

Caveats for 2023 Year 12 results

These caveats reflect differences in rules and definitions for reporting on senior secondary certificates in the various states and territories. More detailed information is available on the [Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities \(ACACA\)](#) website.

Senior secondary measures	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	The number of students for each school who left at the end of 2023 having fulfilled the requirements for a senior secondary certificate issued by an ACACA in the relevant state or territory.
Completed senior secondary school	The number of students for each school who left at the end 2023 having completed the equivalent of two or more years post Year 10 studies (not necessarily full-time nor consecutive) who are eligible for a statement of results, or a record of achievements.

New South Wales ¹	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Students awarded the NSW Higher School Certificate in the specified year, who did not have an enrolment in any NSW school on March 31 of the following calendar year.
Completed senior secondary school	Students awarded the NSW Higher School Certificate or the NSW Record of School Achievement identifying completion of at least one HSC course, who did not have an enrolment in any NSW school on March 31 of the following calendar year.

Victoria	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	For Victorian schools, these are students who have satisfactorily completed the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and who did not have an enrolment in the following year ¹ .
Completed senior secondary school	<p>In 2023 we introduced the VCE Vocational Major (VM) to replace the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning. The VCE VM is a vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of two years. The VCE VM will give students greater choice and flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work and life. It prepares students to move into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university (via non-ATAR pathways) or directly into the workforce.</p> <p>We also introduced the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) in 2023. The VPC is an accredited foundation secondary certificate. We have designed the VPC for students who would benefit from a more individualised program at a more accessible level.</p>

Victoria	
	<p>For further information about the VCE, VCE VM and VPC, visit the VCAA website: https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/HomePage.aspx</p> <p>¹Enrolments in the following year (2024) were accurate as at 3 May 2024.</p> <p>Note 1: Students who completed the VPC have been excluded from the data as VPC is a foundation secondary certificate and not a senior secondary certificate.</p> <p>Note 2: Includes full-fee-paying students from overseas.</p>

Queensland ²	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	<p>This count:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> represents total Year 12 students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12. The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification, which is awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12. It recognises broad learning options and offers flexibility in what, where and when learning occurs. includes full-fee-paying international students.
Completed senior secondary school	<p>This count:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> represents total Year 12 students that satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland and were issued with a Senior Statement at the end of Year 12. The Senior Statement is a transcript of the learning account for all students completing Year 12 at a Queensland school. It shows all studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a QCE. includes full-fee-paying international students.

South Australia ¹	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	<p>This measure includes those students who were enrolled in 2023 and achieved their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). These students may or may not have returned to study in the following year.</p>
Completed senior secondary school	<p>This measure includes those students who were enrolled in 2023 but not in 2024. These students did not undertake any further South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) study in 2024.</p>

Western Australia ²	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	The measure represents the number of Year 12 students who left school at the end of 2023 and who had completed the requirements of the Western Australian Certificate of Education. It does not include international or full fee-paying students.
Completed senior secondary school	The measure represents the number of full time Year 12 students who left school at the end of 2023, completed two years of study post year 10 and who received a final statement of student achievement. It does not include international or full fee-paying students.

Tasmania ¹	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	The number of Year 12/13 students in 2023, who were aged 15-19 and an Australian citizen, having met the standards required for the award of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.
Completed senior secondary school	The number of Year 12/13 students in 2023, who were aged 15-19 and an Australian citizen, having received a formal statement showing one or more results in senior secondary courses and/or VET.

Northern Territory ²	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Number of students who attained the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) in the reporting year. This includes students who were not in Year 12 but nevertheless satisfied all the requirements for conferral of the NTCET.
Completed senior secondary school	Number of students registered with the SACE Board of South Australia as potential Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) completers for the reporting year.

Australian Capital Territory	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Incorporates all students who received an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate at the end of the year.
Completed senior secondary school	Includes students who received an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and those who were undertaking year 12 studies at the end of the year but did not meet the requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate.

¹ Any age, any residential/citizen status.

² Students aged 15 to 19 as at 31 December for that calendar year.