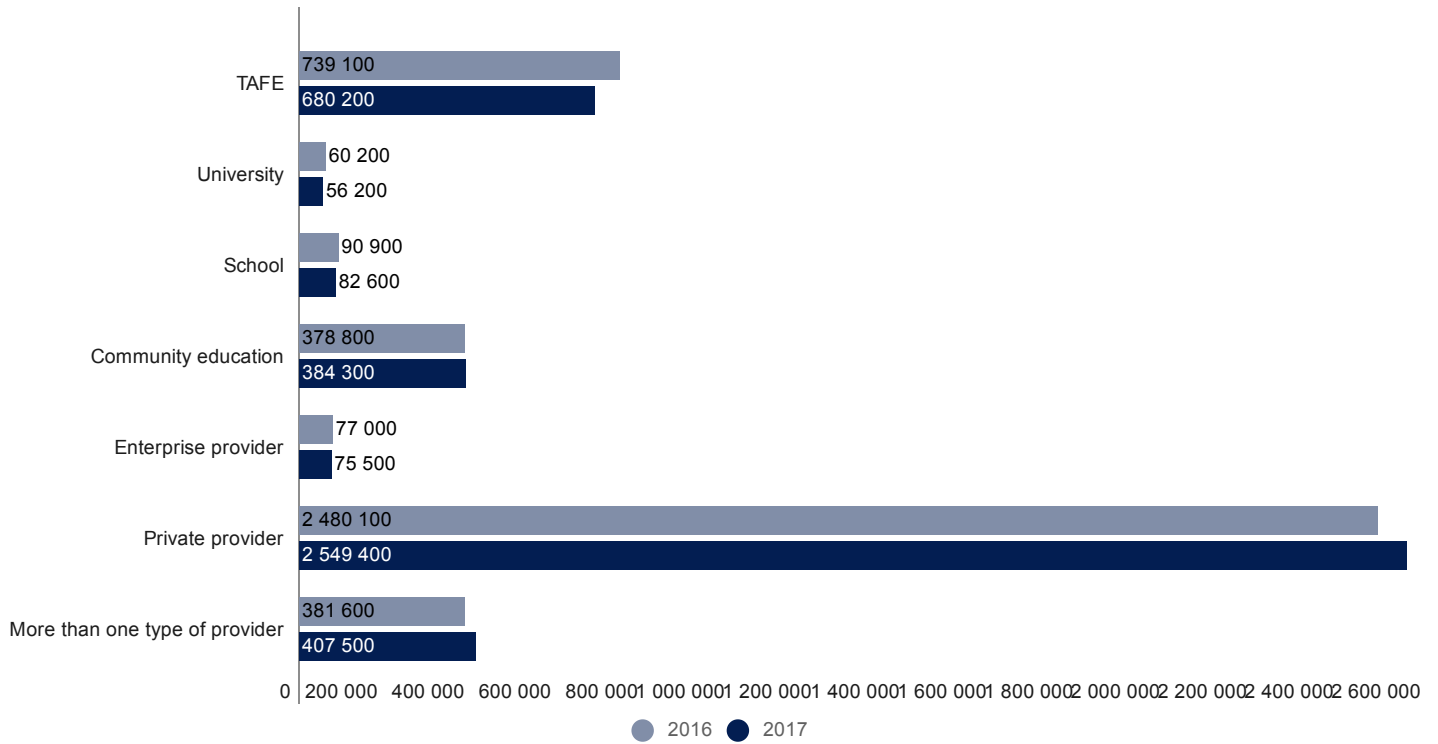


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Estimated number of students by provider type

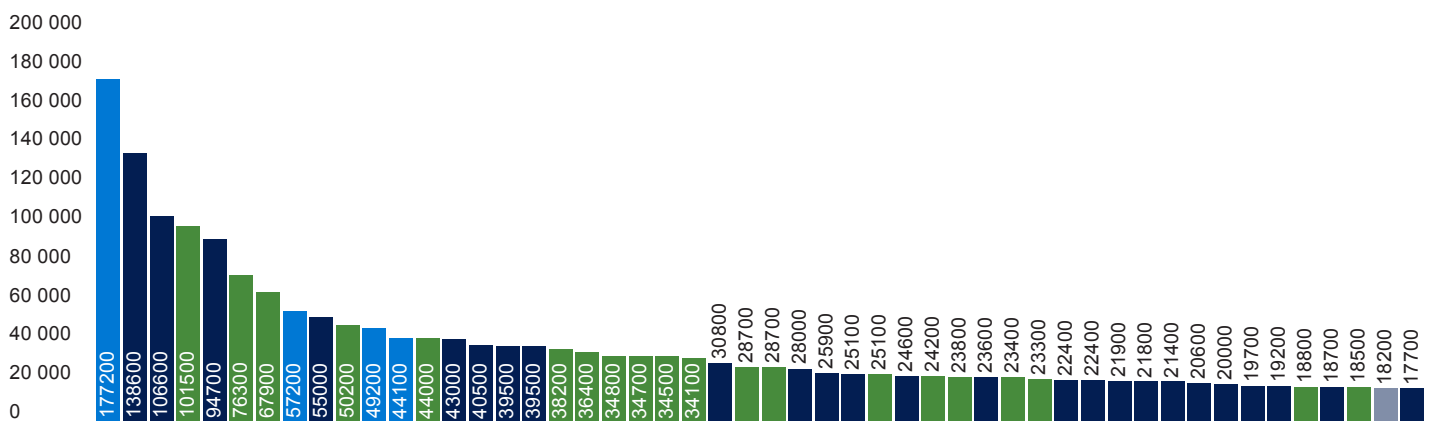



2.5 million (60.2%) estimated students were enrolled with a private training provider in 2017



50 largest training providers by type and estimated number of students

 **39.2%** of all VET students were enrolled with the 50 largest training providers in 2017

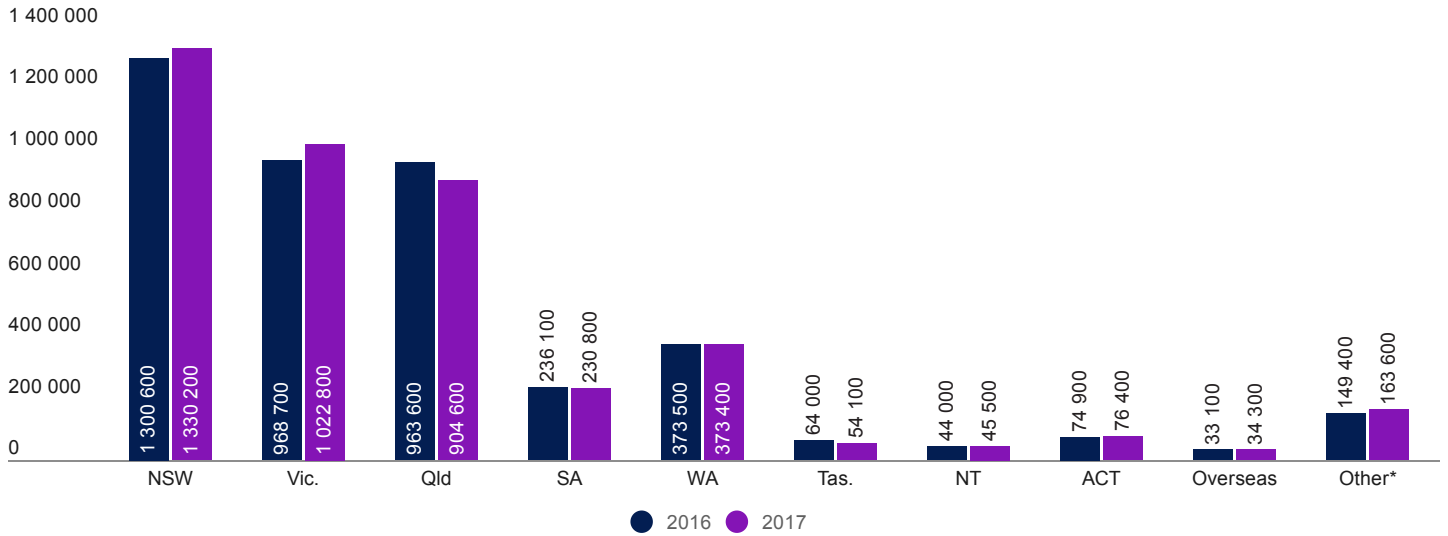


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Community education provider Private provider TAFE Enterprise provider

Estimated number of students by state/territory of training delivery location

1.3 million (31.4%) students undertook training in New South Wales in 2017

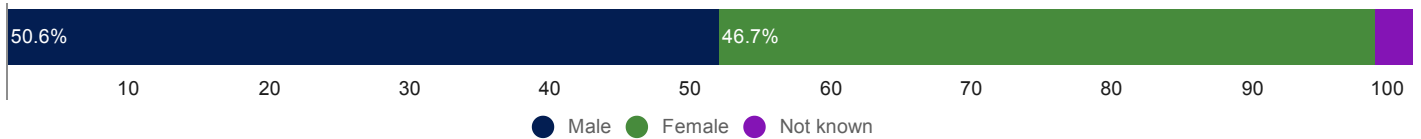


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* Other refers to other Australian territories (for example, Christmas Island) and where the delivery location is 'not known'. It also includes instances where the student received training that was delivered in more than one state or territory.

Estimated students by selected characteristics in 2017

Gender



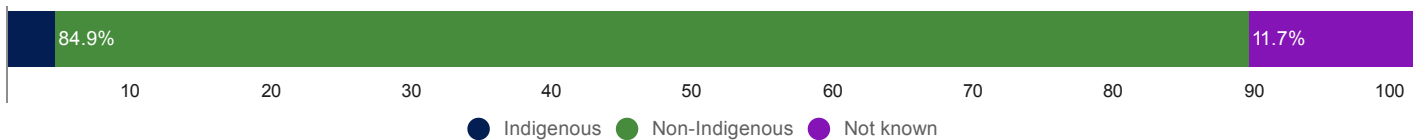
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Age



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Indigenous status



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Disability



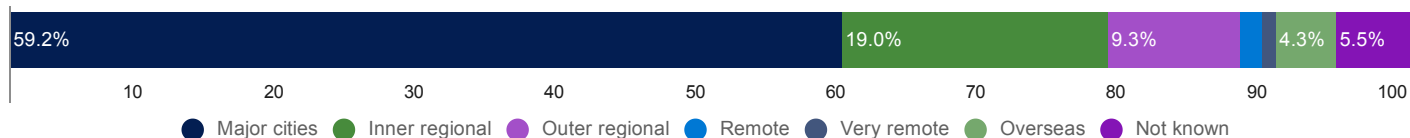
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Apprentice/trainee status



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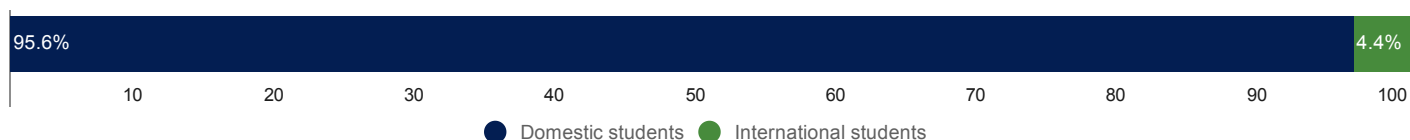
Student remoteness region*



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*Student remoteness region refers to where students live according to the ARIA+ classification. For further information refer to https://www.adelaide.edu.au/hugo-centre/spatial_data/aria/.

Domestic/international status*

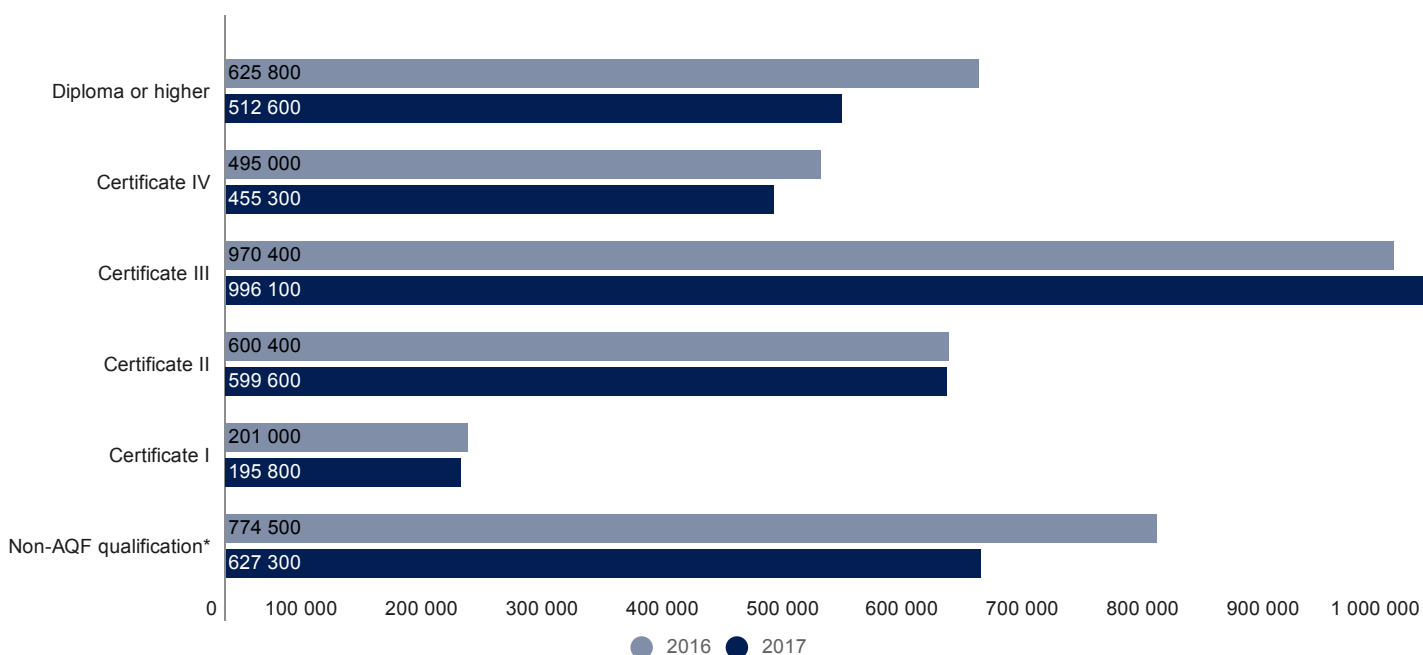


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* Based on funding source, international students are students who hold a student visa or a temporary residency permit or who reside in an overseas country for the purpose of undertaking education and training. Domestic students are students whose citizenship status is Australian, New Zealand or permanent resident for the purpose of undertaking education and training.

Program enrolments by qualification level

 **996 100 (29.4%)** program enrolments were in a certificate III qualification in 2017



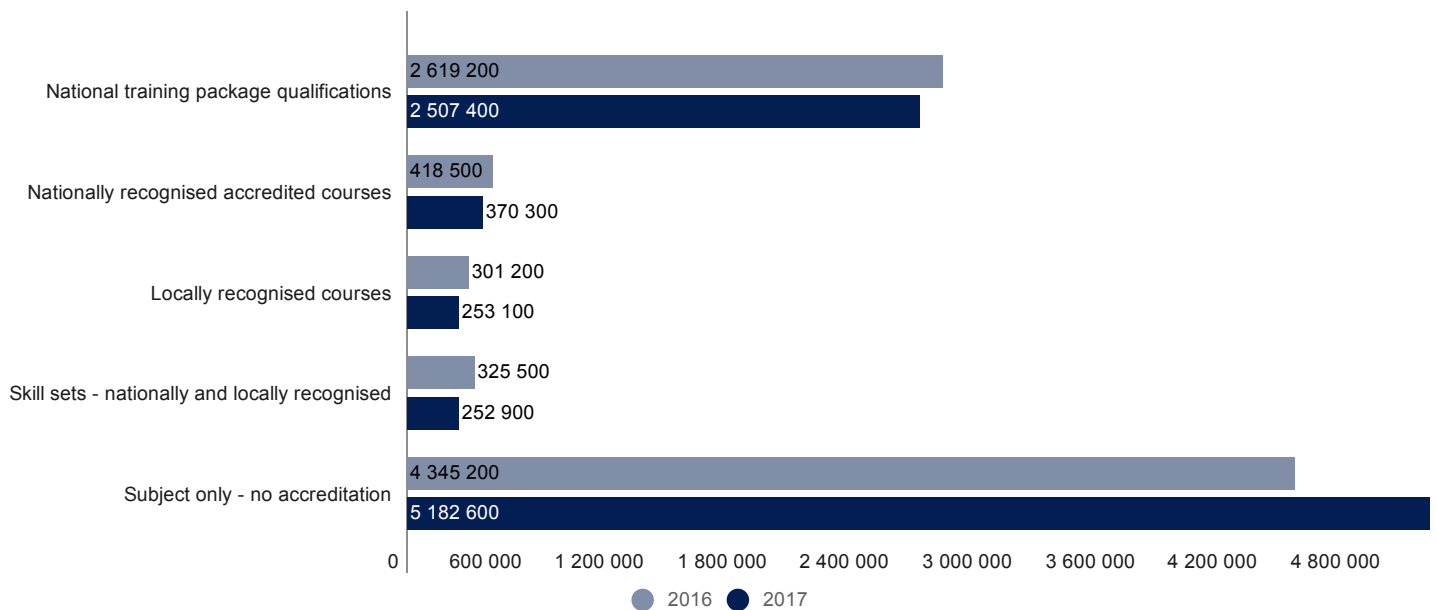
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* Non-AQF qualification refers to qualifications that are not government quality assured and not accredited by the Australian higher education or vocational education and training accreditation authorities.

Program enrolments by type of accreditation



2.5 million (74.0%) program enrolments were in national training package qualifications in 2017



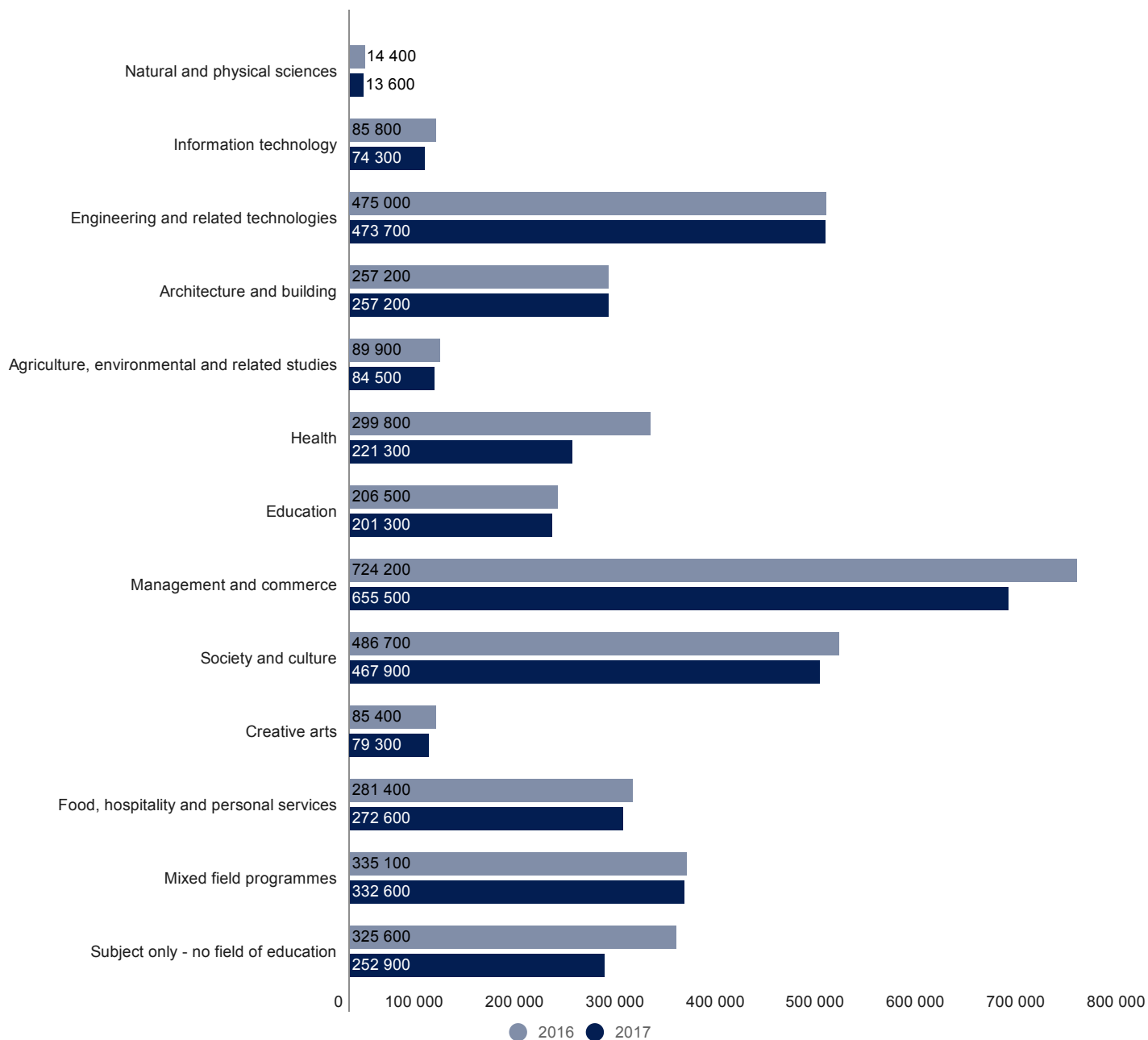
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For more information refer to the fact sheet [What are nationally recognised training and non-nationally recognised training?](#)

Program enrolments by field of education








655 500 (19.4%) program enrolments were in the field of Management and commerce in 2017




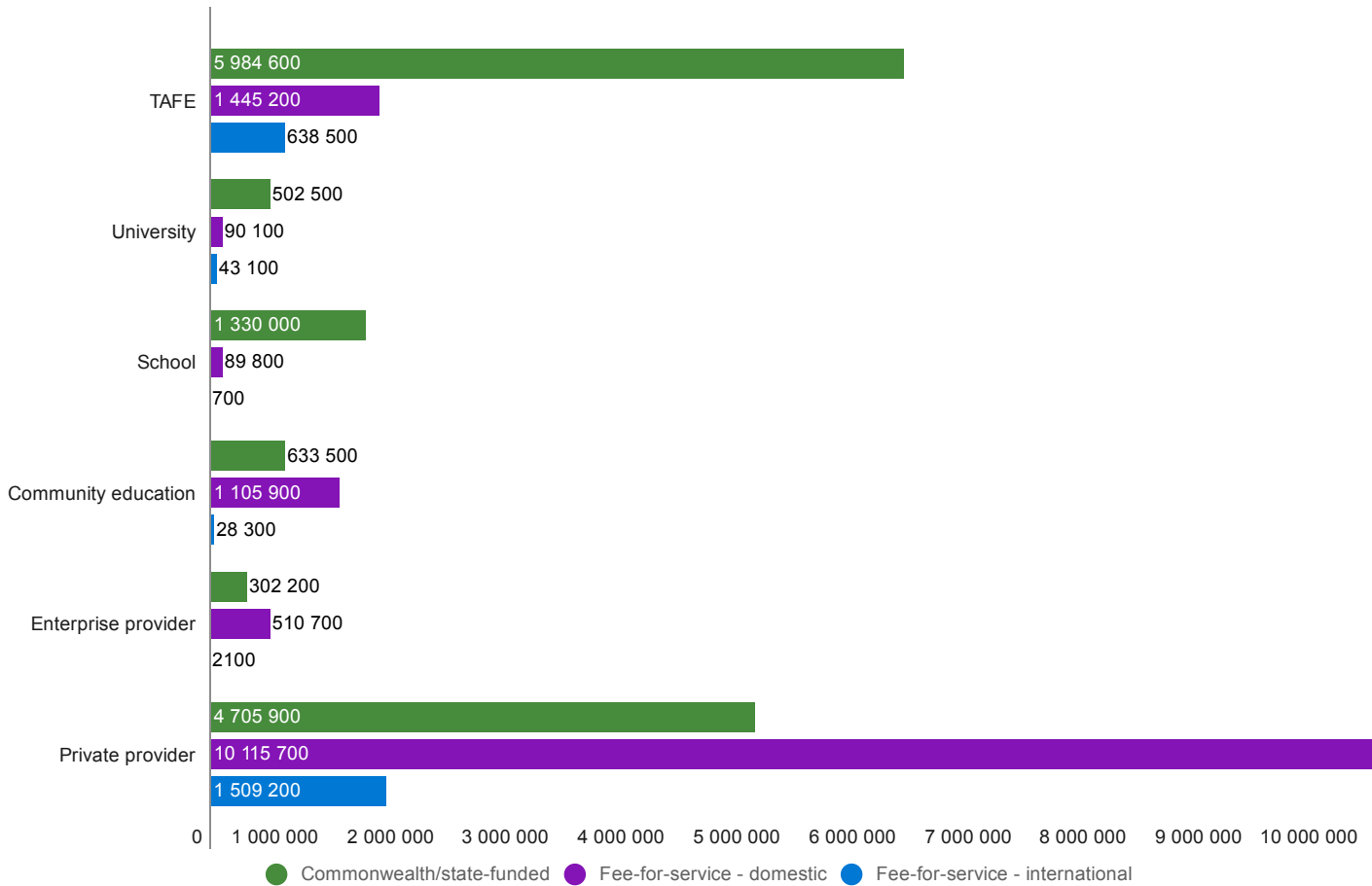
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Top 5 training package program enrolments in 2017

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1. Business services 360 200 enrolments (down 14.1% from 2016)
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2. Community Services 335 200 enrolments (down 8.8% from 2016)
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3. Tourism, Hospitality and Events 233 400 enrolments (down 4.0% from 2016)
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4. Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework 196 900 enrolments (down 0.2% from 2016)
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5. Sport, Fitness and Recreation 115 300 enrolments (down 4.6% from 2016)

Subject enrolments by provider type and funding source

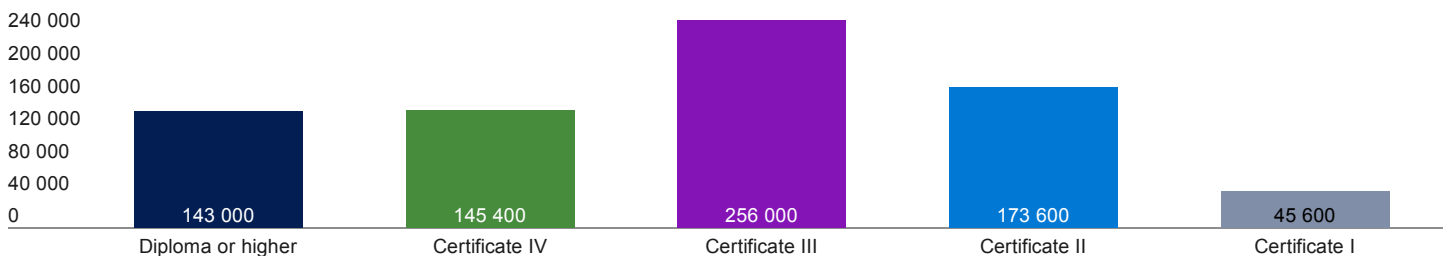
 **10.1 million (34.8%)** subject enrolments were 'fee-for-service - domestic' with a private provider



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AQF program completions in 2017

 **256 000 (33.5%)** program completions were at certificate III level in 2017



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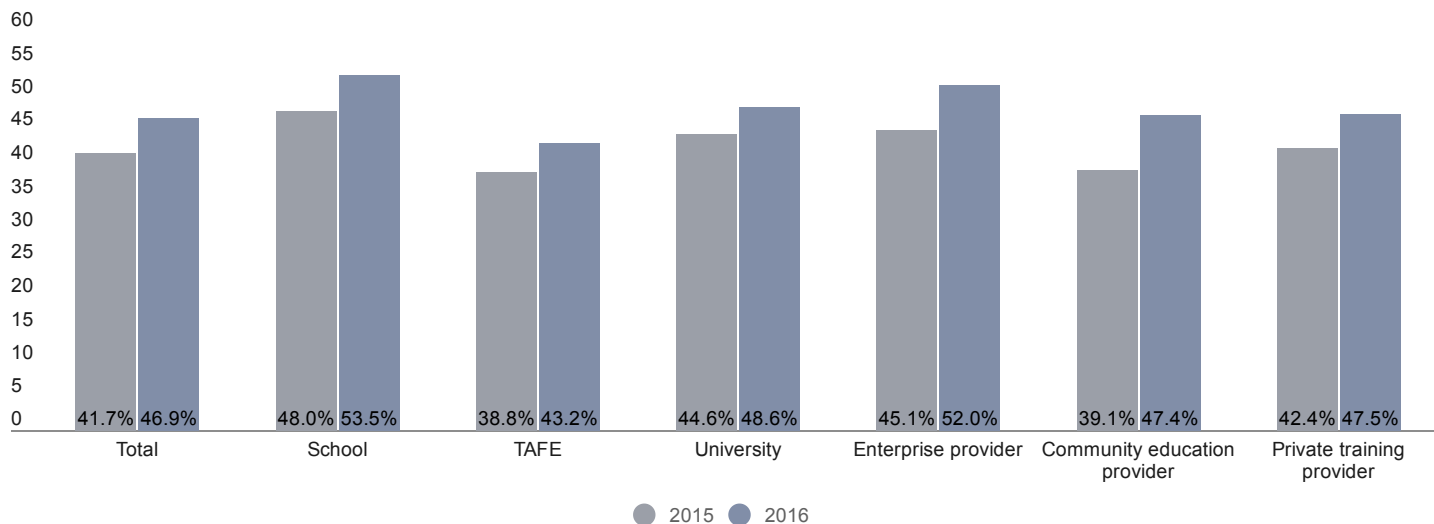
Note: Program completions for 2017 are preliminary only. The 2017 data will be revised upwards in 2018.

AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework

Estimated projected program completion rates* for total VET programs at certificate I and above, by commencing year



The estimated national projected completion rate for total VET programs at certificate I and above commencing in 2016 is **47%**.



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Notes:

*Estimated projected completion rate' is the percentage of programs that are estimated to be completed, according to statistical modelling developed by NCVER. For more information see *Total VET program completion rates* available at www.ncver.edu.au/publications/publications/all-publications/total-vet-program-completion-rates.

Projected program completion rates for the latest year of activity are likely to be overstated due to the assumption of continuing students in the forecast calculations. Over time, where there is no record of training activity in subsequent years, these students would be expected to be removed from calculations.

Further information

NOTE: Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

For further information on the reporting scope and data quality issues, see www.ncver.edu.au/publications/publications/all-publications/total-vet-students-and-courses-2017 and associated [fact sheets](#).

More information regarding total VET activity is available at www.ncver.edu.au/totalvetactivity.html.

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