

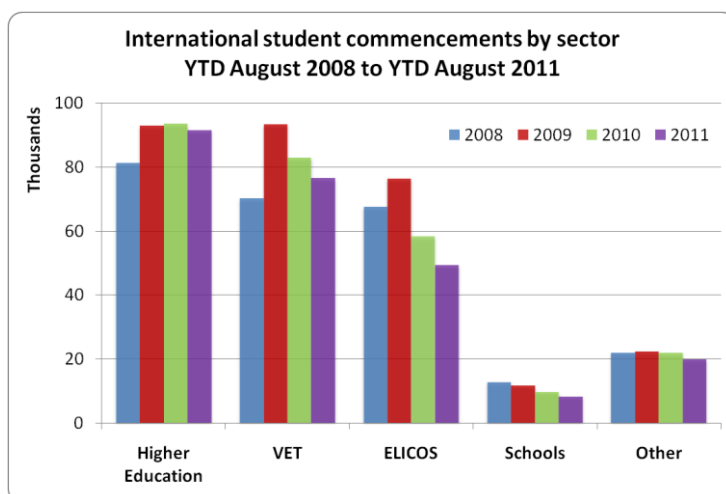


# Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data<sup>1</sup> – Australia – YTD August 2011

As at year-to-date (YTD) August 2011, there were 504,868 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This was a 9.3% decline on the same period in 2010.

There were 246,021 commencements in YTD August 2011, representing a 7.9% decline over the same period in 2010.

In August 2011, the Higher Education sector ranked first by volume of enrolments. The sector recorded growth of 1.1% in enrolments. By enrolments volume, the two largest source countries were China (40.2%) and Malaysia (7.5%). "Management and Commerce" was the most popular broad field of education with 50.7% of enrolments. The next most popular fields were "Engineering and Related Technologies" and "Information Technology" with 9.0% and 7.5% of enrolments respectively. In YTD August 2011, enrolments and commencements at the under-graduate level of study were up by 4.7% and 1.0% respectively on YTD August 2010. Post-graduate research enrolments and commencements were up by 13.1% and 5.0% respectively over the same period. In contrast, other post-graduate enrolments and commencements declined 7.5% and 8.0% respectively.



The Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector ranked second by volume of enrolments and by volume of commencements. Enrolments and commencements at YTD August 2011 fell by 18.0% and 7.7% respectively on the same period in 2010. India had the largest share of total enrolments (32.2%) and of total commencements (27.2%). China was the next largest source country by enrolments with 10.9%, followed by Thailand with 6.6%. "Management and Commerce" was the largest broad field of education in VET with 49.6% of enrolments and 56.0% of commencements. Enrolments and commencements in this field grew 8.9% and 17.2% respectively. "Food, Hospitality and Personal Services" ranked second however, enrolments in this field declined by 47.9% and commencements by 46.1%. "Society and Culture" was the third largest broad field of education and recorded a 25.9% decline in enrolments and a 7.7% decline in commencements.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector ranked third by volume of enrolments and by volume of commencements. Enrolments declined by 18.4% and commencements declined by 15.4% compared with the same period in 2010. China was the largest ELICOS market with a 28.6% share of enrolments and 26.9% of commencements. Chinese enrolments and commencements declined, by 22.4% and 19.4% respectively.

The Schools sector ranked fifth by volume of enrolments and of commencements. Enrolments declined by 13.5% and commencements by 15.9% in the reporting period. Asia contributed 85.8% of enrolments and 77.1% of commencements. China and the Republic of Korea were the two largest source countries in the sector, accounting for 43.7% and 14.1% of enrolments respectively. However, commencements from both source countries at YTD August 2011 declined; China by 14.7% and the Republic of Korea by 24.0%.

Enrolments in courses such as exchange and foundation programs, included in the Other sector, declined by 8.5%. The sector also experienced a 9.0% decline in commencements in the reference period. The largest source countries by volume of enrolments were China (23.7%) and the USA (23.2%). The YTD August 2011 enrolments from both source countries declined by 13.7% and 2.0% respectively.

Sector	Enrolments, Year-to-date			Commencements, Year-to-date		
	YTD Aug 2010	YTD Aug 2011	Growth on YTD Aug 10	YTD Aug 2010	YTD Aug 2011	Growth on YTD Aug 10
Higher Education	234,707	237,387	1.1%	93,674	91,573	-2.2%
VET	181,794	149,086	-18.0%	83,064	76,652	-7.7%
ELICOS	88,380	72,134	-18.4%	58,442	49,427	-15.4%
Schools	23,213	20,082	-13.5%	9,864	8,297	-15.9%
Other <sup>2</sup>	28,610	26,179	-8.5%	22,056	20,072	-9.0%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>556,704</b>	<b>504,868</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>267,100</b>	<b>246,021</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>

### The Top 5 nationalities contributed 56.0% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors

Nationality	YTD Aug 2010	YTD Aug 2011	Growth on YTD Aug 10	Share of all nationalities
China	153,375	147,319	-3.9%	29.2%
India	89,472	64,202	-28.2%	12.7%
Republic of Korea	30,330	26,849	-11.5%	5.3%
Vietnam	23,298	22,103	-5.1%	4.4%
Malaysia	22,626	22,097	-2.3%	4.4%
Other nationalities	237,603	222,298	-6.4%	44.0%
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>556,704</b>	<b>504,868</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Double-digit changes in source countries with over 6,000 enrolments (outside top 5)

Nationality	Growth on			Rank
	YTD Aug 2011	YTD Aug 2010	YTD Aug 2010	
Thailand	18,829	-12.2%	6	
Nepal	16,059	-18.1%	8	
Saudi Arabia	10,747	-10.5%	10	
Pakistan	8,462	14.1%	14	
Colombia	7,433	-12.3%	15	
Sri Lanka	6,107	-16.3%	17	

For more information: <http://www.aei.gov.au/research/International-Student-Data/Pages/default.aspx>

<sup>1</sup> AEI data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.

<sup>2</sup> 'Other' includes Foundation, Bridging and Enabling courses plus other courses that do not lead to a qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).