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Highlights

There were 386 800 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 March 2014, a decrease of 12.4% from 31 March 2013.

In the March quarter 2014, compared with the March quarter 2013:

- commencements decreased by 11.8%, to 61 400
- completions decreased by 13.7%, to 40 000
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 13.5%, to 28 700.

In the 12 months ending 31 March 2014, compared with the 12 months ending 31 March 2013:

- commencements decreased by 20.5%, to 236 500
- completions decreased by 5.0%, to 182 400
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 16.8%, to 116 800.



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Apprentice and trainee directions

Introduction

This publication presents estimates of apprentice and trainee activity in Australia for the March quarter 2014. The figures in this publication are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.80 (June 2014 estimates).

The most recent figures in this publication are estimated (those for training activity from the September quarter 2012 to the March quarter 2014). Estimates take into account reporting lags that occur at the time of data collection. Consequently, the figures in this publication may differ from those published in earlier or later reports. Figures in bold are actual numbers.

Estimated data are presented in this publication on a seasonally adjusted, quarterly and 12-month ending series basis. The 12-month ending series is particularly useful in showing longer-term data trends, but is less useful in identifying turning points.

The seasonally adjusted data involve the use of a mathematical model to smooth out fluctuations due to seasonal influences. Seasonally adjusted data are useful to illustrate trends from one quarter to the next, but cannot be further disaggregated.

Further details on the estimation methodology and seasonally adjusted data tables may be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2751.html>.

Overall trends

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 March 2014 was 386 800, a decrease of 12.4% from 31 March 2013 (table 2).

For the 12 months ending 31 March 2014

Commencements

The number of commencements in the 12 months ending 31 March 2014 was 236 500, a decrease of 20.5% from the 12 months ending 31 March 2013 (table 15). This decrease resulted from:

- an increase in trades commencements of 2.8%
- a decrease in non-trades commencements of 31.1%.

State and territory commencements in the 12 months ending 31 March 2014, compared with the 12 months ending 31 March 2013, showed:

- New South Wales (-19.7%) ■ Western Australia (-6.9%)
- Victoria (-24.6%) ■ Tasmania (-22.1%)
- Queensland (-17.5%) ■ Northern Territory (-8.3%)
- South Australia (-37.8%) ■ Australian Capital Territory (-13.9%)

Completions

The number of completions in the 12 months ending 31 March 2014 was 182 400, a decrease of 5.0% from the 12 months ending 31 March 2013 (table 16).

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 31 March 2014 was 116 800, a decrease of 16.8% from the 12 months ending 31 March 2013 (table 8).

Seasonally adjusted data

In-training

The number of seasonally adjusted apprentices and trainees in-training decreased in each of the last seven quarters, from a high of 492 400 in June 2012 to 395 400 in March 2014 (figure 1).

Commencements

The number of seasonally adjusted trades commencements decreased in the last two quarters, from 25 800 in September 2013 to 22 900 in March 2014 (figure 3). This follows a period of growth in the preceding three quarters.

The number of seasonally adjusted non-trades commencements decreased in seven of the last eight quarters, from a high of 71 800 in March 2012 to 31 100 in March 2014 (figure 3). This decrease needs to be considered in the context of recent changes to Commonwealth incentive payments (refer to **Notes on figures and tables** [page 20] for further information).

Completions

The number of seasonally adjusted completions decreased in each of the last four quarters, from a high of 53 500 in March 2013 to 38 900 in March 2014 (figure 2).

Cancellations and withdrawals

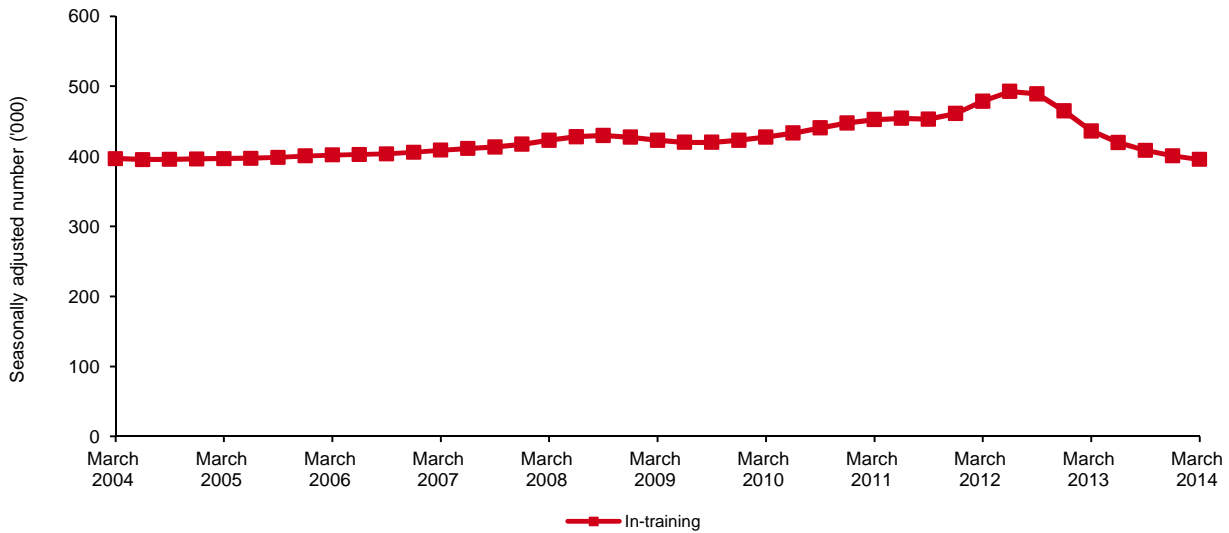
The number of seasonally adjusted cancellations and withdrawals decreased in each of the last six quarters, from a high of 36 100 in September 2012 to 28 300 in March 2014 (figure 2).

For more information on seasonally adjusted data, see **Technical notes** on page 19.

Additional seasonally adjusted data tables are available at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2751.html>.

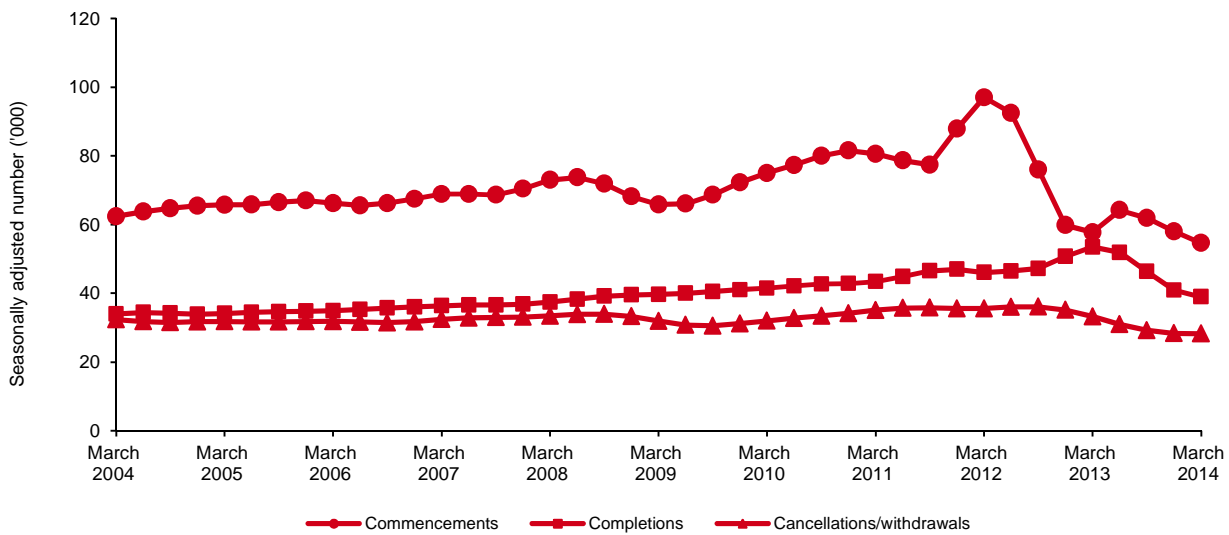
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Figure 1 In-training, seasonally adjusted,¹ 2004–14 ('000)



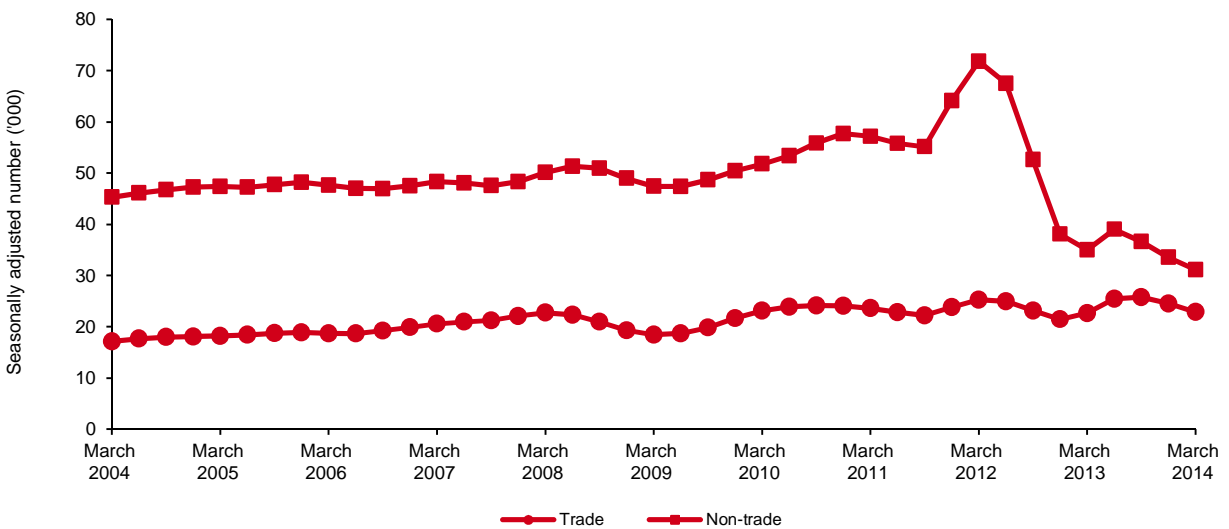
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Figure 2 Commencements,^{2,3} completions² and cancellations/withdrawals,⁴ seasonally adjusted,¹ 2004–14 ('000)



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Figure 3 Trades and non-trades^{5,6} commencements,^{2,3} seasonally adjusted,¹ 2004–14 ('000)



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Tables

Quarterly training activity

Table 1 In-training by state/territory and selected training characteristics, as at 31 March 2014 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	30.5	23.3	26.5	8.3	11.5	2.5	1.1	1.8	105.4
	20 to 24 years	31.8	26.9	21.3	8.8	10.6	2.5	1.0	2.9	105.8
	25 to 44 years	35.7	28.2	26.9	11.8	14.9	2.9	1.3	3.1	124.8
	45 years and over	15.2	12.5	9.9	5.0	5.6	1.2	0.3	1.2	50.8
Sex	Male	75.2	64.0	58.1	23.4	30.5	5.7	2.4	5.3	264.6
	Female	37.9	27.0	26.4	10.5	12.1	3.3	1.2	3.8	122.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	3.5	3.9	5.3	2.2	1.7	0.5	0.2	1.1	18.4
	Technicians and trades workers	56.6	51.6	48.5	15.3	24.8	4.4	2.2	3.9	207.2
	Community and personal service workers	15.1	10.1	8.4	2.7	5.3	1.2	0.5	2.0	45.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	15.8	8.0	8.6	4.1	4.4	1.3	0.3	0.8	43.5
	Sales workers	10.0	6.2	6.0	4.7	1.6	0.8	0.2	0.6	30.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	7.2	4.4	4.1	2.6	2.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	21.6
	Labourers	4.9	6.8	3.6	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	20.7
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	3.7	2.3	3.0	2.6	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	14.3
	Certificate III	83.7	69.2	66.5	24.0	29.1	6.7	2.8	6.3	288.4
	Certificate IV	21.8	16.0	10.0	5.6	9.8	1.2	0.4	1.5	66.2
	Diploma/advanced diploma	3.8	3.5	5.1	1.7	1.9	0.6	0.2	1.2	17.9
Full-time status	Full-time	91.4	70.8	61.3	25.4	37.7	6.9	3.0	6.4	302.9
	Part-time	21.7	20.2	23.2	8.5	4.9	2.2	0.7	2.6	83.9
Total⁷		113.1	91.0	84.6	33.9	42.6	9.0	3.6	9.0	386.8

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Table 2 In-training by state/territory as at the end of each quarter, 2009–14 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2009	140.2	104.7	90.5	31.5	37.3	12.4	3.8	6.6	427.0
June 2009	138.7	104.5	89.4	31.9	36.7	12.2	3.9	6.7	423.9
September 2009	138.4	104.8	89.6	31.7	36.3	12.0	4.0	6.9	423.6
December 2009	137.4	100.5	85.5	30.2	35.2	11.3	3.8	6.4	410.4
March 2010	143.6	105.2	91.1	32.2	37.1	12.0	4.2	7.1	432.5
June 2010	143.9	107.0	92.4	32.7	37.5	12.1	4.3	7.2	437.1
September 2010	146.2	110.2	93.9	32.9	37.4	12.2	4.3	7.4	444.5
December 2010	145.3	107.1	90.1	32.5	37.4	11.7	4.0	7.2	435.2
March 2011	149.5	114.7	94.3	34.1	39.2	12.3	4.5	8.1	456.6
June 2011	146.1	119.0	95.7	34.8	39.3	12.3	4.4	8.2	459.9
September 2011	145.3	120.0	95.2	35.1	38.6	12.2	4.3	8.6	459.3
December 2011	141.1	116.3	90.3	35.3	37.7	11.5	3.9	8.8	444.9
March 2012	146.5	121.1	96.6	37.2	40.6	12.1	4.2	9.8	468.0
June 2012	159.6	136.7	107.9	41.3	45.6	12.9	4.4	11.0	519.4
September 2012	150.7	125.0	103.3	39.9	44.6	12.2	4.2	10.7	490.6
December 2012	141.3	107.3	95.2	38.6	42.6	11.0	3.7	9.9	449.7
March 2013	137.1	103.7	94.2	38.6	43.3	10.9	4.0	10.0	441.8
June 2013	126.3	95.8	88.1	36.5	42.3	9.7	3.9	9.9	412.3
September 2013	128.6	100.3	91.0	36.6	42.7	9.6	3.8	10.0	422.6
December 2013	119.1	91.1	84.7	34.8	41.1	8.8	3.4	9.1	392.1
March 2014	113.1	91.0	84.6	33.9	42.6	9.0	3.6	9.0	386.8

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Table 3 Commencements² by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2014 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	9.6	8.1	6.4	1.8	3.2	0.8	0.4	0.5	30.9
	20 to 24 years	3.7	3.0	2.1	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	11.6
	25 to 44 years	4.1	3.2	3.0	0.8	2.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	14.7
	45 years and over	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.2
Sex	Male	11.7	10.1	8.1	2.3	5.2	0.9	0.6	0.9	39.6
	Female	6.7	5.2	4.2	1.1	2.9	0.7	0.3	0.7	21.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.7
	Technicians and trades workers	9.0	7.6	6.3	1.6	3.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	29.8
	Community and personal service workers	3.7	3.4	2.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	11.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	2.0	1.2	1.3	0.3	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	6.5
	Sales workers	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
	Labourers	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.6
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	5.1
	Certificate III	14.9	11.8	10.3	2.7	4.9	1.1	0.7	1.0	47.5
	Certificate IV	1.8	2.1	0.6	0.1	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	6.9
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	1.9
Full-time status	Full-time	14.7	9.9	8.0	2.3	6.5	1.1	0.6	1.2	44.3
	Part-time	3.7	5.4	4.2	1.1	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	17.1
Existing worker	Existing worker	1.0	2.2	2.1	0.5	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	9.0
	Newly commencing worker	17.4	13.1	10.1	2.9	5.8	1.2	0.7	1.2	52.4
Total⁷		18.4	15.3	12.2	3.4	8.0	1.6	0.9	1.5	61.4

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Table 4 Commencements² in each quarter by state/territory, 2009–14 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2009	27.1	20.6	16.9	6.0	7.0	2.2	0.8	1.8	82.4
June 2009	18.5	17.2	12.9	5.2	5.3	1.7	0.6	1.1	62.6
September 2009	19.7	17.9	13.6	4.8	5.3	1.7	0.7	1.2	65.0
December 2009	20.3	16.8	12.4	4.2	5.4	1.4	0.6	0.9	61.9
March 2010	30.1	23.8	19.1	7.7	8.1	2.6	0.9	1.7	94.1
June 2010	21.8	19.9	15.5	5.5	6.2	1.9	0.6	1.1	72.5
September 2010	23.6	22.0	15.9	5.3	6.3	2.1	0.7	1.2	76.9
December 2010	22.2	19.9	14.0	5.4	6.7	1.9	0.5	0.9	71.5
March 2011	29.6	27.5	18.8	7.2	8.1	2.2	1.1	1.8	96.4
June 2011	19.7	24.7	16.2	5.8	6.4	1.9	0.6	1.1	76.3
September 2011	22.2	22.5	16.2	5.8	6.3	2.1	0.5	1.2	76.7
December 2011	20.5	21.9	13.7	5.5	6.6	1.7	0.4	1.0	71.4
March 2012	31.2	26.6	21.9	7.9	9.5	2.6	1.0	2.0	102.6
June 2012	34.4	38.4	26.6	9.5	11.8	2.7	0.8	2.1	126.2
September 2012	12.7	12.0	10.9	3.9	6.6	1.3	0.5	1.0	48.7
December 2012	14.7	15.3	10.6	4.4	5.6	1.3	0.4	0.8	53.0
March 2013	21.3	17.4	14.1	5.1	7.7	1.8	0.8	1.4	69.6
June 2013	16.2	15.8	15.0	4.4	7.1	1.3	0.5	0.9	61.3
September 2013	20.3	20.6	15.4	4.1	7.7	1.5	0.5	1.2	71.2
December 2013	11.8	10.8	8.8	2.3	6.7	1.1	0.4	0.8	42.7
March 2014	18.4	15.3	12.2	3.4	8.0	1.6	0.9	1.5	61.4

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Table 5 Completions² by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2014 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	2.1	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.9
	20 to 24 years	6.4	3.2	2.4	0.9	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	15.0
	25 to 44 years	5.1	2.5	2.5	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	13.2
	45 years and over	2.5	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	5.8
Sex	Male	10.4	5.4	4.7	1.7	2.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	26.1
	Female	5.7	2.6	2.6	0.6	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	13.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.8
	Technicians and trades workers	7.7	4.0	3.5	1.2	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.3	19.1
	Community and personal service workers	2.1	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.3	5.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	2.7	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	6.3
	Sales workers	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.4
	Labourers	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
Certificate III	12.2	6.3	5.7	1.8	2.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	30.3	
Certificate IV	2.8	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	6.4	
Diploma/advanced diploma	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.5	
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	10.4	5.3	5.1	1.3	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	26.2
	More than two years	5.7	2.8	2.2	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	13.8
Full-time status	Full-time	14.2	6.4	6.0	2.0	3.4	0.7	0.3	0.8	33.8
	Part-time	1.9	1.7	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	6.2
Total⁷		16.1	8.0	7.3	2.3	3.9	0.9	0.4	1.0	40.0

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Table 6 Completions² in each quarter by state/territory, 2009–14 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2009	14.4	10.1	7.9	3.0	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.5	40.7
June 2009	10.8	9.6	8.3	2.7	3.5	1.2	0.2	0.6	36.9
September 2009	11.2	10.2	7.9	2.7	3.6	1.2	0.3	0.5	37.6
December 2009	12.4	12.8	10.4	3.2	4.2	1.4	0.4	0.8	45.7
March 2010	14.7	11.0	7.9	3.2	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.5	43.0
June 2010	11.8	10.1	8.3	2.8	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	38.6
September 2010	11.8	10.5	8.9	2.8	4.1	1.2	0.3	0.4	40.0
December 2010	13.0	13.7	11.4	3.4	4.2	1.6	0.4	0.5	48.2
March 2011	15.4	11.0	8.7	3.5	3.6	1.0	0.4	0.4	44.1
June 2011	12.5	11.2	8.9	2.8	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	40.9
September 2011	12.9	12.2	10.1	3.1	4.1	1.4	0.3	0.2	44.3
December 2011	14.7	15.9	12.0	3.2	4.5	1.7	0.5	0.3	52.7
March 2012	15.7	12.4	9.5	3.6	3.8	1.3	0.3	0.6	47.1
June 2012	12.0	12.8	9.4	3.1	3.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	42.7
September 2012	12.0	12.7	9.2	3.0	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.6	43.1
December 2012	14.4	22.5	12.3	3.6	4.1	1.7	0.5	0.8	59.9
March 2013	16.2	11.2	9.5	3.1	4.1	1.2	0.2	0.8	46.4
June 2013	18.5	15.2	15.4	4.3	5.2	1.9	0.3	0.5	61.5
September 2013	10.9	8.7	7.4	1.9	4.5	0.9	0.3	0.6	35.2
December 2013	13.3	12.3	9.8	2.2	5.1	1.3	0.4	1.2	45.6
March 2014	16.1	8.0	7.3	2.3	3.9	0.9	0.4	1.0	40.0

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Table 7 Cancellations and withdrawals⁴ by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2014 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	3.1	2.5	2.3	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	9.7
	20 to 24 years	2.8	2.4	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.2
	25 to 44 years	2.6	2.2	1.6	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	8.2
	45 years and over	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.7
Sex	Male	6.1	5.2	3.8	0.7	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	18.8
	Female	3.2	2.6	2.0	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	9.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
	Technicians and trades workers	4.6	4.1	3.3	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	14.7
	Community and personal service workers	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.3
	Sales workers	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.5
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
	Labourers	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.6
	Certificate III	7.1	6.0	4.7	0.7	2.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	21.8
	Certificate IV	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.2
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	8.6	7.2	5.2	0.9	3.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	26.1
	More than two years	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.5
Full-time status	Full-time	7.4	5.9	4.2	0.7	2.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	22.1
	Part-time	1.8	1.9	1.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	6.6
Total⁷		9.3	7.8	5.8	1.0	3.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	28.7

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Table 8 Cancellations and withdrawals⁴ in each quarter by state/territory, 2009–14 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2009	10.4	8.5	7.1	1.8	2.2	0.8	0.4	0.6	31.9
June 2009	10.2	7.9	6.4	1.6	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	30.2
September 2009	10.0	7.8	6.6	1.8	2.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	30.3
December 2009	9.9	8.4	7.1	1.9	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	31.5
March 2010	10.6	8.8	7.0	1.9	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	32.6
June 2010	10.5	8.7	6.7	1.7	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	31.9
September 2010	11.1	9.0	6.8	1.9	2.7	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.4
December 2010	11.0	9.5	7.4	1.9	2.9	0.9	0.4	0.7	34.7
March 2011	11.6	9.6	7.2	1.7	3.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.0
June 2011	11.7	10.0	6.8	1.8	3.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	35.2
September 2011	11.5	10.3	7.4	1.9	3.3	0.9	0.4	0.7	36.4
December 2011	10.9	10.1	7.4	1.7	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.3
March 2012	11.3	10.3	7.1	1.8	3.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	35.8
June 2012	10.5	10.8	6.7	1.8	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	35.0
September 2012	10.9	11.6	6.9	1.8	3.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	37.1
December 2012	10.1	10.6	7.1	1.6	3.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	35.2
March 2013	10.4	9.7	6.4	1.5	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	33.1
June 2013	9.7	8.8	6.2	1.3	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.7	31.1
September 2013	8.9	7.9	6.0	1.2	3.2	0.7	0.4	0.5	28.6
December 2013	8.6	7.7	5.9	1.1	3.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	28.3
March 2014	9.3	7.8	5.8	1.0	3.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	28.7

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Table 9 In-training as at the end of each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2009–14 ('000)

		Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010
Age	19 years and under	143.8	137.8	131.5	124.0	139.4	136.3	132.7	125.7
	20 to 24 years	110.3	110.4	112.9	110.5	110.5	113.4	117.2	114.9
	25 to 44 years	121.6	123.1	125.0	122.3	127.5	131.2	135.9	135.3
	45 years and over	51.4	52.6	54.2	53.5	55.1	56.3	58.8	59.4
Sex	Male	284.9	281.3	279.6	272.6	287.5	289.4	292.9	287.4
	Female	142.1	142.6	144.0	137.8	145.0	147.7	151.6	147.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	14.5	13.8	13.2	11.8	12.9	14.5	17.1	19.1
	Technicians and trades workers	207.2	203.2	201.8	198.0	210.6	210.2	210.4	206.3
	Community and personal service workers	47.1	47.9	48.0	45.2	47.2	46.9	48.3	45.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	58.0	59.6	61.4	59.8	63.3	65.0	67.2	65.9
	Sales workers	44.1	43.6	43.5	41.5	43.2	44.5	45.3	43.5
	Machinery operators and drivers	32.5	31.6	31.2	31.4	31.3	31.0	30.2	29.9
	Labourers	23.6	24.2	24.5	22.7	23.9	25.0	26.0	25.1
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	37.2	36.8	35.2	31.4	32.9	33.1	32.0
	Certificate III	325.1	318.4	314.9	306.1	320.8	320.9	322.3	314.3
	Certificate IV	59.7	63.3	67.5	66.9	70.8	73.0	76.5	75.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	5.1	5.4	6.0	6.0	8.0	10.1	13.7	16.5
Full-time status	Full-time	334.4	328.6	327.1	319.1	335.6	338.4	343.6	339.1
	Part-time	92.6	95.3	96.5	91.3	96.9	98.7	100.9	96.1
Total⁷		427.0	423.9	423.6	410.4	432.5	437.1	444.5	435.2

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Table 10 Commencements^{2,3} in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2009–14 ('000)

		Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010
Age	19 years and under	37.7	20.2	19.9	23.3	43.5	23.1	23.6	25.7
	20 to 24 years	13.0	10.6	11.8	10.2	15.0	13.2	14.2	12.0
	25 to 44 years	22.3	21.7	22.8	19.1	25.4	25.0	26.8	23.0
	45 years and over	9.4	10.1	10.5	9.3	10.3	11.1	12.4	10.9
Sex	Male	48.7	34.0	34.9	35.3	57.5	40.1	42.3	40.5
	Female	33.7	28.6	30.1	26.6	36.6	32.4	34.6	31.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.5	3.5	3.7	5.2	5.2
	Technicians and trades workers	30.0	14.8	15.8	17.8	37.0	19.2	19.8	20.5
	Community and personal service workers	12.8	10.7	10.4	9.5	12.8	9.8	11.6	9.8
	Clerical and administrative workers	15.0	14.0	14.6	12.7	16.4	15.3	15.7	13.8
	Sales workers	10.5	9.7	10.6	9.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	10.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.6	5.4
	Labourers	6.3	6.0	6.1	5.3	6.8	6.3	6.8	5.9
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	10.8	8.8	8.3	8.1	10.8	8.7	8.0
	Certificate III	56.3	39.6	40.4	40.8	65.3	45.6	47.6	45.7
	Certificate IV	14.3	13.2	15.0	12.2	15.2	15.0	16.3	12.9
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.9	2.8	3.2	4.9	5.0
Full-time status	Full-time	60.0	42.2	44.6	42.8	69.3	51.4	53.7	49.8
	Part-time	22.4	20.4	20.4	19.1	24.9	21.1	23.2	21.8
Existing worker	Existing worker	21.8	22.5	24.0	20.2	24.4	26.8	27.8	24.9
	Newly commencing worker	60.6	40.1	41.0	41.7	69.8	45.7	49.1	46.6
Total⁷		82.4	62.6	65.0	61.9	94.1	72.5	76.9	71.5

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Table 9 (continued)

Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014
139.5	137.0	129.9	120.2	134.5	136.3	125.5	110.4	117.6	111.8	106.5	97.2	105.4
115.6	118.2	120.1	117.5	117.3	125.1	123.2	117.4	114.1	110.6	114.2	109.0	105.8
140.1	142.4	145.3	144.0	150.0	176.5	166.4	153.5	146.6	133.7	141.2	131.0	124.8
61.4	62.3	64.0	63.2	66.2	81.5	75.6	68.3	63.5	56.3	60.8	54.9	50.8
300.6	300.0	298.5	288.8	302.0	329.4	314.3	292.2	292.5	279.4	286.4	267.5	264.6
156.0	159.9	160.9	156.1	166.0	190.0	176.3	157.4	149.3	132.9	136.2	124.6	122.2
23.5	27.6	31.0	34.4	39.3	50.6	48.3	43.7	38.7	25.8	23.8	20.3	18.4
216.0	214.2	211.1	203.6	212.4	217.2	212.7	206.0	212.8	210.7	215.7	206.5	207.2
49.5	50.6	51.0	47.4	51.4	58.3	54.4	47.3	47.2	44.3	45.9	42.5	45.4
67.9	67.5	67.0	63.0	65.5	75.7	69.1	60.4	57.7	54.4	54.7	47.6	43.5
44.0	45.0	44.0	42.4	44.2	53.3	47.6	40.4	36.4	31.1	33.0	30.8	30.2
29.8	28.8	28.7	27.6	28.0	31.9	29.6	27.2	25.5	23.9	25.5	23.0	21.6
26.1	26.2	26.6	26.4	27.2	32.3	28.9	24.7	23.6	22.1	24.0	21.4	20.7
30.4	28.8	25.5	20.7	21.6	21.7	19.4	15.4	15.8	15.6	15.0	12.7	14.3
327.2	327.3	325.7	315.0	328.5	351.6	334.8	311.7	312.7	299.8	306.7	288.8	288.4
77.6	77.9	78.4	75.4	78.7	94.4	87.0	77.9	74.5	72.7	78.8	71.3	66.2
21.4	25.8	29.7	33.9	39.2	51.7	49.3	44.7	38.8	24.2	22.2	19.2	17.9
353.7	353.2	352.1	343.1	356.9	393.4	373.7	348.5	344.5	325.6	335.1	311.8	302.9
102.9	106.6	107.3	101.8	111.1	125.9	116.9	101.2	97.3	86.7	87.5	80.3	83.9
456.6	459.9	459.3	444.9	468.0	519.4	490.6	449.7	441.8	412.3	422.6	392.1	386.8

Table 10 (continued)

Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014
42.0	24.7	21.6	23.2	42.3	27.8	16.9	20.3	32.5	19.4	15.7	17.5	30.9
16.1	14.1	14.2	12.2	16.9	19.9	10.4	9.8	12.5	11.1	12.8	8.5	11.6
27.1	25.8	27.9	24.9	30.6	51.5	15.7	16.4	18.3	21.3	28.6	12.6	14.7
11.2	11.7	13.0	11.1	12.8	27.0	5.7	6.5	6.2	9.5	14.1	4.2	4.2
57.2	41.0	42.6	39.4	60.0	69.2	28.1	30.3	45.5	35.8	43.9	25.5	39.6
39.2	35.3	34.1	32.0	42.6	57.0	20.6	22.7	24.1	25.4	27.3	17.2	21.8
7.1	7.2	7.4	8.6	10.0	17.2	3.8	4.2	2.8	2.2	2.0	1.3	1.7
34.7	19.2	19.6	18.2	35.5	26.2	16.3	18.0	32.5	21.0	26.7	18.3	29.8
14.4	11.6	11.2	10.5	15.1	17.2	7.4	8.3	10.5	9.7	9.7	7.9	11.9
16.3	14.3	14.4	12.0	17.1	24.7	7.5	7.8	10.0	11.5	11.7	5.1	6.5
12.1	12.5	11.1	10.1	12.4	20.3	6.3	8.0	5.9	7.7	7.9	5.1	5.2
5.3	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.8	9.3	3.3	3.1	3.5	4.5	6.4	2.2	2.8
6.5	6.2	7.3	7.0	6.8	11.2	3.9	3.6	4.4	4.7	6.8	2.8	3.6
10.1	6.7	5.0	4.3	7.3	5.5	3.6	3.4	5.0	3.9	3.0	2.8	5.1
64.4	48.3	49.3	45.8	68.1	71.9	34.3	37.6	52.1	40.8	47.2	32.7	47.5
15.1	14.5	15.0	12.6	17.1	30.5	6.9	8.0	10.4	15.0	19.3	6.0	6.9
6.9	6.9	7.4	8.7	10.1	18.3	3.8	4.0	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.9
69.5	51.4	53.8	48.8	72.3	90.3	34.2	35.8	53.1	44.3	56.2	29.8	44.3
27.0	24.9	22.8	22.6	30.3	35.9	14.5	17.2	16.5	17.0	15.0	12.9	17.1
27.6	27.8	30.3	27.9	33.2	68.8	12.6	14.8	14.9	22.7	33.9	8.3	9.0
68.8	48.5	46.4	43.4	69.4	57.4	36.1	38.2	54.7	38.5	37.2	34.4	52.4
96.4	76.3	76.7	71.4	102.6	126.2	48.7	53.0	69.6	61.3	71.2	42.7	61.4

Table 11 Completions² in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2009–14 ('000)

		Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010
Age	19 years and under	7.8	6.5	7.2	10.9	8.5	6.6	7.5	11.8
	20 to 24 years	15.1	11.1	11.0	12.8	15.5	11.2	11.4	13.8
	25 to 44 years	12.1	12.8	12.9	14.3	12.7	13.3	13.9	15.1
	45 years and over	5.7	6.5	6.5	7.7	6.3	7.4	7.2	7.5
Sex	Male	24.9	20.7	20.6	25.0	25.9	21.2	22.0	26.7
	Female	15.8	16.2	17.0	20.7	17.1	17.4	18.0	21.5
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	1.1	1.4	1.3	2.1	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.8
	Technicians and trades workers	14.8	9.8	9.7	12.6	16.0	10.9	11.5	14.2
	Community and personal service workers	5.6	5.9	6.1	7.6	6.0	5.6	5.8	8.2
	Clerical and administrative workers	7.2	7.3	7.5	9.2	7.5	7.9	7.8	9.2
	Sales workers	4.7	5.2	6.1	6.4	5.7	6.3	6.7	7.4
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.5
	Labourers	3.4	3.0	3.2	4.2	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.8
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	4.8	4.8	5.5	7.0	4.8	4.5	5.0
	Certificate III	30.7	26.6	25.9	30.1	31.5	26.3	27.1	32.1
	Certificate IV	4.9	5.1	5.9	8.0	6.3	7.4	7.2	8.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.1
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	27.5	28.2	28.7	35.0	29.3	29.5	30.0	36.5
	More than two years	13.2	8.7	8.9	10.6	13.6	9.1	10.0	11.7
Full-time status	Full-time	33.0	28.1	27.4	31.8	33.8	28.6	28.8	32.7
	Part-time	7.7	8.8	10.1	13.8	9.2	10.0	11.2	15.5
Total⁷		40.7	36.9	37.6	45.7	43.0	38.6	40.0	48.2

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Table 12 Cancellations and withdrawals⁴ in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2009–14 ('000)

		Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010
Age	19 years and under	12.6	11.2	10.7	11.7	12.4	11.4	11.3	12.4
	20 to 24 years	8.2	7.7	7.5	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.7	9.0
	25 to 44 years	8.3	8.3	8.9	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.8	9.8
	45 years and over	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.6
Sex	Male	19.6	18.6	18.5	19.3	20.0	19.5	20.2	21.2
	Female	12.2	11.6	11.8	12.2	12.6	12.4	13.2	13.5
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.3
	Technicians and trades workers	12.9	12.5	11.9	12.4	13.4	12.9	13.1	13.8
	Community and personal service workers	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.3
	Sales workers	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1
	Labourers	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.9
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.6	4.2	3.8	3.9
	Certificate III	23.3	22.1	21.6	22.2	23.5	22.8	23.7	24.6
	Certificate IV	3.5	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	29.5	27.8	28.1	29.2	30.1	29.4	30.8	32.3
	More than two years	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4
Full-time status	Full-time	23.1	21.9	21.8	21.8	23.3	23.2	24.2	24.6
	Part-time	8.7	8.2	8.5	9.7	9.3	8.7	9.2	10.1
Total⁷		31.9	30.2	30.3	31.5	32.6	31.9	33.4	34.7

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Table 11 (continued)

Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014
8.4	7.3	8.3	12.7	8.3	6.8	8.1	16.0	7.7	8.5	4.9	10.6	5.9
15.4	11.7	12.2	13.9	16.5	11.8	11.7	14.3	14.4	13.9	9.8	12.9	15.0
13.8	14.4	15.5	17.0	15.3	15.8	15.3	19.4	16.3	25.5	13.4	14.7	13.2
6.5	7.5	8.3	9.1	7.0	8.4	8.1	10.2	8.0	13.7	7.1	7.4	5.8
26.3	22.7	25.2	29.3	28.2	23.4	23.6	32.1	26.8	31.5	21.5	27.5	26.1
17.8	18.1	19.1	23.4	18.9	19.3	19.5	27.8	19.6	30.0	13.7	18.1	13.9
1.4	1.6	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.3	6.0	4.9	12.5	1.8	2.2	1.8
15.9	11.6	13.2	15.0	17.5	12.0	11.8	13.9	15.7	13.0	12.9	17.1	19.1
5.8	5.8	5.9	9.2	6.2	5.9	6.2	10.7	6.4	8.7	4.5	7.7	5.0
8.4	8.3	8.4	10.3	8.4	8.2	7.6	10.7	7.3	9.6	6.7	7.7	6.3
6.4	6.8	7.3	7.3	5.9	6.8	7.1	10.6	5.7	9.5	3.3	4.5	3.0
3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2	4.3	3.1	3.0	2.4
2.8	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.6	3.2	4.1	3.0	3.4	2.4
4.4	4.6	4.6	5.6	3.3	2.9	3.2	4.8	2.5	2.4	2.0	3.5	1.7
31.3	27.3	29.7	34.4	33.3	28.1	29.0	38.4	30.9	34.7	23.9	32.3	30.3
7.4	7.7	8.2	9.9	7.9	8.6	7.6	10.9	7.9	11.0	7.7	8.1	6.4
1.0	1.2	1.8	2.8	2.6	3.2	3.3	5.9	5.0	13.5	1.6	1.8	1.5
31.3	31.7	34.4	41.6	33.0	33.9	34.1	49.6	34.8	52.1	26.9	34.1	26.2
12.7	9.2	9.9	11.1	14.1	8.9	9.1	10.3	11.5	9.5	8.3	11.5	13.8
34.3	29.7	32.5	35.9	36.8	31.5	30.5	38.1	35.4	42.0	28.1	33.3	33.8
9.7	11.2	11.8	16.8	10.3	11.2	12.7	21.8	10.9	19.5	7.2	12.3	6.2
44.1	40.9	44.3	52.7	47.1	42.7	43.1	59.9	46.4	61.5	35.2	45.6	40.0

Table 12 (continued)

Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014
12.4	11.5	12.1	12.1	12.1	11.0	11.1	11.4	10.7	9.8	9.3	9.6	9.7
9.1	9.1	9.5	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.6	9.0	9.0	8.5	7.9	7.6	8.2
9.9	10.6	11.0	10.4	10.7	10.7	11.8	10.6	9.8	9.5	8.5	8.4	8.2
3.5	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.8	2.7
21.3	21.7	22.0	21.6	21.7	21.0	22.1	21.6	20.6	19.7	18.4	18.1	18.8
13.7	13.5	14.4	13.6	14.2	14.0	14.9	13.6	12.5	11.5	10.2	10.2	9.9
1.4	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.1
14.2	13.6	14.4	14.1	13.9	13.3	13.4	13.8	14.5	14.2	14.1	13.8	14.7
4.5	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.9
5.4	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.7	4.9	4.5	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.3
4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.7	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.5
2.1	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5
2.7	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.4	2.8	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7
3.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
25.0	24.9	25.8	25.3	25.7	24.6	26.0	24.9	24.0	22.8	21.3	21.1	21.8
5.0	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.2
1.2	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.2	1.3	1.3	1.0
32.5	32.8	34.3	33.2	33.5	32.6	34.7	32.7	30.5	28.4	26.3	26.0	26.1
2.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.5
25.2	25.7	26.6	24.9	25.7	25.4	26.7	25.0	24.4	23.5	22.1	21.2	22.1
9.8	9.5	9.9	10.4	10.1	9.6	10.4	10.2	8.7	7.6	6.5	7.1	6.6
35.0	35.2	36.4	35.3	35.8	35.0	37.1	35.2	33.1	31.1	28.6	28.3	28.7

Table 13 In-training in top 20 training packages by state/territory, as at 31 March 2014 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	13.1	14.8	8.3	2.8	3.8	1.0	0.3	1.0	45.1
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	14.0	6.1	10.0	4.4	4.1	1.4	0.3	0.9	41.3
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	8.7	7.3	7.3	2.5	4.2	0.5	0.6	0.7	31.8
Tourism, Hospitality and Events (SIT, THH, THT)	8.5	8.2	6.7	1.9	3.4	0.9	0.2	1.0	30.9
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	8.9	6.2	6.3	3.1	3.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	29.5
Community Services (CHC)	9.2	4.5	4.8	1.3	2.7	0.8	0.4	1.5	25.3
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	5.1	3.8	8.0	1.6	4.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	23.7
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	7.4	5.0	4.7	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2	0.5	23.5
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	6.3	5.1	2.9	2.2	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.2	19.8
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	3.7	4.3	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	12.2
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	2.4	0.8	4.2	1.1	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	10.5
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	2.7	1.8	2.6	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	9.7
Sustainability (MSS)	1.3	3.8	1.5	0.3	2.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	9.4
Integrated Telecommunications (ICT)	3.0	1.3	2.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.4	7.7
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	1.6	3.5	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.6
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	1.8	1.6	2.2	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.4
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	2.4	1.4	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.8
Manufacturing (MCM, MSA)	1.7	2.3	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.0	-	0.0	6.5
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.4
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	1.8	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	4.8
Top 20 training packages sub-total	105.0	84.1	79.0	31.4	39.5	8.4	3.4	8.0	358.8
Other training packages	8.1	6.9	5.4	2.4	3.0	0.7	0.3	1.0	27.8
All training packages	113.1	90.9	84.5	33.9	42.5	9.0	3.6	9.0	386.6
Non-training packages	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.2
Total number	113.1	91.0	84.6	33.9	42.6	9.0	3.6	9.0	386.8
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Table 14 Commencements² in top 20 training packages by state/territory, March quarter 2014 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	2.4	2.0	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	6.8
Tourism, Hospitality and Events (SIT, THH, THT)	1.6	1.7	1.4	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	6.0
Community Services (CHC)	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	5.7
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	1.6	1.0	1.1	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	5.3
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.8
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	4.2
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.1
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.2
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.2
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.1	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
Integrated Telecommunications (ICT)	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	-	0.1	1.8
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	-	1.8
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Health (HLT)	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Top 20 training packages sub-total	17.6	14.2	11.7	3.2	7.1	1.5	0.8	1.2	57.4
Other training packages	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.3	3.9
All training packages	18.4	15.3	12.2	3.4	8.0	1.6	0.9	1.5	61.3
Non-training packages	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	0.1
Total number	18.4	15.3	12.2	3.4	8.0	1.6	0.9	1.5	61.4
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Training activity: 12-month ending series

Table 15 Commencements^{2,3} by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2009–14 ('000)

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Age	19 years and under	108.7	106.9	114.4	111.9	97.5	83.4
	20 to 24 years	47.1	47.6	55.5	57.4	52.7	43.9
	25 to 44 years	86.2	89.0	101.9	109.2	101.9	77.2
	45 years and over	38.1	40.2	45.6	48.5	45.4	32.0
Sex	Male	158.5	161.7	180.2	183.0	173.1	144.8
	Female	121.6	121.8	137.2	143.9	124.4	91.7
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	10.1	8.7	21.2	33.2	28.1	7.2
	Technicians and trades workers	80.1	85.3	94.1	92.5	93.1	95.7
	Community and personal service workers	44.1	43.3	45.6	48.4	43.4	39.2
	Clerical and administrative workers	54.4	57.6	61.0	57.7	50.1	34.7
	Sales workers	41.8	42.0	47.5	46.2	40.5	25.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	25.3	22.7	22.3	21.5	19.3	15.8
	Labourers	24.3	24.1	25.6	27.4	23.1	17.9
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	40.5	36.1	34.8	23.2	17.5
	Certificate III	189.3	186.1	203.3	211.5	196.0	168.2
	Certificate IV	46.6	55.5	59.3	59.1	55.8	47.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	3.7	5.9	20.0	33.2	28.2	6.2
Full-time status	Full-time	198.4	198.9	224.3	226.4	213.4	174.5
	Part-time	81.7	84.7	93.0	100.6	84.1	62.0
Total⁷		280.1	283.6	317.4	326.9	297.5	236.5

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Table 16 Completions² by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2009–14 ('000)

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Age	19 years and under	31.1	33.1	34.4	36.6	38.5	29.9
	20 to 24 years	50.1	50.4	51.8	54.3	52.1	51.7
	25 to 44 years	50.1	52.7	56.1	62.3	66.7	66.8
	45 years and over	25.6	27.0	28.7	31.9	34.8	33.9
Sex	Male	89.8	92.2	96.0	105.5	105.9	106.6
	Female	67.1	71.0	74.8	79.6	86.2	75.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	5.5	6.2	5.8	9.6	17.4	18.2
	Technicians and trades workers	44.9	48.0	52.5	57.4	53.4	62.0
	Community and personal service workers	24.8	25.6	25.5	27.1	29.1	25.8
	Clerical and administrative workers	29.7	31.5	33.3	35.5	33.8	30.3
	Sales workers	21.3	23.4	26.8	27.2	30.2	20.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	16.9	15.3	14.6	13.5	13.1	12.8
	Labourers	13.8	13.2	12.3	14.9	15.0	13.0
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	21.6	22.1	20.5	18.2	13.4
	Certificate III	113.2	114.1	116.8	124.7	126.3	121.2
	Certificate IV	20.9	25.3	30.3	33.8	35.0	33.2
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.2	1.6	3.3	8.4	17.4	18.4
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	115.8	121.3	127.3	140.7	152.3	139.3
	More than two years	41.1	41.8	43.6	44.3	39.8	43.1
Full-time status	Full-time	119.4	121.1	124.4	134.9	135.4	137.1
	Part-time	37.5	42.0	46.4	50.2	56.6	45.2
Total⁷		156.9	163.1	170.8	185.1	192.1	182.4

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Table 17 Commencements² by occupation and state/territory, 12 months ending 31 March 2014 ('000)

Occupation (ANZSCO) group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Managers	1.0	1.9	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.4	6.4
11 Chief executives, general managers and legislators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Farmers and farm managers	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	-	2.0
13 Specialist managers	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.0
14 Hospitality, retail and service managers	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5
Professionals	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
21 Arts and media professionals	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0
22 Business, human resource and marketing professionals	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
23 Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.2
24 Education professionals	-	-	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	0.0	0.1
25 Health professionals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 ICT professionals	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
27 Legal, social and welfare professionals	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0
Technicians and trades workers	23.6	26.7	23.5	5.4	12.3	1.7	1.0	1.6	95.7
31 Engineering, ICT and science technicians	0.9	0.8	3.3	0.4	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	7.1
32 Automotive and engineering	4.7	3.6	4.5	1.1	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	17.0
33 Construction trades workers	5.1	5.7	3.3	0.9	1.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	17.5
34 Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	5.2	3.7	4.3	0.8	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	16.8
35 Food trades workers	2.6	4.0	2.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	11.0
36 Skilled animal and horticultural workers	1.4	2.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.1
39 Other technicians and trades workers	3.7	6.9	4.8	1.1	4.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	21.2
391 Hairdressers	1.3	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.6
392 Printing trades workers	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
393 Textile, clothing and footwear trades workers	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1
394 Wood trades workers	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
399 Miscellaneous	1.7	5.0	3.1	0.7	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	14.0
Community and personal service workers	12.4	9.7	7.5	1.3	5.4	1.0	0.5	1.3	39.2
41 Health and welfare support workers	1.2	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	4.5
42 Carers and aides	6.1	2.4	2.3	0.4	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	13.9
43 Hospitality workers	3.6	3.1	3.7	0.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	14.1
44 Protective service workers	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7
45 Sports and personal service workers	1.3	2.1	1.4	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.1
Clerical and administrative workers	12.2	7.7	6.6	1.7	4.6	1.1	0.3	0.6	34.7
51 Office managers and program administrators	4.6	1.6	2.0	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	10.4
52 Personal assistants and secretaries	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.1
53 General clerical workers	2.2	1.2	2.5	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	8.2
54 Inquiry clerks and receptionists	2.4	2.8	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.6	-	0.0	7.7
55 Numerical clerks	1.9	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.1
56 Clerical and office support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59 Other clerical and administrative workers	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.3
Sales workers	8.1	6.4	5.5	2.8	1.8	0.8	0.2	0.4	25.9
61 Sales representatives and agents	1.6	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.5
62 Sales assistants and salespersons	6.5	5.7	4.7	2.6	1.7	0.7	0.2	0.3	22.4
63 Sales support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery operators and drivers	5.1	3.8	3.2	1.1	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	15.8
71 Machine and stationary plant operators	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.3
72 Mobile plant operators	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	0.7
73 Road and rail drivers	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.4
74 Storepersons	2.2	2.7	1.4	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.4
Labourers	4.0	6.1	3.4	1.5	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	17.9
81 Cleaners and laundry workers	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9
82 Construction and mining labourers	0.1	-	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2
83 Factory process workers	2.1	4.3	2.0	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	10.5
84 Farm, forestry and garden workers	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.4
85 Food preparation assistants	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
89 Other labourers	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.6
Total⁷	66.7	62.5	51.3	14.2	29.5	5.4	2.3	4.5	236.5

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Table 18 Commencements² by industry skills council, 12 months ending 31 March 2014, Australia ('000)

Industry skills council	Trades ⁵	Non-trades ⁵	Total
AgriFood	9.0	11.0	20.0
Auto Skills Australia	9.6	2.4	12.1
Community Services and Health	0.4	21.4	21.8
Construction and Property Services	17.4	4.4	21.8
E-oz Energy	9.7	0.1	9.8
ForestWorks	0.1	0.2	0.3
Government	0.0	1.8	1.8
Innovation and Business	10.3	33.7	43.9
Manufacturing	21.8	5.0	26.7
Service	12.0	42.5	54.5
SkillsDMC	5.5	3.2	8.6
Transport and Logistics	-	15.1	15.1
World Vision Australia	-	-	-
Training packages not assigned to industry skills councils	-	-	-
Training package qualifications total	95.7	140.7	236.4
Non-training package qualifications total	0.0	0.1	0.1
Total	95.7	140.8	236.5

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.
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Seasonally adjusted commencements

Table 19 Seasonally adjusted¹ commencements² in each quarter, by state/territory, 2009–14 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA ⁸	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2009	20.5	17.7	13.0	5.1	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.2	65.8
June 2009	20.8	17.7	13.4	5.0	5.6	1.8	0.7	1.3	66.0
September 2009	21.5	18.3	14.2	5.1	5.8	1.7	0.7	1.2	68.6
December 2009	22.6	19.3	15.0	5.4	6.1	1.8	0.7	1.2	72.2
March 2010	23.6	20.1	15.5	5.6	6.4	1.9	0.7	1.2	75.0
June 2010	24.4	20.8	15.8	5.8	6.7	2.1	0.7	1.2	77.4
September 2010	24.9	21.8	16.4	5.9	7.0	2.1	0.7	1.3	80.0
December 2010	24.6	23.2	16.6	5.9	7.1	2.0	0.7	1.3	81.6
March 2011	23.6	23.9	16.3	6.0	6.9	2.0	0.7	1.2	80.6
June 2011	22.5	23.9	15.8	6.0	6.6	2.0	0.7	1.2	78.7
September 2011	21.9	23.2	15.9	5.9	6.6	2.0	0.6	1.2	77.4
December 2011	25.2	25.6	18.3	6.7	7.7	2.2	0.6	1.5	87.9
March 2012	28.2	27.8	20.1	7.3	9.0	2.3	0.7	1.7	97.0
June 2012	26.7	26.2	19.1	7.1	9.3	2.2	0.7	1.7	92.5
September 2012	21.4	21.0	15.8	6.0	8.2	1.8	0.6	1.4	76.1
December 2012	16.5	15.9	12.7	4.8	6.8	1.5	0.6	1.1	59.8
March 2013	16.3	15.2	12.6	4.4	6.4	1.4	0.5	1.0	57.8
June 2013	18.5	17.2	14.0	4.4	7.2	1.4	0.6	1.1	64.2
September 2013	17.5	16.4	13.4	3.8	7.6	1.4	0.6	1.2	61.9
December 2013	16.1	15.3	12.5	3.2	7.6	1.3	0.6	1.2	58.0
March 2014	15.1	14.3	11.6	2.9	7.4	1.3	0.6	1.2	54.6

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Terms

AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework. For more details on the AQF, go to <<http://www.aqf.edu.au>>.

ANZSCO (Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations) is a classification of the occupations of individuals. The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication, *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations* (First edition, Revision 2, ABS cat.no.1220.0).

Cancellations and withdrawals refers to apprentices and trainees whose contract of training has been terminated prior to a successful completion. Cancellation and withdrawal figures in Victoria and Tasmania also include contracts which have been transferred due to a change in employer.

Commencements refers to apprentices and trainees starting a program of training. The date of commencement is the date that an apprentice or trainee contract of training is registered or approved under the provisions of the relevant state/territory legislation.

Completions refers to apprenticeship or traineeship contracts of training where all of the prescribed requirements have been met.

Contract status indicates the status of apprentice and trainee contracts of training, including the commencement, completion, cancellation/withdrawal of contracts and apprentices and trainees in-training.

Existing workers refers to those apprentices and trainees who were employed by their current employer for more than three months full-time (or 12 months part-time/casual) prior to commencing their training contract.

Full-time apprentices or trainees are those whose ordinary hours of employment, including the training component, are at least the usual hours of employment for a full-time employee in that occupation.

Industry skills councils are organisations representing particular industries. For more information on industry skills councils, go to <<http://www.isc.org.au>>. For more information on training packages developed by industry skills councils, go to <<http://www.training.gov.au>>.

In-training refers to apprentices and trainees who are actively training, at the end of each quarter, under the terms of their training contract, and who have not completed, cancelled or withdrawn from their training, nor had their training contract expire without meeting all of the prescribed requirements of their program.

Non-trades refers to those apprentices and trainees employed in occupations outside the trades. 'Non-trades' includes all occupations listed under ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2, with the exception of major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers).

Part-time apprentices or trainees are defined as those whose ordinary hours of employment, including the training component, are less than full-time. Part-time provisions vary across Australia and across occupations, with 'part-time' defined by each state and territory.

Seasonal adjustment refers to a mathematical model used in time series data to smooth out fluctuations attributable to seasonal influences.

Trades refers to those apprentices and trainees employed in trades occupations under major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) of ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2.

Training duration indicates the amount of time that an apprentice or trainee takes to complete their contract of training from the time of commencement.

Training packages are a set of nationally endorsed standards, guidelines and qualifications for training and for recognising and assessing skills. For more details on training packages, go to <<http://www.training.gov.au>>.

12-month ending series refers to the total number of commencements, completions and cancellations/withdrawals within a 12-month period (i.e. summing the current quarter with the previous three quarters).

Technical notes

Data source

Information included in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.80, June 2014 estimates, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 6.0, March 2008.

Estimation procedure

This publication contains figures on apprentice and trainee activity (such as commencements, completions and in-training) based on the date of effect rather than the date of processing. Due to lags in processing, the most recent figures in this publication are estimated (for training activity from September quarter 2012 to March quarter 2014). The estimation method involves weighting recently processed numbers, based on average reporting lags. Because estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or in subsequent reports. Further details on the methodology can be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.html>.

Seasonal adjustments

Seasonally adjusted data in this publication are derived from table 2 for in-training, table 4 for commencements, table 6 for completions and table 8 for cancellations and withdrawals. These data are adjusted using X-11-ARIMA methodology and then are 7-point Henderson-smoothed. The seasonally adjusted data used in figures 1–3 are available at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2751.html>.

State and territory comments

Due to the transition to a new IT system in the June quarter 2013, data for the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) may be subject to future revisions in subsequent quarters.

Notes on figures and tables

Due to lags in processing numbers, recent quarter activity is estimated. Proportions (percentages) may be subject to error as they are based on a sample, not the total population. Figures in bold are actual numbers.

See <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2751.html>> for the standard errors on these estimates.

- 1 The data have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed. For further information, please refer to the technical notes on page 19.
- 2 Recent changes to commencement and completion numbers appear to be predominantly due to changes in Commonwealth incentive payments for existing workers, chiefly the removal of the commencement incentive payment for those apprenticeships and traineeships not on the National Skills Needs List. Under the changes, training needed to have commenced prior to 1 July 2012 to attract the old subsidy rate. Further details on incentive changes may be found in the 2012–13 Budget <http://www.budget.gov.au/2012-13/content/bp2/html/bp2_expense-15.htm>.
- 3 In April 2012, the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development announced through *Refocusing Vocational Training in Victoria* <<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/pages/refocusvet.aspx>> that it would refocus subsidy rates for VET courses to better target areas of greatest public benefit and future jobs growth. New fee and funding rates were effective from 1 July 2012 for all new course commencements. It is likely that changes in subsidy rates for some courses may have influenced employer decisions on whether to commence trainees in the first or second half of the year.
- 4 The cancellation and withdrawal figures are inclusive of the contract status 'transferred' for Victoria and Tasmania, as contract transfers due to a change in employer were historically reported as cancellations or withdrawals.
- 5 Non-trades are defined as all major occupations groups 1–2 and 4–8 (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2). Trades are defined as all major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2).
- 6 The data presented in figure 3 use ANZSCO. ANZSCO has now been back-cast by NCVER to 1994 for reporting purposes. For further information on the methodology, see <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2266.html>>.
- 7 Unknown data have not been reported, whereas the total includes all contracts, including those with unknown status. Hence, some figures may not sum to the total.
- 8 Due to the transition to a new IT system in the June quarter 2013, data for the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) may be subject to future revisions in subsequent quarters.



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