

Apprentices and trainees

2025 September quarter



State and territory comparisons





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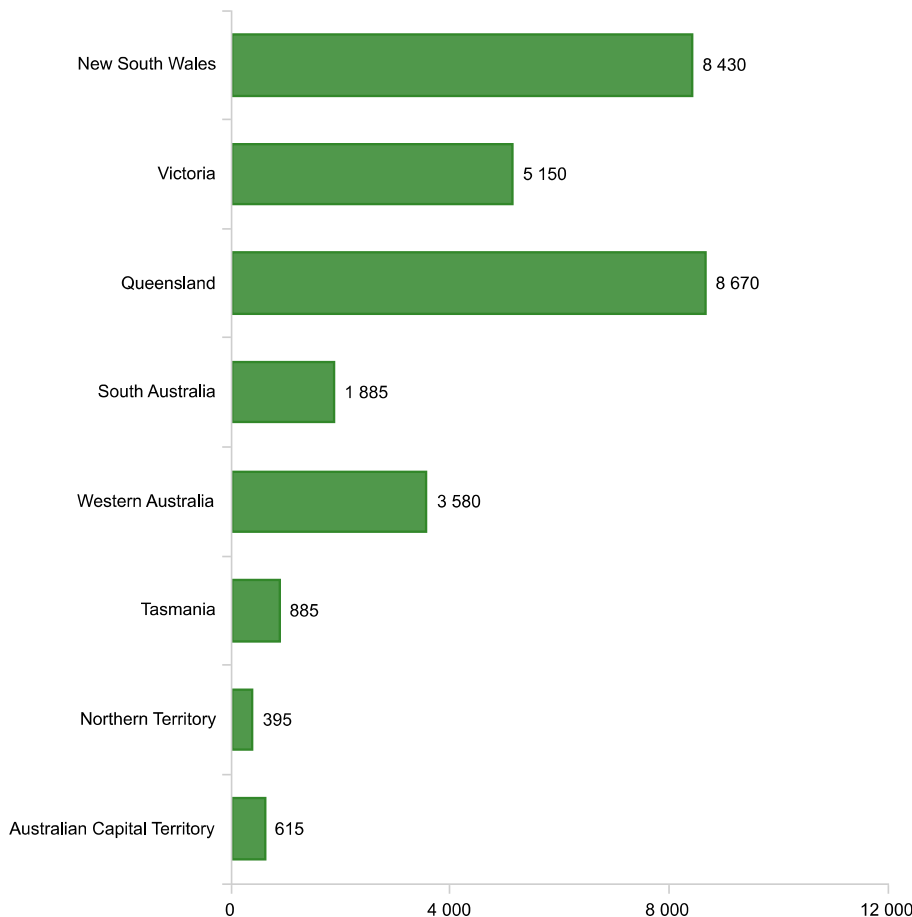
Commencements



Commencements time series - quarterly all quarters

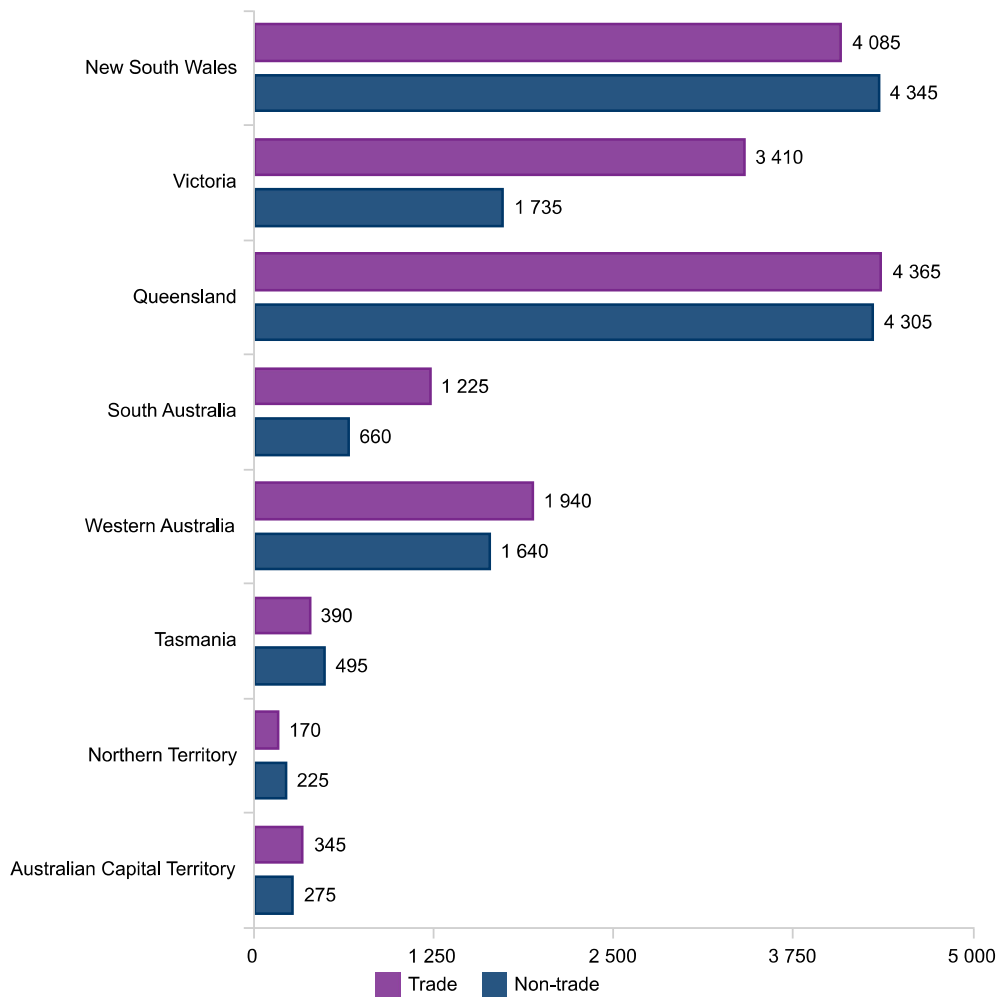
State/territory	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	11 245	8 025	8 835	7 065	8 430	-25.0	19.4
Victoria	9 800	6 545	7 625	4 925	5 150	-47.5	4.5
Queensland	14 955	8 605	10 295	8 230	8 670	-42.0	5.3
South Australia	3 925	1 610	1 885	1 585	1 885	-51.9	19.0
Western Australia	6 735	4 040	4 570	3 090	3 580	-46.9	15.8
Tasmania	1 845	920	1 190	810	885	-52.1	9.1
Northern Territory	385	305	420	440	395	2.2	-9.7
Australian Capital Territory	1 120	690	825	620	615	-45.0	-0.3
Total	50 015	30 740	35 640	26 765	29 610	-40.8	10.6

Commencements insights - quarterly September quarter 2025



Commencements insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly

September quarter 2025



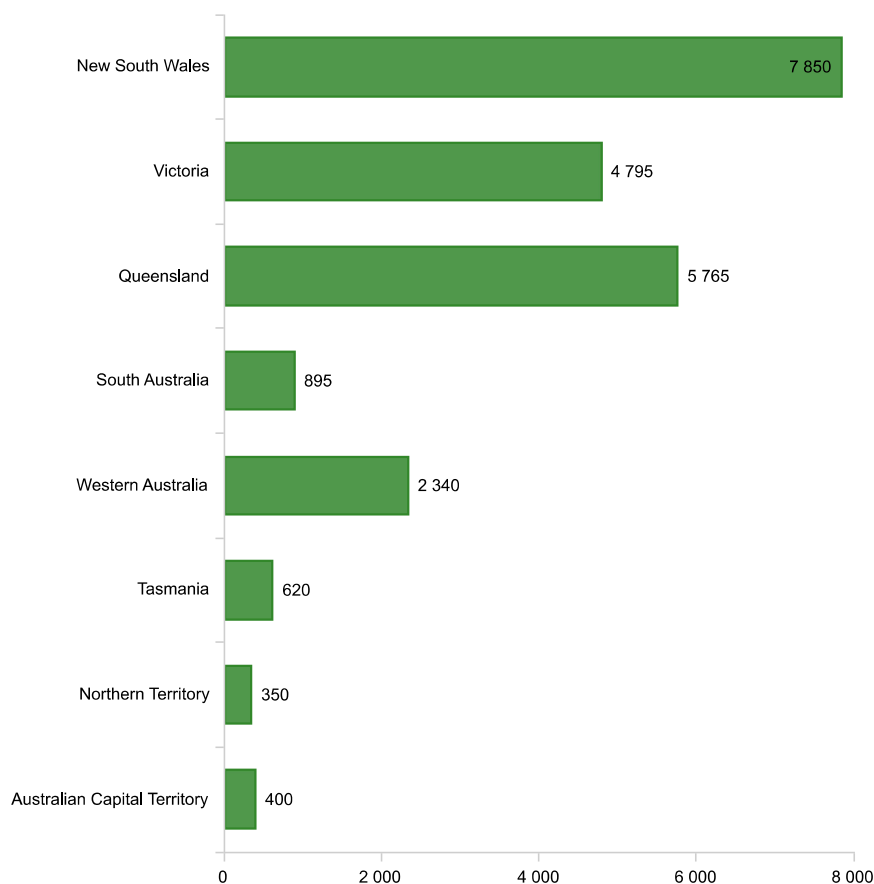
Cancellations and withdrawals



Cancellations and withdrawals time series - quarterly all quarters

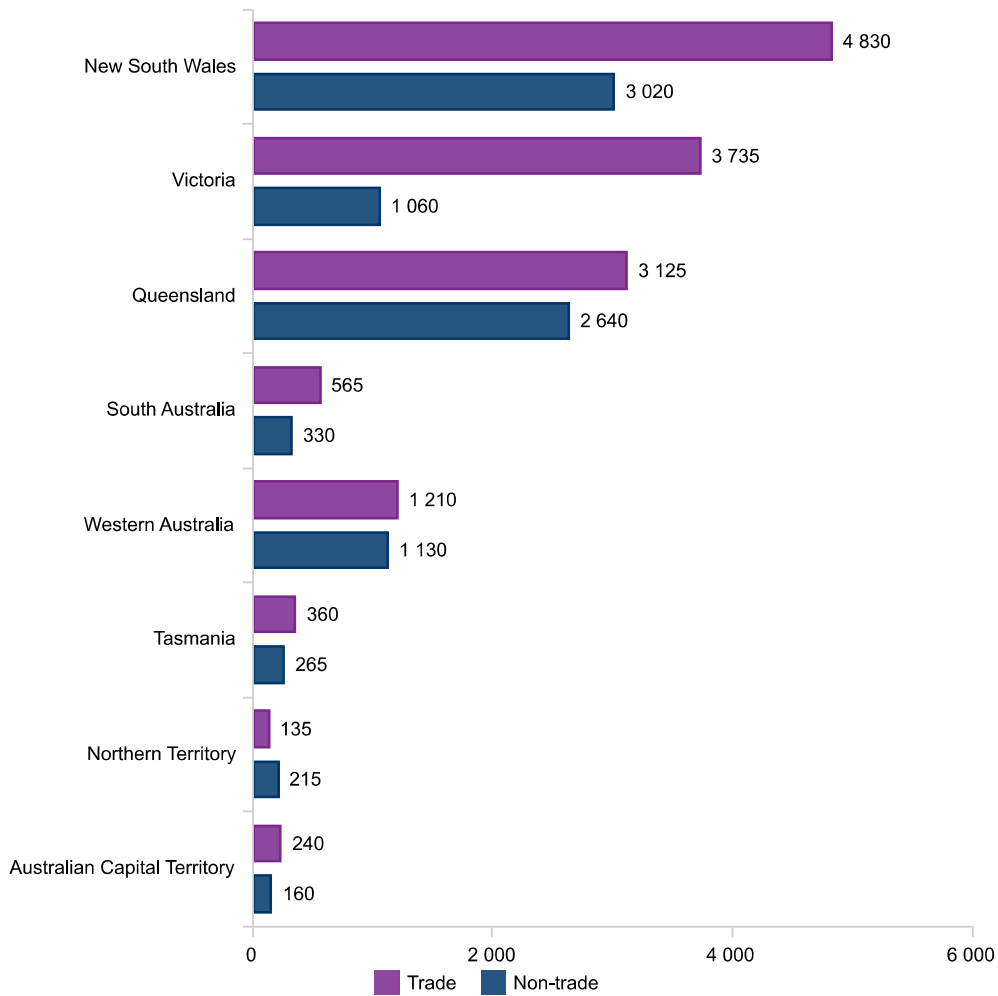
State/territory	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	7 475	10 395	9 400	8 230	7 850	5.0	-4.6
Victoria	5 635	7 505	6 005	4 825	4 795	-14.9	-0.6
Queensland	6 570	8 860	7 430	5 800	5 765	-12.2	-0.6
South Australia	1 325	1 760	1 275	1 070	895	-32.3	-16.5
Western Australia	3 250	4 010	3 385	2 485	2 340	-28.0	-5.9
Tasmania	835	1 025	790	640	620	-25.7	-3.1
Northern Territory	305	335	340	355	350	15.4	-1.7
Australian Capital Territory	565	680	635	455	400	-29.2	-12.2
Total	25 965	34 575	29 265	23 865	23 020	-11.3	-3.5

Cancellations and withdrawals insights - quarterly September quarter 2025



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

September quarter 2025



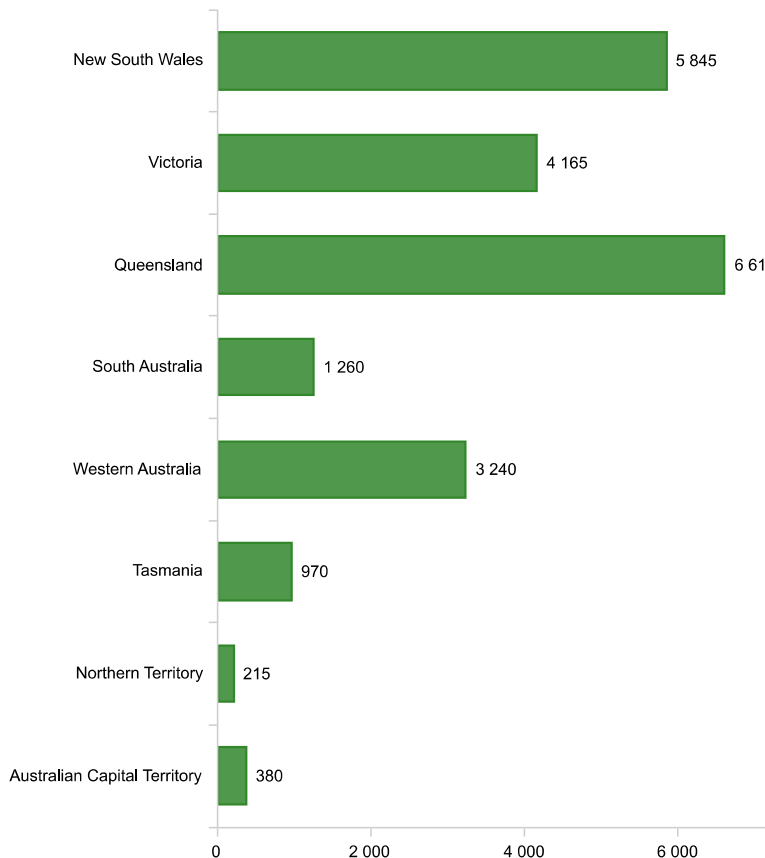
Completions



Completions time series - quarterly all quarters

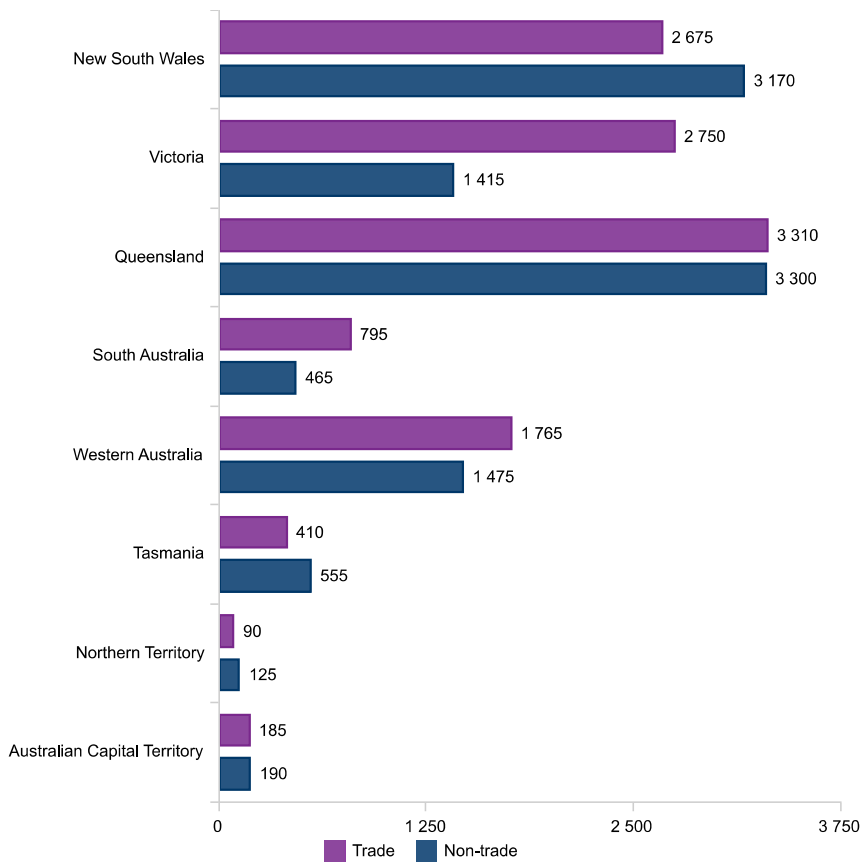
State/territory	All September					% change	
	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2025 Sep Qtr	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	4 935	8 630	6 950	6 630	5 845	18.4	-11.9
Victoria	3 465	4 265	4 430	3 935	4 165	20.1	5.9
Queensland	4 955	5 895	6 255	6 050	6 610	33.4	9.2
South Australia	1 355	1 490	1 700	1 230	1 260	-7.0	2.3
Western Australia	2 545	2 625	3 080	2 875	3 240	27.3	12.7
Tasmania	790	915	965	770	970	23.0	25.9
Northern Territory	230	235	205	215	215	-5.5	0.7
Australian Capital Territory	390	480	385	355	380	-3.1	6.8
Total	18 665	24 535	23 970	22 065	22 685	21.5	2.8

Completions insights - quarterly September quarter 2025



Completions insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly

September quarter 2025



In-training



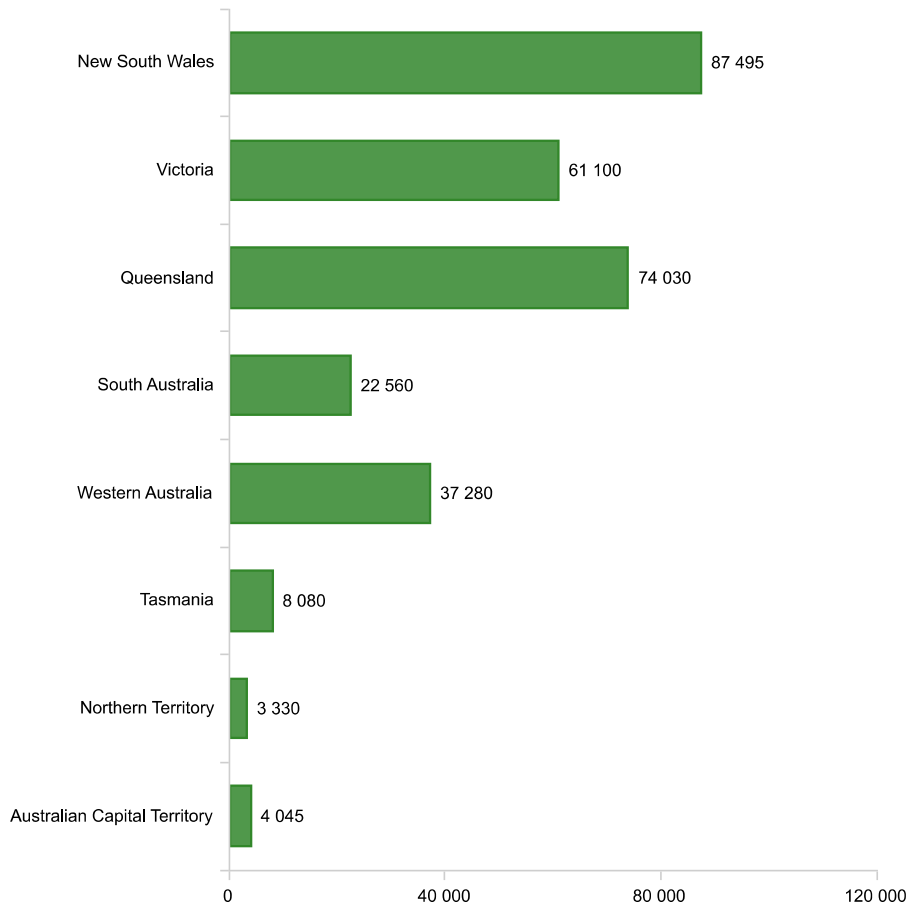
In-training time series - quarterly

as at end of quarter

State/territory	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
New South Wales	108 065	119 565	106 400	96 815	87 495	-19.0	-9.6
Victoria	76 090	85 095	76 710	70 285	61 100	-19.7	-13.1
Queensland	79 980	97 590	87 080	82 030	74 030	-7.4	-9.7
South Australia	24 760	29 930	25 645	23 625	22 560	-8.9	-4.5
Western Australia	39 825	47 040	42 895	40 890	37 280	-6.4	-8.8
Tasmania	11 210	12 760	11 000	9 970	8 080	-27.9	-18.9
Northern Territory	3 580	3 590	3 685	3 620	3 330	-7.0	-8.0
Australian Capital Territory	7 620	7 085	5 875	4 905	4 045	-46.9	-17.6
Total	351 130	402 655	359 290	332 140	297 925	-15.2	-10.3

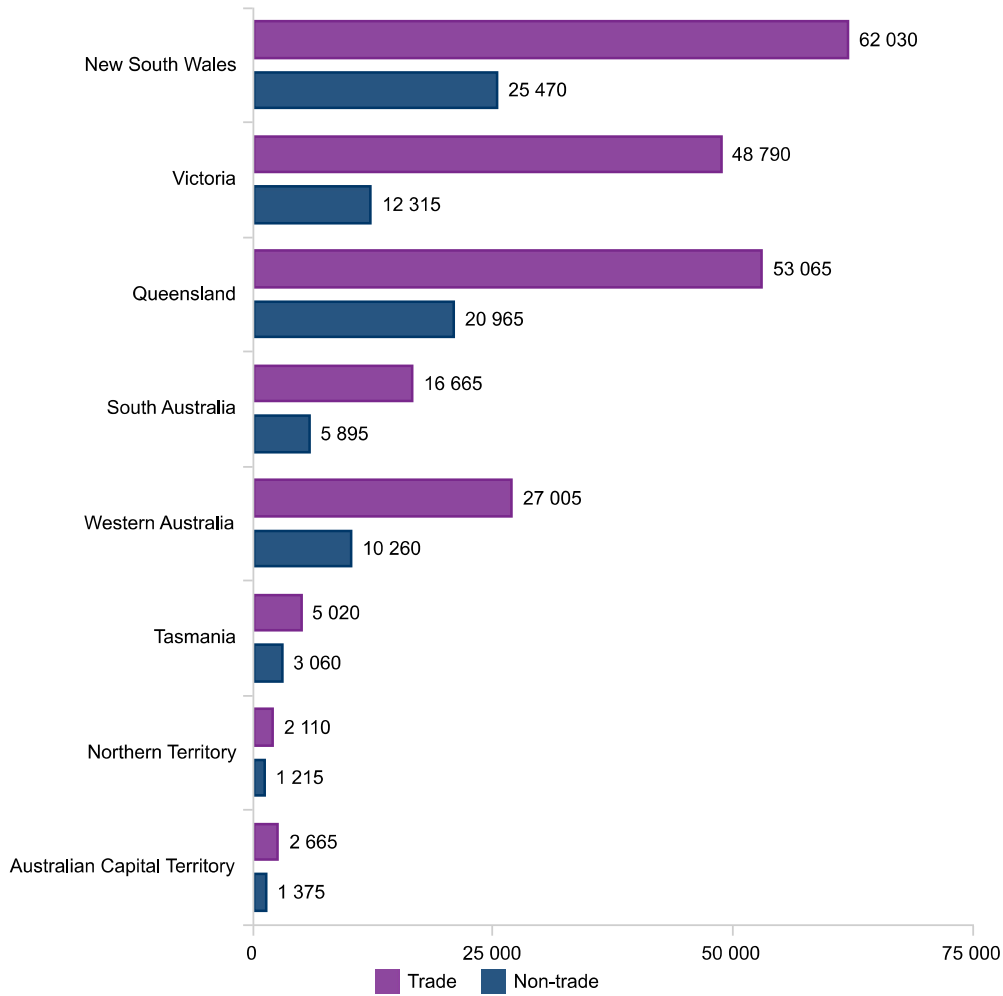
In-training insights - quarterly

as at 30 September 2025



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

as at 30 September 2025



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State and territory comparisons -
12 months series

Commencements



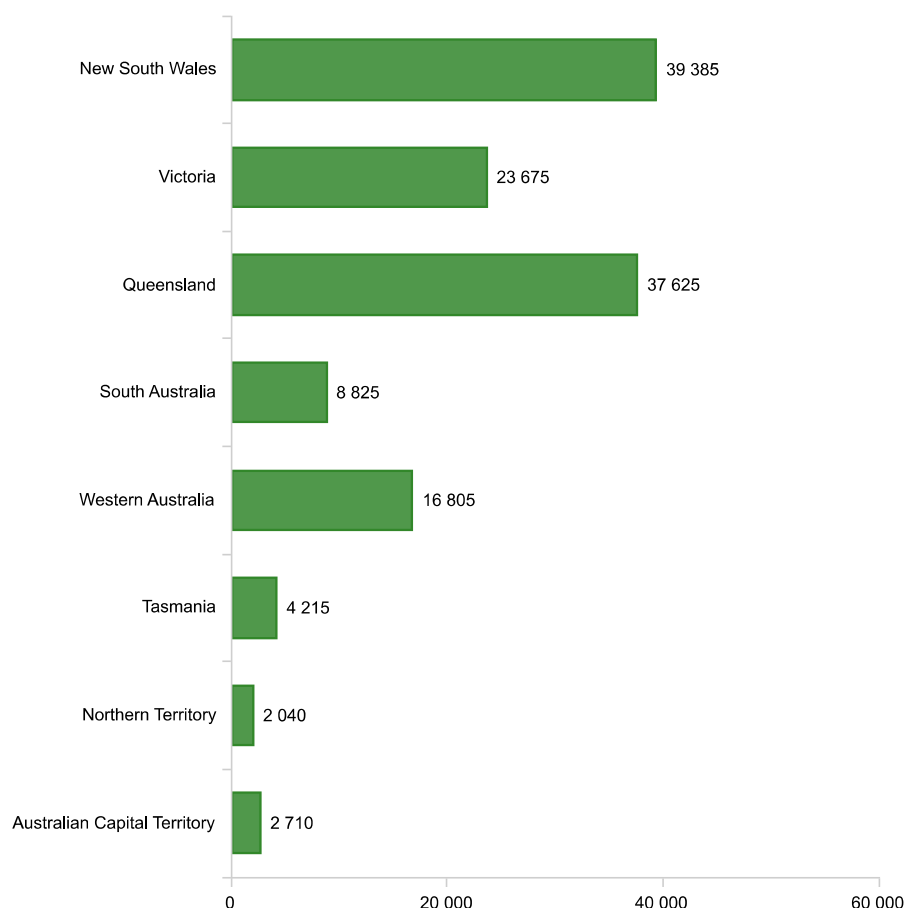
Commencements time series - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

State/territory	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	67 430	69 115	46 200	43 810	39 385	-41.6	-10.1
Victoria	50 285	55 045	36 310	30 590	23 675	-52.9	-22.6
Queensland	60 945	70 075	44 715	43 660	37 625	-38.3	-13.8
South Australia	16 010	17 770	9 760	9 345	8 825	-44.9	-5.5
Western Australia	29 455	30 825	20 985	19 275	16 805	-43.0	-12.8
Tasmania	7 800	8 230	5 110	4 970	4 215	-45.9	-15.1
Northern Territory	2 500	2 295	2 165	2 150	2 040	-18.4	-5.0
Australian Capital Territory	5 385	4 675	3 365	2 910	2 710	-49.7	-6.9
Total	239 815	258 030	168 610	156 710	135 285	-43.6	-13.7

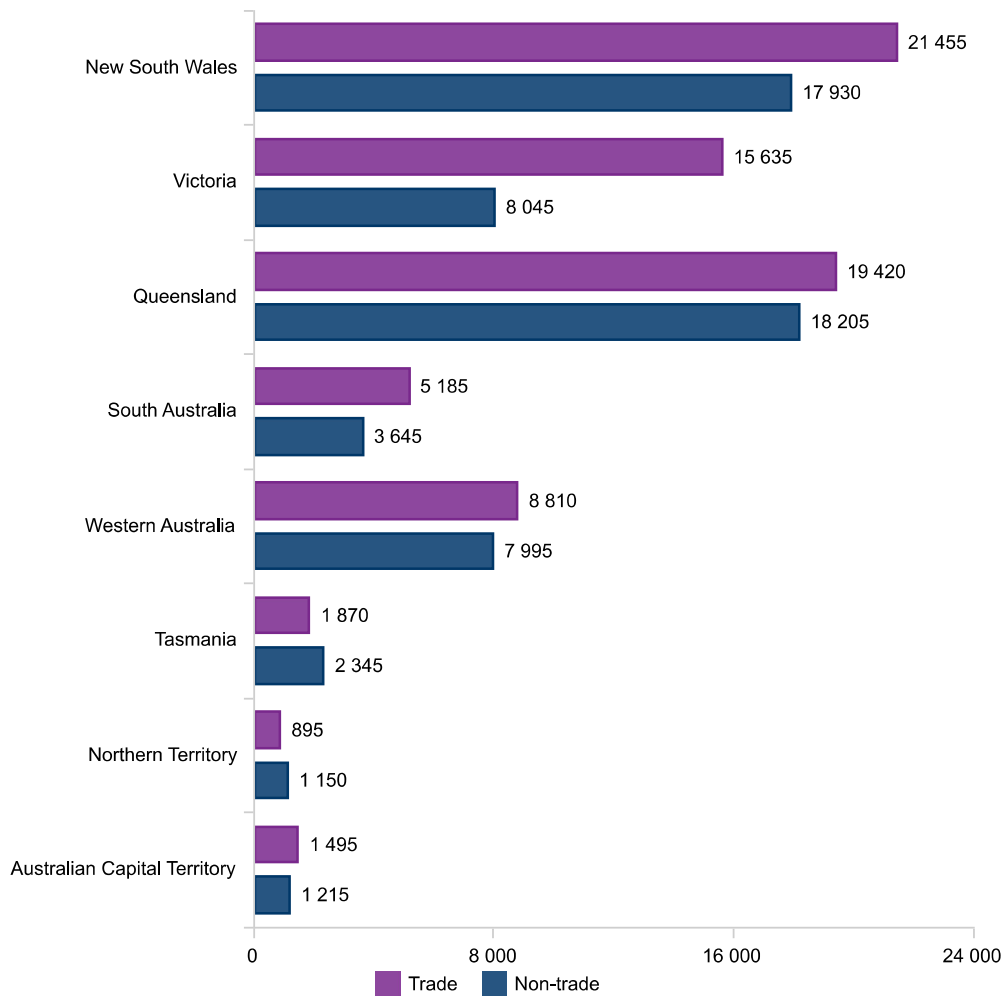
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12 months ending 30 September 2025



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

12 months ending 30 September 2025



Cancellations and withdrawals



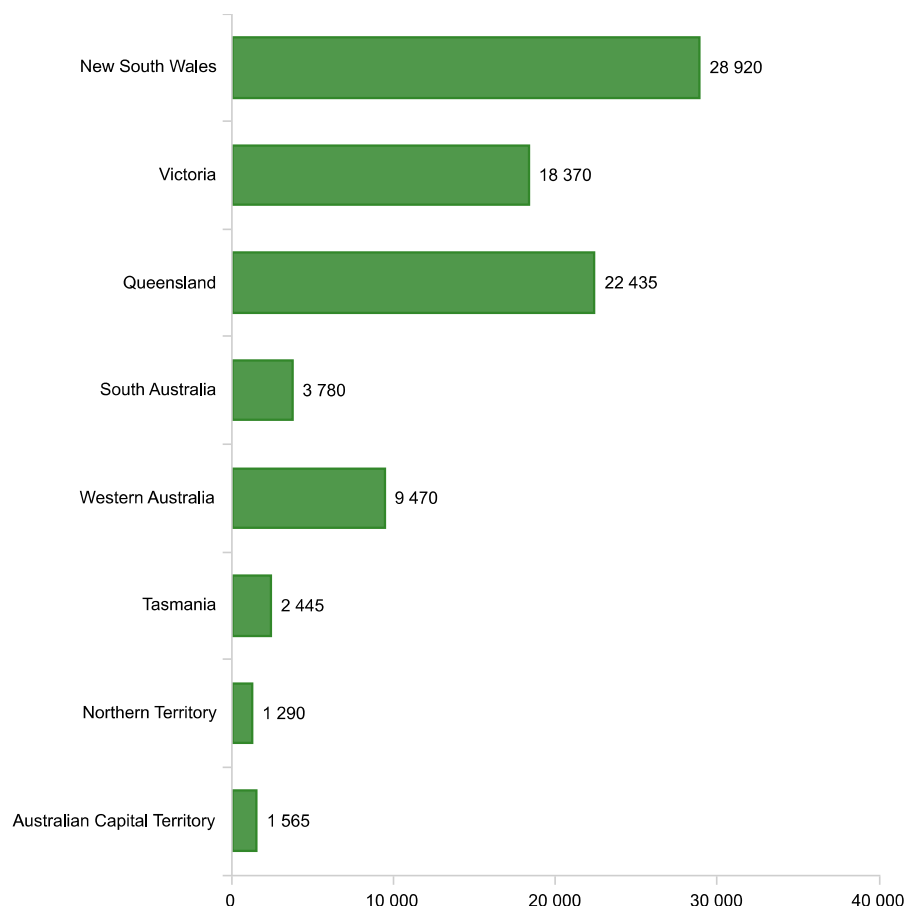
Cancellations and withdrawals time series - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

State/territory	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
New South Wales	30 395	39 435	37 970	32 385	28 920	-4.9	-10.7
Victoria	21 420	29 900	26 450	21 045	18 370	-14.2	-12.7
Queensland	22 955	33 175	32 015	26 080	22 435	-2.3	-14.0
South Australia	4 780	6 570	6 290	4 575	3 780	-21.0	-17.4
Western Australia	10 490	15 005	15 030	11 555	9 470	-9.7	-18.0
Tasmania	2 870	3 825	3 615	2 865	2 445	-14.8	-14.6
Northern Territory	1 180	1 460	1 250	1 400	1 290	9.5	-7.9
Australian Capital Territory	2 045	2 410	2 450	1 980	1 565	-23.3	-20.9
Total	96 135	131 780	125 065	101 890	88 275	-8.2	-13.4

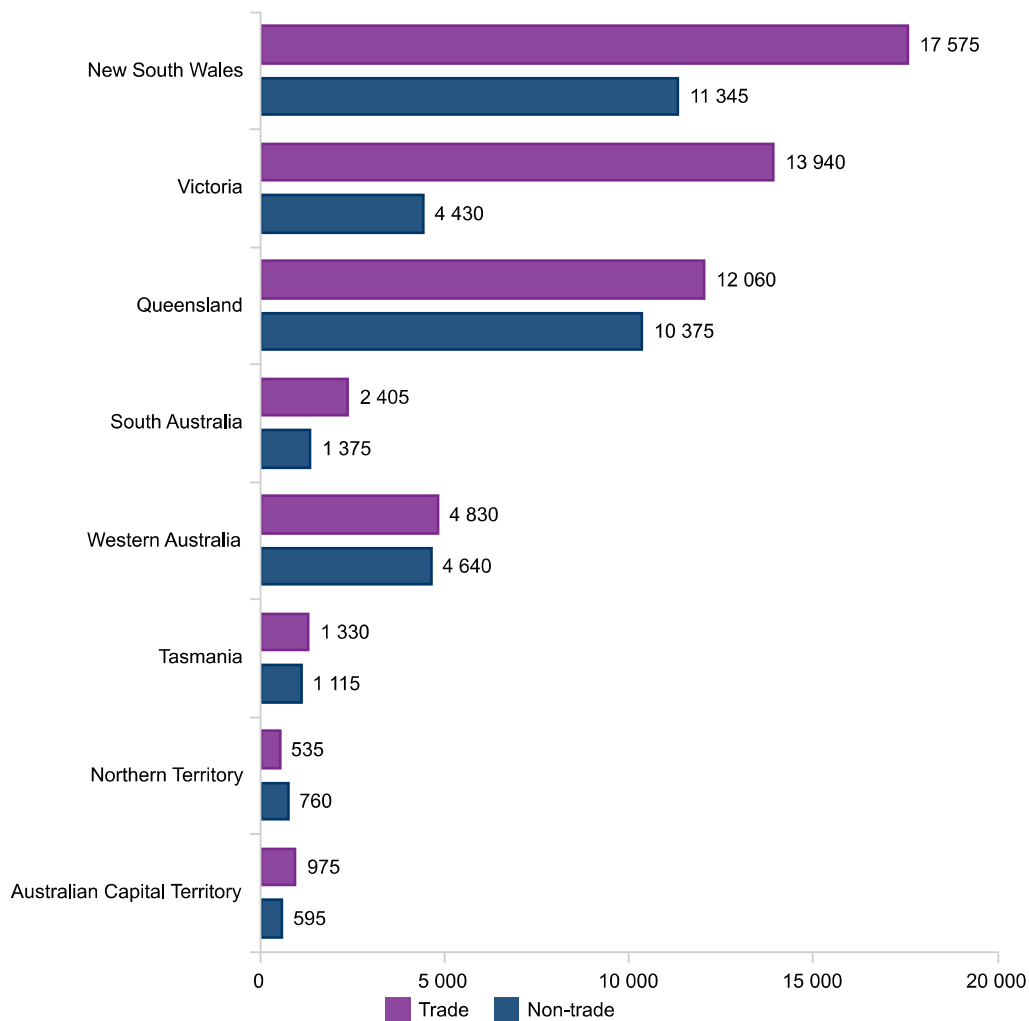
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12 months ending 30 September 2025



Completions



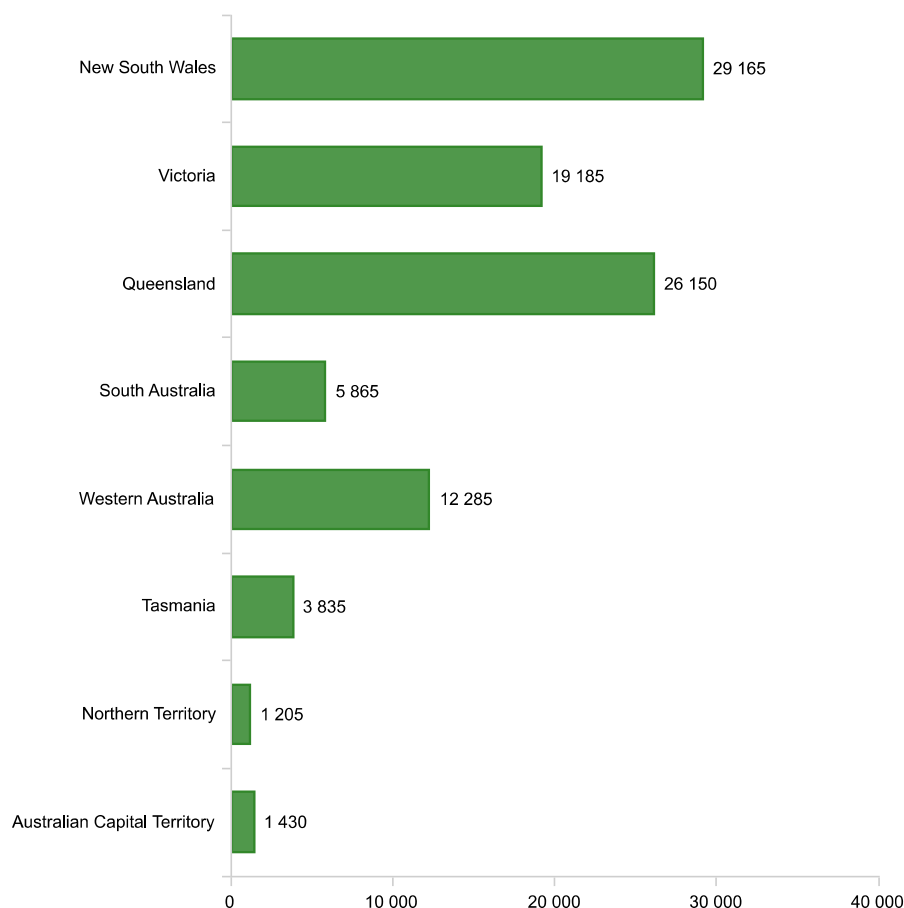
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South Australia	5 180	6 220	6 890	6 255	5 865	13.2	-6.3
Western Australia	9 210	10 445	11 510	11 415	12 285	33.4	7.6
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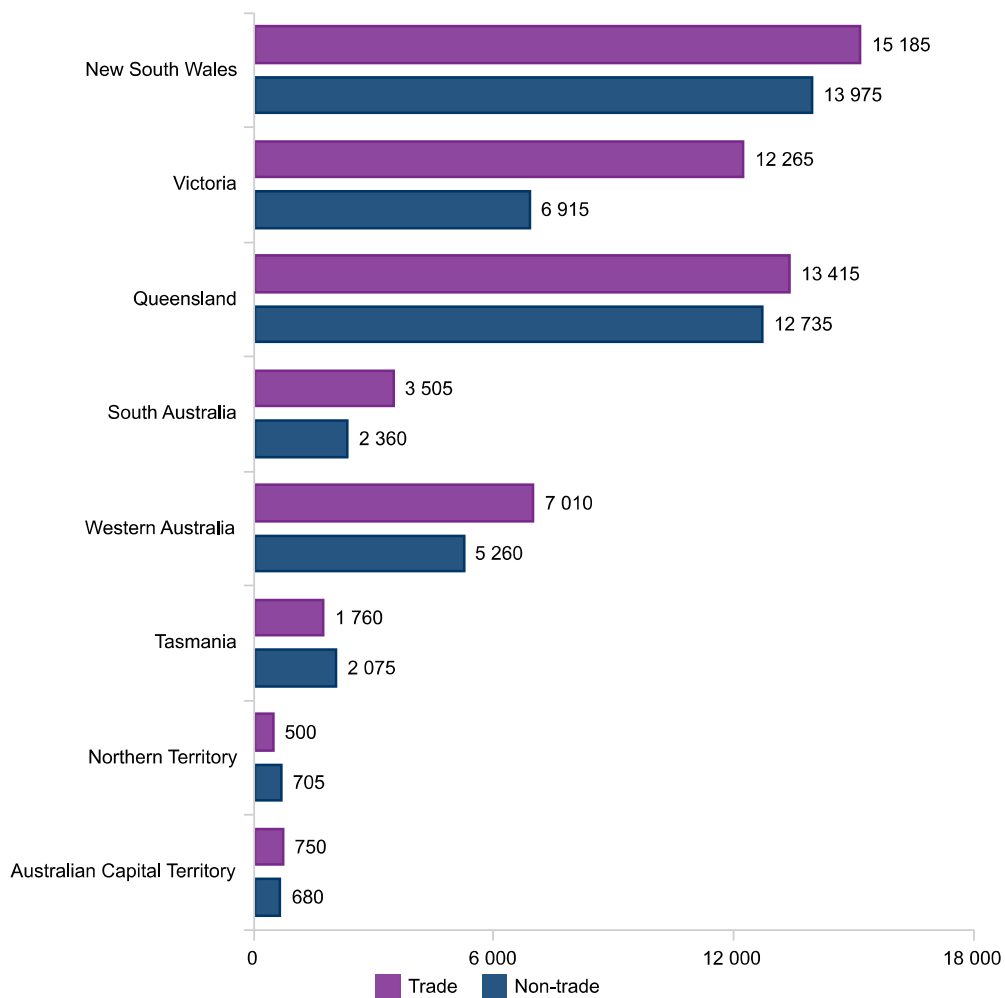
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In-training



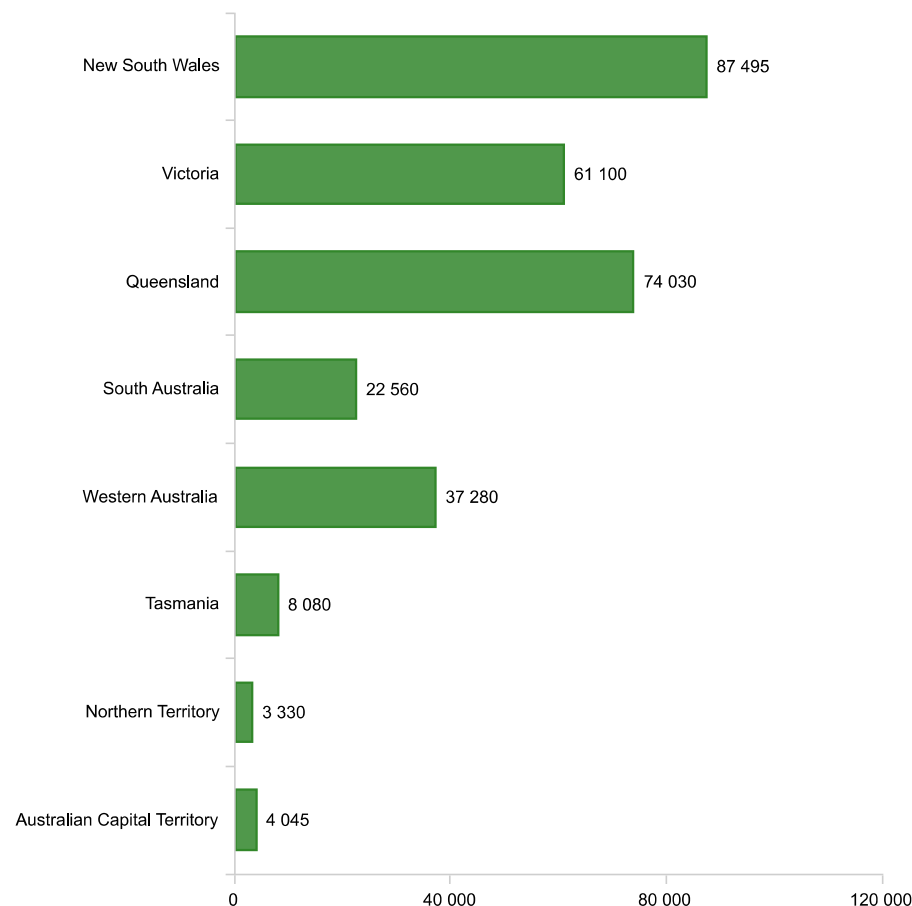
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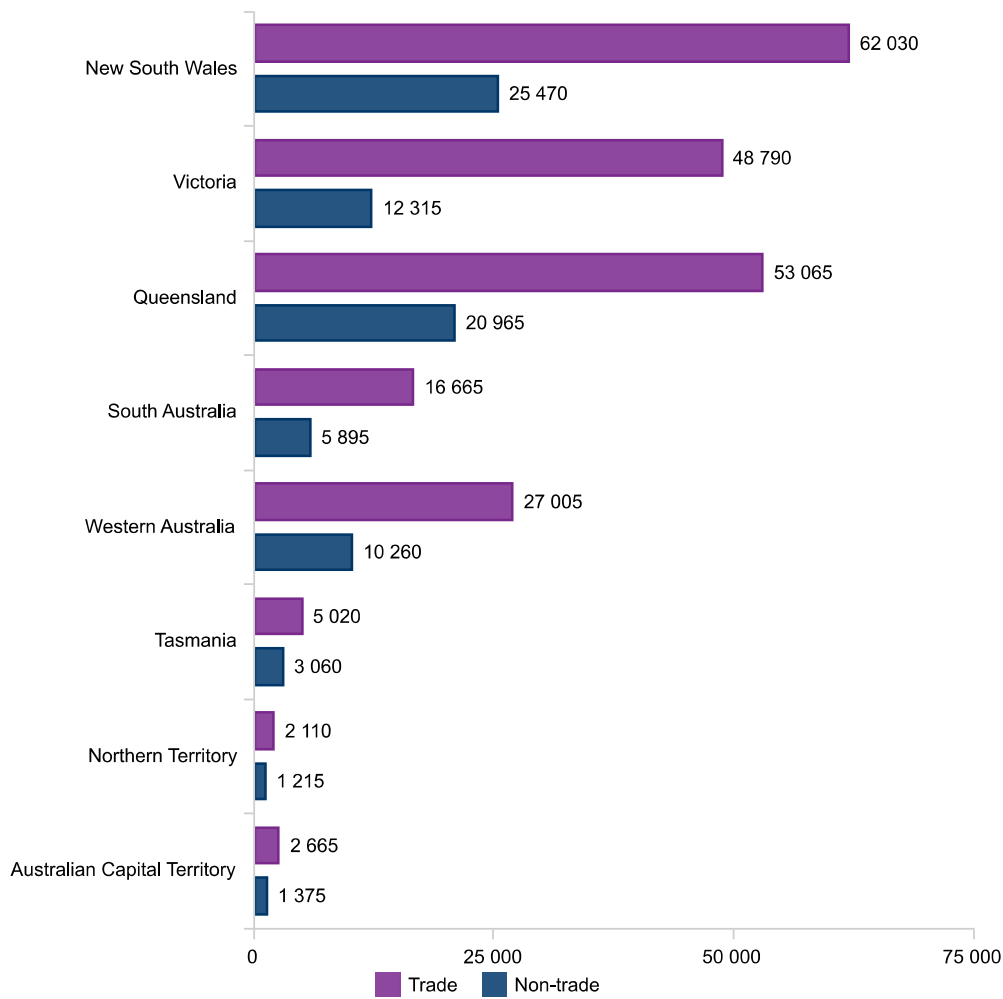
In-training insights - 12 month series

as at 30 September 2025



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

as at 30 September 2025



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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