

Senior Secondary Statistical Information 2024

Section 1: Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

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Section 1

In Victoria as of 2024, there is one certificate of senior secondary education, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) which ensures every student has access to studies where they will gain the skills and knowledge they need to find rewarding careers and reach their full potential.

Within the VCE students have the option to undertake the VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM).

This section covers the VCE including the VCE VM.

1. Victorian Certificate of Education

VCE completion is calculated on the basis of satisfactory completion of units. Refer to the VCE Administrative Hand book for VCE eligibility requirements, which can be found on the VCAA website [VCAA website](#).

Table 1.1: VCE (including the VCE VM) Participation and Completion, 2020 - 2024¹

Students	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Eligible to complete the VCE	51,162	51,746	50,602	59,220	63,682
Satisfactorily completed VCE	50,302	50,774	49,638	57,736	62,083
Percentage of VCE completion	98.3	98.1	98.1	97.5	97.5

Table 1.2: VCE (including the VCE VM) Participation and Completion by Gender, 2024

Gender	Eligible	Completion	% Completion
Female	32,495	31,749	97.7
Male	30,746	29,925	97.3
Gender X	441	409	92.7
All	63,682	62,083	97.5

¹These 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.

The VCE (Baccalaureate) is an additional form of recognition for those students who choose to undertake the demands of studying both a higher level of mathematics and a language in their VCE program of study. Refer to the VCE Administrative Handbook for VCE eligibility requirements, which can be found on the [VCAA website](#).

Table 1.3: VCE Baccalaureate Awarded, 2020 - 2024²

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Students	3,763	3,574	3,351	3,049	3,162

²The number students that were awarded VCE Baccalaureate are also included in Table 1.1: VCE Participation and Completion, 2020 - 2024 and Table 1.2: VCE Participation and Completion by Gender, 2024.

2. Unit Enrolments and Completions

2.1 VCE Units

Table 2.1.1: VCE (including the VCE VM) Unit Enrolments and Completions by Unit Level and Gender, 2024

(excluding credit gained through VET in Senior Secondary Schools)

Gender	Unit Enrolled				Unit Satisfactorily Completed				Percentage 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	204,474	198,456	167,670	164,081	192,501	188,773	164,422	162,012	94.1	95.1	98.1	98.7
Male	201,644	194,181	156,199	152,362	186,767	181,857	152,433	150,015	92.6	93.7	97.6	98.5
Gender X	2,240	2,033	2,122	2,036	1,850	1,702	1,980	1,926	82.6	83.7	93.3	94.6
All	408,358	394,670	325,991	318,479	381,118	372,332	318,835	313,953	93.3	94.3	97.8	98.6
% Female	50.1	50.3	51.4	51.5	50.5	50.7	51.6	51.6				
% Male	49.4	49.2	47.9	47.8	49	48.8	47.8	47.8				
% Gender X	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6				

Note that 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 completion by study and sequence.

Table 2.1.2: VCE (including the VCE VM) Units 1-4 Total Enrolments and Completions by Gender, 2024

(excluding credit gained through VET in Senior Secondary Schools)

Gender	Enrolment	Completion	% Completion
Female	734,681	707,708	96.3
Male	704,386	671,072	95.3
Gender X	8,431	7,458	88.5
All	1,447,498	1,386,238	95.8
% Female	50.8	51.1	
% Male	48.7	48.4	
% Gender X	0.6	0.5	

There were a total of 1,447,498 VCE (including the VCE VM) unit enrolments in 2024 of which 95.8% were successfully completed. 170,939 of these unit enrolments were VCE VM, of which 86% were successfully completed. With the introduction of the Northern Hemisphere Timetable (NHT) there were 626 students from 17 home schools with total 2,767 enrolments at units 1-4 in 2023/2024.

The female completion rate was 96.3% while the male completion rate was 95.3%. Females comprised 50.8% of the total unit enrolments while males comprised 48.7%. Females comprised 51.1% of the total unit completions while males comprised 48.4%.

2.2 VCE VET Units

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

Table 2.2: Equivalent VCE VET Unit Credits Gained Through VET Units of Competency (UoC), 2024

Gender	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Female	20,194	12,757	9,592	8,439
Male	25,380	16,247	10,977	9,152
Gender X	271	175	119	106
All	45,845	29,179	20,688	17,697
% Female	44.0	43.7	46.4	47.7
% Male	55.4	55.7	53.1	51.7
% Gender X	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

3. Outcomes of VCE Graded Assessment 2024

Section 3 (Grade Distributions for Graded Assessments VCE) provides more detailed information on the outcomes for each study where Graded Assessment is available. VCE studies at Unit 3 and 4 level have three Graded Assessments, while scored VCE VET programs have two Graded Assessments.

In summary, the most awarded grade in 2024 was B comprising 16.1% of the distribution. The median grade was a B, with 56.4% of grades at a B or higher. Table 3.1 shows the number of grades awarded (N), and the percentage awarded per grade. The table includes data for both VCE Unit 3-4 sequences and scored VCE VET programs.

Table 3.1: Aggregate Grade Distributions All Graded Assessments, 2024

(VCE Units 3-4 Sequences and Scored VCE VET Programs)

Grade	UG	E	E+	D	D+	C	C+	B	B+	A	A+	All
N	3,140	5,438	17,055	37,768	66,483	92,595	117,778	125,634	122,930	108,692	83,530	781,043
%	0.4	0.7	2.2	4.8	8.5	11.9	15.1	16.1	15.7	13.9	10.7	100.0

Figure 1: Grade Distribution: All Graded Assessments, 2024

