



International Student Enrolments in Higher Education in 2008

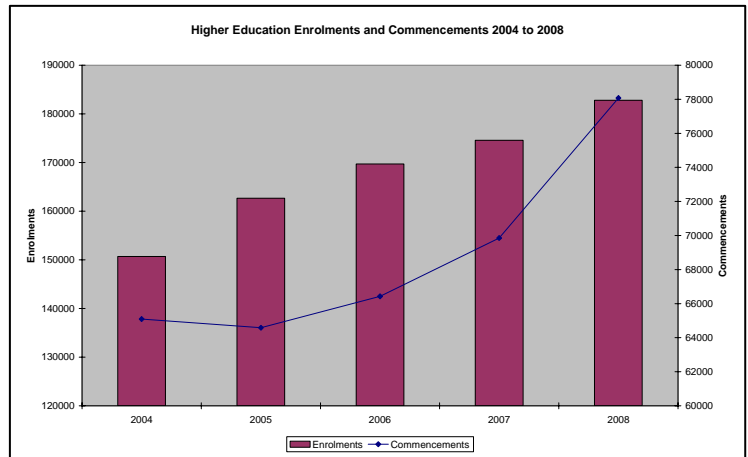
International student enrolments in higher education grew by 5% in 2008 to 182,770 due to strong growth in commencements (up 12% to 78,070). Higher education enrolments made up 34% of all international student enrolments in 2008, down from 39% in 2007.

Nationality - Two source countries – China and India – made up more than 43% of all higher education enrolments in 2008. The next eight source countries in terms of size contributed another 31% of enrolments. The five countries providing the largest growth in enrolments in 2008 were China, India, Vietnam, Nepal and Saudi Arabia, while the five countries showing the greatest fall in enrolments in 2008 were Bangladesh, Thailand, Japan, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

States - New South Wales (62,863) and Victoria (58,275) accounted for around two thirds of higher education enrolments in 2008, while Queensland (26,653) was the fastest growing state.

Level of Study - More than half (56%) of higher education enrolments were at the Bachelor level, with another third (35%) at Masters Coursework level. Enrolments in doctoral degrees increased by 15%, while enrolments in Masters Research fell by 6%.

Broad Field of Education - Almost half (48%) of all enrolments were in the broad field of Management and Commerce, with 9% in Information Technology, and 8% in each of Society and Culture, Engineering and Related Technologies, and Health. Enrolments in Health grew by 13%, while enrolments in Information Technology fell by 3%.



Top five nationalities	Enrolments			Commencements		
	2007 Growth on 2006	2008 Growth on 2007	2008	2007 Growth on 2006	2008 Growth on 2007	2008
China	5%	8%	51,600	3%	20%	22,726
India	5%	5%	27,701	7%	9%	12,234
Malaysia	2%	4%	15,652	10%	9%	6,085
Hong Kong	-9%	-5%	8,552	-2%	8%	3,062
Singapore	-5%	1%	7,499	-1%	6%	2,812
Sub-total	3%	5%	111,00	4%	14%	46,919
Other	3%	4%	71,766	6%	9%	31,151
Total	3%	5%	182,77	5%	12%	78,070

State	Enrolments			Commencements	
	2008	Growth on 2007	% of 2008	2008	Growth on 2007
NSW	62,863	1%	34%	26,529	9%
VIC	58,275	6%	32%	24,370	10%
QLD	26,653	9%	15%	12,366	19%
SA	12,168	7%	7%	5,094	14%
WA	15,425	5%	8%	6,562	14%
TAS	2,540	6%	1%	1,070	14%
NT	336	22%	<1%	160	19%
ACT	4,510	11%	2%	1,919	17%
Aust	182,770	5%	100%	78,070	12%

Level of study	Enrolments			Commencements	
	2008	Growth on 2007	% of 2008	2008	Growth on 2007
Bachelor degree	101,780	4%	56%	38,628	15%
Masters degree (Coursework)	64,108	6%	35%	31,096	9%
Doctoral degree	8,616	15%	5%	2,813	28%
Graduate Diploma	5,612	-2%	3%	3,824	1%
Masters degree (Research)	1,299	-6%	1%	515	-11%
Sub total	181,415	5%	99%	76,876	12%
Other	1,355	3%	1%	1,194	6%
Total	182,770	5%	100%	78,070	12%