

**Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2015**

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 48,710 in 2006 to 55,047 in 2015. The VCE/VCAL completion rate by age 19 in 2015 was 78.4%. This is 5 percentage points higher than that in 2006.

This Table also shows that:

* By age 19 in 2015, there were 48,351 (47,460 plus 891) 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 2006 there were 1,654 young people aged 19 who completed a VCAL certificate at an Intermediate and/or Senior level. In 2015 this has increased to 6,696.

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

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|   | **Number of young people completed VCE/VCAL by age 19** | **19 yo population cohort (b)** | **Completion rate (%)** |
| **19 yo in:** | **VCE only** | **VCE and VCAL** | **VCAL only** | **Total** | **VCE only** | **VCE and VCAL** | **VCAL only** | **Total** |
| 2006 | 46,511 | 545 | 1,654 | 48,710 | 66,380 | 70.1 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 73.4 |
| 2007 | 45,859 | 703 | 2,405 | 48,967 | 67,333 | 68.1 | 1.0 | 3.6 | 72.7 |
| 2008 | 45,979 | 869 | 3,017 | 49,865 | 67,633 | 68.0 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 73.7 |
| 2009 | 47,154 | 876 | 3,493 | 51,523 | 69,936 | 67.4 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 73.7 |
| 2010 | 47,114 | 974 | 3,979 | 52,067 | 70,584 | 66.7 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 73.8 |
| 2011 | 46,481 | 1,066 | 4,454 | 52,001 | 70,047 | 66.4 | 1.5 | 6.4 | 74.2 |
| 2012 | 47,396 | 1,097 | 4,830 | 53,323 | 70,323 | 67.4 | 1.6 | 6.9 | 75.8 |
| 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 |
| 2015 | 47,460 | 891 | 6,696 | 55,047 | 70,252 | 67.6 | 1.3 | 9.5 | 78.4 |

(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 2015.
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 DEECD's approach. In the previous report, the population of 19 year olds was used as a denominator to calculate the completion rates.
(c) The 2011-2015 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).