



Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2014

Section 6: Completion of Victorian Senior Secondary Certificates

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This section shows the number and percentage of 19 year olds who have completed VCE and/or VCAL (at Intermediate or Senior certificate level).

The Table below shows over the last 10 years, the number of young people by age 19 who completed the VCE/VCAL (Intermediate or Senior level) has risen from 47,990 in 2005 to 54,819 in 2014. The VCE/VCAL completion rate by age 19 in 2014 was 77.1%. This is 5.5 percentage points higher than that in 2005.

This Table also shows that:

- By age 19 in 2014, there were 48,884 (47,574 plus 1,310) young people who completed the VCE.
- An increasing number of young people are completing only the VCAL certificate at an Intermediate and/or Senior level. In 2005 there were 834 young people aged 19 who completed a VCAL certificate at an Intermediate and/or Senior level. In 2014 this has increased to 5,935.

Table: Contributions of VCE/VCAL^(a) towards the completion of a Senior Secondary Certificate by 19 year olds

19 yo in:	Number of young people completed VCE/VCAL by age 19				19 yo population cohort ^(b)	Completion rate (%)			
	VCE only	VCE and VCAL	VCAL only	Total		VCE only	VCE and VCAL	VCAL only	Total
2005	46,873	283	834	47,990	67,018	69.9	0.4	1.2	71.6
2006	46,511	545	1,654	48,710	67,307	69.1	0.8	2.5	72.4
2007	45,859	703	2,405	48,967	68,378	67.1	1.0	3.5	71.6
2008	45,979	869	3,017	49,865	68,786	66.8	1.3	4.4	72.5
2009	47,154	876	3,493	51,523	71,215	66.2	1.2	4.9	72.3
2010	47,114	974	3,979	52,067	72,078	65.4	1.4	5.5	72.2
2011	46,481	1,066	4,454	52,001	71,461	65.0	1.5	6.2	72.8
2012	47,396	1,097	4,830	53,323	70,680	67.1	1.6	6.8	75.4
2013	47,643	1,040	5,328	54,011	70,583	67.5	1.5	7.5	76.5
2014	47,574	1,310	5,935	54,819	71,062	66.9	1.8	8.4	77.1

(a) Includes satisfactorily completion at an Intermediate and/or Senior level.

(b) Population figures are sourced from ABS Cat: 3101.0, Australian Demographic Statistics, June 2014.

The Estimated Resident Population of 17 year olds two years earlier is used as the population for the aged 19 cohort. This is to mitigate the impact of migration of young people after leaving school. The adoption of this age group for the calculation of completion rate by age 19 is consistent with DET's approach. In the previous report, the population of 19 year olds was used as a denominator to calculate the completion rates.

(c) The 2010-2014 estimated resident population figures are preliminary.

It should be noted that the Department of Education and Training (DET) publishes the attainment rates of Year 12 or equivalent at age 19. Apart from VCE and VCAL, the attainment also includes International Baccalaureate and non-school qualifications at an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 2 or higher (i.e. Certificate II and above).