



Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2014

Section 1: Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

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Section 1

In Victoria there are two certificates of senior secondary education, they are the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). This section covers the VCE, and information about VCAL is in section 5 (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning).

Victorian Certificate of Education

VCE completion is calculated on the basis of satisfactory completion of units. Refer to the VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook for the regulations, which may be found on the VCAA website at:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/pages/schooladmin/handbook/2015/index.aspx>

Table 1.1 VCE PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETION, 2014 ¹

	2014
<i>All students</i>	
Eligible to complete the VCE	50,383
Students satisfactorily completing VCE	49,262
Percentage	97.8
<i>Females</i>	
Eligible to complete the VCE	26,779
Students satisfactorily completing VCE	26,284
Percentage	98.2
<i>Males</i>	
Eligible to complete the VCE	23,604
Students satisfactorily completing VCE	22,978
Percentage	97.3

¹ These figures are derived from VCAA information in January and include overseas students. Students who have successfully achieved their VCE in previous years but undertook further studies in the current year are included.

Unit Enrolments and Completions

1. VCE Units

Table 1.2: VCE Unit Enrolments and Completions by Unit Level and Gender, 2014
(excluding credit gained through VETiS)

	Units Enrolled				Units Successfully Completed				% Satisfactorily Completed			
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Female	174,219	169,039	144,422	141,067	166,566	162,326	142,316	139,838	95.6	96.0	98.5	99.1
Male	163,951	157,406	127,151	123,616	152,934	148,013	124,305	121,893	93.3	94.0	97.8	98.6
Total	338,170	326,445	271,573	264,683	319,500	310,339	266,621	261,731	94.5	95.1	98.2	98.9

Female	51.5%	51.8%	53.2%	53.3%	52.1%	52.3%	53.4%	53.4%
Male	48.5%	48.2%	46.8%	46.7%	47.9%	47.7%	46.6%	46.6%

Note that the participation of those students who withdrew during the year without an outcome recorded against their unit enrolments were removed from the dataset. Section 2 (Satisfactory Completion of VCE Units) provides more detailed information of unit participation and completions by study and sequence.

**Table 1.3: VCE Units 1-4 Total Enrolments and Completions, 2014
(excluding credit gained through VETiS)**

	Units 1 - 4		
	Enrolled	Completed	% Completed
Female	628,747	611,046	97.2
Male	572,124	547,145	95.6
Total	1,200,871	1,158,191	96.4

Female	52.4%	52.8%
Male	47.6%	47.2%

There were a total of 1,200,871 VCE unit enrolments in 2014 of which 96.4% were successfully completed. The female completion rate was 97.2% while the male completion rate was 95.6%. Females comprised 52.4% of the total unit enrolments while males comprised 47.6%. Females comprised 52.8% of the total unit completions while males comprised 47.2%.

2. VCE VET Units

Students gain credit toward VCE VET units by successfully completing a prescribed number of hours of Units of Competence.

Table 1.4: Equivalent VCE VET Unit Gained Through VET Units of Competence (UoC), 2014

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Female	15,888	10,312	12,318	10,386
Male	22,532	15,755	13,498	11,232
Total	38,420	26,067	25,816	21,618

Female	41.4%	39.6%	47.7%	48.0%
Male	58.6%	60.4%	52.3%	52.0%

Outcomes of VCE Graded Assessment 2014

Students undertaking Units 3 and 4 sequences may participate in Graded Assessment. Section 3 (Grade Distributions for Graded Assessments VCE) provides more detailed information on the outcomes for each study where Graded Assessment is available. All VCE studies have three Graded Assessments in each Unit 3-4 sequence, while the VCE VET programs with scored assessment have two Graded Assessments.

In summary, the most awarded grade in 2014 was a B+. The median grade was a B, with 56.8% of grades at a B or higher. Table 1.5 shows the number of grades awarded (N), and the percentage awarded per grade. The table includes data for both the VCE Unit 3-4 sequences and the VCE VET scored programs.

Table 1.5: Aggregate Grade Distributions: All Graded Assessments, 2014
(VCE Units 3-4 Sequences and VCE VET Scored Programs)

Grade	UG	E	E+	D	D+	C	C+	B	B+	A	A+	ALL
N	2,677	7,207	18,216	37,918	63,682	92,197	116,456	119,426	120,808	112,023	92,989	783,599
%	0.3	0.9	2.3	4.8	8.1	11.8	14.9	15.2	15.4	14.3	11.9	100.0

The grade distribution is plotted in Figure 1.

Figure1. Grade Distribution: All Graded Assessments, 2014

