

Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2018

Section 6: Completion of Victorian Senior Secondary Certificates

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This section shows the number and percentage of 19 years 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 51,506 in 2009 to 57,368 in 2018. The VCE/VCAL completion rate by age 19 in 2018 was 78.9%. This is 5 percentage points higher than that in 2009.

This table also shows that:

- By age 19 in 2018, there were 49,436 (49,354 plus 82) 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 2009 there were 3,482 young people aged 19 who completed a VCAL certificate at an Intermediate and/or Senior level. In 2018 this has increased to 7,932.

Table 1: Contributions of VCE/VCAL^a towards the completion of a Senior Secondary Certificate by 19 year olds

| Year ^c | 19 Year olds cohort ^b | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| | VCE/VCAL completions | | | | Population | VCE/VCAL completion rate | | | |
| | VCE only | VCE & VCAL | VCAL only | Total | | VCE only | VCE & VCAL | VCAL only | Total |
| 2009 | 47,147 | 877 | 3,482 | 51,506 | 69,936 | 67.4 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 73.6 |
| 2010 | 47,113 | 970 | 3,961 | 52,044 | 70,584 | 66.7 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 73.7 |
| 2011 | 46,480 | 1,063 | 4,444 | 51,987 | 70,047 | 66.4 | 1.5 | 6.3 | 74.2 |
| 2012 | 47,394 | 1,094 | 4,813 | 53,301 | 70,323 | 67.4 | 1.6 | 6.8 | 75.8 |
| 2013 | 47,640 | 1,039 | 5,315 | 53,994 | 70,583 | 67.5 | 1.5 | 7.5 | 76.5 |
| 2014 | 47,574 | 1,310 | 5,935 | 54,819 | 71,670 | 66.4 | 1.8 | 8.3 | 76.5 |
| 2015 | 47,460 | 891 | 6,696 | 55,047 | 71,190 | 66.7 | 1.3 | 9.4 | 77.3 |
| 2016 | 48,553 | 146 | 7,926 | 56,625 | 71,857 | 67.6 | 0.2 | 11.0 | 78.8 |
| 2017 | 48,544 | 84 | 7,761 | 56,389 | 71,916 | 67.5 | 0.1 | 10.8 | 78.4 |
| 2018 | 49,354 | 82 | 7,932 | 57,368 | 72,683 | 67.9 | 0.1 | 10.9 | 78.9 |

^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 2018. 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 2014 - 2018 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).