

Apprentices and trainees 2025 September quarter



Quarterly - Australia



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Commencements highlights for Australia - quarterly

September quarter 2025



29 610 commencements (up 10.6% from September quarter 2024)



15 935 trades (up 17.7% from September quarter 2024)



13 680 non-trades (up 3.4% from September quarter 2024)



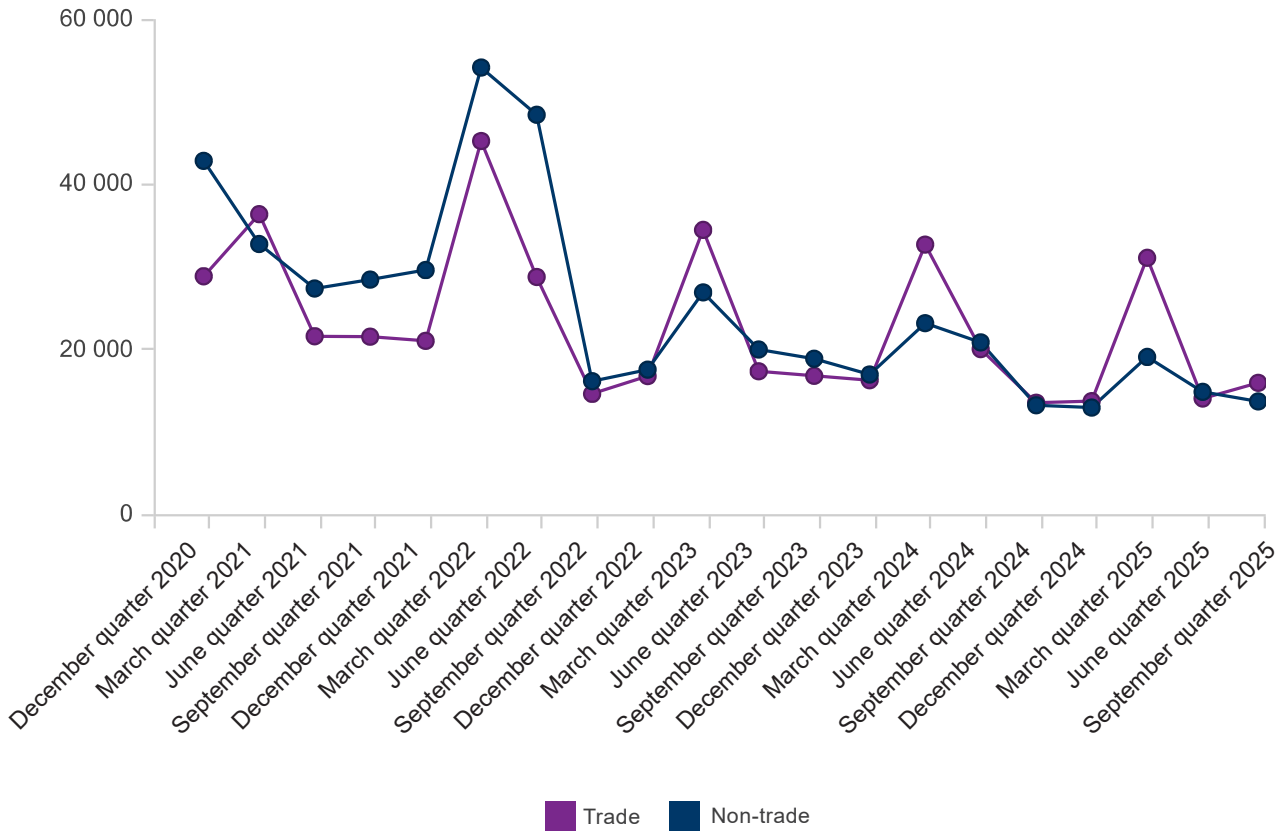
19 340 males (up 16.0% from September quarter 2024)



10 250 females (up 1.8% from September quarter 2024)

Commencements trends for Australia - quarterly

all quarters



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in commencements numbers for Australia - quarterly

from September quarter 2024 to September quarter 2025

- Construction Trades Workers (Trade)
 - ↑ 1 375 (36.5%)
- Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)
 - ↑ 235 (11.4%)
 - Private sector
 - ↑ 2 465 (10.7%)
 - Newly commencing worker
 - ↑ 1 580 (6.7%)
 - Certificate III
 - ↑ 2 325 (10.9%)
 - Full-time
 - ↑ 1 810 (8.9%)
 - 15 to 19 years
 - ↑ 1 230 (10.6%)

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Commencements time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

Trade occupations	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	4 665	3 715	4 320	3 415	3 645	-21.9	6.7
Construction Trades Workers	5 865	4 485	4 650	3 760	5 135	-12.4	36.5
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	3 610	2 825	3 265	2 885	3 300	-8.6	14.4
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	2 720	625	765	610	730	-73.2	19.2
Food Trades Workers	1 340	935	1 250	855	975	-27.2	14.6
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 970	1 360	1 645	1 290	1 315	-33.3	1.7
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	1 355	655	885	715	835	-38.4	16.7
Total	21 525	14 595	16 780	13 530	15 935	-26.0	17.7

Commencements time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

Non-trade occupations	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	9 245	3 215	3 185	2 060	2 295	-75.2	11.4
Community and Personal Service Workers	7 665	6 285	8 320	6 185	6 270	-18.2	1.4
Labourers	2 550	1 930	2 260	1 935	1 950	-23.6	0.6
Machinery operators and Drivers	3 210	2 560	2 935	1 905	2 125	-33.8	11.6
Managers	920	190	135	90	110	-88.2	20.9
Professionals	625	310	220	100	195	-68.5	92.9
Sales Workers	4 225	1 660	1 810	955	735	-82.6	-22.8
Total	28 440	16 145	18 860	13 230	13 680	-51.9	3.4

Cancellations and withdrawals



Cancellations and withdrawals highlights for Australia - quarterly

September quarter 2025



23 020 cancellations and withdrawals (down 3.5% from September quar 2024)



14 195 trades (up 1.6% from September quarter 2024)



8 825 non-trades (down 10.8% from September quarter 2024)



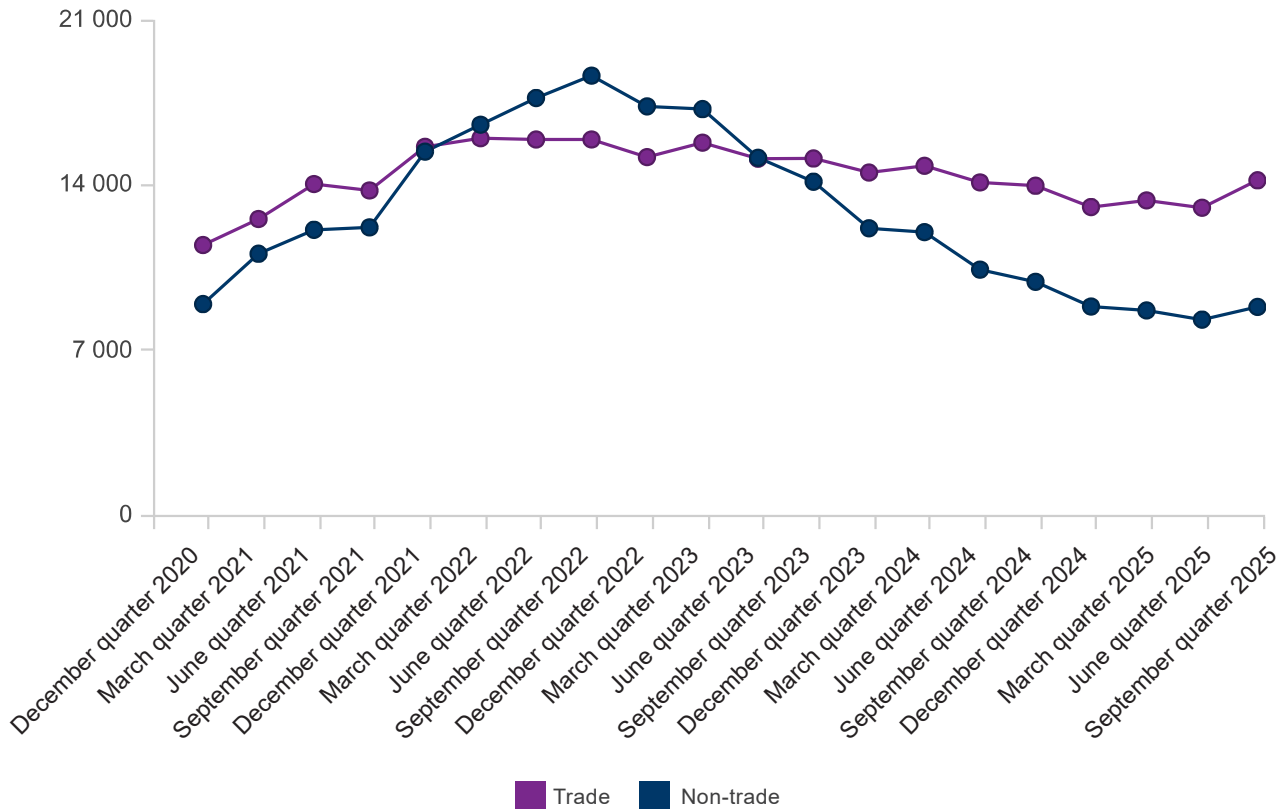
15 495 males (down 2.2% from September quarter 2024)



7 505 females (down 6.3% from September quarter 2024)

Cancellations and withdrawals trends for Australia - quarterly

all quarters



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in cancellations and withdrawals numbers for Australia - quarterly

from September quarter 2024 to September quarter 2025

Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 135 (4.0%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 460 (24.5%)

Private sector

↓ 775 (3.6%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 695 (3.2%)

Certificate IV

↓ 465 (25.0%)

Full-time

↓ 430 (2.3%)

25 to 29 years

↓ 400 (13.4%)

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Cancellations and withdrawals time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

Trade occupations	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 950	3 230	3 330	3 365	3 500	18.6	4.0
Construction Trades Workers	4 575	4 885	4 970	4 555	4 560	-0.4	0.1
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	2 310	2 735	2 770	2 825	2 855	23.6	1.0
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	570	980	645	435	330	-42.0	-24.2
Food Trades Workers	1 115	1 345	1 140	870	875	-21.5	0.4
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 480	1 925	1 560	1 340	1 370	-7.3	2.5
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	760	830	710	570	705	-7.7	22.9
Total	13 765	15 930	15 120	13 965	14 195	3.1	1.6

Cancellations and withdrawals time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

Non-trade occupations	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	3 480	6 060	3 605	1 870	1 410	-59.5	-24.5
Community and Personal Service Workers	3 570	5 720	5 500	4 380	4 255	19.2	-2.8
Labourers	1 375	1 665	1 255	1 115	1 020	-25.6	-8.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	1 365	1 655	1 510	1 100	1 100	-19.4	-0.2
Managers	440	480	330	150	85	-81.3	-44.1
Professionals	250	365	280	155	115	-53.6	-26.3
Sales Workers	1 720	2 685	1 660	1 125	835	-51.4	-25.7
Total	12 200	18 635	14 140	9 895	8 825	-27.7	-10.8

Completions



Completions highlights for Australia - quarterly

September quarter 2025



22 685 completions (up 2.8% from September quarter 2024)



11 980 trades (up 12.8% from September quarter 2024)



10 705 non-trades (down 6.5% from September quarter 2024)



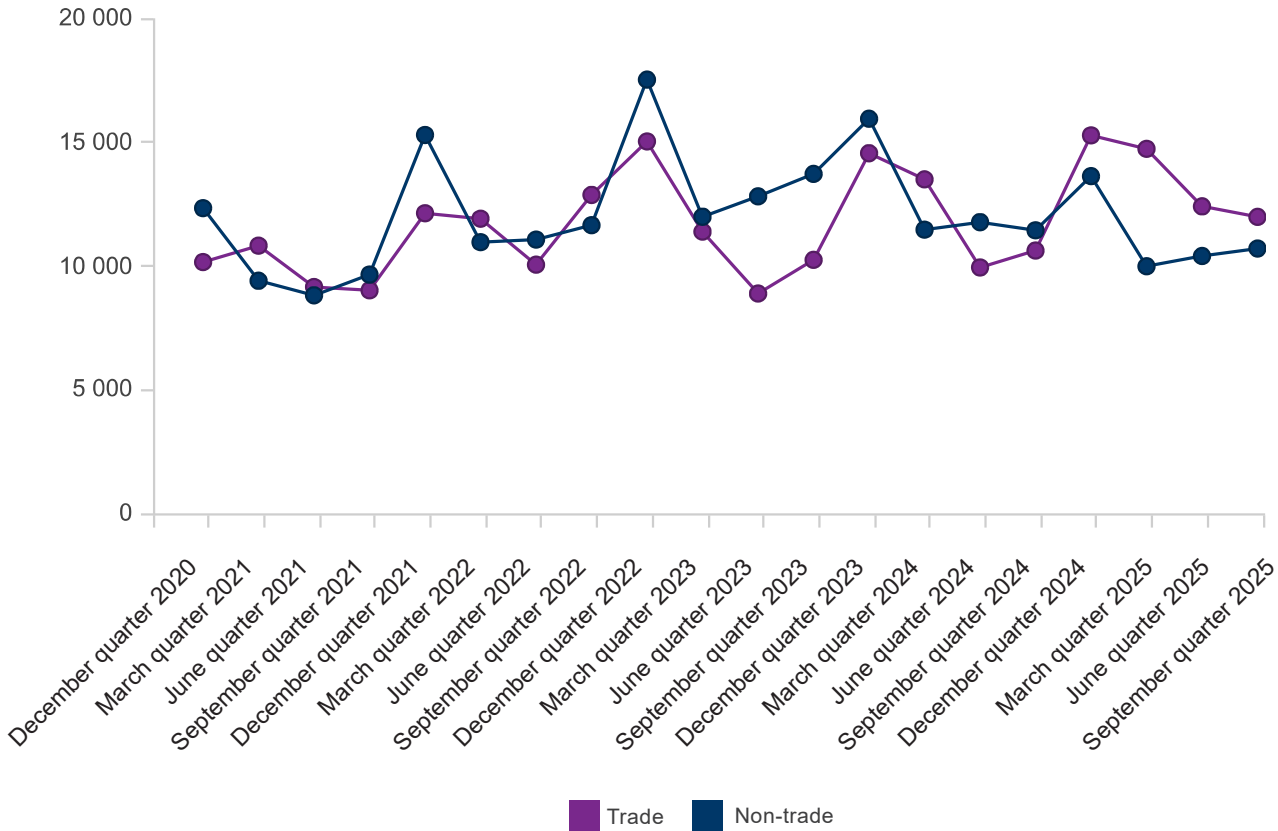
14 475 males (up 4.8% from September quarter 2024)



8 190 females (down 0.5% from September quarter 2024)

Completions trends for Australia - quarterly

all quarters



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in completions numbers for Australia - quarterly

from September quarter 2024 to September quarter 2025

Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 675 (29.5%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 340 (16.3%)

Private sector

↑ 460 (2.4%)

Existing worker

↑ 375 (14.4%)

Certificate III

↑ 1 090 (6.3%)

Full-time

↑ 970 (5.8%)

20 to 24 years

↑ 655 (7.9%)

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Completions time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

Trade occupations	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 305	3 265	2 450	2 890	3 135	36.1	8.5
Construction Trades Workers	2 680	3 780	2 550	2 900	3 440	28.4	18.7
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	1 975	2 890	2 135	2 280	2 955	49.6	29.5
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	320	590	770	605	475	48.9	-21.2
Food Trades Workers	530	720	790	560	580	9.3	3.9
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	765	1 085	1 065	880	920	19.8	4.0
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	440	545	490	505	475	8.2	-6.2
Total	9 015	12 870	10 245	10 620	11 980	32.9	12.8

Completions time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

Non-trade occupations	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1 960	2 290	3 520	2 070	1 730	-11.8	-16.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	3 120	4 005	3 840	4 570	4 670	49.8	2.3
Labourers	1 035	1 920	1 690	1 435	1 245	20.3	-13.1
Machinery operators and Drivers	1 415	1 355	1 905	1 645	1 575	11.1	-4.2
Managers	260	175	240	110	80	-68.5	-26.3
Professionals	70	140	225	140	110	58.8	-19.4
Sales Workers	1 785	1 760	2 290	1 480	1 285	-27.9	-12.9
Total	9 650	11 645	13 715	11 440	10 705	10.9	-6.5

In-training



In-training highlights for Australia - quarterly

as at 30 September 2025



297 925 in-training (down 10.3% from 30 September 2024)



2.0% of workers were employed as an apprentice or trainee



11.0% of employed workers within the trade occupations were an apprentice or trainee



217 350 trades (down 6.7% from 30 September 2024)



80 555 non-trades (down 18.8% from 30 September 2024)



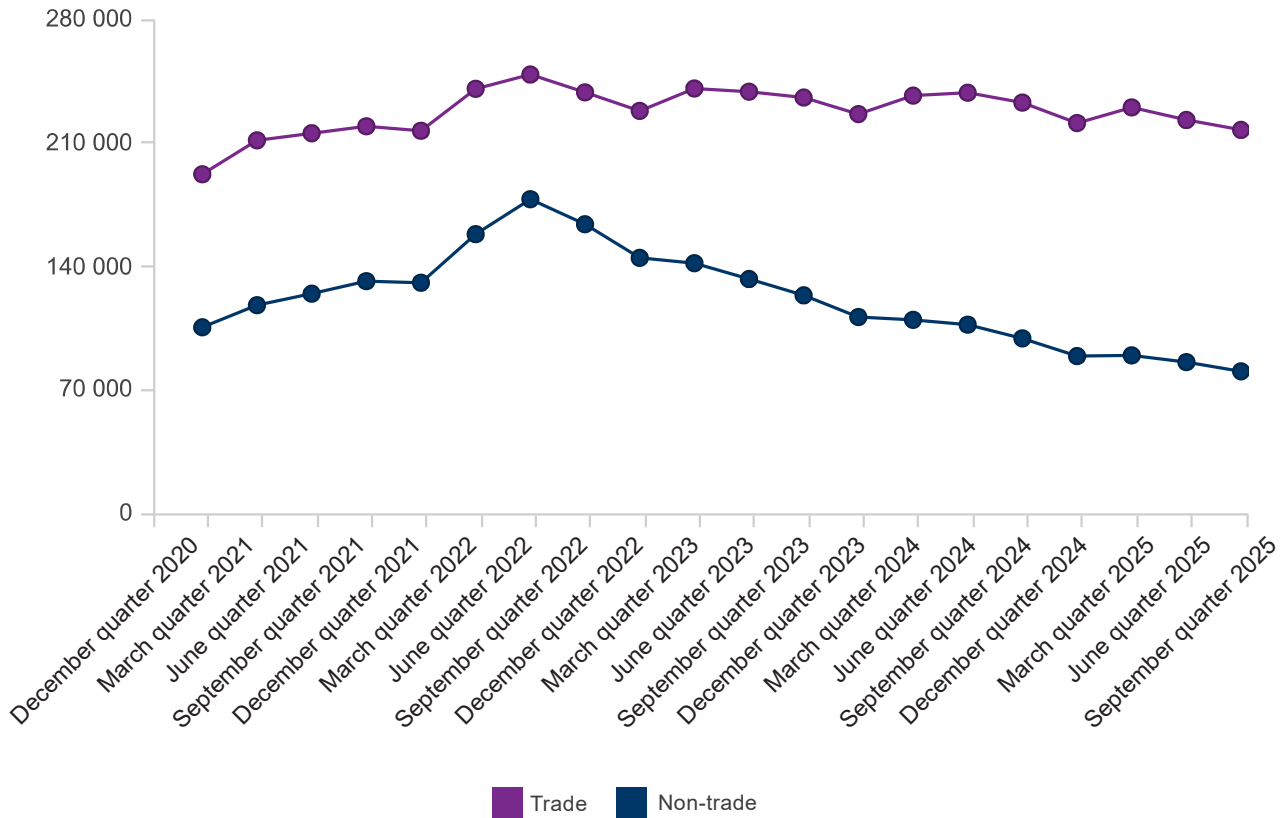
223 185 males (down 8.9% from 30 September 2024)



74 570 females (down 14.1% from 30 September 2024)

In-training trends for Australia - quarterly

as at end of quarter



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in in-training numbers for Australia - quarterly

from 30 September 2024 to 30 September 2025

Construction Trades Workers (Trade)

↓ 5 755 (8.5%)

Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 5 255 (12.0%)

Private sector

↓ 34 160 (11.5%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 31 765 (10.9%)

Certificate III

↓ 28 395 (9.8%)

Full-time

↓ 26 270 (9.7%)

20 to 24 years

↓ 8 635 (7.8%)

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In-training time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

as at end of quarter

Trade occupations	As at end of September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	54 875	58 990	62 080	64 170	60 840	10.9	-5.2
Construction Trades Workers	67 220	70 140	69 905	67 780	62 025	-7.7	-8.5
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	47 600	52 350	54 270	56 950	55 545	16.7	-2.5
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	7 835	11 025	7 685	6 255	5 325	-32.0	-14.8
Food Trades Workers	12 810	14 545	13 065	11 875	10 455	-18.4	-12.0
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	19 235	20 955	18 875	16 805	14 810	-23.0	-11.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	9 835	10 655	9 800	9 035	8 350	-15.1	-7.6
Total	219 410	238 660	235 675	232 870	217 350	-0.9	-6.7

In-training time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

as at end of quarter

Non-trade occupations	As at end of September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	35 150	46 540	25 890	15 605	11 400	-67.6	-26.9
Community and Personal Service Workers	40 510	49 985	47 465	43 820	38 560	-4.8	-12.0
Labourers	13 660	15 610	12 260	11 325	9 610	-29.7	-15.1
Machinery operators and Drivers	15 005	17 450	16 115	14 415	12 460	-16.9	-13.6
Managers	5 490	5 025	2 965	1 575	1 090	-80.2	-30.9
Professionals	2 345	3 945	2 505	1 355	1 080	-54.0	-20.4
Sales Workers	19 485	25 330	16 375	11 140	6 355	-67.4	-43.0
Total	131 645	163 875	123 580	99 230	80 555	-38.8	-18.8

5 year time series for Australia - quarterly

Quarter	Commencements	Cancellations and withdrawals	Completions	In-training at the end of the quarter
December quarter 2020	71 705	20 390	22 495	297 700
March quarter 2021	69 135	23 635	20 225	329 510
June quarter 2021	48 960	26 140	17 965	340 060
September quarter 2021	50 015	25 965	18 665	351 130
December quarter 2021	50 645	31 035	27 420	347 725
March quarter 2022	99 410	32 545	22 875	399 060
June quarter 2022	77 230	33 625	21 130	426 970
September quarter 2022	30 740	34 575	24 535	402 655
December quarter 2022	34 290	32 520	32 575	373 085
March quarter 2023	61 380	33 015	23 410	382 785
June quarter 2023	37 305	30 270	21 715	371 935
September quarter 2023	35 640	29 265	23 970	359 290
December quarter 2023	33 200	26 690	30 515	337 700
March quarter 2024	55 865	26 815	24 960	346 530
June quarter 2024	40 880	24 520	21 710	345 420
September quarter 2024	26 765	23 865	22 065	332 140
December quarter 2024	26 645	21 910	28 915	310 465
March quarter 2025	50 150	22 025	24 715	319 715
June quarter 2025	28 880	21 325	22 805	308 705
September quarter 2025	29 610	23 020	22 685	297 925

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Commencements



Commencements highlights for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September 2025



135 285 commencements (down 13.7% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



74 765 trades (down 9.4% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



60 520 non-trades (down 18.4% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



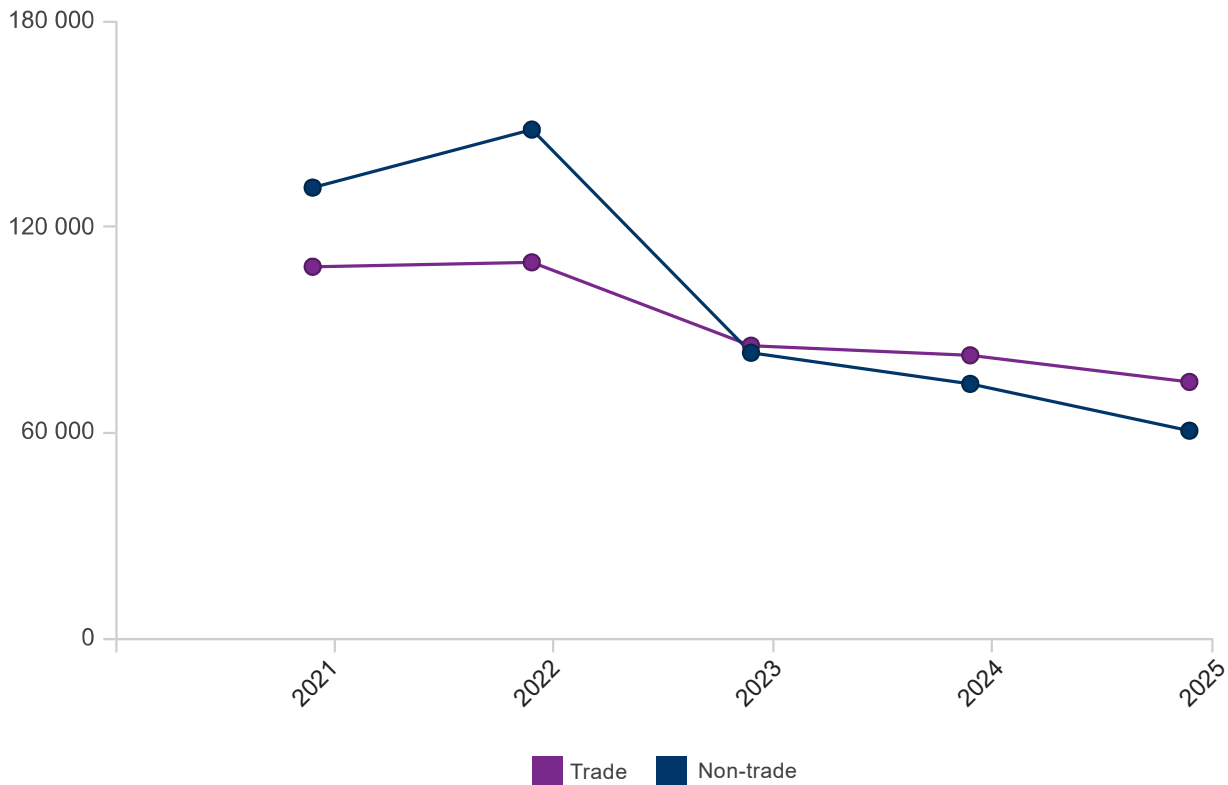
88 715 males (down 12.0% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



46 460 females (down 16.6% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)

Commencements trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in commencements numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024 to 12 months ending 30 Sep 2025

Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (Trade)

↓ 2 460 (10.9%)

Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 4 190 (13.5%)

Private sector

↓ 21 705 (15.8%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 19 025 (14.0%)

Certificate III

↓ 17 890 (14.1%)

Full-time

↓ 16 235 (13.7%)

15 to 19 years

↓ 7 075 (9.5%)

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Commencements time series for trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

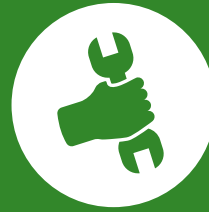
Trade occupations	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	24 275	25 015	23 240	22 600	20 140	-17.0	-10.9
Construction Trades Workers	31 380	29 450	23 940	21 425	20 125	-35.9	-6.1
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	18 930	21 190	18 065	17 955	17 035	-10.0	-5.1
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	7 525	8 650	3 115	3 985	3 055	-59.4	-23.3
Food Trades Workers	7 695	8 650	5 295	5 675	4 160	-45.9	-26.7
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	11 845	10 630	7 420	6 895	6 195	-47.7	-10.2
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	6 690	6 025	4 250	3 985	4 055	-39.4	1.8
Total	108 345	109 615	85 330	82 515	74 765	-31.0	-9.4

Commencements time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

Non-trade occupations	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	38 990	46 295	15 190	13 510	10 270	-73.7	-24.0
Community and Personal Service Workers	36 810	44 640	35 420	30 985	26 795	-27.2	-13.5
Labourers	14 470	14 800	10 530	10 940	9 060	-37.4	-17.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	13 260	14 000	11 385	9 810	9 010	-32.1	-8.2
Managers	5 520	3 555	885	650	660	-88.1	1.3
Professionals	2 470	3 565	990	800	785	-68.2	-1.8
Sales Workers	19 870	21 455	8 860	7 475	3 940	-80.2	-47.3
Total	131 395	148 305	83 260	74 175	60 520	-53.9	-18.4

Cancellations and withdrawals



Cancellations and withdrawals highlights for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September 2025



88 275 cancellations and withdrawals (down 13.4% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



53 640 trades (down 6.6% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



34 635 non-trades (down 22.1% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



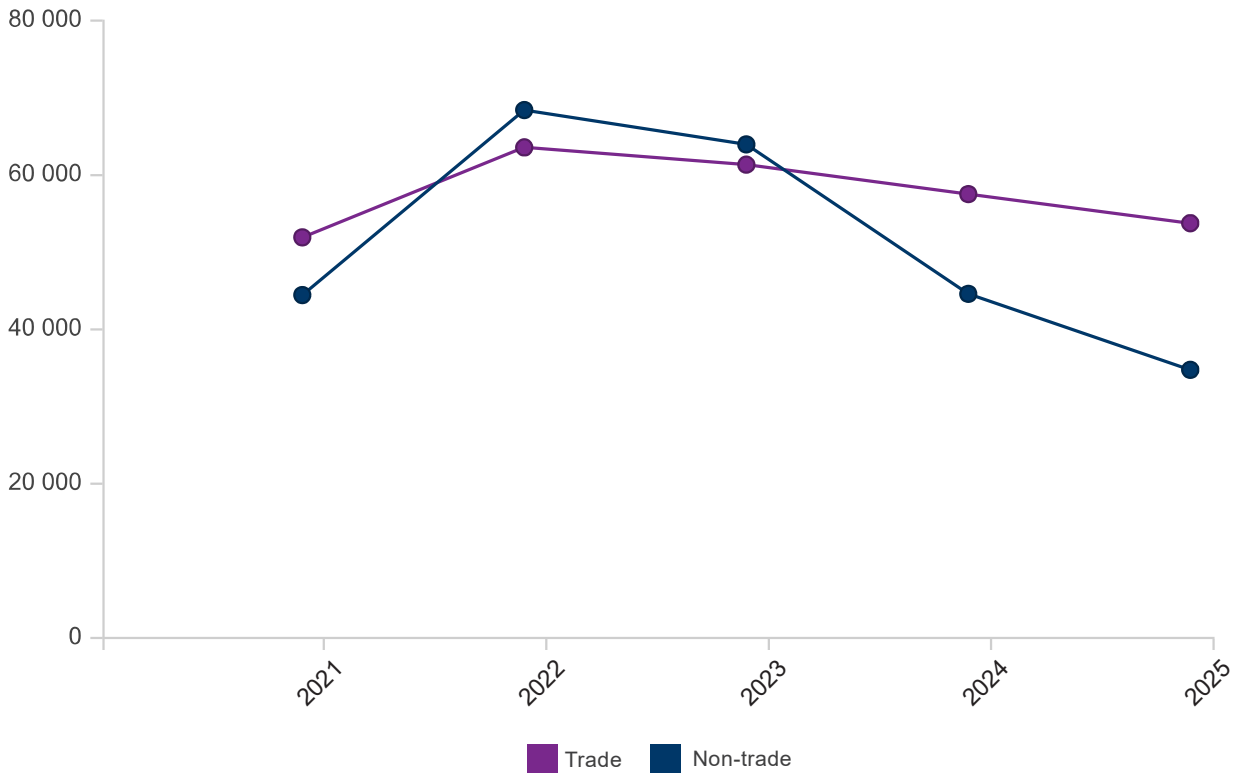
59 325 males (down 10.6% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



28 885 females (down 18.4% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)

Cancellations and withdrawals trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in cancellations and withdrawals numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024 to 12 months ending 30 Sep 2025

Construction Trades Workers (Trade)

↓ 1 365 (7.4%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 4 015 (42.2%)

Private sector

↓ 13 175 (14.2%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 12 180 (13.2%)

Certificate III

↓ 9 420 (11.2%)

Full-time

↓ 9 375 (11.9%)

20 to 24 years

↓ 3 120 (10.6%)

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Cancellations and withdrawals time series for trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

Trade occupations	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	10 830	12 890	13 190	13 560	13 005	20.1	-4.1
Construction Trades Workers	17 090	19 885	19 465	18 540	17 170	0.5	-7.4
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	8 860	10 910	11 050	11 070	10 835	22.3	-2.1
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	1 720	3 515	2 945	1 840	1 530	-11.1	-16.8
Food Trades Workers	4 635	5 505	4 780	3 855	3 515	-24.2	-8.8
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	5 820	7 300	6 695	5 925	5 105	-12.3	-13.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	2 850	3 440	3 085	2 620	2 475	-13.1	-5.4
Total	51 805	63 450	61 210	57 405	53 640	3.5	-6.6

Cancellations and withdrawals time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

Non-trade occupations	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	10 695	20 670	18 140	9 500	5 485	-48.7	-42.2
Community and Personal Service Workers	14 140	20 965	22 120	19 060	16 270	15.1	-14.6
Labourers	5 175	6 570	5 635	4 615	4 310	-16.7	-6.6
Machinery operators and Drivers	5 800	6 665	6 255	4 565	4 285	-26.1	-6.1
Managers	1 610	2 125	1 630	790	355	-77.9	-55.0
Professionals	620	1 300	1 405	750	410	-34.2	-45.6
Sales Workers	6 290	10 005	8 650	5 200	3 515	-44.1	-32.4
Total	44 330	68 300	63 840	44 475	34 635	-21.9	-22.1

Completions



Completions highlights for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September 2025



99 115 completions (down 0.1% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



54 390 trades (up 11.9% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



44 715 non-trades (down 11.7% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



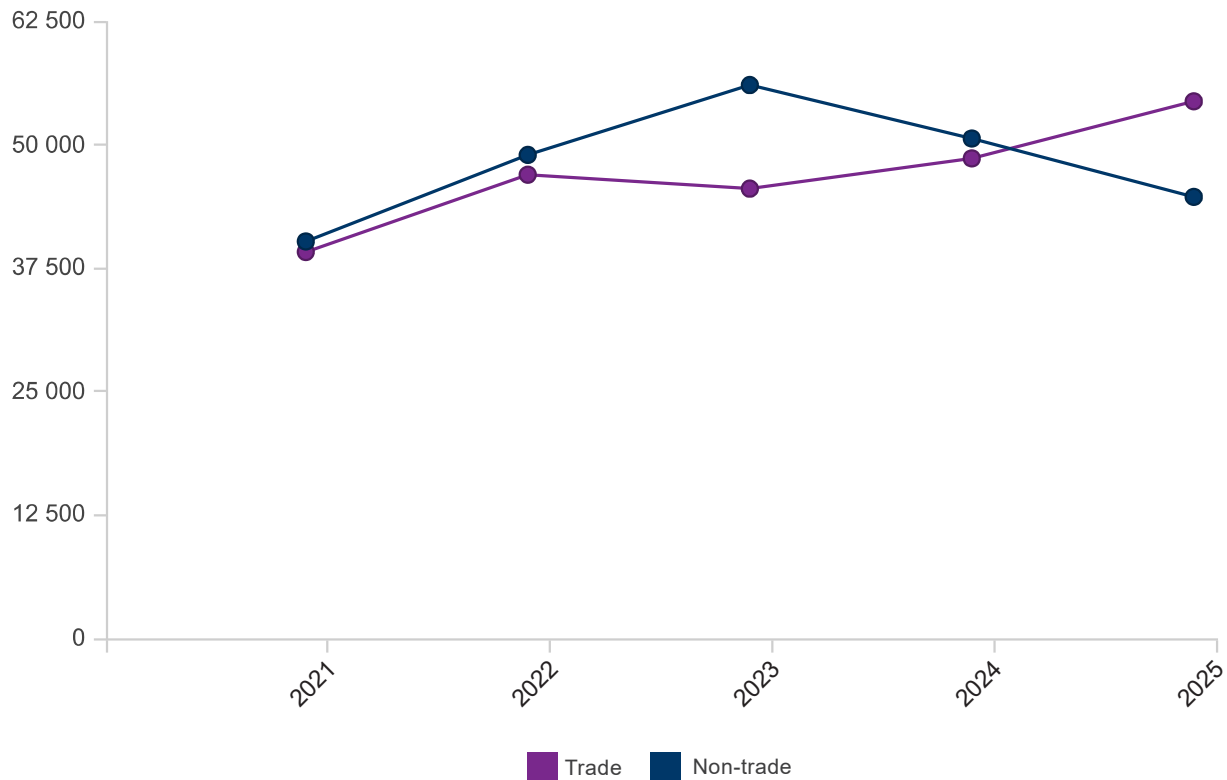
65 310 males (up 4.5% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)



33 705 females (down 8.2% from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024)

Completions trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in completions numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 30 Sep 2024 to 12 months ending 30 Sep 2025

Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 2 770 (28.7%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 3 145 (28.0%)

Private sector

↓ 700 (0.8%)

Existing worker

↓ 1 105 (8.7%)

Certificate IV

↓ 3 625 (32.0%)

Part-time

↓ 2 255 (10.6%)

20 to 24 years

↑ 3 225 (8.6%)

Note: The numbers above are the largest absolute changes (increases or decreases) within each demographic category. A dash means a percentage change has not been calculated due to small base numbers.

Completions time series for trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

Trade occupations	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	10 215	12 295	11 515	12 210	14 285	39.8	17.0
Construction Trades Workers	11 620	13 900	11 935	13 170	15 920	37.0	20.9
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	8 255	10 230	9 650	9 670	12 440	50.7	28.7
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	1 370	1 955	3 015	3 025	2 270	65.8	-25.0
Food Trades Workers	2 485	2 575	2 850	3 635	2 580	3.8	-29.1
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	3 365	3 830	4 315	4 475	4 455	32.4	-0.4
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	1 835	2 175	2 265	2 425	2 440	33.0	0.7
Total	39 140	46 965	45 545	48 610	54 390	39.0	11.9

Completions time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

Non-trade occupations	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	8 835	13 325	14 255	11 240	8 095	-8.4	-28.0
Community and Personal Service Workers	13 055	16 290	18 115	18 245	18 565	42.2	1.8
Labourers	4 650	5 925	7 395	6 505	5 895	26.8	-9.4
Machinery operators and Drivers	6 720	5 085	6 380	6 760	6 450	-4.1	-4.6
Managers	1 100	1 745	925	760	450	-59.1	-40.6
Professionals	305	625	810	790	540	76.7	-31.8
Sales Workers	5 540	5 960	8 160	6 325	4 720	-14.8	-25.4
Total	40 205	48 960	56 040	50 625	44 715	11.2	-11.7

In-training



In-training highlights for Australia - 12 month series

as at 30 September 2025



297 925 in-training (down 10.3% from 30 September 2024)



2.0% of workers were employed as an apprentice or trainee



11.0% of employed workers within the trade occupations were an apprentice or trainee



217 350 trades (down 6.7% from 30 September 2024)



80 555 non-trades (down 18.8% from 30 September 2024)



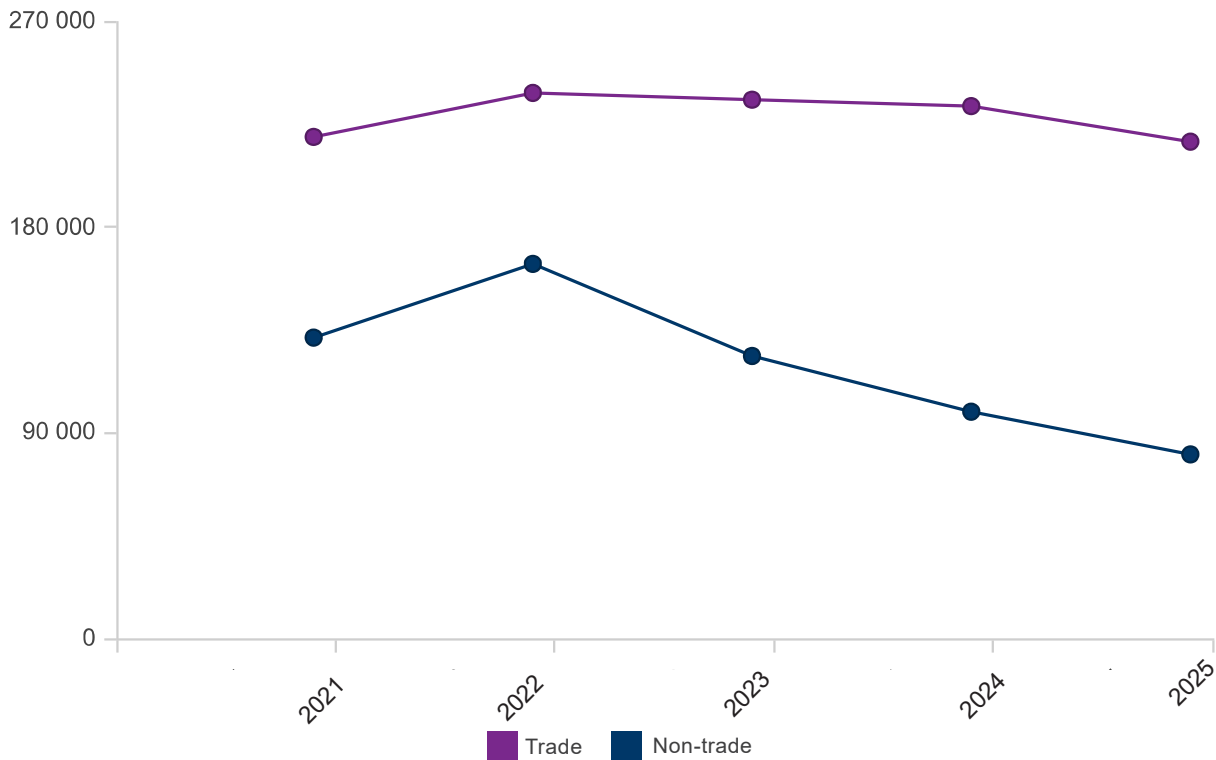
223 185 males (down 8.9% from 30 September 2024)



74 570 females (down 14.1% from 30 September 2024)

In-training trends for Australia - 12 month series

as at 30 September



Note: Data prior to 2020 is available in VOCSTATS and in the Apprentices and trainees - 10-year time series.

Change in in-training numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 30 September 2024 to 30 September 2025

Construction Trades Workers (Trade)

↓ 5 755 (8.5%)

Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 5 255 (12.0%)

Private sector

↓ 34 160 (11.5%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 31 765 (10.9%)

Certificate III

↓ 28 395 (9.8%)

Full-time

↓ 26 270 (9.7%)

20 to 24 years

↓ 8 635 (7.8%)

Note: The numbers above are the largest absolute changes (increases or decreases) within each demographic category. A dash means a percentage change has not been calculated due to small base numbers.

In-training time series for trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

as at 30 September

Trade occupations	As at 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	54 875	58 990	62 080	64 170	60 840	10.9	-5.2
Construction Trades Workers	67 220	70 140	69 905	67 780	62 025	-7.7	-8.5
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	47 600	52 350	54 270	56 950	55 545	16.7	-2.5
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	7 835	11 025	7 685	6 255	5 325	-32.0	-14.8
Food Trades Workers	12 810	14 545	13 065	11 875	10 455	-18.4	-12.0
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	19 235	20 955	18 875	16 805	14 810	-23.0	-11.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	9 835	10 655	9 800	9 035	8 350	-15.1	-7.6
Total	219 410	238 660	235 675	232 870	217 350	-0.9	-6.7

In-training time series for non-trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

as at 30 September

Non-trade occupations	As at 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Clerical and Administrative Workers	35 150	46 540	25 890	15 605	11 400	-67.6	-26.9
Community and Personal Service Workers	40 510	49 985	47 465	43 820	38 560	-4.8	-12.0
Labourers	13 660	15 610	12 260	11 325	9 610	-29.7	-15.1
Machinery operators and Drivers	15 005	17 450	16 115	14 415	12 460	-16.9	-13.6
Managers	5 490	5 025	2 965	1 575	1 090	-80.2	-30.9
Professionals	2 345	3 945	2 505	1 355	1 080	-54.0	-20.4
Sales Workers	19 485	25 330	16 375	11 140	6 355	-67.4	-43.0
Total	131 645	163 875	123 580	99 230	80 555	-38.8	-18.8

5 year time series for Australia - 12 month series

12 month series	Commencements	Cancellations and withdrawals	Completions	In-training as at 30 September
2021	239 815	96 135	79 345	351 130
2022	258 030	131 780	95 955	402 655
2023	168 610	125 065	101 670	359 290
2024	156 710	101 890	99 250	332 140
2025	135 285	88 275	99 115	297 925

Additional information

1. Unless stated otherwise, data are derived from the latest National Apprentice and Trainee Collection (no. 126, December 2025 estimates), using data up until 30 September 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 30 September 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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