

# Apprentices and trainees

## 2025 March quarter



### State and territory comparisons





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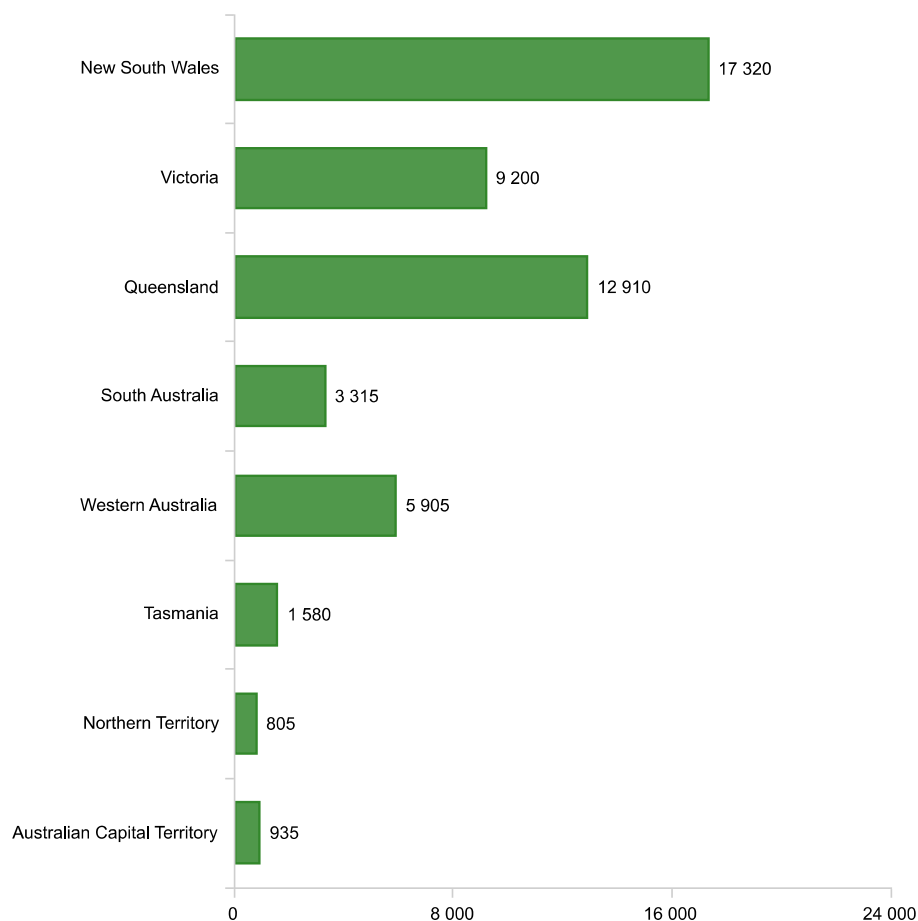
# Commencements



## Commencements time series - quarterly all quarters

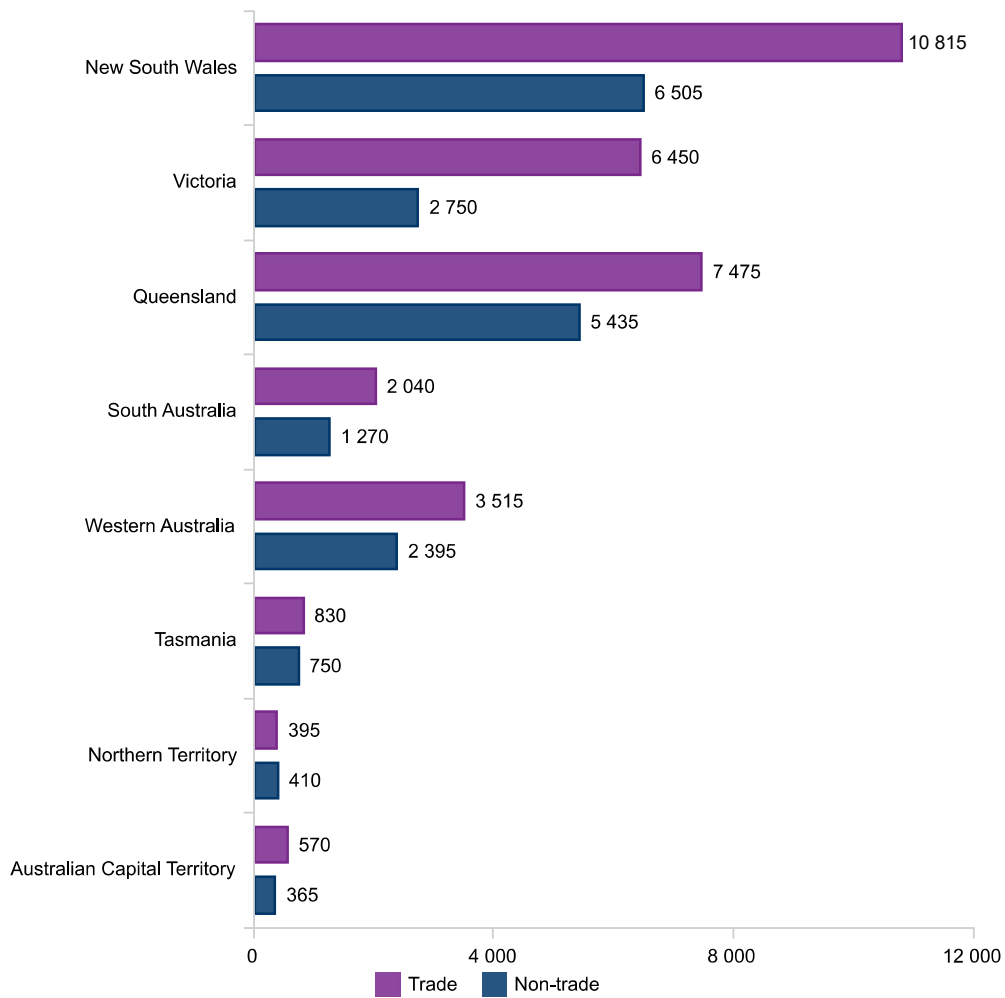
State/territory	All March					% change	
	2021 Mar Qtr	2022 Mar Qtr	2023 Mar Qtr	2024 Mar Qtr	2025 Mar Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	21 415	27 945	18 360	17 180	17 320	-19.1	0.8
Victoria	14 705	21 460	13 070	10 970	9 200	-37.4	-16.1
Queensland	15 595	26 005	15 360	14 370	12 910	-17.2	-10.1
South Australia	4 375	6 995	3 620	3 155	3 315	-24.3	5.0
Western Australia	8 300	11 400	7 220	6 640	5 905	-28.8	-11.1
Tasmania	2 040	3 030	1 865	1 810	1 580	-22.6	-12.7
Northern Territory	955	960	860	800	805	-15.7	0.9
Australian Capital Territory	1 745	1 610	1 025	940	935	-46.5	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>69 135</b>	<b>99 410</b>	<b>61 380</b>	<b>55 860</b>	<b>51 970</b>	<b>-24.8</b>	<b>-7.0</b>

## Commencements insights - quarterly March quarter 2025



# Commencements insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly

March quarter 2025



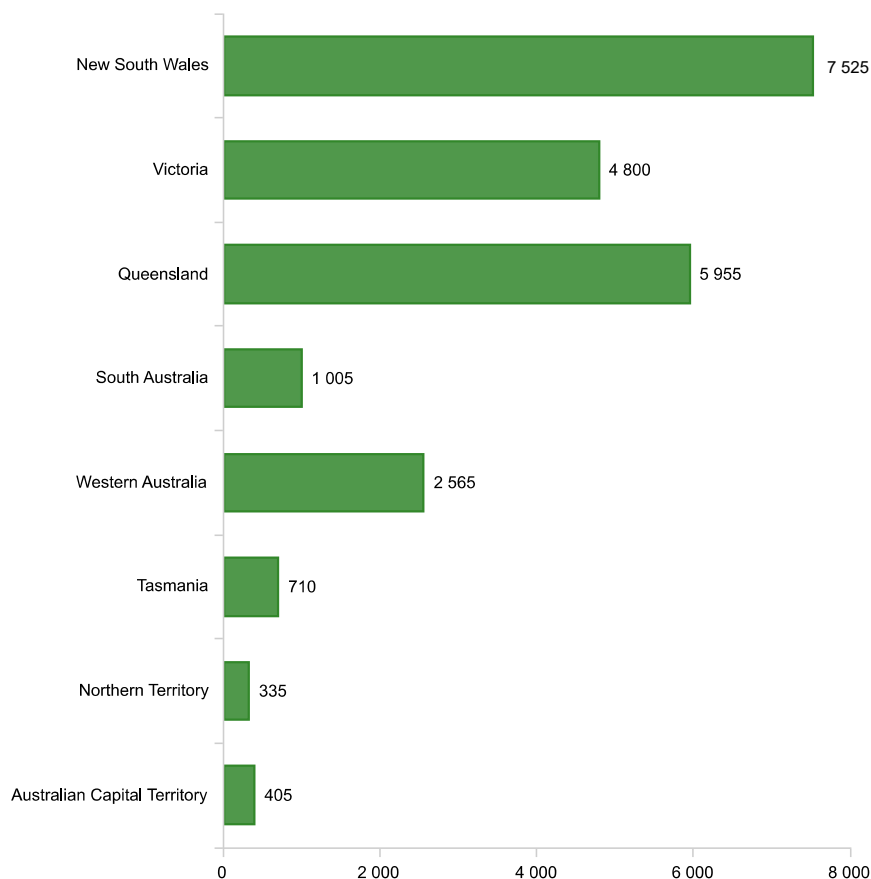
# Cancellations and withdrawals



## Cancellations and withdrawals time series - quarterly all quarters

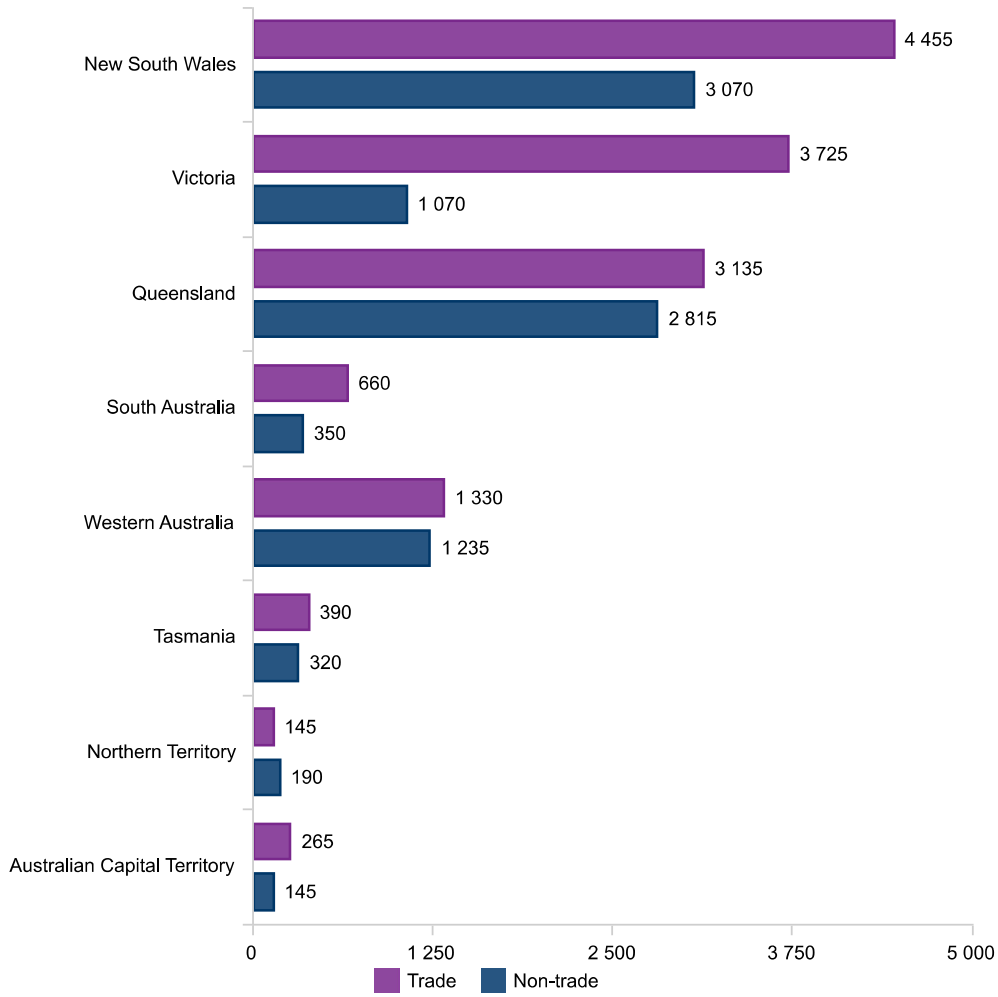
State/territory	All March					% change	
	2021 Mar Qtr	2022 Mar Qtr	2023 Mar Qtr	2024 Mar Qtr	2025 Mar Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	7 810	9 485	9 945	8 335	7 525	-3.6	-9.7
Victoria	5 115	7 360	6 625	5 470	4 800	-6.2	-12.3
Queensland	5 480	8 165	8 460	6 830	5 955	8.6	-12.8
South Australia	1 205	1 630	1 725	1 235	1 005	-16.3	-18.5
Western Australia	2 505	3 990	4 170	3 330	2 565	2.3	-23.0
Tasmania	665	895	990	775	710	6.3	-8.5
Northern Territory	335	340	320	315	335	-0.2	7.1
Australian Capital Territory	495	590	605	540	405	-18.1	-24.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 610</b>	<b>32 455</b>	<b>32 840</b>	<b>26 825</b>	<b>23 300</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-13.2</b>

## Cancellations and withdrawals insights - quarterly March quarter 2025



# Cancellations and withdrawals insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly

March quarter 2025



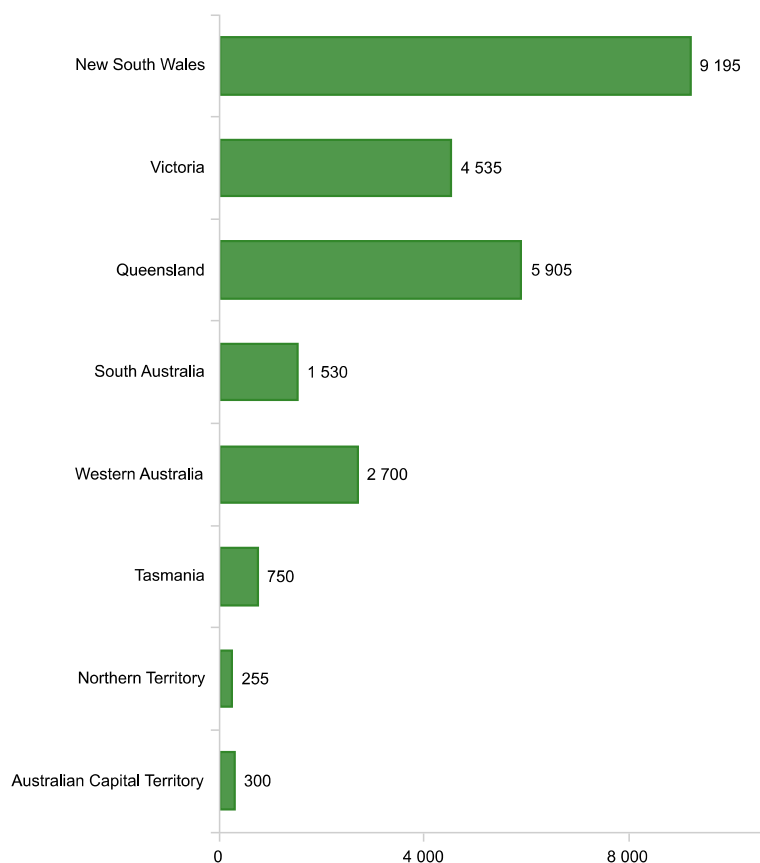
# Completions



## Completions time series - quarterly all quarters

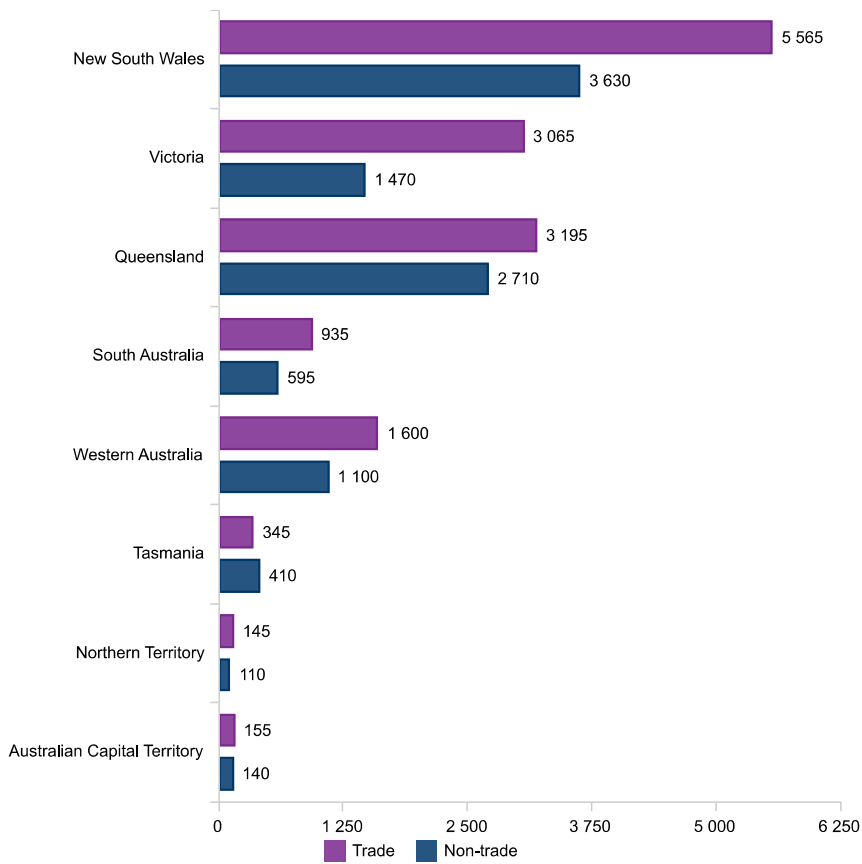
State/territory	All March					% change	
	2021 Mar Qtr	2022 Mar Qtr	2023 Mar Qtr	2024 Mar Qtr	2025 Mar Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	6 760	7 985	8 495	9 500	9 195	36.0	-3.2
Victoria	4 105	4 350	4 105	4 200	4 535	10.4	8.0
Queensland	4 660	5 160	5 455	5 850	5 905	26.6	0.9
South Australia	1 350	1 490	1 640	1 580	1 530	13.6	-3.1
Western Australia	2 025	2 370	2 410	2 665	2 700	33.4	1.2
Tasmania	665	840	785	635	750	12.9	18.1
Northern Territory	235	200	170	200	255	9.1	27.7
Australian Capital Territory	420	460	320	250	300	-29.0	19.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 215</b>	<b>22 850</b>	<b>23 380</b>	<b>24 885</b>	<b>25 165</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>

## Completions insights - quarterly March quarter 2025



# Completions insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly

March quarter 2025



# In-training



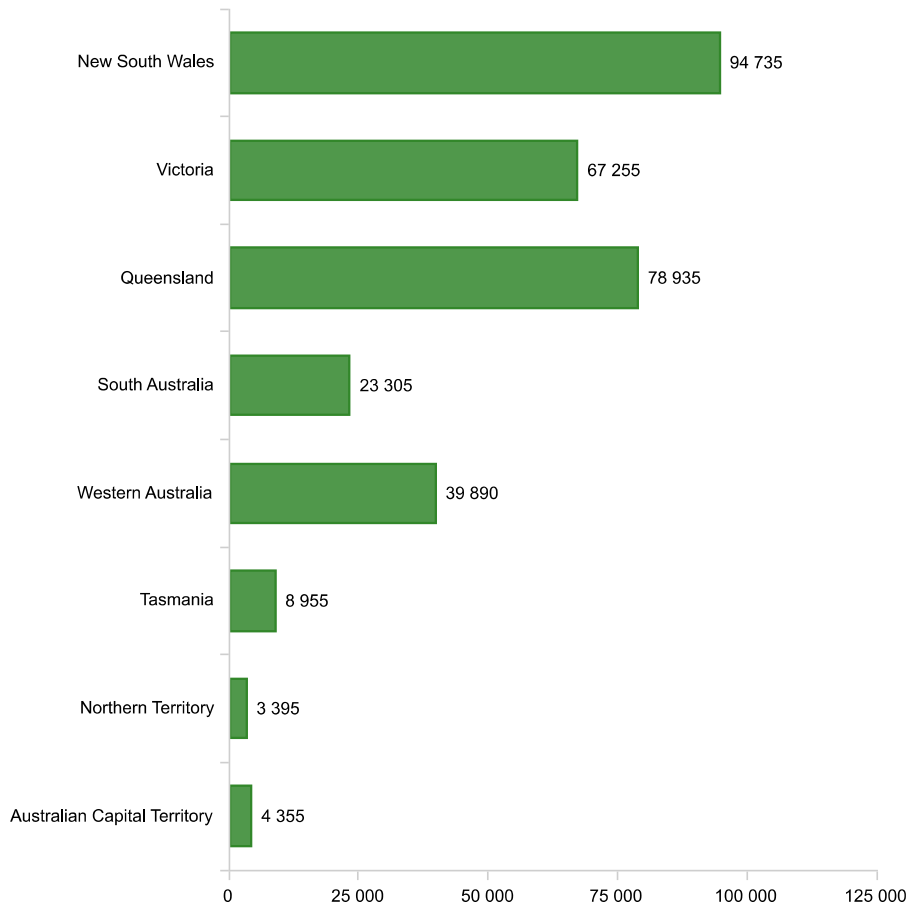
## In-training time series - quarterly

as at end of quarter

State/territory	As at end of March					% change	
	2021 Mar Qtr	2022 Mar Qtr	2023 Mar Qtr	2024 Mar Qtr	2025 Mar Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	105 015	121 075	114 710	103 625	94 735	-9.8	-8.6
Victoria	72 240	84 665	80 730	73 820	67 255	-6.9	-8.9
Queensland	71 455	94 580	92 850	84 905	78 935	10.5	-7.0
South Australia	22 635	28 950	28 140	24 305	23 305	3.0	-4.1
Western Australia	36 600	46 110	45 090	42 145	39 890	9.0	-5.4
Tasmania	10 545	12 600	11 815	10 515	8 955	-15.1	-14.8
Northern Territory	3 645	3 740	3 610	3 605	3 395	-6.8	-5.8
Australian Capital Territory	7 495	7 600	6 525	5 330	4 355	-41.9	-18.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>329 630</b>	<b>399 320</b>	<b>383 465</b>	<b>348 250</b>	<b>320 830</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-7.9</b>

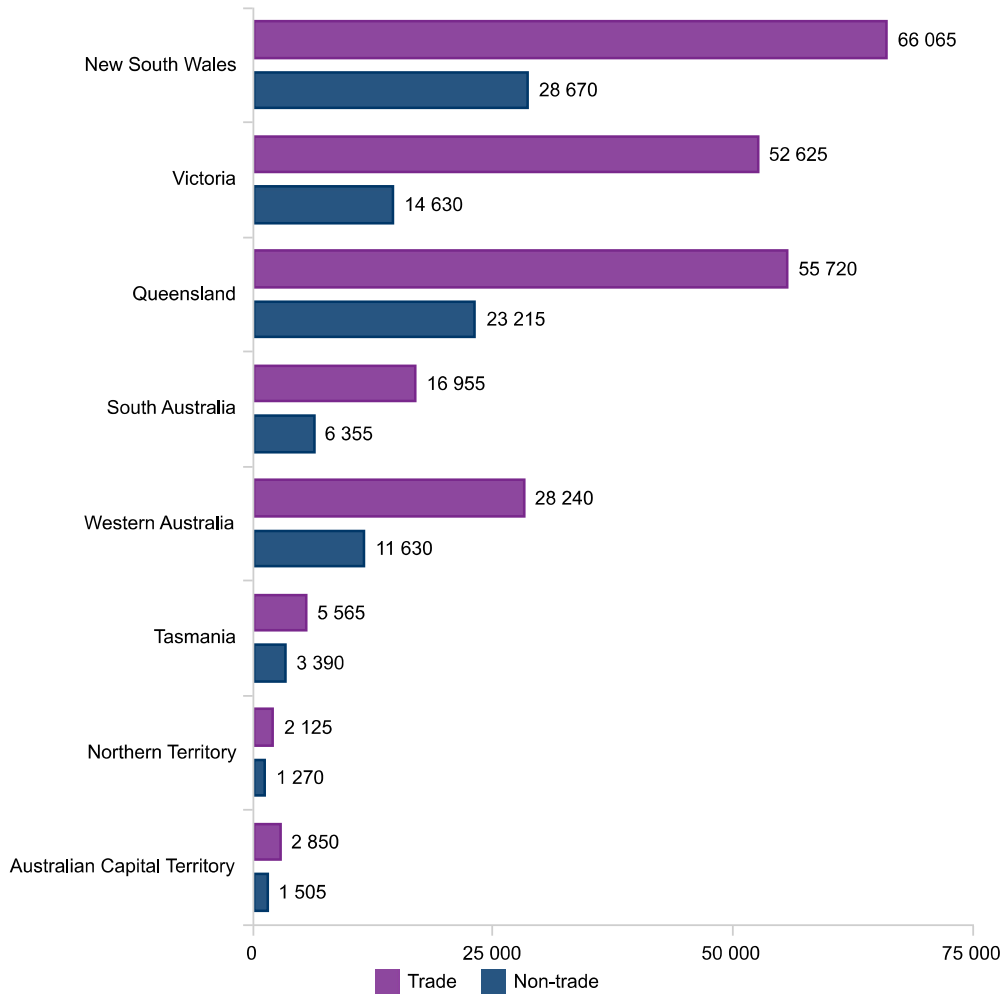
## In-training insights - quarterly

as at 31 March 2025



# In-training insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly

as at 31 March 2025



# Apprentices and trainees 2025 March quarter



State and territory comparisons -  
12 months series

# Commencements



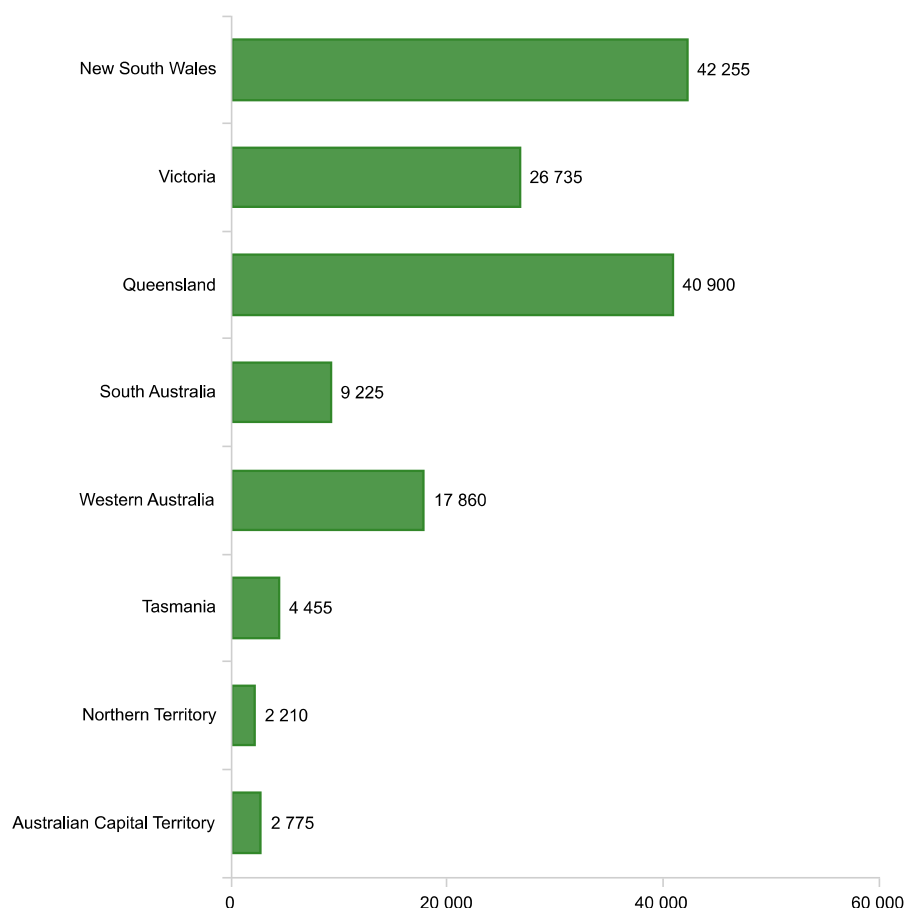
## Commencements time series - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March

State/territory	12 months ending 31 March					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	57 455	65 295	55 675	45 110	42 255	-26.5	-6.3
Victoria	37 985	51 575	43 655	33 660	26 735	-29.6	-20.6
Queensland	45 395	68 000	54 530	43 685	40 900	-9.9	-6.4
South Australia	12 630	17 820	12 970	9 040	9 225	-27.0	2.1
Western Australia	22 845	30 720	24 570	20 105	17 860	-21.8	-11.2
Tasmania	6 020	8 410	6 255	5 150	4 455	-26.0	-13.5
Northern Territory	2 335	2 285	2 130	2 035	2 210	-5.3	8.6
Australian Capital Territory	4 910	4 920	3 850	3 215	2 775	-43.5	-13.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>189 575</b>	<b>249 025</b>	<b>203 640</b>	<b>162 000</b>	<b>146 415</b>	<b>-22.8</b>	<b>-9.6</b>

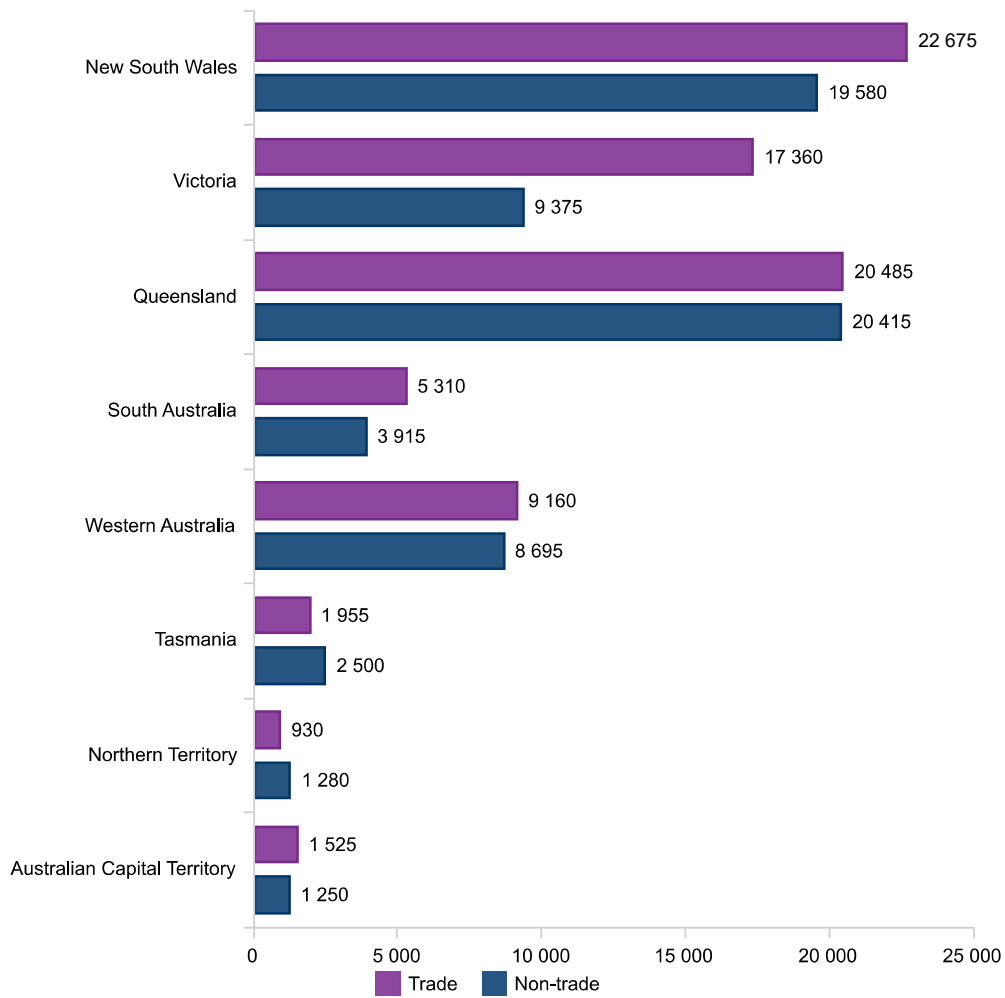
## Commencements insights - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March 2025



# Commencements insights for trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March 2025



# Cancellations and withdrawals



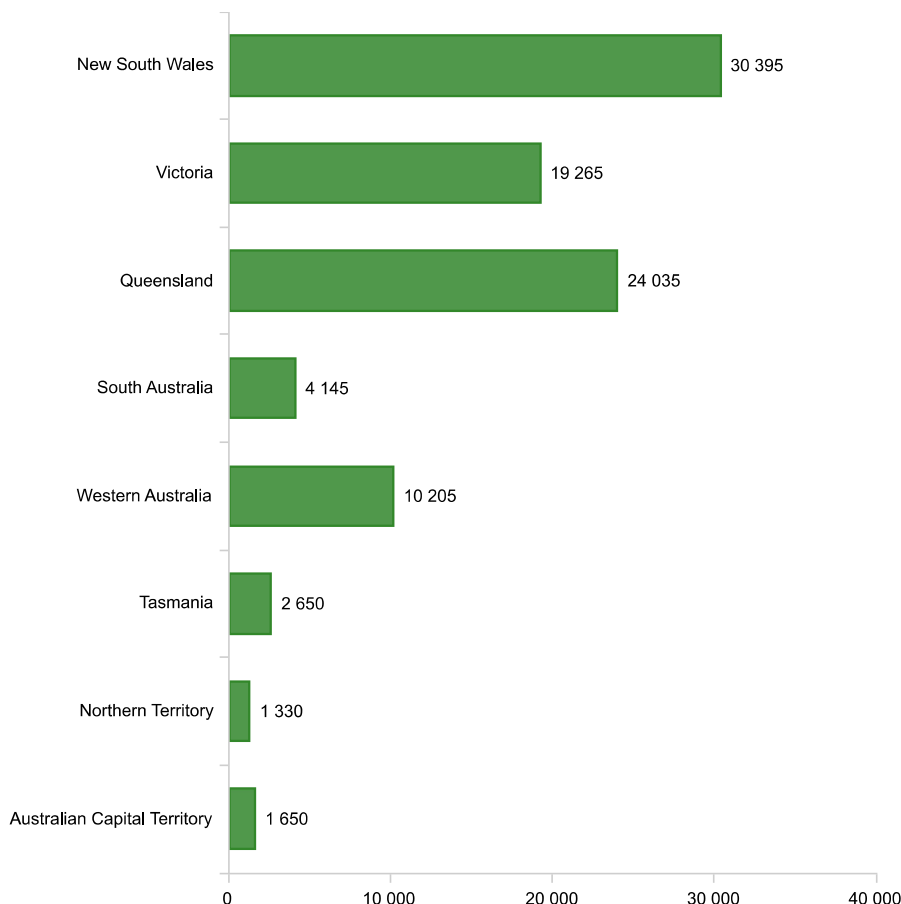
## Cancellations and withdrawals time series - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March

State/territory	12 months ending 31 March					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	25 150	35 035	39 670	35 175	30 395	20.8	-13.6
Victoria	16 155	26 470	28 670	23 825	19 265	19.3	-19.1
Queensland	18 125	28 075	34 400	29 035	24 035	32.6	-17.2
South Australia	3 755	5 680	6 895	5 265	4 145	10.4	-21.3
Western Australia	7 815	13 250	15 755	13 280	10 205	30.5	-23.2
Tasmania	2 130	3 415	3 910	3 195	2 650	24.5	-17.1
Northern Territory	1 050	1 310	1 370	1 325	1 330	26.9	0.7
Australian Capital Territory	1 705	2 235	2 515	2 335	1 650	-3.2	-29.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>75 880</b>	<b>115 470</b>	<b>133 185</b>	<b>113 435</b>	<b>93 675</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>-17.4</b>

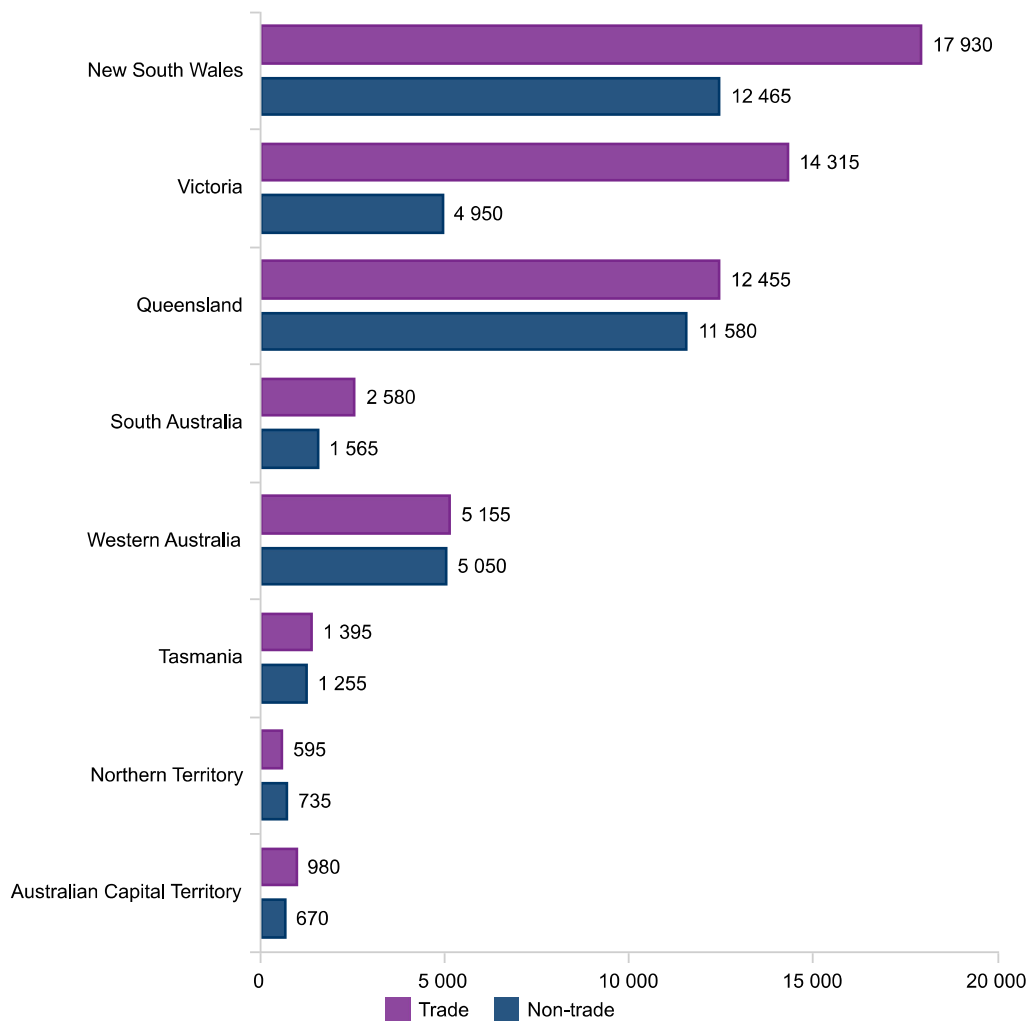
## Cancellations and withdrawals insights - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March 2025



# Cancellations and withdrawals insights for trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March 2025



# Completions



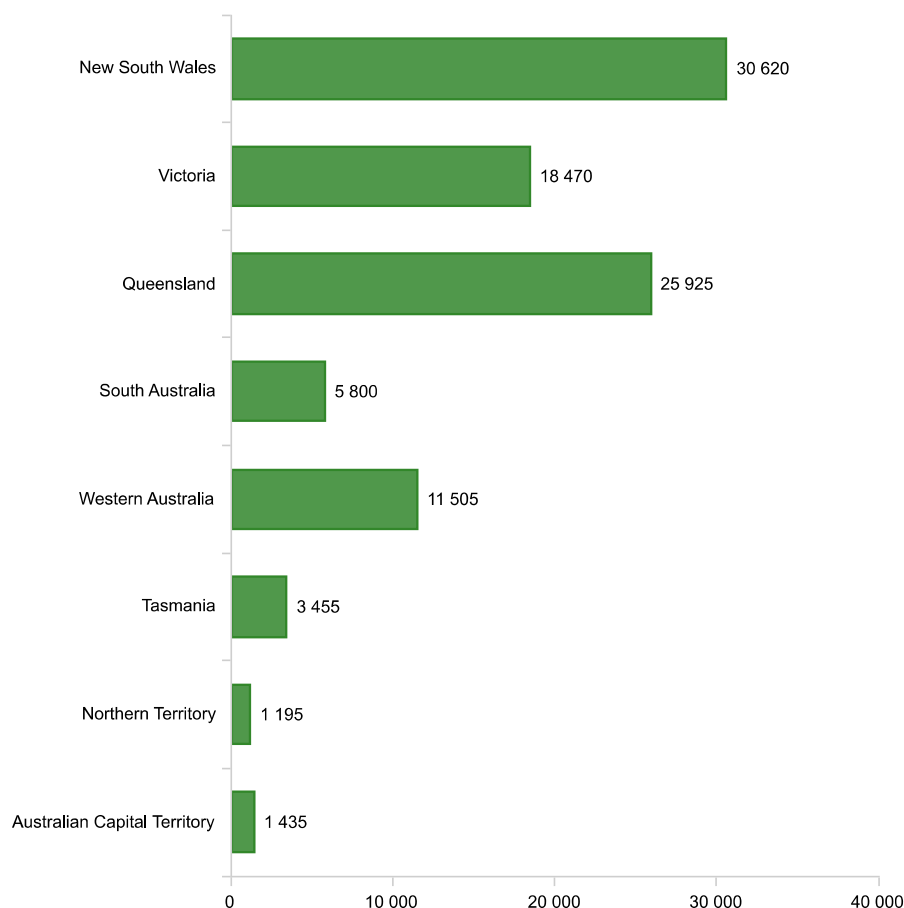
## Completions time series - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March

State/territory	12 months ending 31 March					% change	
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New South Wales	21 630	24 815	31 610	30 800	30 620	41.5	-0.6
Victoria	15 810	17 665	20 680	19 850	18 470	16.8	-7.0
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Northern Territory	965	1 120	1 145	995	1 195	24.1	20.5
Australian Capital Territory	2 090	2 220	2 040	1 510	1 435	-31.3	-4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>74 445</b>	<b>86 860</b>	<b>101 540</b>	<b>100 920</b>	<b>98 405</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

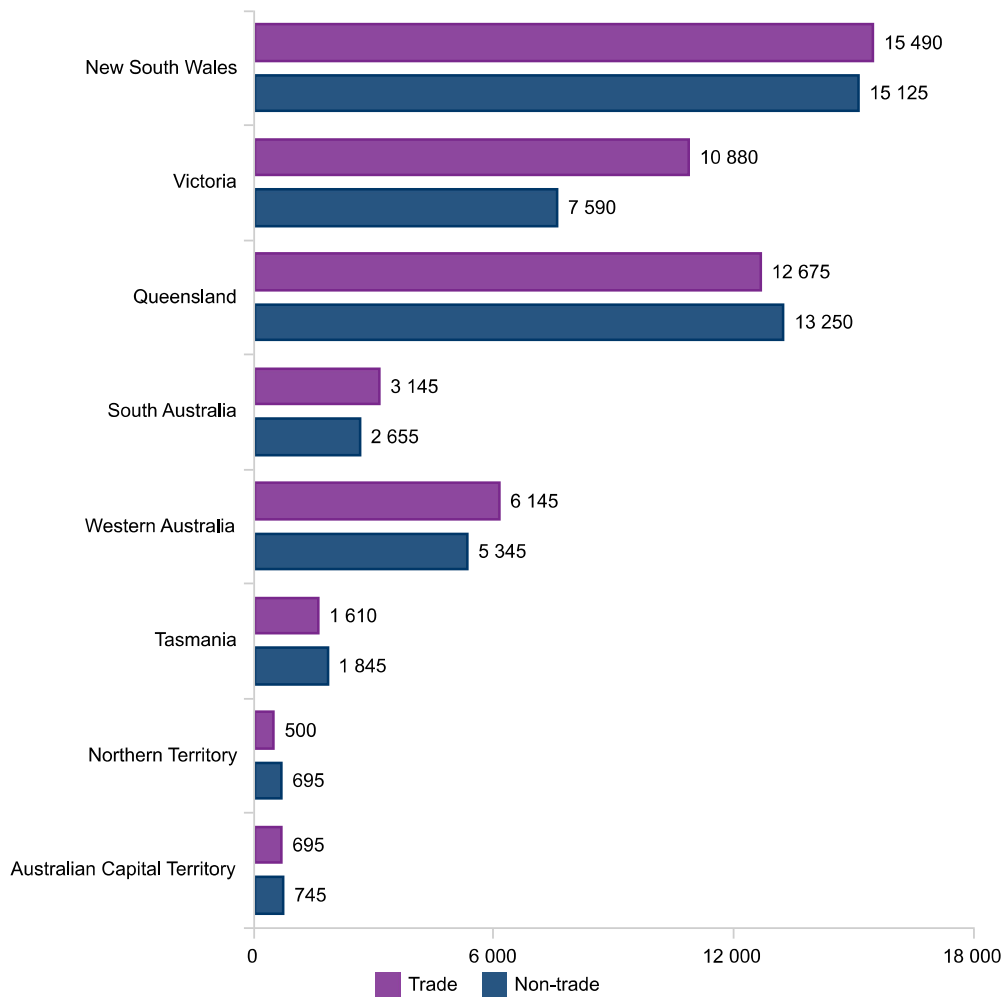
## Completions insights - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March 2025



# Completions insights trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 March 2025



# In-training



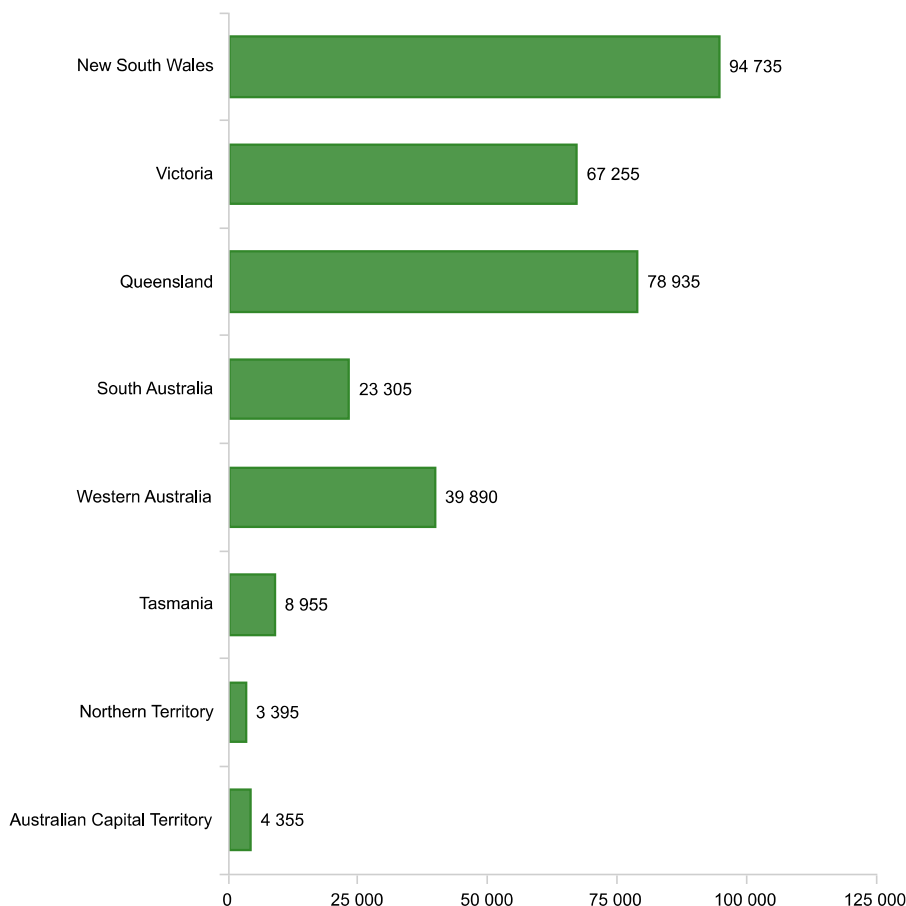
## In-training time series - 12 month series

as at 31 March

State/territory	As at 31 March					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	105 015	121 075	114 710	103 625	94 735	-9.8	-8.6
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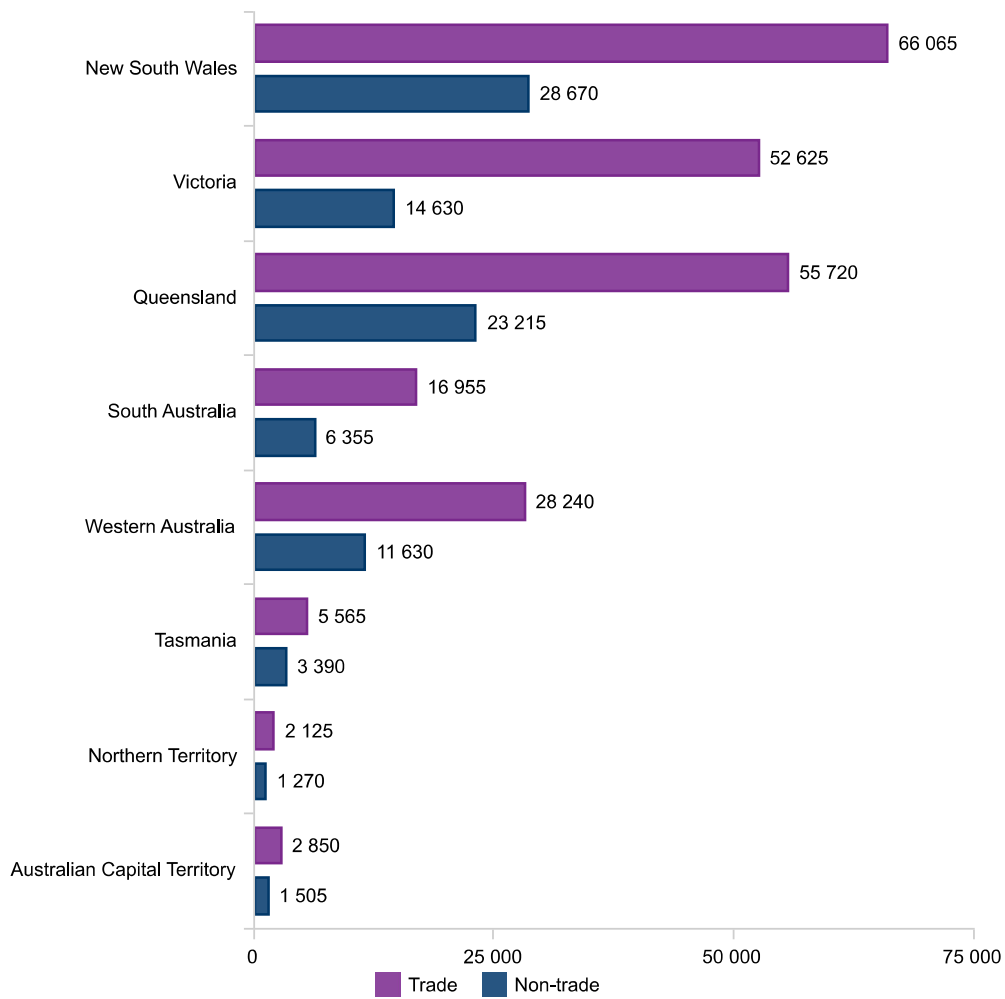
## In-training insights - 12 month series

as at 31 March 2025



# In-training insights trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series

as at 31 March 2025



# Additional information

1. Unless stated otherwise, data are derived from the latest National Apprentice and Trainee Collection (no. 124, June 2025 estimates), using data up until 31 March 2025, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 7.0, October 2015.
2. Due to the delay in time between an event (commencement, completion, etc.) occurring and the reporting of that event to NCVER, NCVER estimates the most recent figures. The estimation method involves weighting recently processed numbers based on average reporting lags. As estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or subsequent reports. The final counts are those submitted by jurisdictions. Further details on the methodology can be found in the Estimation of apprentice and trainee statistics technical paper.
3. The COVID-19 pandemic in Australia brought about significant uncertainty for individuals, businesses, and governments. The resulting suspension of normal economic activities, combined with various government and economic interventions, has impacted apprentice and trainee numbers. Therefore, caution should be exercised when interpreting and comparing data from 2020 onwards.
4. **In-training** figures represent the number of apprenticeship and traineeship training contracts where the apprentice or trainee is actively training under the terms of their contract, and who have not completed, cancelled or withdrawn from their training, or had their training contract expired. The figure reflects the number of active contracts at a given point in time (at the end of the quarter), and therefore in-training figures cannot be cumulated over time. For this reason, quarterly comparisons are equivalent to 12-months ending comparisons, as they both represent the changes as at 31 March from one year to the next.
5. Note that the percentages presented in this product are reported to one decimal place. All other numbers, after aggregation, have been rounded to the nearest five. Rounding can lead to instances where the numbers in the body of a given table might not add to the rounded totals.
6. Unknown data have not been reported in any tables, whereas the total includes all contracts, including those with unknown status. Hence, some figures in the tables may not sum to the total.
7. Whilst the report is limited to data on contract commencements, in-training, completions and cancellations/withdrawals, data on contract recommencements, expiries and suspensions are available in VOCSTATS.
8. As the vocations approved to be under an apprenticeship or traineeship training contract are not consistent across all jurisdictions, NCVER has adopted a Trade/Non-trade categorisation for the purpose of the National Apprentices and Trainees Collection with 'Trades' classified as all occupations listed under ANZSCO major group '3-Technicians and Trades workers' and 'Non-trades' classified as all other major occupations groups 1-2 and 4-8 (Occupations are classified using the ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 2022 Australian Update).

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