

Australian vocational education and training statistics

# **Apprentices and trainees** 2023 December quarter



Quarterly - Australia



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### Commencements

#### **Commencements highlights for Australia - quarterly**

December quarter 2023



**35 240 commencements** (**up 2.4%** from December quarter 2022)



17 010 trades (up 0.9% from December quarter 2022)



18 225 non-trades (up 3.9% from December quarter 2022)



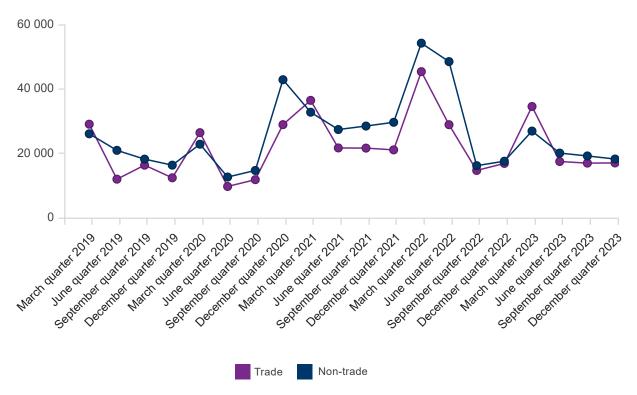
**21 940 males (up 1.0%** from December quarter 2022)



**13 255 females (up 4.7%** from December quarter 2022)

#### **Commencements trends for Australia - quarterly**

all quarters



#### Change in commencements numbers for Australia - quarterly

from December quarter 2022 to December quarter 2023

**Construction Trades Workers (Trade)** 

**4** 260 (5.5%)

**Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade)** 

**1** 030 (14.8%)

**Private sector** 

**1** 910 (3.0%)

**Existing worker** 

**↑** 610 (17.0%)

**Certificate III** 

**↑** 745 (2.6%)

Part-time

**1** 1 375 (15.6%)

15 to 19 years

**↑** 780 (4.9%)

# **Commencements time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly**

all quarters

		ļ	All quarters	\$		% cha	ange
Trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 965	5 720	4 345	4 430	4 545	53.2	2.5
Construction Trades Workers	3 235	8 080	5 525	4 730	4 470	38.1	-5.5
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	2 440	4 745	4 025	3 510	3 700	51.7	5.4
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	405	1 765	1 825	635	635	56.4	-0.1
Food Trades Workers	1 220	2 495	1 850	1 090	1 175	-3.8	7.8
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 445	4 220	2 200	1 630	1 645	13.8	0.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	675	1 880	1 290	835	840	24.6	0.9
Total	12 390	28 910	21 065	16 860	17 010	37.3	0.9

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

all quarters

		Į.	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	3 400	12 890	9 210	3 565	3 305	-2.9	-7.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	5 605	10 120	8 905	6 925	7 955	42.0	14.8
Labourers	2 015	5 105	3 000	2 115	2 485	23.2	17.4
Machinery operators and Drivers	2 640	3 920	2 805	2 520	2 310	-12.5	-8.3
Managers	390	2 825	830	175	125	-67.4	-27.0
Professionals	85	735	485	245	240	187.1	-3.1
Sales Workers	2 190	7 265	4 395	2 005	1 815	-17.1	-9.6
Total	16 320	42 860	29 630	17 545	18 225	11.7	3.9

# Cancellations and withdrawals



## Cancellations and withdrawals highlights for Australia - quarterly

December quarter 2023



27 685 cancellations and withdrawals (down 14.3% from December quarter 2022)



**15 140 trades (up 0.1%** from December quarter 2022)



12 545 non-trades (down 27.0% from December quarter 2022)



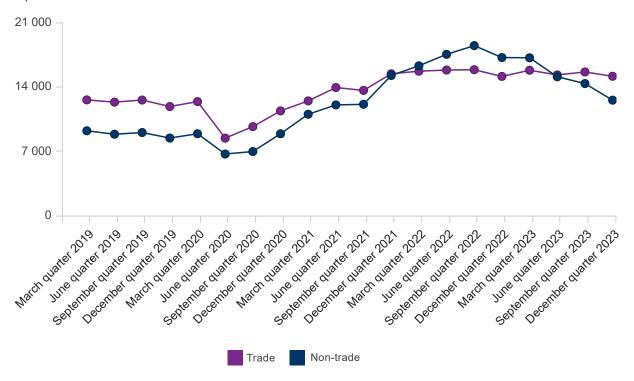
**17 845 males (down 11.0%** from December quarter 2022)



9 810 females (down 19.8% from December quarter 2022)

#### Cancellations and withdrawals trends for Australia - quarterly

all quarters



## Change in cancellations and withdrawals numbers for Australia - quarterly

from December quarter 2022 to December quarter 2023

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Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 460 (14.4%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 2 405 (46.2%)

Private sector

↓ 4 580 (15.4%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 3 980 (13.6%)

Certificate III

↓ 2 185 (8.8%)

Full-time

↓ 2 660 (11.3%)

30 to 39 years

↓ 1 200 (25.3%)
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#### Cancellations and withdrawals time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

		F	All quarters	5		% cha	ange
Trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 475	2 425	3 155	3 205	3 670	48.3	14.4
Construction Trades Workers	4 030	3 865	4 905	4 725	4 765	18.2	0.8
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	2 100	1 955	2 620	2 585	2 850	35.9	10.3
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	210	250	755	790	480	131.7	-38.9
Food Trades Workers	1 190	1 065	1 405	1 285	1 065	-10.6	-17.2
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 310	1 285	1 755	1 790	1 610	22.8	-10.1
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	535	535	820	745	700	30.5	-5.7
Total	11 850	11 375	15 415	15 125	15 140	27.8	0.1

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

all quarters

		F	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1 645	1 725	4 240	5 200	2 800	70.3	-46.2
Community and Personal Service Workers	2 820	3 225	4 935	5 640	5 460	93.7	-3.2
Labourers	1 115	1 090	1 575	1 435	1 115	-0.3	-22.3
Machinery operators and Drivers	1 610	1 335	1 615	1 525	1 215	-24.6	-20.2
Managers	155	260	450	445	265	68.3	-40.8
Professionals	60	60	260	405	215	261.3	-47.1
Sales Workers	1 020	1 205	2 155	2 530	1 475	45.0	-41.6
Total	8 425	8 895	15 230	17 180	12 545	48.9	-27.0



## **Completions**

#### **Completions highlights for Australia - quarterly**

December quarter 2023



**30 955 completions (down 4.2%** from December quarter 2022)



14 800 trades (down 0.7% from December quarter 2022)



16 145 non-trades (down 7.2% from December quarter 2022)



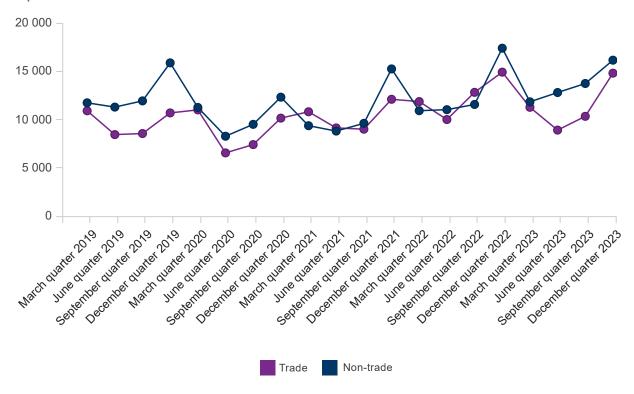
19 400 males (down 2.8% from December quarter 2022)



11 545 females (down 6.5% from December quarter 2022)

#### **Completions trends for Australia - quarterly**

all quarters



#### Change in completions numbers for Australia - quarterly

from December quarter 2022 to December quarter 2023

Food Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 580 (80.6%)

Community and Personal Service Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 1 700 (22.6%)

Private sector

↓ 870 (3.1%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 1 115 (4.0%)

Diploma

↓ 1 080 (55.6%)

Part-time

↓ 1 400 (15.8%)

15 to 19 years

↓ 1 200 (16.1%)

# Completions time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

all quarters

		F	% cha	ange			
Trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	2 425	2 580	3 170	3 960	3 405	40.2	-14.0
Construction Trades Workers	3 215	2 885	3 600	4 310	3 750	16.8	-12.9
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	2 030	2 195	2 545	3 175	3 050	50.3	-4.0
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	410	380	475	715	945	131.0	31.5
Food Trades Workers	925	695	720	715	1 295	40.1	80.6
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	1 055	860	950	1 255	1 585	50.1	26.3
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	625	550	635	770	770	23.1	0.0
Total	10 685	10 145	12 095	14 905	14 800	38.5	-0.7

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

all quarters

		F	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	3 060	2 625	3 830	3 480	3 755	22.6	7.9
Community and Personal Service Workers	5 640	4 440	5 500	7 520	5 815	3.1	-22.6
Labourers	2 410	1 540	1 760	2 540	2 495	3.5	-1.9
Machinery operators and Drivers	2 325	1 915	1 530	1 490	1 730	-25.5	15.9
Managers	460	355	665	310	330	-27.7	7.5
Professionals	95	100	200	200	245	150.3	21.4
Sales Workers	1 880	1 340	1 745	1 845	1 775	-5.5	-3.9
Total	15 865	12 315	15 240	17 385	16 145	1.7	-7.2



## In-training

#### In-training highlights for Australia - quarterly

as at 31 December 2023



**343 640 in-training (down 8.8%** from 31 December 2022)



2.4% of workers were employed as an apprentice or trainee



11.9% of employed workers within the trade occupations were an apprentice or trainee



**227 985 trades (down 0.8%** from 31 December 2022)



**115 640 non-trades** (**down 21.2%** from 31 December 2022)



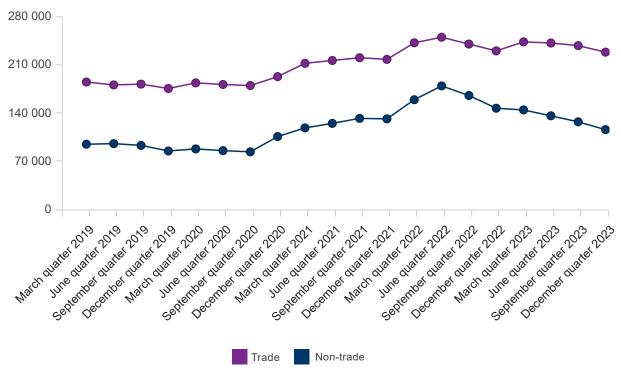
**247 590 males (down 6.5%** from 31 December 2022)



**95 835 females** (**down 14.3%** from 31 December 2022)

#### In-training trends for Australia - quarterly

as at end of quarter



#### Change in in-training numbers for Australia - quarterly

from 31 December 2022 to 31 December 2023

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Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 3 470 (6.0%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 18 235 (44.5%)

Private sector

↓ 32 140 (9.4%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 27 815 (8.4%)

Certificate IV

↓ 16 145 (34.5%)

Full-time

↓ 24 485 (8.2%)

30 to 39 years

↓ 8 485 (15.3%)
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# In-training time series for trade occupations, Australia - quarterly

as at end of quarter

		As at	% change				
Trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	45 485	48 990	53 700	57 355	60 825	33.7	6.0
Construction Trades Workers	54 630	59 245	65 820	67 305	67 575	23.7	0.4
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	39 500	42 580	47 575	51 010	52 995	34.2	3.9
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	3 245	4 550	8 470	10 175	6 925	113.3	-31.9
Food Trades Workers	11 135	11 900	12 880	13 965	12 345	10.9	-11.6
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	14 555	17 080	19 300	19 930	17 950	23.3	-9.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	6 795	8 180	9 775	10 080	9 365	37.9	-7.1
Total	175 340	192 515	217 520	229 820	227 985	30.0	-0.8

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

as at end of quarter

		As at	% change				
Non-trade occupations	2019 Dec Qtr	2020 Dec Qtr	2021 Dec Qtr	2022 Dec Qtr	2023 Dec Qtr	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	15 510	24 430	36 095	40 985	22 755	46.7	-44.5
Community and Personal Service Workers	28 120	31 945	39 530	44 530	45 815	62.9	2.9
Labourers	8 490	11 630	13 230	13 365	11 060	30.3	-17.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	17 555	15 245	14 770	16 920	15 695	-10.6	-7.2
Managers	2 645	5 025	5 165	4 365	2 580	-2.5	-40.9
Professionals	590	1 320	2 370	3 570	2 335	296.8	-34.7
Sales Workers	11 850	16 030	20 125	22 970	15 400	29.9	-33.0
Total	84 765	105 625	131 290	146 705	115 640	36.4	-21.2

### **5** year time series for Australia - quarterly

Quarter	Commencements	Cancellations and withdrawals	Completions	In-training at the end of the quarter
March quarter 2019	55 110	21 790	22 640	279 265
June quarter 2019	32 885	21 170	19 725	275 905
September quarter 2019	34 515	21 585	20 480	274 510
December quarter 2019	28 710	20 275	26 550	260 120
March quarter 2020	49 245	21 285	22 250	271 245
June quarter 2020	22 330	15 115	14 815	266 365
September quarter 2020	26 490	16 630	16 905	263 080
December quarter 2020	71 780	20 275	22 465	298 155
March quarter 2021	69 220	23 480	20 165	330 050
June quarter 2021	49 055	25 940	17 935	340 730
September quarter 2021	50 135	25 700	18 605	351 990
December quarter 2021	50 725	30 650	27 335	348 915
March quarter 2022	99 615	31 990	22 775	400 715
June quarter 2022	77 425	33 355	21 030	428 840
September quarter 2022	30 845	34 340	24 395	405 000
December quarter 2022	34 410	32 305	32 310	376 620
March quarter 2023	61 465	32 945	23 135	387 210
June quarter 2023	37 530	30 390	21 725	377 030
September quarter 2023	36 135	29 970	24 070	364 500
December quarter 2023	35 240	27 685	30 955	343 640



Commencements

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### Commencements

#### Commencements highlights for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 December 2023



**170 370 commencements** (**down 29.7%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**85 965 trades (down 18.7%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**84 380 non-trades** (**down 38.1%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



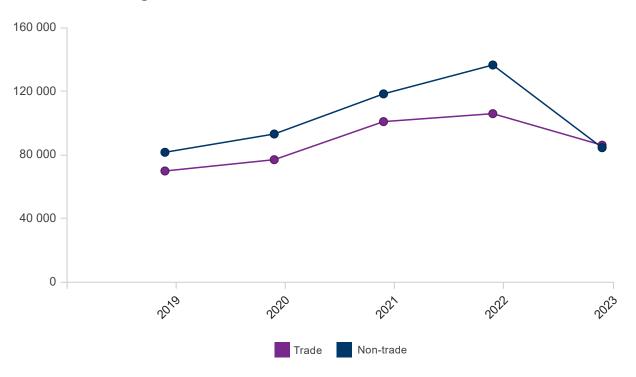
**107 400 males** (**down 27.0%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**62 745 females** (**down 33.9**% from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)

#### Commencements trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 December



## Change in commencements numbers for Australia - 12 month series

from 12 months ending 31 December 2022 to 12 months ending 31 December 2023

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

12 months ending 31 December

	1:	2 months		% change			
Trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	18 030	18 410	23 155	25 420	23 660	31.2	-6.9
Construction Trades Workers	19 265	21 960	28 850	28 690	23 760	23.3	-17.2
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	13 535	14 085	18 220	20 710	18 310	35.3	-11.6
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	2 540	3 485	7 590	7 460	3 120	22.8	-58.2
Food Trades Workers	5 895	5 830	7 055	7 890	5 395	-8.4	-31.6
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	6 700	8 590	9 825	10 050	7 440	11.0	-26.0
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	3 750	4 480	6 105	5 575	4 275	14.0	-23.3
Total	69 720	76 835	100 795	105 795	85 965	23.3	-18.7

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

12 months ending 31 December

	12 months ending 31 December					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	17 865	24 160	35 335	40 720	15 020	-15.9	-63.1
Community and Personal Service Workers	26 700	27 290	35 620	42 690	36 660	37.3	-14.1
Labourers	10 015	11 610	12 375	13 870	10 910	9.0	-21.3
Machinery operators and Drivers	13 440	11 000	12 170	13 750	11 240	-16.4	-18.3
Managers	2 155	4 320	3 525	2 935	855	-60.2	-70.8
Professionals	490	1 220	2 220	3 320	980	99.6	-70.5
Sales Workers	10 830	13 390	17 005	19 135	8 720	-19.5	-54.4
Total	81 490	92 995	118 250	136 420	84 380	3.6	-38.1

# Cancellations and withdrawals



## Cancellations and withdrawals highlights for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 December 2023



**120 985 cancellations and withdrawals (down 8.3%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**61 835 trades (down 1.1%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**59 135 non-trades (down 14.9%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



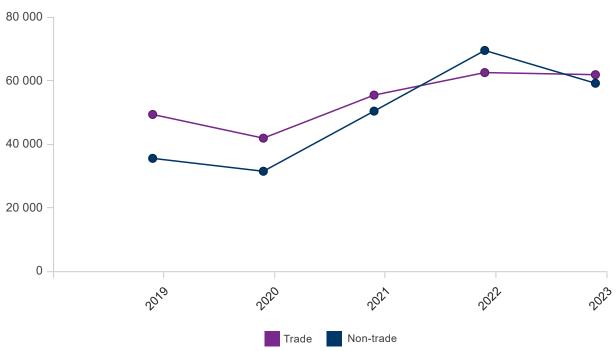
**76 530 males (down 7.3%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**44 350 females** (**down 10.2%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)

## Cancellations and withdrawals trends for Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 December



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

from 12 months ending 31 December 2022 to 12 months ending 31 December 2023



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

12 months ending 31 December

	12 months ending 31 December					% change	
Trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	9 925	9 100	11 505	12 835	13 825	39.3	7.7
Construction Trades Workers	17 305	14 125	17 955	19 515	19 780	14.3	1.3
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	8 610	7 215	9 440	10 785	11 535	34.0	6.9
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	825	850	2 215	3 495	2 620	217.0	-25.1
Food Trades Workers	4 935	3 960	4 940	5 280	4 510	-8.6	-14.6
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	5 585	4 730	6 240	7 260	6 550	17.2	-9.8
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	2 130	1 885	3 105	3 320	3 020	41.9	-9.0
Total	49 315	41 860	55 405	62 495	61 835	25.4	-1.1

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

12 months ending 31 December

	12 months ending 31 December					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	7 175	5 905	13 150	21 425	15 735	119.3	-26.6
Community and Personal Service Workers	11 510	11 480	15 750	21 450	22 095	92.0	3.0
Labourers	4 740	3 845	5 640	6 355	5 275	11.3	-17.0
Machinery operators and Drivers	6 875	5 370	6 040	6 500	5 885	-14.4	-9.5
Managers	720	710	1 785	2 090	1 410	95.2	-32.5
Professionals	200	210	815	1 420	1 160	480.1	-18.3
Sales Workers	4 280	3 925	7 185	10 220	7 575	76.9	-25.9
Total	35 505	31 440	50 365	69 460	59 135	66.6	-14.9



## Completions

#### **Completions highlights for Australia - 12 month series**

12 months ending 31 December 2023



**99 885 completions** (**down 0.6**% from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**45 295 trades** (**down 8.6%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**54 505 non-trades (up 7.1%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



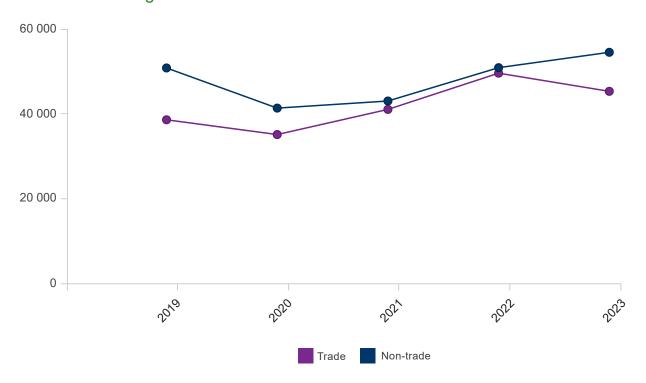
**62 280 males (down 3.1%** from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)



**37 565 females** (**up 3.7**% from 12 months ending 31 Dec 2022)

#### **Completions trends for Australia - 12 month series**

12 months ending 31 December



## **Change in completions numbers for Australia - 12 month series**

from 12 months ending 31 December 2022 to 12 months ending 31 December 2023

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Construction Trades Workers (Trade)

↓ 3 175 (21.8%)

Sales Workers (Non-trade)

↑ 2 025 (33.6%)

Private sector

↑ 830 (1.0%)

Existing worker

↓ 2 020 (14.1%)

Certificate IV

↑ 2 665 (26.2%)

Full-time

↓ 1 525 (1.9%)

20 to 24 years

↓ 4 125 (10.0%)
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## Completions time series for trade occupations, Australia - 12 month series

12 months ending 31 December

	1:	2 months	% change				
Trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	9 255	9 080	10 795	13 030	10 875	17.5	-16.6
Construction Trades Workers	11 875	10 380	12 310	14 550	11 375	-4.2	-21.8
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	7 425	7 410	8 595	10 830	9 565	28.9	-11.7
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	1 300	1 310	1 460	2 190	3 190	145.5	45.9
Food Trades Workers	2 955	2 215	2 505	2 560	3 430	16.2	34.0
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	4 000	3 120	3 450	4 120	4 625	15.7	12.3
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	1 775	1 585	1 920	2 300	2 235	26.0	-2.8
Total	38 580	35 095	41 030	49 580	45 295	17.4	-8.6

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

12 months ending 31 December

	12 months ending 31 December					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	10 305	9 135	10 030	12 910	14 510	40.8	12.4
Community and Personal Service Workers	17 200	13 450	14 055	18 230	16 330	-5.1	-10.4
Labourers	6 665	4 435	4 870	6 690	7 305	9.6	9.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	8 115	7 705	6 325	5 015	6 545	-19.4	30.6
Managers	1 290	1 140	1 405	1 380	915	-29.3	-33.9
Professionals	325	270	405	620	840	156.8	35.2
Sales Workers	6 905	5 205	5 920	6 035	8 060	16.7	33.6
Total	50 810	41 335	43 010	50 880	54 505	7.3	7.1



## In-training

#### In-training highlights for Australia - 12 month series

as at 31 December 2023



**343 640 in-training (down 8.8%** from 31 December 2022)



2.4% of workers were employed as an apprentice or trainee



11.9% of employed workers within the trade occupations were an apprentice or trainee



**227 985 trades (down 0.8%** from 31 December 2022)



**115 640 non-trades (down 21.2%** from 31 December 2022)



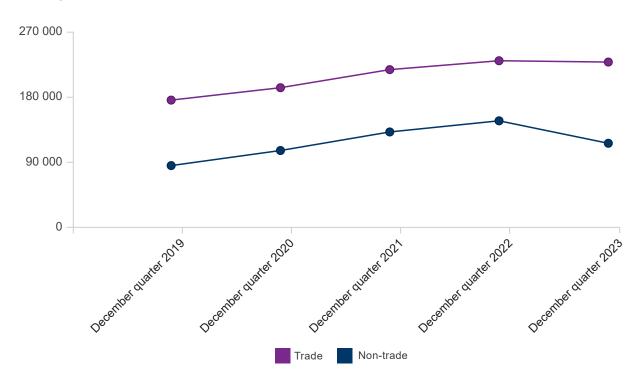
**247 590 males (down 6.5%** from 31 December 2022)



**95 835 females** (**down 14.3**% from 31 December 2022)

#### In-training trends for Australia - 12 month series

as at 31 December



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

from 31 December 2022 to 31 December 2023

Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (Trade)

↑ 3 470 (6.0%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (Non-trade)

↓ 18 235 (44.5%)

Private sector

↓ 32 140 (9.4%)

Newly commencing worker

↓ 27 815 (8.4%)

Certificate IV

↓ 16 145 (34.5%)

Full-time

↓ 24 485 (8.2%)

30 to 39 years

↓ 8 485 (15.3%)

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

as at 31 December

	As at 31 December					% change	
Trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers	45 485	48 990	53 700	57 355	60 825	33.7	6.0
Construction Trades Workers	54 630	59 245	65 820	67 305	67 575	23.7	0.4
Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers	39 500	42 580	47 575	51 010	52 995	34.2	3.9
Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians	3 245	4 550	8 470	10 175	6 925	113.3	-31.9
Food Trades Workers	11 135	11 900	12 880	13 965	12 345	10.9	-11.6
Other Technicians and Trades Workers	14 555	17 080	19 300	19 930	17 950	23.3	-9.9
Skilled Animal, Agricultural and Horticultural Workers	6 795	8 180	9 775	10 080	9 365	37.9	-7.1
Total	175 340	192 515	217 520	229 820	227 985	30.0	-0.8

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

as at 31 December

	As at 31 December					% change	
Non-trade occupations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019- 2023	2022- 2023
Clerical and Administrative Workers	15 510	24 430	36 095	40 985	22 755	46.7	-44.5
Community and Personal Service Workers	28 120	31 945	39 530	44 530	45 815	62.9	2.9
Labourers	8 490	11 630	13 230	13 365	11 060	30.3	-17.2
Machinery operators and Drivers	17 555	15 245	14 770	16 920	15 695	-10.6	-7.2
Managers	2 645	5 025	5 165	4 365	2 580	-2.5	-40.9
Professionals	590	1 320	2 370	3 570	2 335	296.8	-34.7
Sales Workers	11 850	16 030	20 125	22 970	15 400	29.9	-33.0
Total	84 765	105 625	131 290	146 705	115 640	36.4	-21.2

#### 5 year time series for Australia - 12 month series

12 month series	Commencements	Cancellations and withdrawals	Completions	In-training as at 31 December
2019	151 220	84 820	89 395	260 120
2020	169 840	73 305	76 435	298 155
2021	219 135	105 770	84 040	348 915
2022	242 295	131 995	100 510	376 620
2023	170 370	120 985	99 885	343 640

#### **Additional Information**

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.

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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.

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). ANZSCO has been back-cast by NCVER to 1994 for reporting purposes. For further information on the methodology, see https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/anzsco-imputation-in-the-national-apprentice-and-trainee-collection.

In September 2016, NCVER implemented a number of collection and system changes and as such some activity may differ to that reported in previous publications. These changes included implementation of release 7.0 of the AVETMIS Standard for apprentices and trainees, and migration of the historical data collections to a new database.

For more detailed information refer to the 'Apprentices and trainees 2023 December quarter: DataBuilder' available at https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/data/databuilder. The DataBuilder allows users to quickly create customised tables using the latest Apprentice and trainee data, filter by a selection of variables and compare training activity over time. Users can view quarterly and annual data for commencements, completions, cancellations/ withdrawals and in-training.

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