

Australian vocational education and training statistics

Apprentices and trainees 2024 September quarter



Quarterly - Australia



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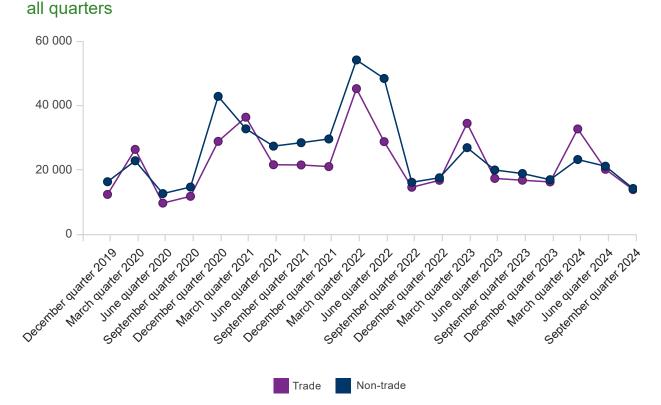
Commencements highlights for Australia - quarterly

September quarter 2024

	28 065 commencements (down 21.3% from September quarter 2023)
<u>}_</u>	13 855 trades (down 17.4% from September quarter 2023)
	14 205 non-trades (down 24.7% from September quarter 2023)
	17 225 males (down 21.5% from September quarter 2023)

10 815 females (down 20.8% from September quarter 2023)

Commencements trends for Australia - quarterly



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 2023 to September quarter 2024

Construction Trades Workers (Trade) ↓ 865 (18.6%) Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade) ↓ 1 605 (19.3%) Private sector ↓ 7 375 (23.4%) Newly commencing worker ↓ 6 090 (19.8%) Certificate III ↓ 6 445 (22.5%) Full-time ↓ 5 150 (19.7%) 15 to 19 years ↓ 1 970 (13.9%)

Commencements time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

		A	% change				
Trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 785	4 665	3 715	4 320	3 545	27.3	-18.0
Construction Trades Workers	3 435	5 860	4 485	4 645	3 785	10.2	-18.6
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	2 010	3 605	2 825	3 265	2 900	44.2	-11.2
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	480	2 720	625	765	655	35.7	-14.9
Food Trades Workers	980	1 345	935	1 255	885	-9.6	-29.4
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 340	1 970	1 360	1 640	1 355	1.3	-17.4
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	750	1 355	655	885	735	-1.9	-16.7
Total	11 780	21 525	14 595	16 780	13 855	17.7	-17.4

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

all quarters

		AI	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	3 325	9 245	3 215	3 185	2 235	-32.7	-29.7
Community and Personal Service Workers	5 025	7 665	6 285	8 320	6 715	33.7	-19.3
Labourers	1 725	2 550	1 930	2 260	2 020	17.4	-10.4
Machinery operators and Drivers	2 195	3 210	2 560	2 935	2 030	-7.6	-30.9
Managers	380	920	190	135	90	-76.0	-32.1
Professionals	125	625	310	220	105	-17.5	-53.4
Sales Workers	1 890	4 225	1 660	1 810	1 010	-46.7	-44.3
Total	14 665	28 440	16 145	18 860	14 205	-3.1	-24.7

Cancellations and withdrawals

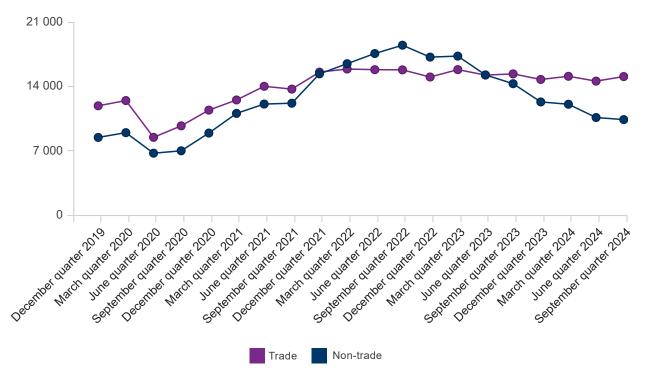


Cancellations and withdrawals highlights for Australia - quarterly

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 2023 to September quarter 2024

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

all quarters

		AI	% change				
Trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 085	2 945	3 210	3 375	3 665	75.7	8.6
Construction Trades Workers	3 330	4 550	4 840	5 050	4 835	45.2	-4.3
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	1 630	2 305	2 720	2 840	3 125	91.9	10.0
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	200	570	975	650	460	126.7	-29.8
Food Trades Workers	950	1 105	1 325	1 150	920	-2.7	-19.7
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 055	1 470	1 910	1 575	1 455	38.0	-7.6
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	460	755	820	715	605	31.7	-15.8
Total	9 705	13 700	15 795	15 355	15 065	55.2	-1.9

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

all quarters

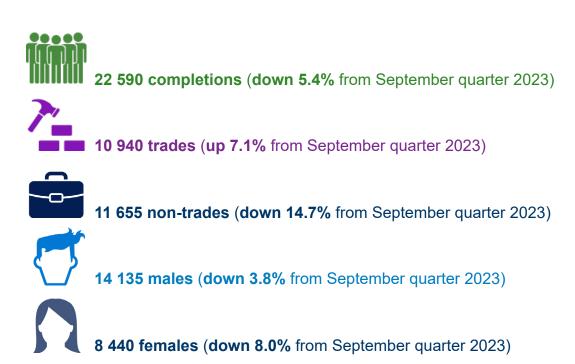
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Non-trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1 310	3 475	6 015	3 660	1 935	47.7	-47.2
Community and Personal Service Workers	2 450	3 560	5 665	5 565	4 715	92.4	-15.3
Labourers	905	1 370	1 655	1 265	1 150	27.5	-9.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	1 275	1 365	1 645	1 510	1 090	-14.4	-27.7
Managers	170	435	480	330	160	-8.2	-52.5
Professionals	50	250	365	275	165	213.2	-40.8
Sales Workers	830	1 710	2 655	1 680	1 175	41.6	-30.2
Total	6 990	12 165	18 475	14 290	10 385	48.6	-27.3

Completions

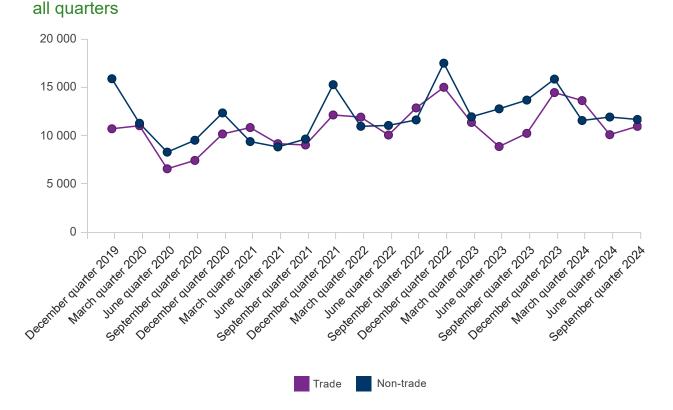


Completions highlights for Australia - quarterly

September quarter 2024



Completions trends for Australia - quarterly



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 2023 to September quarter 2024

Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (Trade) ↑ 485 (19.8%) Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade) ↓ 1 380 (39.3%) Private sector ↓ 1 305 (6.2%) Newly commencing worker ↓ 940 (4.5%) Certificate IV ↓ 1 100 (35.2%) Part-time ↓ 670 (11.2%) 40 to 49 years ↓ 505 (22.6%)

Completions time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

		AI	% change				
Trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	1 865	2 305	3 260	2 445	2 930	57.1	19.8
Construction Trades Workers	2 095	2 680	3 770	2 540	3 010	43.6	18.6
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	1 690	1 975	2 890	2 130	2 385	41.3	11.9
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	330	320	590	765	620	87.6	-19.2
Food Trades Workers	460	530	720	785	575	25.8	-26.8
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	675	765	1 085	1 065	915	35.9	-14.1
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	300	440	545	480	500	67.7	4.5
Total	7 410	9 010	12 850	10 215	10 940	47.6	7.1

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

all quarters

		AI	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	2 045	1 960	2 275	3 515	2 135	4.2	-39.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	2 920	3 105	3 990	3 825	4 690	60.6	22.6
Labourers	950	1 035	1 920	1 685	1 425	49.7	-15.4
Machinery operators and Drivers	1 760	1 415	1 350	1 895	1 645	-6.5	-13.2
Managers	225	260	175	240	105	-53.2	-56.3
Professionals	60	70	140	225	140	141.8	-37.7
Sales Workers	1 540	1 780	1 750	2 280	1 520	-1.5	-33.4
Total	9 500	9 625	11 605	13 660	11 655	22.7	-14.7

In-training



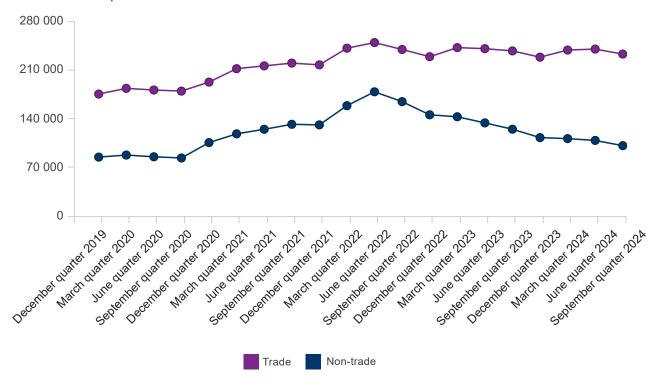
In-training highlights for Australia - quarterly

as at 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 2023 to 30 September 2024

Construction Trades Workers (Trade) ↓ 2 640 (3.7%) Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade) ↓ 10 175 (39.0%) Private sector ↓ 27 445 (8.4%) Newly commencing worker ↓ 24 720 (7.8%) Certificate III ↓ 15 705 (5.1%) Full-time ↓ 21 125 (7.3%) 30 to 39 years ↓ 7 470 (15.1%)

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

as at end of quarter

		As at e	% change				
Trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	47 225	54 910	59 090	62 405	64 090	35.7	2.7
Construction Trades Workers	55 755	67 300	70 320	70 360	67 720	21.5	-3.7
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	40 780	47 620	52 400	54 470	56 395	38.3	3.5
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	3 410	7 845	11 055	7 740	6 310	85.2	-18.5
Food Trades Workers	10 690	12 845	14 630	13 235	11 995	12.2	-9.3
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	14 345	19 260	21 010	19 030	16 940	18.1	-11.0
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	7 240	9 850	10 700	9 925	9 155	26.5	-7.8
Total	179 435	219 630	239 200	237 160	232 610	29.6	-1.9

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

as at end of quarter

	As at end of September					% change		
Non-trade occupations	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020- 2024	2023- 2024	
Clerical and Administrative Workers	15 855	35 165	46 625	26 070	15 895	0.2	-39.0	
Community and Personal Service Workers	28 945	40 570	50 185	47 955	44 625	54.2	-6.9	
Labourers	9 155	13 670	15 620	12 320	11 440	25.0	-7.2	
Machinery operators and Drivers	14 565	15 025	17 495	16 260	14 660	0.6	-9.8	
Managers	2 850	5 495	5 040	3 000	1 630	-42.9	-45.7	
Professionals	760	2 350	3 955	2 530	1 380	81.5	-45.4	
Sales Workers	11 285	19 505	25 430	16 585	11 490	1.8	-30.7	
Total	83 420	131 775	164 345	124 720	101 120	21.2	-18.9	

5 year time series for Australia - quarterly

Quarter	Commencements	Cancellations and withdrawals	Completions	In-training at the end of the quarter
December quarter 2019	28 685	20 330	26 560	259 920
March quarter 2020	49 195	21 425	22 270	271 020
June quarter 2020	22 295	15 185	14 815	266 150
September quarter 2020	26 445	16 700	16 915	262 860
December quarter 2020	71 705	20 340	22 485	297 910
March quarter 2021	69 130	23 580	20 185	329 745
June quarter 2021	48 960	26 080	17 955	340 335
September quarter 2021	50 015	25 865	18 635	351 480
December quarter 2021	50 645	30 910	27 375	348 185
March quarter 2022	99 410	32 365	22 840	399 625
June quarter 2022	77 230	33 390	21 085	427 715
September quarter 2022	30 740	34 285	24 475	403 660
December quarter 2022	34 290	32 200	32 490	374 350
March quarter 2023	61 380	33 110	23 315	384 565
June quarter 2023	37 305	30 475	21 630	374 230
September quarter 2023	35 640	29 655	23 880	361 920
December quarter 2023	33 195	27 055	30 285	340 870
March quarter 2024	55 950	27 160	25 155	349 690
June quarter 2024	41 310	25 180	21 985	348 395
September quarter 2024	28 065	25 450	22 590	333 765



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Commencements trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September

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Change in commencements numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 30 September 2023 to 12 months ending 30 September 2024

Construction Trades Workers (Trade) ↓ 2 465 (10.3%) Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade) ↓ 3 765 (10.6%) Private sector ↓ 9 055 (6.1%) Newly commencing worker ↓ 11 375 (7.6%) Certificate III ↓ 9 795 (7.1%) Full-time ↓ 7 825 (6.2%) 20 to 24 years ↓ 3 125 (9.2%)

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

12 months ending 30 September

	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
Trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	15 530	24 275	25 015	23 245	22 755	46.5	-2.1
Construction Trades Workers	17 115	31 380	29 455	23 945	21 480	25.5	-10.3
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	11 775	18 930	21 190	18 070	18 005	52.9	-0.4
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	2 120	7 530	8 650	3 105	4 030	89.9	29.7
Food Trades Workers	4 550	7 695	8 650	5 300	5 720	25.7	8.0
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	5 810	11 845	10 635	7 420	6 975	20.0	-6.0
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	3 275	6 690	6 030	4 250	4 025	22.9	-5.3
Total	60 185	108 340	109 620	85 335	82 995	37.9	-2.7

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

	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	14 670	38 990	46 295	15 190	13 765	-6.2	-9.4
Community and Personal Service Workers	22 765	36 810	44 640	35 420	31 655	39.0	-10.6
Labourers	8 520	14 470	14 785	10 520	11 075	30.0	5.3
Machinery operators and Drivers	9 705	13 265	14 000	11 385	9 965	2.7	-12.5
Managers	1 885	5 520	3 555	885	650	-65.4	-26.2
Professionals	570	2 470	3 560	995	805	41.7	-18.8
Sales Workers	8 315	19 870	21 460	8 860	7 580	-8.8	-14.4
Total	66 430	131 395	148 300	83 255	75 505	13.7	-9.3

Cancellations and withdrawals

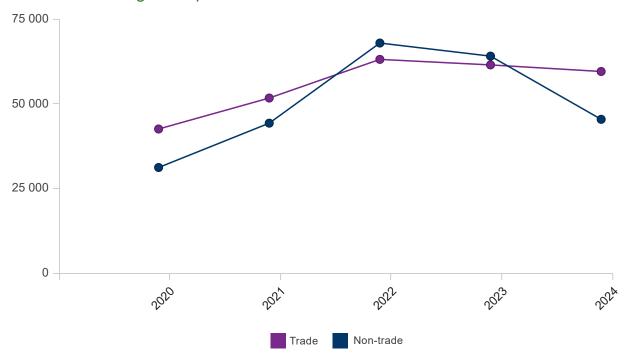


Cancellations and withdrawals highlights for Australia - 12 month series



Cancellations and withdrawals trends for Australia - 12 month series

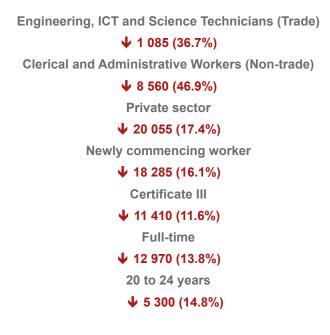
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Change in cancellations and withdrawals numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 30 September 2023 to 12 months ending 30 September 2024



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

12 months ending 30 September

	12	2 months e	% change				
Trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	9 180	10 810	12 820	13 240	14 095	53.5	6.4
Construction Trades Workers	14 350	17 025	19 755	19 550	19 145	33.4	-2.1
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	7 385	8 840	10 855	11 130	11 670	58.0	4.9
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	810	1 715	3 495	2 955	1 870	130.4	-36.7
Food Trades Workers	4 105	4 620	5 445	4 765	3 920	-4.5	-17.7
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	4 775	5 795	7 265	6 705	6 090	27.6	-9.1
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	1 895	2 835	3 410	3 065	2 685	41.7	-12.5
Total	42 500	51 640	63 045	61 415	59 475	39.9	-3.2

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

	12	2 months e	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	5 855	10 665	20 560	18 240	9 680	65.4	-46.9
Community and Personal Service Workers	11 160	14 110	20 810	22 165	19 620	75.8	-11.5
Labourers	3 885	5 165	6 535	5 650	4 665	20.1	-17.4
Machinery operators and Drivers	5 675	5 780	6 630	6 235	4 555	-19.7	-27.0
Managers	610	1 600	2 115	1 625	795	30.0	-51.1
Professionals	210	620	1 290	1 405	745	258.8	-46.9
Sales Workers	3 740	6 280	9 935	8 685	5 295	41.6	-39.0
Total	31 135	44 220	67 870	64 005	45 355	45.7	-29.1

Completions

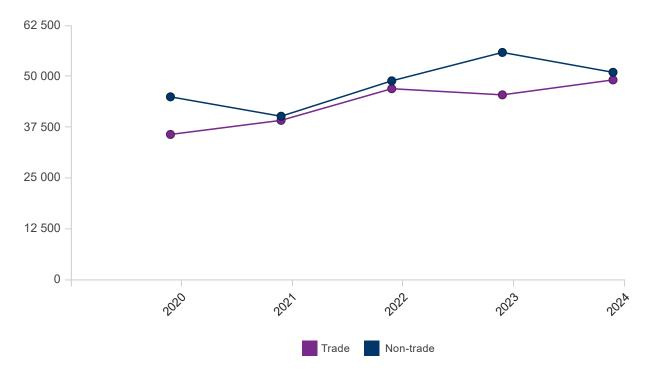


Completions highlights for Australia - 12 month series



Completions trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 30 September



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Change in completions numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 30 September 2023 to 12 months ending 30 September 2024

Construction Trades Workers (Trade) ↑ 1 440 (12.1%) Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade) ↓ 2 855 (20.1%) Group training scheme ↓ 715 (8.5%) Newly commencing worker ↓ 1 175 (1.3%) Certificate III ↑ 1 480 (1.9%) Part-time ↓ 3 115 (12.8%) 15 to 19 years ↓ 1 865 (9.9%)

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

12 months ending 30 September

	12	2 months e		% change			
Trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	8 930	10 210	12 280	11 475	12 285	37.6	7.1
Construction Trades Workers	10 715	11 610	13 870	11 895	13 335	24.4	12.1
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	7 245	8 250	10 225	9 640	9 850	35.9	2.2
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	1 335	1 365	1 950	2 995	2 995	124.1	0.0
Food Trades Workers	2 440	2 480	2 570	2 840	3 675	50.5	29.4
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	3 320	3 365	3 830	4 305	4 515	36.0	4.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	1 665	1 835	2 170	2 245	2 415	45.0	7.5
Total	35 655	39 120	46 905	45 395	49 070	37.6	8.1

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

	12 months ending 30 September					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	9 575	8 825	13 280	14 205	11 350	18.5	-20.1
Community and Personal Service Workers	14 665	13 005	16 255	18 050	18 400	25.5	1.9
Labourers	5 305	4 650	5 920	7 375	6 510	22.8	-11.7
Machinery operators and Drivers	8 110	6 715	5 065	6 335	6 750	-16.8	6.5
Managers	1 240	1 100	1 740	920	740	-40.4	-19.7
Professionals	265	305	625	810	790	196.5	-2.5
Sales Workers	5 740	5 530	5 955	8 125	6 395	11.4	-21.3
Total	44 905	40 130	48 840	55 830	50 935	13.4	-8.8

In-training



In-training highlights for Australia - 12 month series

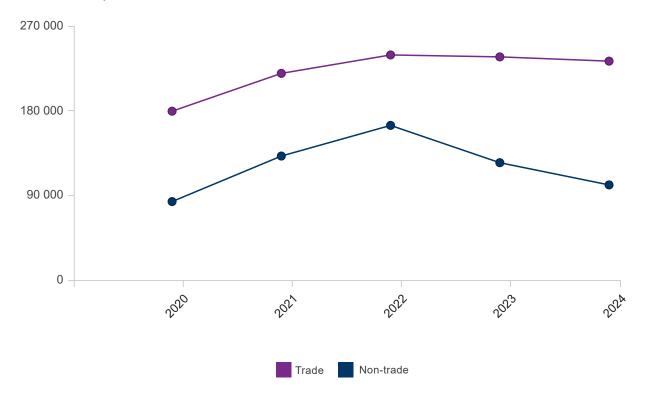
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88 120 females (down 13.7% from 30 September 2023)

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 2023 to 30 September 2024

Construction Trades Workers (Trade) ↓ 2 640 (3.7%) Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade) ↓ 10 175 (39.0%) Private sector ↓ 27 445 (8.4%) Newly commencing worker ↓ 24 720 (7.8%) Certificate III ↓ 15 705 (5.1%) Full-time ↓ 21 125 (7.3%) 30 to 39 years ↓ 7 470 (15.1%)

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.

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

as at 30 September

	As at 30 September				% change		
Trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	47 225	54 910	59 090	62 405	64 090	35.7	2.7
Construction Trades Workers	55 755	67 300	70 320	70 360	67 720	21.5	-3.7
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	40 780	47 620	52 400	54 470	56 395	38.3	3.5
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	3 410	7 845	11 055	7 740	6 310	85.2	-18.5
Food Trades Workers	10 690	12 845	14 630	13 235	11 995	12.2	-9.3
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	14 345	19 260	21 010	19 030	16 940	18.1	-11.0
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	7 240	9 850	10 700	9 925	9 155	26.5	-7.8
Total	179 435	219 630	239 200	237 160	232 610	29.6	-1.9

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

as at 30 September

	As at 30 September					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020- 2024	2023- 2024
Clerical and Administrative Workers	15 855	35 165	46 625	26 070	15 895	0.2	-39.0
Community and Personal Service Workers	28 945	40 570	50 185	47 955	44 625	54.2	-6.9
Labourers	9 155	13 670	15 620	12 320	11 440	25.0	-7.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	14 565	15 025	17 495	16 260	14 660	0.6	-9.8
Managers	2 850	5 495	5 040	3 000	1 630	-42.9	-45.7
Professionals	760	2 350	3 955	2 530	1 380	81.5	-45.4
Sales Workers	11 285	19 505	25 430	16 585	11 490	1.8	-30.7
Total	83 420	131 775	164 345	124 720	101 120	21.2	-18.9

5 year time series for Australia - 12 month series

12 month series	Commencements	Cancellations and withdrawals	Completions	In-training as at 30 September
2020	126 620	73 635	80 560	262 860
2021	239 810	95 860	79 255	351 480
2022	258 025	130 950	95 775	403 660
2023	168 615	125 435	101 310	361 920
2024	158 520	104 845	100 020	333 765

Additional information

- Unless stated otherwise, data are derived from the latest National Apprentice and Trainee Collection (no. 122, December 2024 estimates), 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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