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## ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents information about the educational experience and associated characteristics of persons aged 15 to 64 years and persons aged 65 to 74 years who are in the labour force or marginally attached to the labour force, especially in relation to their labour force status.

Statistics in this publication were collected in May 2010 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS).

Information collected in the survey includes: labour force characteristics; participation in education in the year prior to the survey, and in the survey month; type of educational institution; level of education of current and previous study; highest year of school completed; level of highest non-school qualification; level of highest educational attainment; transition from education to work; enrolment experience; selected characteristics of apprentices and trainees; and unmet demand for apprenticeships and traineeships.

Unless otherwise specified, differences between data items highlighted in the Summary of Findings are statistically significant.

This release includes Data Cubes and an expanded range of statistics in spreadsheet format available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

New Data Cubes for 2010 include persons aged 15–64 years who have completed Year 12 (or equivalent) or attained a formal qualification at Certificate III level or above, and three measures used for COAG National Agreement reporting.

A paper outlining potential gains in accuracy or the measurement of change resulting from pooling SEW data over multiple years will be published in mid 2011.

## ROUNDING

As estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### PARTICIPATION

In May 2010, there were 14.5 million people aged 15–64 years (Table 2) and 302,400 people aged 65–74 years in the labour force or marginally attached to the labour force (Table 15) who were in the scope of the survey.

Of those aged 15–64 years, 2.8 million (20%) were enrolled in a course of study. Approximately 1.1 million (39%) of these enrolled people were attending a higher education institution, 755,700 (27%) were at school, 598,500 (21%) were at Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions, and 383,800 (14%) were at other educational institutions (Table 1).

In May 2010, 53% of people aged 15–64 years enrolled in a course of study were female, 41% were aged 15–19 years, 64% were studying full-time, and 26% were born overseas (Table 1).

#### *Study for a qualification*

Approximately 96% (2.7 million) of people aged 15–64 years who were enrolled in formal or non-formal learning were enrolled in formal learning (Table 1). The proportion of people aged 15–64 years who were enrolled in formal learning, that is study that is likely to lead to a recognised qualification, increased from 17% in 2001 to 19% in 2010. For females aged 15–64 years, approximately 17% were enrolled in formal learning in 2001, compared to 20% in 2010. Male enrolments in formal learning were 17% in 2001 and 18% in 2010 (Table 2).

Over one-third (38%) of people aged 15–64 years who were enrolled in a non-school qualification were studying for a Bachelor Degree. Almost half of these people (48%) were aged 20–24 years and 26% were aged 15–19 years. Of the 1 million females aged 15–64 years enrolled in a non-school qualification, 55% were completing a Bachelor Degree or higher qualification, compared to 49% of 904,100 males (Table 3).

More females than males were enrolled in most non-school qualifications, however for Certificates III and IV, there were 253,400 males enrolled compared to 195,800 females. Over one-quarter (28%) of males enrolled in a non-school qualification were studying for a Certificate III or IV (Table 3).

As in 2009, the most commonly reported main field of education of current study for people aged 15–64 years enrolled in a non-school qualification in 2010 was Management and commerce (25%), followed by Society and culture (19%). The fields of Health and Education both recorded an increase in the proportion of people enrolled in 2010, 12% and 7% respectively, up from 10% and 6% in 2009. One-fifth (20%) of males aged 15–64 years enrolled in a non-school qualification were studying in the main field of Engineering and related technologies, compared to 1% of females aged 15–64 years. Of the 362,600 people aged 15–64 years enrolled in the field of Society and culture, 69% were female (Table 4). People studying in the main field of Health increased from 9% of persons aged 15–64 years enrolled in a non-school qualification in 2001 to 12% in 2010 (Table 7). Of the 234,400 people aged 15–64 years enrolled in the field of Health, 76% were females and over three-quarters (75%) of people enrolled in Information technology were males (Table 4).

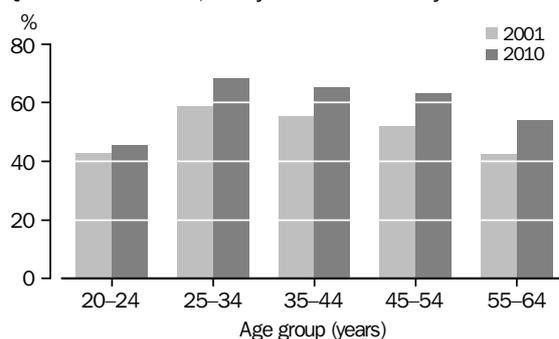
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### ATTAINMENT

#### *Level of highest non-school qualification*

The proportion of people aged 15–64 years with a non-school qualification increased from 47% in May 2001 to 56% in May 2010, with the proportion of people with a Bachelor Degree or above increasing from 17% in May 2001 to 23% in May 2010. Over the same period the proportion of people whose highest non-school qualification was an Advanced Diploma or below increased from 29% to 31%. The proportion of people aged 55–64 years with a non-school qualification increased from 42% in May 2001 to 54% in May 2010 (Table 8).

#### PROPORTION OF PEOPLE AGED 20–64 YEARS WITH A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION, May 2001 to May 2010



Among the 8.1 million people aged 15–64 years in May 2010 with a non-school qualification, the most commonly reported main fields of education for the highest non-school qualification were Management and commerce (1.9 million or 24%) and Engineering and related technologies (1.4 million or 17%). In May 2010, more males than females aged 15–64 years had a non-school qualification (4.1 million and 4.0 million respectively) (Table 12)..

#### *Level of highest educational attainment*

Almost one-third (29%) of people aged 15–64 years reported their level of highest educational attainment as Year 11 or below and 21% reported Year 12. Additionally, almost one in four (23%) had a highest level of attainment of Bachelor Degree or above and 17% had a Certificate III or IV. Compared to all Australian states and the Northern Territory, a higher proportion of people in the ACT reported Bachelor Degree and above levels of educational attainment. Almost two-fifths (38%) of people in the ACT had a Bachelor Degree or above as their highest level of educational attainment (Table 14).

In May 2010, of the 1.6 million people aged 65–74 years, 302,400 (19%) were in the labour force or marginally attached to the labour force. Of these, 23% had a Bachelor Degree or above. Over two-fifths (41%) reported their level of highest educational attainment as Year 11 or below (Table 15).

### TRANSITION FROM EDUCATION TO WORK

#### *Completing a non-school course of study*

In May 2010, there were 971,500 people aged 15–64 years who were enrolled in a non-school qualification in 2009 but were not enrolled in May 2010. These people were more likely to be employed full-time in May 2010 than the general population (59% compared with 52%) (Table 10 and Table 16).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

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### *School leavers*

In May 2010, there were 351,200 people aged 15–24 years who were enrolled in secondary school in 2009 but were not in May 2010. Of these school leavers, about half (57%) were enrolled at a non-school institution in 2010 and 25% were employed and not studying. In 2010, 10% of school leavers aged 15–24 years were unemployed and not enrolled at a non-school institution with a further 8% not in the labour force and not enrolled at a non-school institution (Table 19).

### APPRENTICES

In May 2010, there were 171,600 people aged 15–64 years who were employed as apprentices and part of the Australian Apprenticeship Scheme. Of these, 66,300 people had commenced their apprenticeship in the last 12 months.

In 2010, the majority of apprentices (88%) were males. The highest number of apprentices, 41,200 were working within the Construction field of trade followed by the Automotive and engineering field of trade with 39,400 persons (Table 21).

There were 20,200 people who gained a place for an apprenticeship/traineeship but were not undertaking it in May 2010, while 40,300 people who applied for an apprenticeship/traineeship in 2010 were unsuccessful in gaining a place (Table 22).

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Sex</b>									
Males	442.8	355.0	247.7	97.6	126.0	27.4	12.3	26.7	1 335.6
Females	507.1	386.5	281.9	107.5	132.4	30.2	18.1	32.1	1 495.6
<b>Age group (years)</b>									
15–19	385.1	306.6	219.1	78.8	109.0	26.6	11.7	20.2	1 157.0
20–24	225.7	188.7	102.6	48.2	55.3	10.2	3.7	14.4	648.9
25–34	166.7	121.6	97.9	38.1	37.9	8.2	6.2	11.3	487.8
35–44	87.7	69.1	56.7	20.1	30.2	6.3	5.5	7.5	283.1
45–54	61.0	42.1	37.6	12.2	20.0	4.7	2.5	3.4	183.5
55–64	23.7	13.3	15.9	7.8	6.1	1.6	*0.7	*1.9	71.0
<b>Country of birth</b>									
Born in Australia	677.4	542.7	416.3	156.7	178.7	51.3	23.5	48.6	2 095.1
Born overseas	272.5	198.8	113.3	48.4	79.8	6.4	6.8	10.1	736.1
<b>Area of usual residence</b>									
State capital city	637.3	579.0	266.3	161.2	214.5	27.6	—	—	1 885.9
Balance of state/Territory	312.6	162.5	263.3	43.9	44.0	30.0	30.3	58.7	945.3
<b>Labour force status</b>									
In labour force	566.9	464.9	375.7	133.5	167.0	36.3	22.4	44.2	1 810.8
Employed	520.2	425.9	342.9	120.2	159.2	33.6	21.9	41.2	1 665.0
Employed full time	245.6	170.3	171.9	52.3	77.2	14.8	13.5	18.9	764.5
Employed part time	274.6	255.6	170.9	67.9	82.0	18.9	8.4	22.2	900.5
Unemployed	46.7	39.0	32.9	13.3	*7.8	2.7	**0.5	3.0	145.8
Not in labour force	383.0	276.6	153.9	71.6	91.5	21.3	8.0	14.5	1 020.4
<b>Level of formal or non-formal learning in May 2010(a)</b>									
Formal learning(b)	911.8	713.0	509.7	197.0	248.8	55.1	29.3	57.1	2 721.9
Postgraduate Degree	76.1	54.9	32.9	16.7	12.2	3.2	*1.6	6.7	204.3
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	16.5	21.2	10.0	4.6	*5.8	*1.2	*0.6	2.9	62.9
Bachelor Degree	253.9	199.4	129.5	57.2	71.6	13.0	6.3	19.0	750.0
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	91.4	80.7	54.6	18.4	32.2	4.1	2.3	4.9	288.6
Certificate III/IV	134.9	108.2	112.5	28.9	40.1	9.8	7.5	7.2	449.2
Certificate I/II	22.8	11.1	8.5	4.2	*5.5	*1.1	**0.5	**0.4	54.1
Certificate n.f.d.	24.4	15.0	11.0	5.7	6.3	*0.9	*1.3	*1.0	65.7
Year 12 or below	253.5	207.5	139.1	57.4	70.2	20.6	8.2	14.3	770.9
Non-formal learning	38.1	28.5	19.9	8.1	9.6	*2.5	*1.0	*1.6	109.3
<b>Type of educational institution</b>									
Secondary education	247.6	206.0	134.7	57.2	67.9	20.3	8.2	13.9	755.7
TAFE	209.9	153.7	111.4	39.9	61.6	9.3	3.0	9.9	598.5
Higher education	362.5	294.9	190.4	83.2	97.6	19.9	14.9	29.9	1 093.2
Other institution	129.9	86.9	93.1	24.8	31.4	8.2	4.3	5.1	383.8
<b>Type of enrolment</b>									
Full-time enrolment	616.7	504.0	315.4	137.1	162.1	35.7	14.9	34.2	1 820.2
Part-time enrolment	333.2	237.4	214.2	68.0	96.3	21.9	15.4	24.5	1 011.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>949.9</b>	<b>741.5</b>	<b>529.6</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>2 831.2</b>

\* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

\*\* estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) The levels of formal and non-formal learning are not necessarily listed in order from highest to lowest. For further details see paragraphs 19–21 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes 'Level not determined'.

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS, Whether enrolled in formal or non-formal learning—by age and sex—May 2001 to May 2010

	2001	2003	2005(a)	2007(a)	2008(a)	2009(a)	2010(a)
WHETHER ENROLLED IN FORMAL OR NON-FORMAL LEARNING—PROPORTION (%) (b)							
<b>MALES</b>							
Formal learning							
Age group (years)							
15–19	75.8	76.0	75.4	75.2	78.8	77.1	77.4
20–24	35.3	34.4	36.2	37.0	39.6	37.0	39.2
25–34	11.8	12.4	12.1	11.5	12.8	12.4	14.0
35–44	6.4	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.5	7.5	6.9
45–54	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.2	3.8
55–64	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.7
Total	16.9	17.1	16.8	16.5	17.6	17.5	17.9
Non-formal learning	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total enrolled	17.5	17.7	17.3	17.3	18.2	18.1	18.4
Total not enrolled	82.5	82.3	82.7	82.7	81.8	81.9	81.6
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Formal learning							
Age group (years)							
15–19	77.9	78.1	75.6	78.8	77.7	75.7	78.3
20–24	32.2	38.5	39.7	35.7	38.1	40.7	40.5
25–34	12.5	14.4	13.6	15.0	13.7	15.2	16.3
35–44	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.9	8.7	8.9	9.8
45–54	4.9	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.3	7.7	7.3
55–64	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0
Total	17.4	18.7	18.1	18.3	18.0	18.9	19.6
Non-formal learning	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9
Total enrolled	18.6	19.6	19.1	19.3	19.0	19.7	20.6
Total not enrolled	81.4	80.4	80.9	80.7	81.0	80.3	79.4
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Formal learning							
Age group (years)							
15–19	76.8	77.0	75.5	77.0	78.3	76.4	77.8
20–24	33.8	36.4	37.9	36.3	38.9	38.8	39.8
25–34	12.2	13.4	12.9	13.3	13.2	13.8	15.1
35–44	7.3	7.9	7.5	7.6	7.6	8.2	8.4
45–54	4.1	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.9	5.6
55–64	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.4
Total	17.1	17.9	17.4	17.4	17.8	18.2	18.8
Non-formal learning	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Total enrolled	18.1	18.6	18.2	18.3	18.6	18.9	19.5
Total not enrolled	81.9	81.4	81.8	81.7	81.4	81.1	80.5

(a) From 2005, excludes boarding school pupils. For further details, see paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Persons enrolled in formal learning as a proportion of total population for that sex (and age group, where relevant).

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS, Whether enrolled in formal or non-formal learning—by age and sex—May 2001 to May 2010 *continued*

	2001	2003	2005(a)	2007(a)	2008(a)	2009(a)	2010(a)
TOTAL PERSONS ('000)							
<b>MALES</b>							
Age group (years)							
15–19	689.5	696.5	699.2	704.0	722.1	743.5	754.5
20–24	684.8	710.1	716.5	735.1	743.3	766.1	800.7
25–34	1 422.0	1 430.1	1 384.2	1 408.2	1 437.9	1 485.7	1 548.9
35–44	1 438.8	1 434.9	1 446.1	1 471.2	1 484.1	1 500.1	1 525.0
45–54	1 297.4	1 312.2	1 334.1	1 383.6	1 398.2	1 428.8	1 450.5
55–64	874.9	952.9	1 036.8	1 100.8	1 120.8	1 126.3	1 161.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 407.3</b>	<b>6 536.6</b>	<b>6 616.9</b>	<b>6 802.8</b>	<b>6 906.4</b>	<b>7 050.6</b>	<b>7 240.7</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Age group (years)							
15–19	661.2	666.5	672.0	686.2	688.0	701.7	722.5
20–24	668.3	698.0	705.1	708.0	719.6	746.5	778.5
25–34	1 432.6	1 447.4	1 409.3	1 401.6	1 423.4	1 482.3	1 538.5
35–44	1 458.3	1 462.1	1 483.2	1 504.0	1 518.7	1 552.8	1 564.4
45–54	1 294.9	1 317.1	1 375.4	1 413.2	1 438.0	1 468.0	1 483.6
55–64	865.7	947.5	1 034.4	1 114.1	1 156.6	1 161.2	1 183.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 381.1</b>	<b>6 538.5</b>	<b>6 679.5</b>	<b>6 827.1</b>	<b>6 944.4</b>	<b>7 112.6</b>	<b>7 271.2</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Age group (years)							
15–19	1 350.7	1 363.0	1 371.2	1 390.1	1 410.1	1 445.2	1 477.0
20–24	1 353.1	1 408.0	1 421.6	1 443.1	1 462.9	1 512.7	1 579.2
25–34	2 854.6	2 877.4	2 793.5	2 809.8	2 861.3	2 968.0	3 087.4
35–44	2 897.1	2 897.0	2 929.3	2 975.2	3 002.8	3 052.9	3 089.3
45–54	2 592.3	2 629.2	2 709.6	2 796.8	2 836.2	2 896.8	2 934.1
55–64	1 740.6	1 900.5	2 071.1	2 214.9	2 277.4	2 287.6	2 344.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 788.3</b>	<b>13 075.1</b>	<b>13 296.3</b>	<b>13 629.9</b>	<b>13 850.7</b>	<b>14 163.1</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>

(a) From 2005, excludes boarding school pupils. For further details, see paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS ENROLLED IN A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION, Level of education of current study—by age and sex

Level of education of current study	AGE GROUP (YEARS)					Total
	15–19	20–24	25–34	35–44	45–64	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Postgraduate Degree	—	17.3	49.1	21.0	10.8	98.2
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	—	*5.9	*6.1	7.5	*3.3	22.7
Bachelor Degree	82.4	159.0	52.9	17.3	9.2	320.8
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	17.5	33.9	35.5	16.4	13.6	116.9
Certificate III/IV	79.2	71.4	53.8	26.0	23.0	253.4
Certificate I/II	*8.0	*5.4	*3.7	*3.5	*2.5	23.2
Certificate n.f.d.	*3.4	7.5	8.3	*5.5	*4.1	28.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>311.6</b>	<b>216.1</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>904.1</b>
FEMALES						
Postgraduate Degree	**0.6	20.7	46.4	19.9	18.5	106.1
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	*2.3	*7.8	13.4	*8.7	*7.9	40.2
Bachelor Degree	112.1	197.7	71.1	32.9	15.3	429.2
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	23.9	37.7	47.7	33.1	29.3	171.7
Certificate III/IV	33.5	31.3	42.8	40.8	47.3	195.8
Certificate I/II	*6.4	*3.2	6.6	7.1	7.6	30.9
Certificate n.f.d.	*6.6	*5.9	10.7	*4.5	*9.0	36.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>189.6</b>	<b>313.0</b>	<b>249.2</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>1 047.3</b>
PERSONS						
Postgraduate Degree	**0.6	38.0	95.5	40.9	29.3	204.3
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	*2.3	13.7	19.5	16.2	11.2	62.9
Bachelor Degree	194.5	356.7	124.0	50.2	24.5	750.0
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	41.3	71.6	83.2	49.5	43.0	288.6
Certificate III/IV	112.7	102.8	96.6	66.9	70.3	449.2
Certificate I/II	14.4	8.7	10.4	10.7	10.0	54.1
Certificate n.f.d.	10.1	13.4	19.0	10.0	13.1	65.7
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>386.2</b>	<b>624.7</b>	<b>465.3</b>	<b>256.8</b>	<b>218.4</b>	<b>1 951.4</b>

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(a) Includes 'Level not determined'.

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS ENROLLED IN A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION, Main field of education of current study—by age and sex

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)					Total
	15–19	20–24	25–34	35–44	45–64	
<i>Main field of education of current study</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Natural and physical sciences	*11.6	17.7	*6.4	*3.2	*2.0	41.0
Information technology	9.2	18.3	17.4	*3.9	**2.4	51.1
Engineering and related technologies	55.9	65.9	37.2	15.1	9.2	183.3
Architecture and building	33.1	37.0	16.9	6.2	*2.3	95.5
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	*5.9	*8.3	*3.6	*3.5	*2.8	24.1
Health	9.8	14.8	14.8	9.0	*7.1	55.5
Education	6.6	12.3	*5.4	*4.6	*2.8	31.7
Management and commerce	26.2	66.4	62.8	29.9	23.1	208.5
Society and culture	11.2	36.9	32.7	18.1	14.6	113.4
Creative arts	12.3	17.2	*7.8	*3.5	**0.8	41.7
Food, hospitality and personal services	*6.7	*10.6	*5.9	**1.0	—	24.1
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>311.6</b>	<b>216.1</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>904.1</b>
FEMALES						
Natural and physical sciences	*6.5	14.3	*10.7	*2.2	*1.6	35.2
Information technology	**1.5	*6.1	*5.5	**1.1	*2.4	16.6
Engineering and related technologies	*3.2	*2.8	*2.8	*1.8	*1.8	12.5
Architecture and building	*5.6	*5.4	*4.5	*2.9	**1.1	19.5
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	*4.4	*4.9	*2.8	*3.3	*5.2	20.6
Health	28.7	55.5	46.9	28.4	19.5	179.0
Education	16.4	33.9	17.5	16.2	12.5	96.5
Management and commerce	33.3	84.9	73.3	38.3	42.9	272.7
Society and culture	38.9	60.4	62.3	47.0	40.5	249.2
Creative arts	24.8	25.3	10.2	*6.3	7.1	73.7
Food, hospitality and personal services	18.6	13.0	*6.5	*1.1	*2.0	41.2
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>189.6</b>	<b>313.0</b>	<b>249.2</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>1 047.3</b>
PERSONS						
Natural and physical sciences	18.1	32.0	17.1	*5.4	*3.6	76.2
Information technology	10.6	24.3	22.9	*5.0	*4.8	67.7
Engineering and related technologies	59.1	68.7	40.0	16.9	11.0	195.8
Architecture and building	38.7	42.5	21.3	9.1	*3.4	114.9
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	10.4	13.2	*6.4	*6.8	7.9	44.7
Health	38.4	70.3	61.7	37.4	26.6	234.4
Education	23.0	46.1	22.8	20.8	15.4	128.2
Management and commerce	59.5	151.4	136.1	68.2	66.0	481.1
Society and culture	50.1	97.3	95.0	65.1	55.1	362.6
Creative arts	37.2	42.5	18.1	9.8	7.9	115.4
Food, hospitality and personal services	25.3	23.6	12.4	*2.1	*2.0	65.4
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>386.2</b>	<b>624.7</b>	<b>465.3</b>	<b>256.8</b>	<b>218.4</b>	<b>1 951.4</b>
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LEVEL OF EDUCATION OF CURRENT STUDY

Main field of education of current study	Postgraduate Degree	Graduate Diploma/ Graduate Certificate	Bachelor Degree	Advanced Diploma/ Diploma	Certificate III/IV	Certificate I/II	Certificate n.f.d.	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Natural and physical sciences	14.1	*1.4	53.0	*3.8	**1.4	—	**0.6	76.2
Information technology	13.3	—	26.7	13.8	8.1	*2.8	**0.9	67.7
Engineering and related technologies	*11.2	**1.3	45.8	13.5	103.7	*7.5	7.4	195.8
Architecture and building	*2.0	**0.5	22.5	15.5	66.1	*3.5	*2.8	114.9
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	*4.5	**0.5	14.3	*4.2	13.1	*4.8	*2.7	44.7
Health	27.9	14.7	122.2	29.7	26.8	*2.8	*4.2	234.4
Education	14.8	17.6	69.5	*6.1	10.9	**0.7	*3.2	128.2
Management and commerce	57.5	12.2	166.3	103.0	103.0	14.6	14.8	481.1
Society and culture	47.2	13.3	146.1	59.2	62.1	*8.0	17.2	362.6
Creative arts	8.6	**1.0	65.6	22.1	11.3	*1.9	*4.3	115.4
Food, hospitality and personal services	—	—	*1.6	15.7	37.7	*5.0	*4.5	65.4
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>204.3</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>750.0</b>	<b>288.6</b>	<b>449.2</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>1 951.4</b>

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(b) Includes 'Field not determined' and 'Mixed field programmes'.

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS ENROLLED IN A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION, Level of education of current study—by labour force status and sex

LABOUR FORCE STATUS

Level of education of current study	Employed full time	Employed part time	Total employed	Unemployed	In labour force	Not in labour force	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000

MALES

Postgraduate Degree	44.6	22.5	67.1	**2.1	69.2	29.0	98.2
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	17.4	*2.1	19.4	**0.4	19.9	*2.9	22.7
Bachelor Degree	42.6	143.6	186.2	15.8	202.0	118.9	320.8
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	51.6	28.0	79.6	*5.9	85.5	31.4	116.9
Certificate III/IV	207.0	19.9	226.8	8.2	235.1	18.3	253.4
Certificate I/II	10.6	*3.1	13.7	*3.6	17.3	*5.9	23.2
Certificate n.f.d.	20.4	*3.2	23.7	**1.2	24.9	*3.9	28.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>416.1</b>	<b>228.6</b>	<b>644.7</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>683.7</b>	<b>220.5</b>	<b>904.1</b>

FEMALES

Postgraduate Degree	42.7	32.5	75.2	*2.9	78.1	28.0	106.1
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	19.1	*10.6	29.7	*1.7	31.4	8.8	40.2
Bachelor Degree	66.1	206.2	272.3	14.9	287.2	142.0	429.2
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	63.2	61.4	124.6	8.5	133.1	38.6	171.7
Certificate III/IV	76.0	69.2	145.2	11.7	156.9	38.9	195.8
Certificate I/II	*6.3	9.3	15.5	*3.5	19.1	11.9	30.9
Certificate n.f.d.	14.5	10.6	25.1	*2.5	27.7	9.2	36.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>304.5</b>	<b>409.4</b>	<b>714.0</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>761.1</b>	<b>286.1</b>	<b>1 047.3</b>

PERSONS

Postgraduate Degree	87.3	55.0	142.3	*5.0	147.2	57.1	204.3
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	36.4	12.6	49.1	*2.2	51.2	11.7	62.9
Bachelor Degree	108.8	349.7	458.5	30.6	489.1	260.9	750.0
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	114.8	89.3	204.2	14.4	218.6	70.0	288.6
Certificate III/IV	282.9	89.1	372.0	20.0	392.0	57.2	449.2
Certificate I/II	16.9	12.4	29.3	*7.1	36.4	17.8	54.1
Certificate n.f.d.	35.0	13.8	48.8	*3.8	52.5	13.1	65.7
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>720.6</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>1 358.7</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>1 444.8</b>	<b>506.6</b>	<b>1 951.4</b>

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(a) Includes 'Level not determined'.

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS ENROLLED IN A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION, Main field of education of current study–by sex–May 2001 to May 2010

	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
MAIN FIELD OF EDUCATION OF CURRENT STUDY–PROPORTION (%) (a)							
<b>MALES</b>							
Natural and physical sciences	4.3	3.6	3.7	4.3	3.7	4.3	4.5
Information technology	11.6	12.4	8.5	5.9	5.8	4.9	5.7
Engineering and related technologies	19.5	20.1	21.3	21.9	22.6	20.6	20.3
Architecture and building	7.2	5.5	8.4	9.1	10.2	10.0	10.6
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	3.0	3.6	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.7
Health	5.0	5.5	5.7	6.5	5.8	6.4	6.1
Education	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.7	2.5	3.5
Management and commerce	22.8	24.8	24.0	23.9	24.0	25.3	23.0
Society and culture	11.6	11.7	11.4	12.7	11.3	12.5	12.5
Creative arts	4.5	5.6	5.2	4.4	5.2	6.0	4.6
Food, hospitality and personal services	2.8	2.4	2.7	3.4	4.0	3.8	2.7
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Natural and physical sciences	3.7	4.0	5.3	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.4
Information technology	5.5	3.2	2.8	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.6
Engineering and related technologies	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.2
Architecture and building	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.2	1.9
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	2.6	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.2	2.0
Health	12.3	12.8	13.9	15.5	15.6	13.7	17.1
Education	9.1	9.6	8.7	10.0	9.0	8.7	9.2
Management and commerce	25.9	28.1	26.6	26.3	26.3	27.0	26.0
Society and culture	22.7	24.1	23.6	23.1	23.7	25.2	23.8
Creative arts	7.5	7.8	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.0
Food, hospitality and personal services	4.0	3.7	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.9	3.9
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Natural and physical sciences	4.0	3.8	4.5	4.1	3.6	4.0	3.9
Information technology	8.5	7.5	5.5	3.8	3.7	3.0	3.5
Engineering and related technologies	10.4	10.3	11.0	11.0	12.2	10.7	10.0
Architecture and building	4.2	3.4	4.9	5.1	6.0	5.3	5.9
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.3
Health	8.7	9.4	10.1	11.3	10.8	10.3	12.0
Education	6.4	6.8	6.5	7.2	6.4	5.9	6.6
Management and commerce	24.4	26.6	25.4	25.1	25.2	26.2	24.6
Society and culture	17.2	18.3	17.9	18.3	17.7	19.3	18.6
Creative arts	6.0	6.8	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.9	5.9
Food, hospitality and personal services	3.4	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.9	3.3
TOTAL PERSONS ENROLLED IN A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION ('000) (b)							
Males	726.5	756.5	758.9	763.9	844.6	848.0	904.1
Females	751.7	866.9	860.9	881.7	882.9	977.4	1 047.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 478.2</b>	<b>1 623.4</b>	<b>1 619.7</b>	<b>1 645.6</b>	<b>1 727.4</b>	<b>1 825.5</b>	<b>1 951.4</b>

(a) Persons studying a particular main field of education as a proportion of the total persons enrolled in a non-school qualification for each sex.

(b) Includes 'Field not determined' and 'Mixed field programmes'.

2001 2003 2005 2007 2008 2009 2010

LEVEL OF HIGHEST NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION–PROPORTION (%) (a)

**BACHELOR DEGREE OR ABOVE**

Age group (years)	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
15–19	*0.1	**0.1	**0.1	**0.1	**0.1	**0.1	**0.1
20–24	14.1	14.8	15.6	15.8	16.2	16.9	15.8
25–34	24.0	25.0	29.2	30.6	31.9	34.6	34.2
35–44	19.8	21.3	22.6	24.6	27.0	27.2	28.3
45–54	19.2	20.6	21.4	22.3	23.0	23.8	23.8
55–64	13.3	14.4	15.6	17.5	18.6	20.0	19.5
<i>Total</i>	17.0	18.1	19.6	20.8	21.9	23.0	23.0

**ADVANCED DIPLOMA/DIPLOMA OR BELOW**

Age group (years)	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
15–19	6.0	6.6	7.3	6.5	7.1	7.4	8.4
20–24	28.0	28.9	28.5	29.1	29.3	27.0	28.6
25–34	33.6	34.7	33.5	34.3	34.0	33.1	33.0
35–44	34.4	35.1	35.5	36.1	35.2	35.9	35.7
45–54	31.6	32.8	34.5	35.0	35.5	35.6	37.3
55–64	27.7	30.0	32.1	32.0	31.1	32.5	32.5
<i>Total</i>	29.1	30.2	30.7	31.1	30.8	30.8	31.4

**TOTAL WITH NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS (b)**

Age group (years)	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
15–19	6.4	6.9	7.6	6.7	7.3	7.7	8.8
20–24	42.8	44.0	44.8	45.2	45.9	44.4	45.3
25–34	58.9	60.4	64.1	65.5	66.7	68.6	68.3
35–44	55.5	57.5	59.3	61.5	63.6	64.3	65.3
45–54	52.1	54.5	57.3	58.3	60.3	61.1	63.1
55–64	42.3	45.6	49.4	50.4	51.3	53.9	53.9
<i>Total</i>	47.2	49.1	51.5	52.6	53.9	55.0	55.7

TOTAL PERSONS ('000)

**ALL PERSONS**

Age group (years)	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
15–19	1 350.7	1 363.0	1 371.2	1 390.1	1 410.1	1 445.2	1 477.0
20–24	1 353.1	1 408.0	1 421.6	1 443.1	1 462.9	1 512.7	1 579.2
25–34	2 854.6	2 877.4	2 793.5	2 809.8	2 861.3	2 968.0	3 087.4
35–44	2 897.1	2 897.0	2 929.3	2 975.2	3 002.8	3 052.9	3 089.3
45–54	2 592.3	2 629.2	2 709.6	2 796.8	2 836.2	2 896.8	2 934.1
55–64	1 740.6	1 900.5	2 071.1	2 214.9	2 277.4	2 287.6	2 344.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 788.3</b>	<b>13 075.1</b>	<b>13 296.3</b>	<b>13 629.9</b>	<b>13 850.7</b>	<b>14 163.1</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>

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(a) Persons in a particular age group with a non-school qualification as a proportion of the total population in that age group.

(b) Includes 'Level not determined'.

PERSONS AGED 15–64 YEARS, Level of highest non-school qualification and selected characteristics—by state or territory of usual residence

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
LEVEL OF HIGHEST NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION ('000)									
Postgraduate Degree	255.7	168.8	88.2	41.3	50.6	8.8	6.2	19.7	639.3
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	76.4	98.5	53.0	26.4	33.8	5.6	3.1	12.6	309.4
Bachelor Degree	808.9	679.3	403.8	147.4	228.0	38.7	22.2	59.7	2 388.1
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	445.1	337.0	257.1	97.9	146.7	25.5	12.7	23.8	1 345.8
Certificate III/IV	753.3	569.1	595.1	175.7	280.8	63.2	29.3	30.1	2 496.7
Certificate I/II	205.2	120.5	118.8	46.2	59.3	17.8	7.8	4.8	580.5
Certificate n.f.d.	43.5	32.2	29.4	7.7	10.9	2.5	*1.4	*1.6	129.1
<i>Total with a non-school qualification(a)</i>	<i>2 647.9</i>	<i>2 051.7</i>	<i>1 582.6</i>	<i>562.1</i>	<i>834.6</i>	<i>166.2</i>	<i>86.0</i>	<i>157.0</i>	<i>8 088.1</i>
<i>Total without a non-school qualification</i>	<i>1 992.4</i>	<i>1 594.3</i>	<i>1 346.6</i>	<i>497.9</i>	<i>685.8</i>	<i>153.9</i>	<i>66.6</i>	<i>86.3</i>	<i>6 423.8</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 640.3</b>	<b>3 646.0</b>	<b>2 929.2</b>	<b>1 060.0</b>	<b>1 520.4</b>	<b>320.1</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>243.3</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>
PROPORTION OF PERSONS WITH A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION (%) (b)									
Sex									
Males	58.7	57.4	54.3	53.9	56.8	53.7	58.1	65.5	56.9
Females	55.4	55.2	53.8	52.1	52.9	50.2	54.6	63.6	54.5
Age group (years)									
15–19	7.0	7.1	12.4	11.2	9.3	*9.6	*12.4	*5.2	8.8
20–24	45.6	44.3	48.1	43.9	43.3	40.3	42.8	46.1	45.3
25–34	70.9	69.9	64.9	63.8	66.3	59.6	63.3	79.1	68.3
35–44	66.7	67.4	62.2	60.7	64.1	64.1	68.4	73.5	65.3
45–54	65.6	62.2	61.5	59.5	62.9	58.3	62.5	75.8	63.1
55–64	54.7	54.3	50.9	53.5	54.0	54.2	60.9	67.6	53.9
Country of birth									
Born in Australia	55.0	54.9	52.1	51.3	50.3	49.5	53.3	61.8	53.6
Born overseas	61.5	59.7	60.3	59.1	63.8	70.1	65.9	73.3	61.3
Area of usual residence									
State capital city	58.1	57.9	56.4	54.6	57.2	55.1	—	—	57.3
Balance of state/Territory	55.1	51.2	52.1	48.4	47.9	49.6	56.4	64.5	53.0
Labour force status									
In labour force	63.9	62.1	58.3	58.9	59.1	57.1	59.7	68.1	61.3
Employed	65.0	63.1	59.5	60.2	59.9	57.9	60.5	69.1	62.4
Employed full time	69.8	68.1	62.7	64.1	63.6	63.2	63.7	75.3	66.7
Employed part time	53.3	51.6	51.6	52.1	50.5	48.0	48.1	50.9	51.9
Unemployed	44.6	44.4	37.6	36.2	41.2	44.8	32.5	41.9	41.9
Not in labour force	34.7	36.1	36.5	32.1	39.0	34.9	39.6	46.0	35.8
Highest year of school completed(c)									
Year 12	69.9	68.9	64.6	65.8	67.0	69.1	68.7	73.1	68.0
Year 11	40.9	44.9	42.3	47.6	42.4	48.0	48.9	39.6	43.9
Year 10 or below	39.8	35.0	40.6	31.3	39.3	39.1	39.7	42.2	38.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>55.7</b>

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(b) Persons in a particular state with a non-school qualification as a proportion of the total population within that state.

(c) Excludes persons who never attended school.

Level of highest non-school qualification	LABOUR FORCE STATUS						
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Total employed	Unemployed	In labour force	Not in labour force	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
YEAR 12							
Postgraduate Degree	439.8	91.6	531.5	19.5	550.9	64.8	615.7
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	172.8	72.8	245.6	*6.0	251.5	30.9	282.4
Bachelor Degree	1 469.5	451.3	1 920.8	53.5	1 974.3	298.9	2 273.2
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	572.6	235.2	807.9	30.4	838.2	157.3	995.5
Certificate III/IV	669.4	187.8	857.2	31.6	888.8	110.5	999.3
Certificate I/II	107.9	63.2	171.1	14.8	185.8	50.3	236.1
Certificate n.f.d.	49.2	11.8	61.0	*3.2	64.2	11.1	75.3
Total with a non-school qualification(a)	3 547.6	1 135.3	4 682.9	161.7	4 844.6	738.1	5 582.7
Total without a non-school qualification	1 158.9	707.1	1 866.0	128.0	1 994.0	627.7	2 621.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 706.6</b>	<b>1 842.4</b>	<b>6 548.9</b>	<b>289.7</b>	<b>6 838.7</b>	<b>1 365.8</b>	<b>8 204.4</b>
YEAR 11							
Postgraduate Degree	*7.2	*1.4	*8.6	—	*8.6	*2.2	*10.8
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	7.4	*3.8	11.2	—	11.2	*3.3	14.6
Bachelor Degree	29.5	10.6	40.1	**0.4	40.5	*4.8	45.3
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	70.9	26.8	97.8	*4.1	101.8	26.1	127.9
Certificate III/IV	254.2	67.6	321.8	11.0	332.8	41.4	374.2
Certificate I/II	35.0	26.6	61.5	*3.9	65.5	20.2	85.6
Certificate n.f.d.	*5.5	**3.2	*8.7	**1.1	*9.9	*3.0	12.9
Total with a non-school qualification(a)	423.3	144.7	568.0	21.2	589.2	103.6	692.8
Total without a non-school qualification	341.9	220.2	562.2	46.8	609.0	276.0	885.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>765.3</b>	<b>364.9</b>	<b>1 130.1</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>1 198.2</b>	<b>379.6</b>	<b>1 577.8</b>
YEAR 10 OR BELOW							
Postgraduate Degree	8.4	*1.8	10.2	**0.7	10.8	*2.0	12.8
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	7.1	*3.7	10.8	**0.4	11.1	**1.3	12.4
Bachelor Degree	42.1	16.0	58.1	**1.6	59.7	9.9	69.6
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	119.6	58.3	177.9	*4.6	182.5	39.8	222.3
Certificate III/IV	737.9	189.8	927.7	40.9	968.7	154.0	1 122.6
Certificate I/II	114.4	59.9	174.3	16.9	191.2	67.5	258.7
Certificate n.f.d.	23.6	8.7	32.4	*2.7	35.0	5.9	40.9
Total with a non-school qualification(a)	1 094.7	354.3	1 449.0	71.2	1 520.2	291.9	1 812.2
Total without a non-school qualification	1 021.0	583.2	1 604.3	175.7	1 780.0	1 117.8	2 897.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 115.8</b>	<b>937.6</b>	<b>3 053.3</b>	<b>246.9</b>	<b>3 300.2</b>	<b>1 409.7</b>	<b>4 709.9</b>
TOTAL (b)							
Postgraduate Degree	455.4	94.8	550.2	20.1	570.3	69.0	639.3
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	187.3	80.3	267.6	*6.3	273.9	35.5	309.4
Bachelor Degree	1 541.0	478.0	2 019.0	55.6	2 074.5	313.6	2 388.1
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	763.1	320.4	1 083.5	39.1	1 122.6	223.2	1 345.8
Certificate III/IV	1 661.9	445.2	2 107.1	83.5	2 190.7	306.0	2 496.7
Certificate I/II	257.2	149.7	406.9	35.6	442.5	138.0	580.5
Certificate n.f.d.	78.3	23.8	102.1	*7.0	109.1	20.0	129.1
Total with a non-school qualification(a)	5 066.1	1 634.3	6 700.3	254.1	6 954.5	1 133.7	8 088.1
Total without a non-school qualification	2 527.0	1 512.8	4 039.8	351.7	4 391.5	2 032.3	6 423.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 593.1</b>	<b>3 147.0</b>	<b>10 740.1</b>	<b>605.8</b>	<b>11 345.9</b>	<b>3 166.0</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>

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## LEVEL OF HIGHEST NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION

	Postgraduate Degree	Graduate Diploma/ Graduate Certificate	Bachelor Degree	Advanced Diploma/ Diploma	Cert. III/IV	Cert. I/II	Cert. n.f.d.	Without non-school qualification	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Sex</b>									
Males	318.7	100.7	982.2	519.0	1 474.6	192.8	57.4	2 361.1	6 006.5
Females	253.6	175.0	1 070.7	593.9	677.7	229.3	45.7	1 965.9	5 011.8
<b>Age group (years)</b>									
15–19	—	**0.4	**1.2	*6.7	39.7	34.9	*5.2	603.4	691.4
20–24	*9.7	5.8	194.2	90.2	210.7	48.0	17.4	589.9	1 165.9
25–34	164.6	55.0	676.0	260.4	472.8	56.4	35.2	700.3	2 420.7
35–44	157.8	68.1	519.3	282.8	530.7	90.2	18.9	829.8	2 497.6
45–54	135.6	87.1	407.8	275.7	550.7	106.5	18.2	862.3	2 443.9
55–64	82.5	51.2	220.5	167.6	302.7	71.0	7.1	618.0	1 520.7
65–74	22.2	8.1	34.0	29.4	45.1	15.2	**1.0	123.3	278.2
<b>Country of birth</b>									
Born in Australia	283.4	202.7	1 312.4	768.9	1 707.0	341.5	79.5	3 364.9	8 060.4
Born overseas	288.9	72.9	740.5	344.0	445.3	80.6	23.6	962.1	2 957.9
<b>Occupation</b>									
Managers	102.4	36.4	300.4	195.2	247.4	54.3	10.2	536.0	1 482.3
Professionals	366.8	171.4	1 141.8	277.9	131.6	19.7	6.3	255.3	2 370.8
Technicians and trades workers	14.5	9.2	88.8	124.1	783.7	73.8	23.0	513.7	1 630.8
Community and personal service workers	17.0	11.5	114.3	156.7	247.1	42.0	16.4	368.4	973.4
Clerical and administrative workers	42.9	32.5	236.8	188.2	252.0	95.0	15.9	769.7	1 633.1
Sales workers	14.9	*6.0	88.9	86.7	135.3	49.9	15.2	659.5	1 056.4
Machinery operators and drivers	*4.7	*2.4	28.0	31.8	160.6	28.2	*4.8	456.5	717.1
Labourers	9.2	6.1	53.9	52.5	194.6	59.1	11.3	767.8	1 154.5
<b>Industry</b>									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	*4.8	*3.4	25.1	30.7	56.0	25.5	*4.0	201.6	351.0
Mining	8.6	*3.5	31.8	15.2	53.4	*6.8	**0.6	59.5	179.4
Manufacturing	20.4	*7.9	104.2	82.0	263.2	35.0	10.2	440.6	963.5
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	11.3	*3.4	25.4	16.9	40.1	*5.5	**0.6	46.8	150.0
Construction	*6.7	6.3	73.0	60.3	429.4	43.6	10.6	395.7	1 025.5
Wholesale trade	15.8	*4.0	62.2	38.3	75.6	13.7	*3.3	191.6	404.5
Retail trade	13.6	9.3	111.3	89.0	163.2	60.7	11.0	741.3	1 199.5
Accommodation and food services	12.4	*1.6	75.0	60.6	116.6	34.1	*9.0	437.0	746.3
Transport, postal and warehousing	14.9	6.4	54.7	53.5	121.2	29.0	*6.1	309.0	594.9
Information media and telecommunications	13.9	*4.0	63.6	24.9	30.9	6.5	**0.8	75.0	219.6
Financial and insurance services	35.1	11.1	114.7	53.4	37.2	11.9	*4.1	122.2	389.7
Rental, hiring and real estate services	*6.6	*3.6	29.4	28.4	45.4	8.1	7.5	73.3	202.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	106.2	26.4	310.2	105.7	70.1	20.4	*3.7	183.0	825.7
Administrative and support services	9.8	6.9	46.8	33.9	68.7	18.3	*5.1	180.9	370.4
Public administration and safety	57.2	27.4	186.0	92.2	99.1	24.9	*3.3	194.0	684.3
Education and training	120.0	79.0	324.3	81.1	75.2	20.6	*3.4	136.7	840.3
Health care and social assistance	93.1	59.8	327.2	191.1	221.3	37.3	11.3	279.6	1 220.8
Arts and recreation services	9.4	*4.4	42.0	20.2	29.3	*6.1	**2.7	81.5	195.7
Other services	12.7	*7.2	45.9	35.6	156.1	14.1	*5.8	177.5	455.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>572.4</b>	<b>275.7</b>	<b>2 052.9</b>	<b>1 113.0</b>	<b>2 152.3</b>	<b>422.1</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>4 327.0</b>	<b>11 018.4</b>

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## AGE GROUP (YEARS)

	15–19	20–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64	Total	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
MALES								
Level of highest non-school qualification								
Postgraduate Degree	—	*4.8	102.0	91.3	84.1	60.0	342.2	8.3
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	**0.4	*1.7	14.3	27.8	34.3	29.2	107.7	2.6
Bachelor Degree	**1.2	88.5	346.2	280.5	217.2	141.5	1 075.1	26.1
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	*1.8	48.6	141.6	143.5	131.1	109.6	576.2	14.0
Certificate III/IV	19.5	142.9	355.1	402.8	408.4	288.1	1 616.8	39.2
Certificate I/II	23.7	30.2	35.8	45.1	48.7	43.1	226.6	5.5
Certificate n.f.d.	*3.6	9.8	26.5	10.3	9.9	*3.3	63.4	1.5
Main field of highest non-school qualification								
Natural and physical sciences	—	*4.4	29.3	42.8	31.4	24.5	132.5	3.2
Information technology	*2.2	24.4	100.0	51.8	31.0	14.4	223.8	5.4
Engineering and related technologies	10.1	78.3	276.0	327.5	336.4	259.2	1 287.5	31.2
Architecture and building	*7.2	47.7	104.3	111.4	119.4	85.1	475.2	11.5
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	*3.8	11.5	41.5	41.3	35.7	22.2	156.0	3.8
Health	*3.1	12.1	54.1	44.7	45.4	33.6	193.0	4.7
Education	**0.8	*3.2	22.3	27.7	29.4	35.1	118.5	2.9
Management and commerce	10.1	59.7	209.6	200.6	182.9	112.5	775.6	18.8
Society and culture	*4.5	33.3	87.6	85.8	78.0	70.3	359.6	8.7
Creative arts	*2.8	24.8	47.7	32.4	24.3	*11.8	143.8	3.5
Food, hospitality and personal services	*6.4	28.6	56.2	43.2	30.8	19.6	184.8	4.5
Total(b)	52.0	334.1	1 044.7	1 024.6	967.5	698.9	4 121.9	100.0

## FEMALES

Level of highest non-school qualification								
Postgraduate Degree	—	*8.2	96.8	88.7	61.4	41.9	297.2	7.5
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	—	4.2	46.5	54.2	57.2	39.5	201.7	5.1
Bachelor Degree	—	142.7	448.5	332.3	244.3	145.2	1 313.0	33.1
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	*6.8	68.3	172.6	201.5	191.9	128.4	769.6	19.4
Certificate III/IV	32.8	109.4	212.6	204.7	210.7	109.7	879.9	22.2
Certificate I/II	30.9	30.1	53.9	81.3	84.3	73.4	353.9	8.9
Certificate n.f.d.	*5.6	11.9	20.2	12.7	10.0	*5.2	65.7	1.7
Main field of highest non-school qualification								
Natural and physical sciences	**0.5	13.0	51.0	40.7	29.7	11.1	146.0	3.7
Information technology	**0.6	*6.9	29.9	22.4	16.1	*7.5	83.4	2.1
Engineering and related technologies	**2.1	7.7	27.5	21.9	24.5	15.6	99.3	2.5
Architecture and building	**0.9	*4.0	14.2	9.5	*6.4	*2.0	36.9	0.9
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	*2.2	*5.8	22.8	13.3	9.1	*5.2	58.5	1.5
Health	*1.9	43.4	145.9	140.0	177.4	110.3	618.8	15.6
Education	**0.5	21.7	87.1	107.6	112.6	95.1	424.6	10.7
Management and commerce	26.2	115.7	325.5	303.0	239.7	147.5	1 157.6	29.2
Society and culture	14.6	67.5	192.0	185.9	162.5	105.2	727.6	18.3
Creative arts	*3.1	28.1	70.9	55.6	39.8	21.8	219.3	5.5
Food, hospitality and personal services	23.5	59.9	76.0	71.4	51.5	30.1	312.3	7.9
Total(b)	77.6	380.6	1 064.8	993.0	885.0	565.2	3 966.3	100.0

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(b) Includes 'Level not determined', 'Field not determined' and 'Mixed field programmes'.

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)						Total	Total(a)
	15–19	20–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000		
PERSONS								
Level of highest non-school qualification								
Postgraduate Degree	—	13.0	198.9	180.0	145.5	102.0	639.3	7.9
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	**0.4	5.9	60.9	82.0	91.5	68.7	309.4	3.8
Bachelor Degree	**1.2	231.2	794.7	612.8	461.5	286.7	2 388.1	29.5
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	8.6	117.0	314.2	345.0	323.0	238.1	1 345.8	16.6
Certificate III/IV	52.4	252.2	567.7	607.5	619.1	397.9	2 496.7	30.9
Certificate I/II	54.5	60.3	89.7	126.5	133.0	116.5	580.5	7.2
Certificate n.f.d.	9.2	21.7	46.7	23.0	19.9	*8.5	129.1	1.6
Main field of highest non-school qualification								
Natural and physical sciences	**0.5	17.5	80.3	83.5	61.1	35.7	278.6	3.4
Information technology	*2.8	31.3	129.9	74.1	47.1	21.9	307.2	3.8
Engineering and related technologies	12.2	86.1	303.5	349.3	360.9	274.8	1 386.8	17.1
Architecture and building	8.1	51.7	118.4	121.0	125.8	87.0	512.1	6.3
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	6.0	17.3	64.3	54.7	44.9	27.4	214.5	2.7
Health	*5.0	55.5	199.9	184.7	222.8	143.9	811.8	10.0
Education	**1.2	24.9	109.5	135.3	142.0	130.2	543.1	6.7
Management and commerce	36.4	175.4	535.1	503.6	422.6	260.1	1 933.2	23.9
Society and culture	19.1	100.7	279.6	271.7	240.6	175.5	1 087.2	13.4
Creative arts	*5.9	52.8	118.6	88.0	64.1	33.7	363.1	4.5
Food, hospitality and personal services	29.9	88.5	132.3	114.5	82.3	49.6	497.1	6.1
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>129.7</b>	<b>714.7</b>	<b>2 109.6</b>	<b>2 017.6</b>	<b>1 852.5</b>	<b>1 264.1</b>	<b>8 088.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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LEVEL OF HIGHEST NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION

Main field of highest non-school qualification	Postgraduate Degree	Graduate Diploma/ Graduate Certificate	Bachelor Degree	Advanced Diploma/ Diploma	Certificate III/IV	Certificate I/II	Certificate n.f.d.	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Natural and physical sciences	63.8	6.6	172.3	21.0	7.6	*4.2	—	278.6
Information technology	41.5	8.4	124.7	57.2	37.8	26.7	*3.9	307.2
Engineering and related technologies	45.4	9.5	204.1	148.2	843.8	84.1	18.2	1 386.8
Architecture and building	10.9	*2.4	46.8	33.0	370.2	29.5	7.9	512.1
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	15.6	*2.4	45.6	44.2	69.2	31.3	*4.4	214.5
Health	83.1	53.6	342.8	178.1	110.3	13.1	8.9	811.8
Education	45.3	102.3	273.4	80.8	28.7	*3.9	*2.2	543.1
Management and commerce	192.3	54.0	505.2	435.2	421.8	250.5	40.9	1 933.2
Society and culture	113.5	56.3	452.5	148.2	244.8	41.9	17.1	1 087.2
Creative arts	21.7	10.5	162.5	102.0	40.4	18.1	*5.8	363.1
Food, hospitality and personal services	—	**0.7	7.9	82.8	307.2	74.4	18.8	497.1
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>639.3</b>	<b>309.4</b>	<b>2 388.1</b>	<b>1 345.8</b>	<b>2 496.7</b>	<b>580.5</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>8 088.1</b>

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
LEVEL OF HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT—PROPORTION (%) (a)(b)									
<b>MALES(c)</b>									
Postgraduate Degree	6.0	4.8	3.2	4.6	3.4	3.1	3.6	9.0	4.7
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	1.1	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.7	*1.1	*1.4	4.1	1.5
Bachelor Degree	16.6	16.7	11.4	12.7	13.5	9.6	12.9	22.7	14.8
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	8.2	8.3	7.0	7.5	8.5	7.4	6.5	9.9	8.0
Certificate III/IV	21.2	20.5	25.7	20.6	24.7	25.6	25.3	15.6	22.3
Certificate I/II	0.4	*0.2	*0.3	*0.2	*0.3	**0.2	*0.7	**0.1	0.3
Year 12	19.4	20.1	22.3	19.3	20.4	15.8	18.1	21.9	20.2
Year 11	4.2	8.8	5.6	12.9	7.1	4.7	9.2	4.1	6.6
Year 10 or below	23.0	18.3	23.1	20.5	20.3	32.4	21.9	12.5	21.4
<b>FEMALES(c)</b>									
Postgraduate Degree	5.0	4.5	2.8	3.2	3.3	2.5	4.4	7.2	4.1
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	2.2	3.5	2.3	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.7	6.2	2.8
Bachelor Degree	18.3	20.6	16.2	15.1	16.6	14.5	16.2	26.3	18.1
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	11.0	10.1	10.5	11.0	10.9	8.5	10.1	9.7	10.6
Certificate III/IV	11.4	10.7	14.9	12.5	11.9	14.1	13.1	9.2	12.1
Certificate I/II	0.5	0.5	*0.3	*0.4	**0.1	*0.7	*0.5	**0.1	0.4
Year 12	21.0	21.6	23.5	23.0	21.3	13.6	21.2	21.9	21.7
Year 11	3.8	9.6	6.4	13.0	9.6	7.6	10.7	4.3	7.2
Year 10 or below	26.7	18.8	23.1	18.1	23.6	36.1	20.9	15.1	23.0
<b>PERSONS(c)</b>									
Postgraduate Degree	5.5	4.6	3.0	3.9	3.3	2.8	4.0	8.1	4.4
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	1.6	2.7	1.8	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.1	5.2	2.1
Bachelor Degree	17.4	18.6	13.8	13.9	15.0	12.1	14.6	24.5	16.5
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	9.6	9.2	8.8	9.2	9.6	8.0	8.3	9.8	9.3
Certificate III/IV	16.2	15.6	20.3	16.6	18.5	19.7	19.2	12.4	17.2
Certificate I/II	0.5	0.4	*0.3	*0.3	*0.2	*0.5	*0.6	**0.1	0.4
Year 12	20.2	20.8	22.9	21.2	20.8	14.7	19.6	21.9	20.9
Year 11	4.0	9.2	6.0	13.0	8.3	6.2	9.9	4.2	6.9
Year 10 or below	24.8	18.5	23.1	19.3	21.9	34.3	21.4	13.8	22.2

## TOTAL PERSONS ('000) (d)

Males	2 299.7	1 817.5	1 460.0	531.1	778.7	156.8	76.7	120.3	7 240.7
Females	2 340.6	1 828.5	1 469.2	528.8	741.7	163.3	75.9	123.0	7 271.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 640.3</b>	<b>3 646.0</b>	<b>2 929.2</b>	<b>1 060.0</b>	<b>1 520.4</b>	<b>320.1</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>243.3</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>

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(b) Persons in a particular state with an educational attainment as a proportion of the total population for each sex.

(c) For persons with Certificate n.f.d. their secondary education level has been used to determine the level of highest educational attainment. For further details see paragraphs 19–21 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes persons who never attended school and with no non-school qualifications.

LEVEL OF HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT(b)

	Graduate Diploma/ Graduate Certificate or above	Bachelor Degree	Advanced Diploma/ Diploma	Certificate level(d)	Year 12	Year 11	Year 10 or below	Total(c)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Sex</b>								
Males	16.7	20.6	16.1	46.8	18.1	9.7	71.6	199.9
Females	15.9	16.3	15.0	*5.3	*6.7	8.0	34.7	102.6
<b>Country of birth</b>								
Born in Australia	17.6	21.9	24.9	32.9	14.1	12.1	81.7	206.0
Born overseas	15.0	15.0	6.3	19.2	10.7	5.6	24.7	96.4
<b>Area of usual residence</b>								
State capital city	22.4	27.0	19.2	28.1	18.6	8.5	43.8	167.5
Balance of state/Territory	10.2	10.0	11.9	24.0	6.2	9.2	62.6	134.9
<b>Labour force status</b>								
Employed full time	10.6	14.9	13.1	23.1	12.5	8.6	50.3	133.3
Employed part time	19.6	19.0	16.4	24.6	10.0	6.8	48.5	144.9
Unemployed/Marginally attached to labour force	*2.4	**3.0	*1.7	*4.3	*2.3	*2.3	7.6	24.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>302.4</b>

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- (a) Persons aged 65–74 years were interviewed if they were in the labour force or marginally attached to the labour force. 302,400 people aged 65–74 years were in the labour force or were marginally attached to the labour force, out of a total 1,555,000 persons aged 65–74 years. For further details see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes and the Glossary.
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	AGE GROUP (YEARS)				SEX		Total
	15–19	20–24	25–44	45–64	Males	Females	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
State or territory of usual residence							
New South Wales	20.4	91.2	133.5	52.9	137.7	160.2	298.0
Victoria	17.0	80.4	120.4	42.7	125.3	135.0	260.4
Queensland	20.7	47.7	92.0	42.5	89.4	113.5	202.9
South Australia	7.1	21.4	23.4	12.6	28.5	36.0	64.5
Western Australia	9.2	28.0	42.3	18.7	48.2	50.0	98.2
Tasmania	*1.9	3.8	9.0	3.9	8.0	10.6	18.6
Northern Territory	*1.4	1.9	5.9	2.0	5.7	5.5	11.1
Australian Capital Territory	**0.4	5.4	8.9	3.2	9.5	8.3	17.9
Labour force status							
Employed full time	28.9	157.5	272.4	113.1	312.3	259.6	571.9
Employed part time	26.0	68.3	90.3	42.0	72.3	154.3	226.6
Unemployed	12.8	14.1	23.6	*6.8	29.3	28.0	57.3
Not in labour force	10.2	40.0	49.0	16.5	38.5	77.3	115.7
Level of non-school qualification in 2009							
Postgraduate Degree	—	*8.7	50.5	12.6	35.2	36.6	71.8
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	**0.4	*3.8	25.0	8.5	10.9	26.7	37.6
Bachelor Degree	**0.6	107.8	63.0	9.0	70.1	110.3	180.4
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	*6.3	42.4	74.7	25.8	68.2	81.0	149.2
Certificate III/IV	34.4	86.7	150.4	81.2	178.1	174.7	352.7
Certificate I/II	27.8	15.0	27.3	18.4	37.3	51.2	88.5
Certificate n.f.d.	*5.7	*6.7	28.3	13.0	30.5	23.2	53.7
Main field of non-school qualification in 2009							
Natural and physical sciences	*0.5	9.8	*8.8	*4.2	7.9	15.3	23.2
Information technology	*2.1	*7.8	19.5	*3.6	23.7	9.3	33.0
Engineering and related technologies	*6.5	41.3	51.3	11.8	101.1	*9.8	110.9
Architecture and building	*5.5	23.3	19.0	*3.5	45.0	*6.3	51.3
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	*2.3	*3.4	9.8	*3.5	11.2	*7.9	19.1
Health	*3.4	23.6	54.7	23.0	35.8	68.8	104.7
Education	*1.2	10.9	19.4	10.2	7.5	34.2	41.7
Management and commerce	20.4	64.6	129.8	64.4	123.3	155.9	279.3
Society and culture	13.2	43.9	70.4	36.4	41.6	122.2	163.8
Creative arts	*4.7	20.3	15.5	*3.6	16.3	27.7	44.0
Food, hospitality and personal services	15.4	24.3	21.2	*6.0	23.1	43.7	66.8
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>279.8</b>	<b>435.3</b>	<b>178.5</b>	<b>452.3</b>	<b>519.2</b>	<b>971.5</b>

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(a) Refers to persons aged 15-64 years who by May 2010 had completed the non-school qualification in which they were enrolled in 2009.

(b) Includes 'Level not determined', 'Field not determined' and 'Mixed field programmes'.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS					
Type of enrolment	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
CERTIFICATE LEVEL OR ABOVE (b)					
Enrolled full time	**0.8	14.0	*1.9	*6.9	23.6
Enrolled part time	*4.8	**2.4	**0.2	**0.7	*8.1
Not enrolled	18.7	*7.2	*4.5	*3.7	34.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>*6.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>65.7</b>
YEAR 12					
Enrolled full time	*4.2	126.8	18.6	91.9	241.6
Enrolled part time	30.3	10.2	*2.6	*4.0	47.2
Not enrolled	54.4	48.9	26.6	20.0	149.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>185.9</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>438.6</b>
YEAR 11					
Enrolled full time	*2.5	91.7	12.5	132.5	239.2
Enrolled part time	19.9	*2.3	**0.7	**0.3	23.2
Not enrolled	14.1	11.9	*6.4	*8.6	40.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>303.2</b>
YEAR 10 OR BELOW					
Enrolled full time	*2.8	142.0	39.9	344.2	528.9
Enrolled part time	30.8	*3.9	**1.5	**1.6	37.7
Not enrolled	27.3	19.5	25.5	30.5	102.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>376.3</b>	<b>669.4</b>
TOTAL (c)					
Enrolled full time	10.3	374.6	72.9	575.5	1 033.2
Enrolled part time	85.9	18.7	*5.0	*6.6	116.2
Not enrolled	114.5	87.5	62.8	62.8	327.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>210.6</b>	<b>480.8</b>	<b>140.8</b>	<b>644.8</b>	<b>1 477.0</b>

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS					
Type of enrolment	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
BACHELOR DEGREE OR ABOVE					
Enrolled full time	*5.6	26.9	**1.4	25.8	59.7
Enrolled part time	20.3	*2.0	—	**1.0	23.3
Not enrolled	131.6	23.4	*4.4	7.7	167.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>157.4</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>250.0</b>
ADVANCED DIPLOMA/DIPLOMA					
Enrolled full time	**2.3	15.9	**1.3	11.9	31.4
Enrolled part time	*7.5	*3.6	—	**0.9	12.1
Not enrolled	44.0	16.9	*5.7	*7.0	73.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>117.0</b>
CERTIFICATE LEVEL (b)					
Enrolled full time	*3.9	13.0	*1.8	13.4	32.1
Enrolled part time	19.7	**0.8	**0.9	**0.6	22.1
Not enrolled	144.4	30.2	11.2	14.3	200.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>168.0</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>254.3</b>
YEAR 12 OR BELOW					
Enrolled full time	14.8	165.2	12.7	140.4	333.1
Enrolled part time	87.4	19.6	*2.5	*5.6	115.0
Not enrolled	281.2	85.7	53.0	89.9	509.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>383.3</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>235.9</b>	<b>957.9</b>
TOTAL (c)					
Enrolled full time	26.6	220.9	17.1	191.6	456.2
Enrolled part time	134.9	26.0	*3.4	*8.2	172.5
Not enrolled	601.2	156.3	74.2	118.9	950.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>762.6</b>	<b>403.2</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>318.7</b>	<b>1 579.2</b>

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(c) Includes persons with no educational attainment.

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS

	Employed		Unemployed		Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	
Whether enrolled and level of education of study in May 2010(b)					
Enrolled(c)	110.3	18.5	128.8	72.1	200.9
Bachelor Degree or above	53.1	9.2	62.3	39.5	101.8
Advanced diploma and diploma	*7.2	**1.4	8.7	10.7	19.3
Certificate level(d)	42.2	*5.2	47.4	16.9	64.3
Year 12 or below(e)	*2.5	**1.2	*3.7	**1.2	*4.8
Not enrolled	87.1	36.2	123.3	27.1	150.4
Highest year of school completed					
Year 12	145.3	36.2	181.6	71.7	253.3
Year 11	22.0	*4.1	26.2	8.2	34.4
Year 10	24.5	11.4	35.8	13.5	49.3
Year 9 or below	*5.6	*2.9	*8.5	5.7	14.2
Sex					
Males	92.7	30.8	123.5	49.6	173.1
Females	104.7	23.8	128.5	49.6	178.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>197.4</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>252.1</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>351.2</b>

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(a) Persons enrolled in secondary school in 2009 but not enrolled in secondary school in May 2010 aged 15–24 years.

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(c) Includes formal and non-formal learning and 'Level not determined'.

(d) Includes Certificate level I to IV and 'Certificate not further defined'.

(e) Persons enrolled in a school qualification at a non-school institution.

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS

	Employed full time	Employed part time	Total employed	Unemployed	In labour force	Not in labour force	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
AGED 15–19 YEARS							
Enrolled or applied to enrol at an educational institution in 2010	106.3	411.5	517.8	87.2	604.9	593.0	1 197.9
Studying in May 2010(a)	96.7	396.4	493.1	79.4	572.5	584.4	1 157.0
Gained a place but not studying in 2010(b)	7.4	9.9	17.3	*5.9	23.2	7.0	30.2
TAFE	*1.9	*5.1	7.0	*2.7	9.7	*3.2	12.8
Higher education	*5.5	*4.9	10.3	**1.4	11.7	*3.0	14.7
Unable to gain a place on application(b)	*2.2	*5.1	7.3	**1.9	9.2	**1.5	10.7
TAFE	**1.1	*3.6	*4.7	**0.5	*5.2	**0.7	*5.9
Higher education	**1.1	**1.5	*2.7	*0.6	*3.3	**0.3	*3.5
Did not apply nor enrolled in 2010	104.4	69.3	173.7	53.6	227.3	51.8	279.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>210.6</b>	<b>480.8</b>	<b>691.4</b>	<b>140.8</b>	<b>832.2</b>	<b>644.8</b>	<b>1 477.0</b>
AGED 20–24 YEARS							
Enrolled or applied to enrol at an educational institution in 2010	179.7	261.1	440.8	29.6	470.4	214.4	684.8
Studying in May 2010(a)	164.3	253.3	417.6	22.2	439.8	209.1	648.9
Gained a place but not studying in 2010(b)	10.2	*3.9	14.1	*2.6	16.7	*4.4	21.1
TAFE	*1.6	**0.7	*2.3	**1.1	*3.4	*2.8	*6.2
Higher education	*5.8	*2.2	8.1	**1.5	9.6	**0.7	10.2
Unable to gain a place on application(b)	*5.2	*3.9	9.1	*4.8	13.9	*0.9	14.9
TAFE	*1.7	**0.9	*2.7	*3.5	*6.2	**0.6	*6.7
Higher education	*2.6	**2.1	*4.7	**1.3	*6.0	**0.1	*6.1
Did not apply nor enrolled in 2010	583.0	142.1	725.1	65.1	790.2	104.2	894.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>762.6</b>	<b>403.2</b>	<b>1 165.9</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>1 260.6</b>	<b>318.7</b>	<b>1 579.2</b>
AGED 25–64 YEARS							
Enrolled or applied to enrol at an educational institution in 2010	576.7	276.9	853.6	59.3	913.0	246.7	1 159.7
Studying in May 2010(a)	503.6	250.8	754.3	44.2	798.5	226.8	1 025.4
Gained a place but not studying in 2010(b)	50.3	15.8	66.1	9.1	75.2	11.3	86.5
TAFE	14.1	4.4	18.6	*5.0	23.6	5.8	29.4
Higher education	18.2	*6.6	24.8	**1.3	26.1	*2.6	28.7
Unable to gain a place on application(b)	22.9	10.4	33.2	6.0	39.2	8.6	47.8
TAFE	7.9	*3.0	10.9	*4.2	15.0	*3.3	18.4
Higher education	9.2	*4.7	13.9	*0.6	14.5	*3.2	17.7
Did not apply nor enrolled in 2010	6 043.2	1 986.0	8 029.2	311.0	8 340.2	1 955.8	10 296.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 619.9</b>	<b>2 263.0</b>	<b>8 882.8</b>	<b>370.3</b>	<b>9 253.2</b>	<b>2 202.5</b>	<b>11 455.7</b>
TOTAL							
Enrolled or applied to enrol at an educational institution in 2010	862.7	949.6	1 812.2	176.1	1 988.3	1 054.1	3 042.4
Studying in May 2010(a)	764.5	900.5	1 665.0	145.8	1 810.8	1 020.4	2 831.2
Gained a place but not studying in 2010(b)	67.8	29.7	97.5	17.6	115.1	22.7	137.8
TAFE	17.6	10.2	27.9	8.7	36.6	11.8	48.4
Higher education	29.5	13.7	43.2	*4.2	47.4	*6.3	53.6
Unable to gain a place on application(b)	30.3	19.4	49.7	12.7	62.4	11.0	73.4
TAFE	10.7	7.5	18.2	8.2	26.4	*4.6	31.0
Higher education	12.9	*8.3	21.3	**2.5	23.8	*3.6	27.4
Did not apply nor enrolled in 2010	6 730.5	2 197.5	8 927.9	429.7	9 357.6	2 111.8	11 469.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 593.1</b>	<b>3 147.0</b>	<b>10 740.1</b>	<b>605.8</b>	<b>11 345.9</b>	<b>3 166.0</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>

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(b) Includes other educational institutions.

	2009	2010
	'000	'000
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Sex		
Males	138.5	151.7
Females	24.6	19.9
Age group (years)		
15–19	78.3	77.0
20–24	57.2	63.2
25–64	27.4	31.4
Country of birth		
Born in Australia	147.1	157.8
Born overseas	16.0	13.8
Area of usual residence		
State capital city	87.0	92.7
Balance of state/Territory	76.0	78.9
Highest year of school completed		
Year 12	77.6	84.8
Year 11	29.6	32.2
Year 10 or below	55.8	54.7
Commencement of apprenticeship		
Commenced in the last 12 months	57.7	66.3
Commenced more than 12 months ago	105.4	105.3
Industry		
Manufacturing	23.9	32.4
Construction	69.7	66.0
Wholesale and retail trade	*10.9	9.5
Accommodation and food services	10.5	10.8
Other services(c)	38.8	43.8
Other(d)	*9.1	9.2
Field of trade		
Construction	46.8	41.2
Automotive and engineering	37.3	39.4
Electrotechnology and telecommunications	28.4	35.1
Food	15.6	13.1
Hairdressing	11.7	11.5
Other technicians and trades(e)	10.6	28.6
Other(f)	12.5	14.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>171.6</b>

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\* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Employed persons who were part of the Australian Apprenticeship Scheme as an apprentice in May 2010 aged 15–64 years. For further details see paragraph 27 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes trainees.

(c) Refers to persons in Electricity, gas, water and waste; Financial and insurance; Rental, hiring and real estate; Professional, scientific and technical; Administration and support; Arts and recreation; and Other services industries.

(d) Refers to persons in Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Mining; Transport, postal and warehousing; Information media and telecommunications; Public administration and safety; Education and training; Health care and social assistance; and Inadequately described industries.

(e) Refers to Technicians and trades n.f.d.; Engineering, ICT and science technicians; Skilled animal and horticultural; and Other technicians and trades workers occupations.

(f) Refers to Managers; Professionals; Community and personal service; Clerical and administrative; Sales workers; Machinery operators and drivers; Labourers; and Inadequately described workers occupations.

PERSONS WHO APPLIED FOR BUT ARE NOT UNDERTAKING AN  
 APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEEESHIP (a)(b), Selected characteristics—May 2009 and May 2010

	2009	2010
	'000	'000
.....		
Gained a place for an apprenticeship/traineeship but not undertaking at May current year		
Sex		
Males	11.4	12.2
Females	*5.0	*8.0
Age group (years)		
15–24	*10.4	12.5
25–64	*6.0	*7.7
Labour force status		
Employed	9.4	10.7
Unemployed	*4.3	*3.6
Not in labour force	*2.7	*6.0
<i>Total gained place for apprenticeship/traineeship but not undertaking at May current year</i>	16.4	20.2
Did not gain a place for an apprenticeship/traineeship		
Sex		
Males	28.9	28.6
Females	*12.2	11.7
Age group (years)		
15–24	30.4	31.2
25–64	*10.8	9.1
Labour force status		
Employed	17.9	20.1
Unemployed	19.4	14.9
Not in labour force	*3.9	*5.3
Main reason for unsuccessful application		
No position available	18.0	*13.8
Other reason	23.2	26.4
<i>Total did not gain place for apprenticeship/traineeship</i>	41.2	40.3
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>72.2</b>

\* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Excludes current apprentices/trainees.

(b) Includes persons aged 15–64 years.

(c) Includes persons who do not know the success of their application.

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	'000	'000	'000
<b>Table 1</b> Persons aged 15–64 years enrolled in formal or non-formal learning in May 2010	1 335.6	1 495.6	2 831.2
<b>Table 2, 8, 9, 10, 14, 20</b> Persons aged 15–64 years	7 240.7	7 271.2	14 511.9
<b>Table 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b> Persons aged 15–64 years enrolled in a non-school qualification in May 2010	904.1	1 047.3	1 951.4
<b>Table 11</b> Employed persons aged 15–74 years	6 006.5	5 011.8	11 018.4
<b>Table 12, 13</b> Persons aged 15–64 years with a non-school qualification	4 121.9	3 966.3	8 088.1
<b>Table 15</b> Persons aged 65–74 years in the labour force or marginally attached to the labour force	199.9	102.6	302.4
<b>Table 16</b> Persons aged 15–64 years who completed the non-school qualification enrolled in last year (Completers)	452.3	519.2	971.5
<b>Table 17</b> Persons aged 15–19 years	754.5	722.5	1 477.0
<b>Table 18</b> Persons aged 20–24 years	800.7	778.5	1 579.2
<b>Table 19</b> Persons aged 15–24 years at secondary school in 2009 but not in May 2010 (School leavers)	173.1	178.2	351.2
<b>Table 21</b> Current apprentices aged 15–64 years	151.7	19.9	171.6
<b>Table 22</b> Persons who applied for but are not undertaking an apprenticeship/traineeship in 2010	47.2	25.0	72.2

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Survey of Education and Work (SEW) that was conducted throughout Australia in May 2010 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who were in scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

**2** The SEW provides a range of key indicators of educational participation and attainment of persons aged 15–74 years, along with data on people's transition between education and work. The annual time series allows for ongoing monitoring, and provides a link with the more detailed range of educational indicators available from the four-yearly Survey of Education and Training. Specifically, the supplementary survey provides information on: people presently participating in education; level of highest non-school qualification; level of highest educational attainment; characteristics of people's transition between education and work; and data on apprentices.

**3** The publication *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys. For more details on recent changes to the LFS, including the reinstatement of the full LFS sample in 2010, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Sample Design, Nov 2007* (cat. no. 6269.0).

### CONCEPTS SOURCES AND METHODS

**4** The conceptual framework used in Australia's LFS aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling these estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods, April 2007* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001) which is available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

### SCOPE

**5** The scope of the SEW was restricted to persons aged 15–74 years and excluded the following persons:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from the Census and estimated resident population figures;
- overseas residents in Australia;
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia;
- persons who are permanently unable to work;
- persons aged 65–74 years who are permanently not intending to work, or not in the labour force, or not marginally attached to the labour force;
- special dwelling type institutionalised persons (e.g. patients in hospitals, residents of retirement homes, residents of homes for persons with disabilities, inmates of prisons); and
- special dwelling type boarding school pupils.

**6** Boarding school pupils have been excluded from the scope of the SEW since 2005, but were included in earlier collections. The LFS in May 2010 yielded an estimate of 11,500 boarding school pupils aged 15 years and over, who were excluded from the SEW.

**7** In 2009, persons aged 65–74 years who were in the labour force, or were marginally attached to the labour force, were interviewed for the first time for SEW. In May 2010 there were an estimated 302,400 persons aged 65–74 years in the labour force or marginally attached to the labour force, out of a total 1,555,000 persons aged 65–74 years. Persons were determined to be marginally attached to the labour force if they were not in the labour force in the reference week, wanted to work and:

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SCOPE *continued*

- were actively looking for work but did not meet the availability criteria to be classified as unemployed; or
- were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks or could start work within four weeks.

**8** This supplementary survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, but excluded people living in Indigenous communities in very remote parts of Australia. In 2009, persons who live in very remote areas that are not part of the Indigenous Community Frame (ICF) were interviewed for the first time for SEW. Approximately 0.5% of persons in scope of SEW in 2010 live in very remote areas that are not part of the ICF.

### COVERAGE

**9** The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in May 2010. In the LFS, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling and hence has only one chance of selection in the survey. See *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) for more details.

### SAMPLE SIZE

**10** Approximately 96% of the selected households were fully responding to the SEW, which resulted in around 39,800 completed interviews. In 2010 there was a complete reinstatement of the full LFS sample, following reductions due to budgetary reasons in 2009, this resulted in an approximately 24% larger sample size for SEW compared with 2009. For more information see *Information Paper: Labour Force Sample Design, Nov 2007* (cat. no. 6269.0).

### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

**11** Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:

- Sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For more details see the Technical Note.
- Non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient processing procedures.

### SEASONAL FACTORS

**12** The estimates are based on information collected in the survey month, and due to seasonal factors they may not be representative of other months of the year.

### CLASSIFICATIONS COUNTRY OF BIRTH

**13** Country of birth data are classified according to the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 1998 (Revision 2.03)* (cat. no. 1269.0). Revision 2.03 amends the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries, 1998* (cat. no. 1269.0) according to the creation of the independent republics of Montenegro and Serbia; updates to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and UN classification codes; and valid output code options for some supplementary codes. These revisions have been effective since January 2007.

### INDUSTRY

**14** Industry data are classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006* (cat. no. 1292.0).

### OCCUPATION

**15** Occupation data are classified according to the *Australia and New Zealand Standard Classifications of Occupations (ANZSCO), First Edition, 2006* (cat.no. 1220.0).

### EDUCATION

**16** Education data are coded to the *Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001* (cat. no. 1272.0). The ASCED is a national standard classification which can be applied to all sectors of the Australian education system including schools, vocational education and training and higher education. The ASCED comprises two classifications: Level of Education and Field of Education.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### EDUCATION *continued*

**17** Level of Education is defined as a function of the quality and quantity of learning involved in an educational activity. There are nine broad levels, 15 narrow levels and 64 detailed levels. For definitions of these levels see the *Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001* (cat. no. 1272.0).

**18** Field of Education is defined as the subject matter of an educational activity. Fields of education are related to each other through the similarity of subject matter, through the broad purpose for which the education is undertaken, and through the theoretical content which underpins the subject matter. There are 12 broad fields, 71 narrow fields and 356 detailed fields. For definitions of these fields see the Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0).

### LEVEL OF HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

**19** Level of highest educational attainment was derived from information on highest year of school completed and level of highest non-school qualification. The derivation process determines which of the 'non-school' or 'school' attainments will be regarded as the highest. Usually the higher ranking attainment is self-evident, but in some cases some secondary education is regarded, for the purposes of obtaining a single measure, as higher than some certificate level attainments.

**20** The following decision table is used to determine which of the responses to questions on highest year of school completed (coded to ASCED Broad Level 6) and level of highest non-school qualification (coded to ASCED Broad Level 5) is regarded as the highest. It is emphasised that this table was designed for the purpose of obtaining a single value for level of highest educational attainment and is not intended to convey any other ordinality.

<b>Decision Table: Level of Highest Educational Attainment (ASCED level of education codes)</b>							
Highest year of school completed	Level of highest non-school qualification						
	Certificate n.f.d. (500)	Certificate III or IV n.f.d. (510)	Certificate IV (511)	Certificate III (514)	Certificate I or II n.f.d. (520)	Certificate II (521)	Certificate I (524)
Secondary Education n.f.d. (600)	Secondary Education n.f.d.	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Certificate I or II n.f.d.	Certificate II	Certificate I
Senior Secondary Education n.f.d. (610)	Senior Secondary n.f.d.	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Senior Secondary n.f.d.	Senior Secondary n.f.d.	Senior Secondary n.f.d.
Year 12 (611)	Year 12	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12
Year 11 (613)	Year 11	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11
Junior Secondary Education n.f.d. (620)	Junior Secondary Education n.f.d.	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Certificate I or II n.f.d.	Certificate II	Certificate I
Year 10 (621)	Year 10	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Year 10	Year 10	Year 10
Year 9 (622)	Year 9	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Certificate I or II n.f.d.	Certificate II	Certificate I
Year 8 (623)	Year 8	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Certificate I or II n.f.d.	Certificate II	Certificate I
Year 7 (624)	Year 7	Certificate III or IV n.f.d.	Certificate IV	Certificate III	Certificate I or II n.f.d.	Certificate II	Certificate I

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### LEVEL OF HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT *continued*

**21** The decision table is also used to rank the information provided in a survey about the qualifications and attainments of a single individual. It does not represent any basis for comparison between differing qualifications. For example, a person whose highest year of school completed was Year 12, and whose level of highest non-school qualification was a Certificate III, would have those responses crosschecked on the decision table and would as a result have their level of highest educational attainment output as Certificate III. However, if the same person answered 'certificate' to the highest non-school qualification question, without any further detail, it would be crosschecked against Year 12 on the decision table as Certificate not further defined. The output would then be Year 12. The decision table, therefore, does not necessarily imply that one qualification is 'higher' than the other. For more details, see *Education Variables, 2002* (cat. no. 1246.0).

### LEVEL OF EDUCATION OF CURRENT STUDY

**22** Level of education of current study is derived using the decision table displayed above, taking into account Level of education of school study in current year and Level of education of non-school study in current year for persons who are undertaking concurrent qualifications.

### COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

**23** Supplementary surveys are not always conducted on the full LFS sample. Since August 1994 the sample for supplementary surveys has been restricted to no more than seven-eighths of the LFS sample. Since it was introduced, this survey has been conducted on various proportional samples and therefore sampling errors associated with previous supplementary surveys may vary from the sampling error for this survey.

**24** Since 2005, boarding school pupils have been excluded from the scope of the SEW, but were included in earlier collections. For more details, see paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

**25** Since 2007, industry data in the SEW are classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 2006* (cat. no. 1292.0). Industry data prior to this were classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1993* (cat. no. 1292.0). Therefore, industry data from SEW prior to 2007 are not directly comparable to 2009 industry data.

**26** Since 2007, occupation data in the SEW are classified according to the *Australia and New Zealand Standard Classifications of Occupations, First Edition, 2006* (cat.no. 1220.0). Occupation data prior to this were classified according to the *Australia Standard Classifications of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997* (cat.no. 1220.0). Therefore, occupation data from SEW prior to 2007 are not directly comparable to 2009 occupation data.

**27** In previous years, only persons aged 15–54 years were included in the apprenticeship/traineeship survey questions. In 2008, the age scope was extended to include persons aged 55–64 years for these questions. In 2009, the age scope was further extended to include persons aged 65–74 years for these questions. In 2008, the definition for apprentices and trainees changed from those employed as apprentices/trainees to include only those with a formal contract under the *Australian Apprenticeship Scheme*. Therefore data on apprentices from previous years are not directly comparable to 2008 and subsequent data. Note that *Australian School-based Apprenticeships* are excluded.

**28** Revisions are made to population benchmarks for the LFS after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing. The last such revision was made in February 2009 to take account of the results of the *2006 Census of Population and Housing*. Estimates from supplementary surveys conducted from and including 2009 are therefore based on these 2006 population benchmarks.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### COMPARISON WITH OTHER ABS SOURCES

**29** Since the SEW is conducted as a supplement to the LFS, data items collected in the LFS are also available. However, there are some important differences between the two surveys. The SEW sample is a subset of the LFS sample (see Paragraph 1 of these Explanatory Notes) and the SEW had a response rate of 96% which is lower than the LFS response rate for the same period of 97%. Due to these differences between the samples, the SEW data are weighted as a separate process to the weighting of LFS data. Differences may therefore be found in the estimates collected in the LFS and published as part of the SEW, when compared with estimates published in the May 2010 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

**30** Additionally, estimates from the SEW may differ from the estimates produced from other ABS collections, for several reasons. The SEW is a sample survey and its results are subject to sampling error. Results may differ from other sample surveys, which are also subject to sampling error. Users should take account of the RSEs on estimates and those of other survey estimates where comparisons are made.

**31** Differences may also exist in the scope and/or coverage of the SEW compared to other surveys. Differences in estimates, when compared to the estimates of other surveys, may result from different reference periods reflecting seasonal variations, non-seasonal events that may have impacted on one period but not another, or because of underlying trends in the phenomena being measured.

**32** Finally, differences can occur as a result of using different collection methodologies. This is often evident in comparisons of similar data items reported from different ABS collections where, after taking account of definition and scope differences and sampling error, residual differences remain. These differences are often the result of the mode of the collections, such as whether data are collected by an interviewer or self-enumerated by the respondent, whether the data are collected from the person themselves or from a proxy respondent, and the level of experience of the interviewers. Differences may also result from the context in which questions are asked, i.e. where in the interview the questions are asked and the nature of preceding questions. The impacts on data of different collection methodologies are difficult to quantify. As a result, every effort is made to minimise such differences.

**33** The following table, *Comparison of Data from SEW to Other ABS Sources*, presents comparisons between a number of key SEW data items and similar data items from other ABS sources. These sources include data collected in the LFS, which were reported in the May 2009 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) and data collected from the Survey of Education and Training (SET), which were reported in the Education and Training Experience, 2009 (cat. no. 6278.0). The comparison shows SEW data are broadly consistent with these ABS sources.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### COMPARISON WITH OTHER ABS SOURCES *continued*

### COMPARISON OF DATA FROM SEW TO OTHER ABS SOURCES

	Other ABS sources	SEW - May 2010
	%	%
<b>LFS-MAY 2010</b>		
<b>Labour force status</b>		
Employed	72.1	74.0
Employed full time	51.0	52.3
Employed part time	21.0	21.7
Unemployed	4.1	4.2
Not in the labour force	23.9	21.8
<b>SET-2009(a)</b>		
<b>Highest year of school completed</b>		
Year 12	51.3	56.5
Year 11	12.4	10.9
Year 10 or below	36.3	32.5
<b>Level of highest non-school qualification</b>		
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate or above	7.7	6.5
Bachelor Degree	13.9	16.5
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	10.2	9.3
Certificate III/IV	17.4	17.2
Certificate I/II	1.2	4.0

(a) Data restricted to persons aged 15–64 years to align with SEW.

### CONFIDENTIALISED UNIT RECORD FILE

**34** Confidentialised unit record files (CURF) release confidentialised microdata from surveys, thereby facilitating interrogation and analysis of data. For the Education and Work survey, a basic CURF is released every two years. A CURF will not be released for the 2010 survey. The Education and Work CURF was last released in 2009. For more details, refer to the 2009 SEW CURF, *Technical Manual: Survey of Education and Work, Australia - Confidentialised Unit Record File, May 2009* (cat. no. 6227.0.30.002).

### PREVIOUS SURVEYS

**35** Results of similar surveys have been published in previous issues. These surveys were conducted annually from February 1964 to February 1974, in May 1975 and 1976, in August 1977 and 1978, and annually in May since 1979. Results of previous surveys were published in *Transition from Education to Work, Australia* (cat. no. 6227.0) from 1964 to 2001. Since May 2002, the results of the survey have been published in *Education and Work, Australia* (cat. no. 6227.0).

### NEXT SURVEY

**36** The ABS intends to conduct this survey again in May 2011.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

**37** ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated; without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**38** Other publications which may be of interest include:

- *A Directory of Education and Training Statistics* (cat. no. 1136.0) – issued irregularly, last issued in March 2009
- *Adult Learning* (cat. no. 4229.0) – issued irregularly, first issue 2006–2007, released in December 2007
- *Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey, Summary Results, Australia* (cat. no. 4228.0) – issued irregularly, last issue 2006 released in 2008
- *Education and Training Experience, Australia* (cat. no. 6278.0) – issued four-yearly, last issue 2009 released in March 2010

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Education and Training Indicators, Australia* (cat. no. 4230.0) – issued irregularly, first issue released in December 2002
- *Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia, Dictionary of Standards for Education and Training Statistics* (cat. no. 4232.0.55.001) – issued irregularly, last issue released in October 2004
- *Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia, Framework for Education and Training Statistics* (cat. no. 4213.0) – released on a single issue basis in January 2003
- *Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia, Plan to Improve the Quality, Coverage and Use of Education and Training Statistics* (cat. no. 4231.0) – issued irregularly, first issue released in September 2004
- *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) – issued monthly
- *Schools, Australia* (cat. no. 4221.0) – issued annually, last issued in March 2009

**39** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily upcoming release advice on the website that details products to be released in the week ahead. The National Centre for Education and Training Topics @ a Glance page also contains a wealth of information and useful references. This site can also be accessed through the ABS website.

### ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSCQ	Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications
ALLS	Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey
ANZSCO	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
AQF	Australian Qualifications Framework
ASCED	Australian Standard Classification of Education
CRB	collector record book
CURF	confidentialised unit record file
ICF	Indigenous Community Frame
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
LFS	Labour Force Survey
n.f.d.	not further defined
RSE	relative standard error
SACC	Standard Australian Classification of Countries
SE	standard error
SEW	Survey of Education and Work
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
UN	United Nations

## APPENDIX SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

### SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

The Monthly Population Survey program collects data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary surveys to the monthly labour force survey. Data are available from the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. Additional data from these surveys is available on request and can be obtained by contacting the ABS.

### **A1** MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY PROGRAM, Supplementary surveys to the LFS

	<i>cat. no.</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Latest issue</i>
Child Care, Australia	4 402.0	Irregular	June 2008
Child Employment, Australia	6 211.0	Irregular	June 2006
Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australia	4 901.0	Irregular	April 2009
Education and Work, Australia	6 227.0	Annual	May 2010
Employee Earnings, Benefits, and Trade Union Membership, Australia	6 310.0	Annual	August 2009
Environmental Issues: Energy Use and Conservation	4602.0.55.001	Irregular	March 2008
Environmental Issues: Waste Management and Transport Use	4602.0.55.002	Irregular	March 2009
Environmental Issues: Water Use and Conservation	4602.0.55.003	Irregular	March 2010
Forms of Employment, Australia	6 359.0	Annual	November 2009
Involvement in Organised Sport and Physical Activity	6 285.0	Irregular	April 2007
Job Search Experience, Australia	6 222.0	Annual	July 2009
Labour Force Experience, Australia	6 206.0	Biennial	February 2009
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia	6 250.0	Irregular	November 2007
Labour Mobility, Australia	6 209.0	Biennial	February 2010
Locations of Work, Australia	6 275.0	Irregular	November 2008
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia	6 220.0	Annual	September 2009
Pregnancy and Employment Transitions, Australia	4 913.0	Irregular	November 2005
Underemployed Workers, Australia	6 265.0	Annual	September 2009
Working Time Arrangements, Australia	6 342.0	Irregular	November 2009

## TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY

### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

**1** Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from those estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate may have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three (67%) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two SEs.

**2** Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

$$RSE\% = \left( \frac{SE}{estimate} \right) \times 100$$

**3** RSEs for estimates from 2010 SEW were calculated for each separate estimate and published in the 'direct' form. The Jackknife method of variance estimation is used for this process, which involves the calculation of 30 'replicate' estimates based on 30 different sub samples of the original sample. The variability of estimates obtained from these sub samples is used to estimate the sample variability surrounding the main estimate.

**4** Tables 2, 7, 8, 21 and 22 contain estimates collected from previous Education and Work surveys. The spreadsheets associated with this release contain RSEs for these estimates. The RSEs for the years 2001 and 2003 were calculated using the previous statistical SE models, which are available from each relevant issue of *Education and Work, Australia* (cat. no. 6227.0) available on the ABS website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>. For the 2005, 2007 and 2008 data, the RSEs were directly calculated for each separate estimate. This method differs from that presented in the 2005 publication, which describes using statistical SE models to calculate RSEs for all time points. While the direct method is more accurate, the difference between the two is usually not significant for most estimates.

**5** In the tables in this publication, only estimates (numbers, percentages, means and medians) with RSEs less than 25% are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger RSEs are included and preceded by an asterisk (e.g. \*1.3) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs greater than 50% are preceded by a double asterisk (e.g. \*\*0.6) to indicate that they are considered too unreliable for general use.

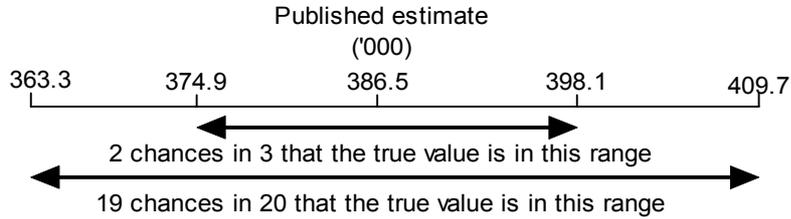
### CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR

**6** Standard errors can be calculated using the estimates (counts or means) and the corresponding RSEs. For example, Table 1 shows the estimated number of females in Victoria enrolled in a course of study was 386,500. The RSE Table corresponding to the estimates in Table 1 (see Table 1 Relative Standard Errors in the 'Relative Standard Error' section at the end of these Technical Notes) shows the RSE for this estimate is 3.0%. The SE is calculated by:

$$\begin{aligned} SE \text{ of estimate} &= \left( \frac{RSE}{100} \right) \times estimate \\ &= 0.03 \times 386,500 \\ &= 11,600 \text{ (rounded to nearest 100)} \end{aligned}$$

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR *continued*

**7** Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 374,900 to 398,100 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 363,300 to 409,700. This example is illustrated in the diagram below:



PROPORTION AND PERCENTAGES

**8** Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below. This formula is only valid when x is a subset of y.

$$RSE\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 - [RSE(y)]^2}$$

**9** As an example, using estimates from Table 1, of the 741,500 persons enrolled in a course of study in Victoria, 355,000 are males, or 47.9%. The RSE for 355,000 is 3.4% and the RSE for 741,500 is 2.3% (see Table 1 Relative Standard Errors in the section 'Relative Standard Error' at the end of these Technical Notes). Applying the above formula, the RSE for the proportion of males in Victoria enrolled in a course of study:

$$RSE = \sqrt{(3.4)^2 - (2.3)^2} = 2.5\%$$

**10** Therefore, the SE for the proportion of males in Victoria enrolled in a course of study is 1.2 percentage points  $(= (2.5/100) \times 47.9)$ . Hence, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males in Victoria enrolled in a course of study is between 46.7% and 49.1%, and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is between 45.5% and 50.3%.

DIFFERENCES

**11** Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their SEs and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate SE of the difference between two estimates  $(x-y)$  may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

**12** While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

SIGNIFICANCE TESTING

**13** A statistical significance test for any of the comparisons between estimates can be performed to determine whether it is likely that there is a difference between the corresponding population characteristics. The standard error of the difference between two corresponding estimates (x and y) can be calculated using the formula in paragraph 12. This standard error is then used to calculate the following test statistic:

$$\left( \frac{x-y}{SE(x-y)} \right)$$

**14** If the value of this test statistic is greater than 1.96 then there is statistical evidence of a significant difference in the two populations with respect to that characteristic. This statistic corresponds to a 95% confidence interval of the estimate. Otherwise, it cannot be stated with confidence that there is a real difference between the populations.

## TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY *continued*

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### SIGNIFICANCE TESTING *continued*

**15** The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the SE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and recording by interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and they occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or sample. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient operating procedures.

### RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR

**16** Limited publication space does not allow for the separate indication of the SEs and/or RSEs of all the estimates in this publication, only RSEs for Table 1 are included below. However, RSEs for all tables are available free-of-charge on the ABS website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>, released in spreadsheet format as an attachment to this publication, *Education and Work, Australia, May 2009* (cat. no. 6227.0).

**TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY** *continued*

TABLE 1 RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS, Persons aged 15–64 years enrolled in formal or non-formal learning—Selected characteristics—by state or territory of usual residence

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Sex									
Males	2.8	3.4	3.2	4.7	5.1	3.9	7.8	6.7	1.9
Females	2.4	3.0	2.8	4.1	4.0	5.2	7.8	4.9	1.8
Age group (years)									
15–19	2.1	2.1	2.7	3.3	3.8	3.0	8.3	2.4	1.1
20–24	4.0	4.4	4.7	5.2	8.5	9.8	15.1	7.7	2.2
25–34	6.5	5.5	5.7	8.3	12.1	9.4	14.2	10.8	4.1
35–44	6.8	10.4	8.7	12.5	9.4	10.6	13.0	9.9	3.8
45–54	9.4	12.0	10.8	13.8	12.9	13.4	17.3	19.1	4.9
55–64	15.5	17.9	16.4	18.8	23.8	24.3	40.7	29.2	7.7
Country of birth									
Born in Australia	2.5	3.5	2.6	3.9	3.5	3.1	7.5	4.1	1.6
Born overseas	4.9	7.7	8.2	10.0	8.3	19.7	14.2	15.8	3.3
Area of usual residence									
State capital city	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.2	3.4	5.6	—	—	1.7
Balance of state/Territory	3.6	4.6	3.8	10.1	9.3	5.5	6.4	4.0	2.0
Labour force status									
In labour force	3.1	3.4	2.8	5.3	5.3	4.9	7.0	5.0	1.8
Employed	3.3	3.4	3.2	5.0	5.5	5.4	6.6	5.5	1.9
Employed full time	3.9	5.4	4.4	11.3	6.4	9.4	9.6	8.8	2.4
Employed part time	4.9	3.3	5.1	5.5	8.4	8.5	9.9	6.5	2.3
Unemployed	9.4	12.0	14.2	18.3	26.6	23.2	74.4	23.1	6.0
Not in labour force	3.6	4.1	4.9	5.2	5.6	6.8	13.0	11.0	2.4
Level of formal or non-formal learning in May 2010(a)									
Formal learning(b)	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.5	3.7	2.9	7.0	4.0	1.5
Postgraduate Degree	10.5	9.1	13.6	14.8	24.2	18.7	31.3	17.6	6.4
Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate	18.2	15.3	24.4	23.4	28.8	31.1	48.8	20.4	9.2
Bachelor Degree	5.9	5.3	6.7	5.3	8.1	11.3	18.6	11.2	3.0
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	8.3	8.2	10.5	14.1	10.4	21.9	21.8	19.2	3.9
Certificate III/IV	7.3	7.1	6.9	11.8	12.1	12.4	11.2	15.8	4.1
Certificate I/II	14.4	19.2	22.6	23.4	25.4	31.9	51.1	56.3	10.1
Certificate n.f.d.	12.4	16.4	22.2	22.7	19.9	35.3	30.3	35.5	6.0
Year 12 or below	2.2	2.6	3.3	3.3	4.5	4.4	7.2	3.9	1.3
Non-formal learning	10.6	9.9	18.3	21.3	18.1	25.6	32.9	27.3	6.3
Type of educational institution									
Secondary education	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.4	4.4	4.7	7.2	4.1	1.3
TAFE	4.9	6.3	4.7	9.9	7.8	10.5	19.0	14.5	2.7
Higher education	5.4	4.0	6.2	4.5	8.5	7.7	9.8	7.5	3.0
Other institution	6.8	7.7	5.8	10.2	11.1	11.0	16.4	18.7	3.7
Type of enrolment									
Full-time enrolment	2.6	2.6	3.6	3.3	4.4	4.4	10.6	5.2	1.6
Part-time enrolment	3.5	4.6	3.9	8.0	6.3	7.4	6.7	8.3	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) The levels of formal and non-formal learning are not necessarily listed in order from highest to lowest. For further details see paragraphs 19–21 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes 'Level not determined'.

## GLOSSARY

<b>Apprentice</b>	An apprentice is a person aged 15–64 years who has entered into a legal contract (called a training agreement or contract of training) with an employer, to serve a period of training for the purpose of attaining tradesperson status in a recognised trade. In this survey, apprentices are identified by their answer to a question specifically pertaining to the <i>Australian Apprenticeship Scheme</i> . Note that <i>Australian School-based Apprenticeships</i> are excluded.
<b>Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)</b>	The ASCED is a national standard classification which includes all sectors of the Australian education system: that is, schools, vocational education and training, and higher education. From 2001, ASCED replaced a number of classifications used in administrative and statistical systems, including the ABSCQ. The ASCED comprises two classifications: Level of education and Field of education. See <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001</i> (cat. no. 1272.0).
<b>Certificate not further defined</b>	Survey responses are coded to Certificate not further defined (n.f.d.) when there is not enough information to code them to Certificate I, II, III or IV in the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001</i> (cat. no. 1272.0), Level of education classification.
<b>Completed</b>	The completion of all academic requirements for the conferring of an award from an institution.
<b>Completers</b>	Persons aged 15–64 years who by May had completed the non-school qualification in which they were enrolled in the previous year.
<b>Country of birth</b>	Country of birth has been classified according to the <i>Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 1998 (Revision 2.03)</i> (cat. no. 1269.0).
<b>Educational institution</b>	Any institution whose primary role is education. Included are schools, higher education establishments, colleges of technical and further education, public and private colleges, etc. Excluded are institutions whose primary role is not education.
<b>Employed</b>	Persons who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or</li><li>■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or</li><li>■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or</li><li>■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or</li><li>■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or</li><li>■ on strike or locked out; or</li><li>■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or</li></ul></li><li>■ were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li></ul>
<b>Employed full-time</b>	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
<b>Employed part-time</b>	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.
<b>Enrolled</b>	Refers to persons registered for a course of study in the particular reference period (e.g. survey month, or previous calendar year) at an educational institution (as defined).
<b>Field not determined</b>	Field not determined includes inadequately described responses or where no responses were given.

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Field of education</b>	Field of education is defined as the subject matter of an educational activity. It is categorised according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001</i> (cat. no. 1272.0) Field of education classification. This publication presents the main field of education studied.
<b>Field of trade</b>	Refers to the occupation of an apprentice and is classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), First Edition, 2006</i> (cat. no. 1220.0) Unit Group.
<b>Formal Learning</b>	Refers to learning which is structured, taught in institutions and organisations and leads to a recognised qualification issued by a relevant body, in recognition that a person has achieved learning outcomes or competencies relevant to identified individual, professional, industry or community needs. A learning activity is formal if it leads to a learning achievement that is possible to position within the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) and includes workplace training if such training results in a qualification.
<b>Higher education institution</b>	An Australian institution providing higher education courses, e.g. universities; colleges of advanced education; institutes of advanced education; institutes of higher education; institutes of tertiary education; agricultural colleges and some institutes of technology.
<b>Industry</b>	Industry data is classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006</i> (cat. no. 1292.0).
<b>Leavers</b>	Persons who were enrolled in a course of study for a qualification in the previous year, but were not enrolled in any course of study for a qualification at the time of the survey.
<b>Level of education</b>	Level of education is a function of the quality and quantity of learning involved in an educational activity. It is categorised according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education, 2001</i> (cat. no. 1272.0) Level of education classification.
<b>Level of highest educational attainment</b>	Level of highest educational attainment identifies the highest achievement a person has attained in any area of study. It is not a measurement of the relative importance of different fields of study but a ranking of qualifications and other educational attainments regardless of the particular area of study or the type of institution in which the study was undertaken. See paragraphs 20–22 of the Explanatory Notes for how highest level is derived.
<b>Level not determined</b>	Level not determined includes inadequately described responses or where no responses were given.
<b>Marginal attachment to the labour force</b>	<p>People who were not in the labour force in the reference week, wanted to work and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ were actively looking for work but did not meet the availability criteria to be classified as unemployed; or</li><li>■ were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks.</li></ul> <p>The criteria for determining those in the labour force are based on activity (i.e. working or looking for work) and availability to start work during the reference week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work and reasons for not actively looking for work, are more subjective. Hence, the measurement against these criteria is affected by the respondent's own interpretation of the concepts used. An individual respondent's interpretation may be affected by their work aspirations, as well as family, economic and other commitments.</p>
<b>Non-formal learning</b>	<p>Non-formal learning refers to structured taught learning, but differs from formal learning in that it does not lead to a qualification within the AQF. It includes non-accredited workplace training, that is, training that does not lead to a recognised qualification.</p> <p>Some examples of types of non-formal courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Adult education courses (eg. introduction to computing)</li><li>■ Hobby and recreation courses (eg. ceramics, jewellery making, dancing)</li><li>■ Personal enrichment courses (eg. personal finance, sport instruction, public speaking)</li></ul>

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Non-formal learning <i>continued</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Work-related courses (eg. manager development, job search training, induction courses)</li> <li>■ First aid courses</li> <li>■ Bridging courses</li> <li>■ Statement of attainment</li> </ul>
<b>Non-school educational institution</b>	An educational institution, other than a secondary school. This includes higher education establishments, colleges of technical and further education, public and private colleges, etc. Institutions excluded are those whose primary role is not education.
<b>Non-school qualification</b>	Non-school qualifications are awarded for educational attainments other than those of pre-primary, primary or secondary education. They include qualifications at the Postgraduate Degree level, Master Degree level, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate level, Bachelor Degree level, Advanced Diploma and Diploma level, and Certificates I, II, III and IV levels. Non-school qualifications may be attained concurrently with school qualifications.
<b>Not in labour force</b>	Persons who were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed' (as defined).
<b>Occupation</b>	Occupation data is classified according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition, 2006</i> (cat. no. 1220.0).
<b>Other educational institution</b>	Includes institutions or establishments that offer educational courses such as industry skills centres, professional or industry associations, equipment/product manufacturers or suppliers, and instances where insufficient information was available to determine the type of educational institution.
<b>Qualification</b>	Formal certification, issued by a relevant approved body, in recognition that a person has achieved an appropriate level of learning outcomes or competencies relevant to identified individual, professional, industry or community needs. Statements of attainment awarded for partial completion of a course of study at a particular level are excluded.
<b>Reference week</b>	The week preceding the week in which the interview was conducted.
<b>School</b>	An educational institution whose major activity is the provision of formal classes of primary or secondary education, or the provision of primary or secondary distance education.
<b>School leavers</b>	Persons aged 15–24 years who attended school in 2009 but were not attending school prior to the survey date in May 2010.
<b>Study for a qualification</b>	The reported level of education of any study being undertaken that will lead to formal certification, issued by a relevant approved body, in recognition that a person has achieved learning outcomes or competencies relevant to identified individual, professional, industry or community needs. In this survey, if the respondent was still attending school their level of study was recorded as their current year of schooling. If the respondent had left school and was enrolled in study for a qualification they were asked the level of the qualification.
<b>TAFE</b>	A Technical and Further Education institution. In Victoria this may also be interpreted as Training and Further Education.
<b>Unemployed</b>	Persons who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and were available for work in the reference week; or</li> <li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.</li> </ul>

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