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Acronyms and abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AQF	Australian Qualifications Framework
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
CATI	Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing
CPCSE	Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education
ETRF	Education and Training Reforms for the Future
FP	Field Position
FT	Full-time
LBOTE	Language Background Other Than English (this term is now used nationally in preference to NESB)
MCEETYA	Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs
N	Number of records
NILF	Not In the Labour Force
OESR	Office of Economic and Statistical Research
OGS	Office of the Government Statistician
OP	Overall Position (indicator of academic performance ranking used for university entrance)
PT	Part-time
QCE	Queensland Certificate of Education
QSA	Queensland Studies Authority
SAT	School-based apprenticeship and traineeship
SD	Statistical division
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
SES	Socio-economic status
SSD	Statistical sub-division
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
VET	Vocational Education and Training

Introduction

Aims of the project

The objectives of the survey were to collect information on the post-school destinations of Year 12 students in Queensland in order to assist:

- a) Parents and the wider public to know the achievements of students and to appreciate the range of options available to students
- b) Schools to review and plan their services for students, especially in the senior years of schooling
- c) School systems to review their education policies as they affect the transition from school to further study and employment
- d) Training bodies, universities, business and industry, local government and regional planners to plan their services.

Methodology

The *Next Step* Destination Survey 2006 was conducted by the Office of the Government Statistician (OGS) on behalf of the Department of Education and the Arts, in accordance with the privacy provisions of the *Statistical Returns Act 1896*.

The survey targeted students who completed Year 12 in Queensland in 2005, including students at Government schools, non-Government schools and TAFE secondary colleges. The targeted respondents were identified by means of a survey frame (or list) provided to the OGS by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA). This list contained details for 40 004 in-scope respondents.

The survey was conducted between 27 March and 8 May 2006, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were predominantly collected via computer aided telephone interview (CATI) with paper-based surveys collected from a small number of students for whom telephone details were not available.

A total of 30 989 completed surveys were received. Of those, 1 111 were completed by returned mail and 29 878 by CATI.

Regional reports are based on statistical divisions used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The response rate for this region – Northern/North West – was 79.6 per cent in Northern and 74.6 per cent in North West.

Please note that some survey participants did not provide information for particular survey questions. As a result, the number of responses shown in some tables may not reflect the totals reported for the main destinations appearing in Table 2.

Students were allocated to this region on the basis of the location of the school they attended in 2005. These data are shown in the Appendix (Table A1).

Main Findings – Northern/North West

Destinations

More than nine in ten (92.5 per cent) Year 12 completers in this region were studying or in paid employment. (Figure 1)

Over six in ten (63.6 per cent) continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school. (Figure 1)

Nearly a third were undertaking a university degree (33.2 per cent). (Figure 1)

Three in ten (30.4 per cent) were studying vocational education and training (VET). (Figure 1)

Nearly one in three of the campus-based VET students were studying at Certificate IV level or higher (2.7 per cent of Year 12 completers overall). (Figure 1)

Over one in five (21.2 per cent) were undertaking employment-based training, either as an apprentice (13.1 per cent) or trainee (8.1 per cent). (Figure 1)

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 7.6 per cent of respondents from this region deferred a tertiary offer in 2006 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their actual current destination and in Figure 3 as deferrers).

Over a third (36.4 per cent) did not enter post-school education or training and were either employed (28.9 per cent), looking for work (5.6 per cent) or neither working, seeking work or studying (1.8 per cent). (Figure 1)

Learning: education and training destinations

Amongst the 63.6 per cent of Year 12 completers continuing in some form of education or training the most common fields of study were Engineering and Related Technologies, Health and Management and Commerce (e.g. Business, Tourism). (Table 4)

James Cook University and Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE were the two tertiary institutions most commonly entered by Year 12 completers, accounting for nearly two thirds of Year 12 completers (64.1 per cent) in post-school education and training destinations. (Table 5)

Earning: employment destinations

Of those young people working, nearly half were in part-time employment (47.8 per cent), while 23.0 per cent were in full-time employment, 17.3 per cent were apprentices and 11.8 per cent were trainees. (Table 6)

Over one-half of all Year 12 completers in employment (54.0 per cent) were working in just three occupational groups — Sales Assistants, Food Handlers and Clerks, Receptionists and Secretaries. Sales Assistants was the most common occupational group (31.7 per cent) with the next most common being Food Handlers (13.0 per cent) followed by Clerks, Receptionists and Secretaries (9.3 per cent). (Table 7)

Not learning or earning

The survey identified 5.6 per cent of Year 12 graduates who were seeking work. (Figure 1)

Less than one in every fifty Year 12 graduates were neither in a study destination nor seeking work (1.8 per cent). This group includes those with a disability or health condition, travelling or waiting for their course to commence. (Figure 1)

The key reasons given for not continuing in study were that young people wanted a break from study (for example to travel) or were not interested in further study. (Table 9)

The next most common group of reasons for not studying relate to economic and financial considerations. Many Year 12 graduates cited work commitments for not studying or were working in order to finance future study and some were concerned with the cost of studying. Some did not feel ready for any more study. (Table 9)

A third group of reasons were related to accessibility to study, reflecting concerns about family commitments, disabilities and perceived academic barriers. (Table 9)

Different people, different pathways

The survey found different patterns for different groups of young people.

Sex

There were significant differences in the destinations of males and females. In particular:

Females were more likely to enter a university degree course (38.4 per cent compared to 27.0 per cent of males), and more likely to enrol in campus-based (i.e. not apprenticeships or traineeships) VET programs (10.4 per cent compared to 7.9 per cent of males). (Table 2)

Males were more likely to enter VET programs than university (39.1 per cent for VET compared to 27.0 per cent for university), while females were more likely to enter university than VET programs (38.4 per cent for university compared to 23.1 per cent for VET). (Table 2)

Males were nine times more likely than females to enter an apprenticeship, while females were more likely than males to commence a traineeship. (Table 2)

Females were more than three times as likely as males to study in the fields of Society and Culture, Food, Hospitality and Personal Services and Education, and twice as likely to study in the field of Health. They were also more likely than males to study in the fields of Management and Commerce (e.g. Business, Tourism), Creative Arts and Natural and Physical Sciences. (Table 4)

Males were 12 times as likely as females to enrol in Engineering and Related Technologies courses, seven times as likely to enrol in Architecture and Building courses and four times as likely to enrol in Information Technology courses. (Table 4)

Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies and Mixed Field Programs were the only fields in which there were similar enrolment rates for males and females. (Table 4)

Females were more likely than males to be working in part-time jobs (58.0 per cent compared to 35.5 per cent), and were just as likely as males to be working in full-time jobs (23.7 per cent compared to 22.2 per cent). (Table 6)

Students of VET in schools

The survey found a link between VET studies at school and destinations after school.

Four in ten Year 12 graduates in this region left school with a VET qualification (40.2 per cent), while 5.4 per cent were school-based apprentices or trainees (SATs). (Table 13)

Those with a VET qualification were less likely to enrol in a university degree course than others (18.0 per cent compared to 43.5 per cent). However, they had higher rates of transition to employment-based training (29.6 per cent compared to 15.5 per cent). They were also more likely to enter employment with no further education and training (33.0 per cent compared to 26.1 per cent). (Table 13)

School-based apprentices and trainees were more than twice as likely to undertake apprenticeships and traineeships after school as other Year 12 completers (44.7 per cent compared to 19.8 per cent). (Table 13)

Indigenous

Indigenous Year 12 completers were less likely than their non-Indigenous peers to enrol at university (13.5 per cent compared to 34.3 per cent). Nonetheless, 12 Indigenous young people who completed the survey commenced university studies in 2006. (Table 14)

Indigenous students were more likely than their non-Indigenous peers to be an apprentice or trainee (27.0 per cent compared to 20.8 per cent) and just as likely to have a main destination of working (27.0 per cent compared to 29.0 per cent). (Table 14)

Indigenous Year 12 completers were more likely than their non-Indigenous counterparts to enrol in campus-based VET courses (15.7 per cent compared to 8.9 per cent). (Table 14)

Indigenous Year 12 completers were also more likely to be seeking work than their non-Indigenous peers (13.5 per cent compared to 5.2 per cent). (Table 14)

Socio-economic status

Transition to post-school education and training was strongly associated with socio-economic status (SES), increasing overall from 61.8 per cent for the lowest SES quartile to 71.3 per cent for the highest SES quartile. (Table 15)

The proportion of students who entered employment-based training consistently decreased as socio-economic status increased, from 23.7 per cent for the lowest quartile to 14.9 per cent for the highest SES quartile. (Table 15)

Comparisons

Year 12 completers in Northern/North West had similar post-schooling destinations to all non-metropolitan Year 12 completers, although more were likely to enter University. (Figure 2)

Northern/North West Year 12 completers were less likely to enter university or campus-based VET programs than Year 12 completers in Queensland generally, but more likely to enter apprenticeships and traineeships. (Figure 2)

Year 12 completers not in education or training in Northern/North West had similar employment destinations to other non-metropolitan Year 12 completers and Year 12 completers statewide. (Figure 5)

The occupational destinations of Year 12 completers in Northern/North West closely resemble those of Year 12 completers statewide, although there were less Sales Assistants in Northern/North West than statewide. (Table 7)

The industry categories of Year 12 completers in Northern/North West closely resemble those of Year 12 completers statewide, although there was less concentration in the retail trade in Northern/North West. (Table 8)

The main reasons given for not studying by Northern/North West Year 12 completers closely resemble those of non-metropolitan and statewide respondents, although wanting to take a break from study and concern over course fees were less common in Northern/North West than non-metropolitan areas and statewide. (Table 10)

The main reasons given for not working by Northern/North West Year 12 completers not in the labour market resemble those of non-metropolitan and statewide respondents, although waiting for a job to begin and not wishing to work were more common in Northern/North West, while family and study commitments were less common. (Table 11)

Comparisons between the 2005 and 2006 destinations reveal a broadly similar pattern. (Figure 4)

More information on the survey is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep

Main destinations

All respondents were categorised into their main destination, as Outlined in Table 1. Tertiary students are assigned to the study categories regardless of their labour force status (i.e. they may also be working or even looking for work).

Table 1 Main Destination Categorisations, Next Step 2006

<i>Higher Education</i>	
University (degree)*	Respondents studying at degree level.
<i>VET categories</i>	
VET Cert IV+*	Respondents studying Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert III*	Respondents studying Certificate III (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert I-II/other*	Respondents studying Certificate I or II (excluding apprentices and trainees). This category also includes respondents in an "unspecified" VET certificate, or in other basic courses (e.g. Year 12, bridging course, etc.) and with an unknown course level.
Apprentice	Working and in employment-based apprenticeship.
Trainee	Working and in employment-based traineeship.
<i>No further education and training</i>	
Working full-time [~]	Working full-time (35 hours or more per week) and not in a study or training destination. This includes people with part-time or casual jobs that total 35 hours or more.
Working part-time [~]	Working part-time or casual (fewer than 35 hours per week) and not in a study or training destination.
Seeking work	Looking for work and not in a study or training destination
Not studying and not in the labour force	Not in study or training, not working and not looking for work.

*Some respondents are also in the labour market

[~]ABS Classification

Figure 1 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, 2006

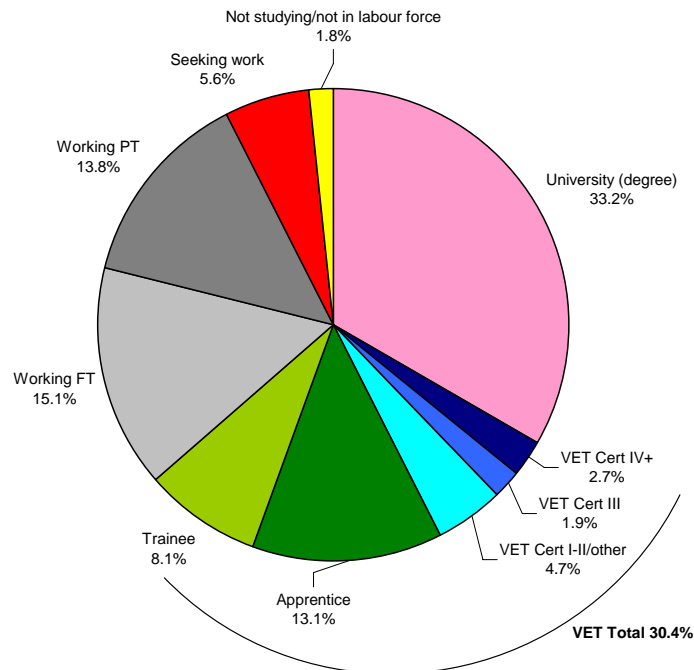


Table 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Northern/North West, 2006

Destination	Males		Females		Total	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
University (degree)	213	27.0	362	38.4	575	33.2
VET Cert IV+	14	1.8	32	3.4	46	2.7
VET Cert III	8	1.0	25	2.7	33	1.9
VET Cert I-II/other	40	5.1	41	4.4	81	4.7
Apprentice	200	25.4	26	2.8	226	13.1
Trainee	46	5.8	94	10.0	140	8.1
<i>(Total VET)</i>	<i>(308)</i>	<i>(39.1)</i>	<i>(218)</i>	<i>(23.1)</i>	<i>(526)</i>	<i>(30.4)</i>
Working full-time	112	14.2	150	15.9	262	15.1
Working part-time	82	10.4	156	16.6	238	13.8
Seeking work	54	6.9	43	4.6	97	5.6
Not studying/ not in the labour force	19	2.4	13	1.4	32	1.8
Total	788	100.0	942	100.0	1 730	100.0

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, All non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

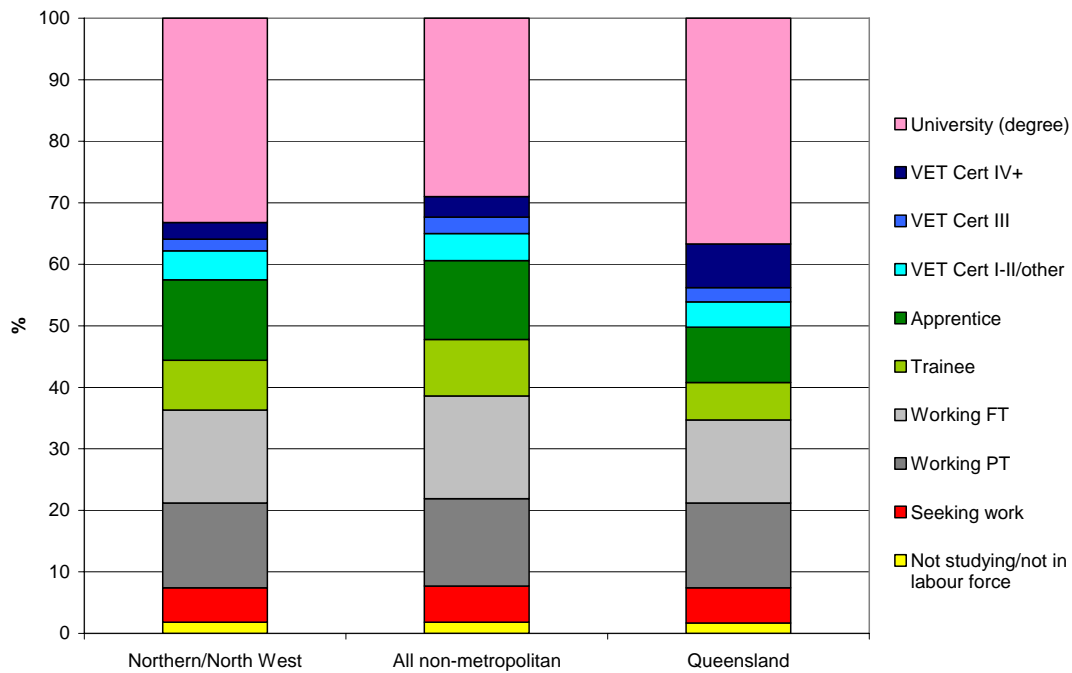


Table 3 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, 2006

		<i>Uni Degree</i>	<i>VET Cert IV+</i>	<i>VET Cert III</i>	<i>VET Cert I-II</i>	<i>Study other/ unspecified</i>	<i>Not studying</i>	<i>Total</i>
Working full-time	<i>no.</i>	27	6	4	2	8	262	309
	<i>%</i>	4.7	7.6	2.2	3.5	3.8	41.7	17.9
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	338	26	18	10	12	238	642
	<i>%</i>	58.8	32.9	10.0	17.5	5.7	37.8	37.1
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	7	22	90	10	104	0	233
	<i>%</i>	1.2	27.8	50.0	17.5	49.5	0.0	13.5
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	19	11	57	24	48	0	159
	<i>%</i>	3.3	13.9	31.7	42.1	22.9	0.0	9.2
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	79	6	4	7	11	97	204
	<i>%</i>	13.7	7.6	2.2	12.3	5.2	15.4	11.8
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	105	8	7	4	27	32	183
	<i>%</i>	18.3	10.1	3.9	7.0	12.9	5.1	10.6
Total	<i>no.</i>	575	79	180	57	210	629	1 730
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Figure 3

Main destinations of Year 12 completers, with deferrals identified, Northern/North West, 2006

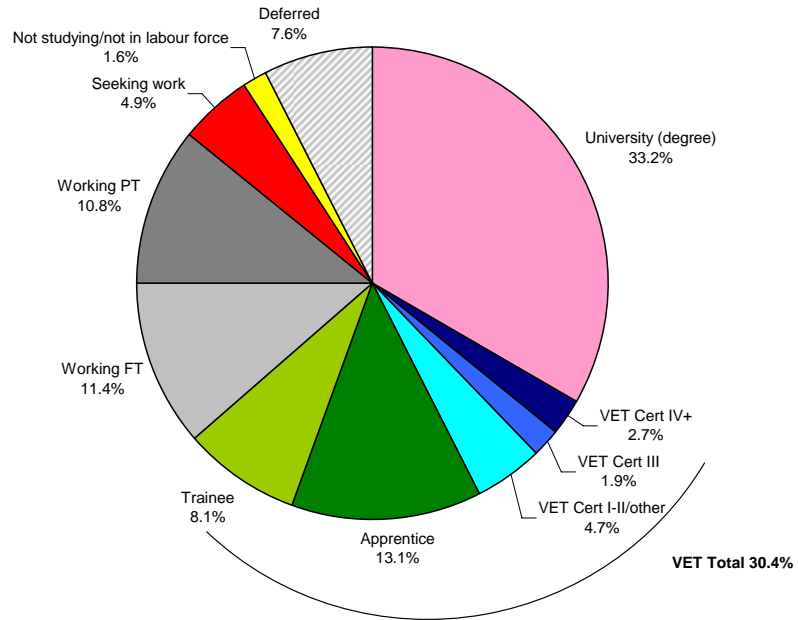


Figure 4

Comparison of main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, 2005 and 2006

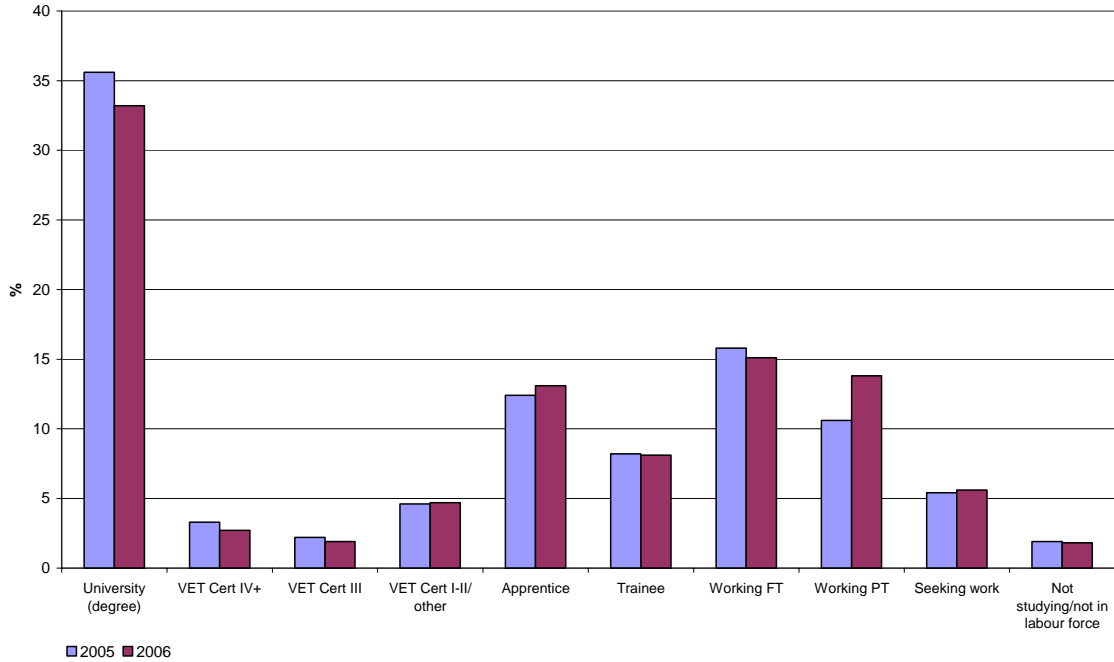


Table 4 Post-school field of study of Year 12 completers, by sex, Northern/North West, 2006

<i>Post-School Field of Study</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Engineering & Related Technologies	39.9	3.3	19.1
Health	9.9	20.8	16.1
Management & Commerce	10.1	19.1	15.2
Society & Culture	5.1	19.7	13.4
Education	3.6	11.4	8.0
Natural & Physical Sciences	5.3	6.1	5.7
Architecture & Building	10.6	1.5	5.4
Creative Arts	4.1	6.3	5.3
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	2.2	7.5	5.2
Information Technology	5.3	1.3	3.0
Mixed Field Programs	2.2	1.8	2.0
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	1.7	1.3	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Field of study categories are based on the ABS classification in ABS Education and Work Catalogue 6227.0.

Table 5 Post-school institutions of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, 2006

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
James Cook University	485	45.3
Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE	202	18.9
The University of Queensland	26	2.4
Central Queensland Institute of TAFE	25	2.3
Queensland University of Technology	19	1.8
University of Southern Queensland	13	1.2
Griffith University	11	1.0
Tropical North Institute of TAFE	10	0.9
Southbank Institute of TAFE	8	0.7
Moreton Institute of TAFE	8	0.7
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	6	0.6
Central Queensland University	4	0.4
Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE	4	0.4
Qantm College	2	0.2
Australian Catholic University	1	0.1
Wide Bay Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
University of the Sunshine Coast	1	0.1
Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
The Bremer Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
Private Training Colleges	51	4.8
Other Queensland TAFEs	40	3.7
Interstate Universities	16	1.5
Other/unknown	136	12.7
Total	1 071	100.0

Note: Table excludes 30 respondents who did not identify institution of study/training

Table 6 Work destinations of all Year 12 completers in employment, by sex, Northern/North West, 2006

<i>Employment Destination</i>	<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Working full-time	135	22.2	174	23.7	309	23.0
Working part-time	216	35.5	426	58.0	642	47.8
Apprentice	206	33.8	27	3.7	233	17.3
Trainee	52	8.5	107	14.6	159	11.8
Total	609	100.0	734	100.0	1 343	100.0

Note: Based on all Year 12 completers in some form of employment including those with a 'main destination' of study.

Figure 5 Employment destinations of Year 12 completers not in education or training, Northern/North West, All Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

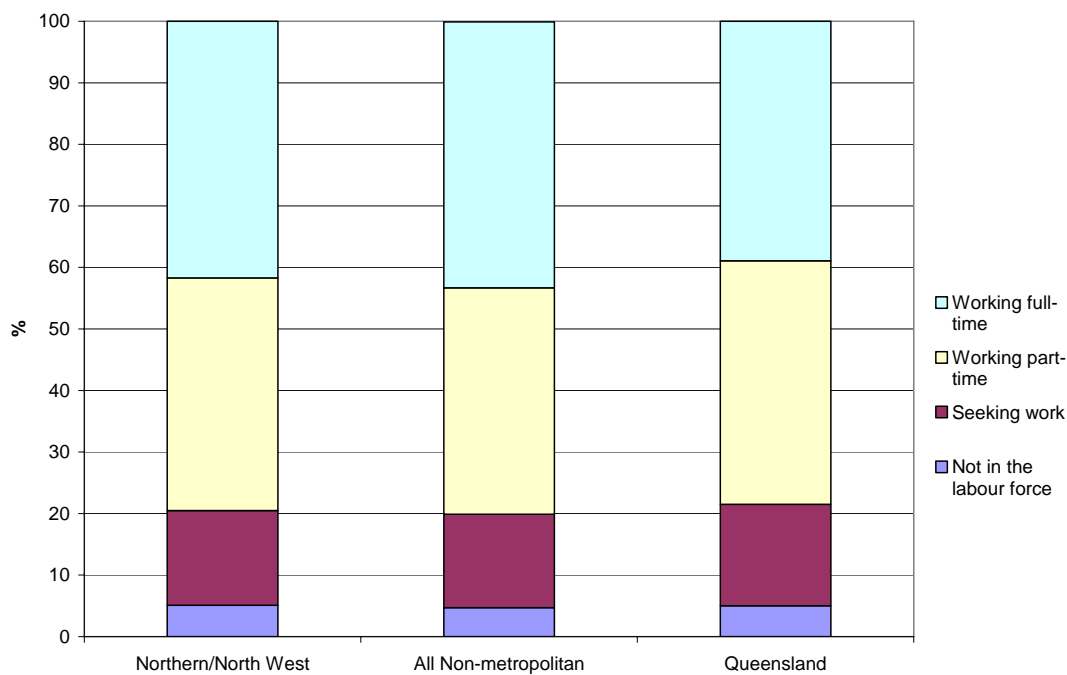


Table 7 Occupational groups of all Year 12 completers in employment, Northern/North West and Queensland, 2006

<i>Occupational groups</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Qld %</i>
Sales Assistants	426	31.7	35.6
Food Handlers	174	13.0	14.4
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	125	9.3	9.7
Waiters	96	7.1	6.5
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	78	5.8	4.6
Labourers	56	4.2	3.9
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	38	2.8	3.2
Child Care & Education-Related Workers	46	3.4	3.1
Electrical & Electronics Trades	63	4.7	2.9
Automotive Workers	50	3.7	2.6
Gardeners, Farmers & Animal Workers	30	2.2	2.3
Storepersons	27	2.0	2.1
Factory & Machine Workers	17	1.3	1.5
Marketing & Sales Representatives	10	0.7	1.3
Other	107	8.0	6.4
Total	1 343	100.0	100.0

Note: Occupational groups based on those used by the Commonwealth Dept of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Table 8 Industry categories of all Year 12 completers in employment, Northern/North West and Queensland, 2006

<i>Industry category</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Qld %</i>
Retail Trade	441	32.9	36.6
Accom, cafes, restaurants (hospitality)	294	22.0	23.3
Construction	111	8.3	7.2
Manufacturing	49	3.7	3.7
Health & Community Services	38	2.8	3.3
Education	50	3.7	3.1
Transport & Storage	60	4.5	2.8
Personal & Other Services	36	2.7	2.8
Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	38	2.8	2.6
Property & Business Services	29	2.2	2.6
Government Admin & Defence	56	4.2	2.5
Electricity Gas & Water Supply	48	3.6	2.2
Cultural & Recreation Services	22	1.6	2.0
Finance & Insurance	16	1.2	1.4
Communication Services	15	1.1	1.3
Wholesale Trade	9	0.7	1.2
Mining	25	1.9	0.9
Other	2	0.1	0.3
Total	1 339	100.0	100.0

Table 9 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, by sex, Northern/North West, 2006

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
I want a break from study (e.g. travel)	21.3	30.1	26.4
I am not interested in further study	28.1	19.3	23.1
My work commitments	9.7	7.5	8.4
I am working to finance further study	5.6	9.4	7.8
I am not ready for more study at the moment	4.9	9.7	7.6
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	2.6	3.9	3.3
I am waiting for a course or training to begin	4.1	2.5	3.2
My family commitments	1.9	4.1	3.2
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program I want to do	3.4	2.5	2.9
I am looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship	3.7	1.1	2.2
I am undecided and considering my options	2.6	1.9	2.2
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	1.5	2.2	1.9
Because of disability	2.6	1.1	1.7
Other	7.9	4.7	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, Northern/North West, All non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

	<i>Northern /North West</i>	<i>All non- metro</i>	<i>Qld</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
I want a break from study (e.g. travel)	26.4	28.3	32.5
I am not interested in further study	23.1	20.0	17.1
I am working to finance further study	7.8	9.4	8.7
I am not ready for more study at the moment	7.6	7.5	7.5
My work commitments	8.4	7.3	6.6
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	1.9	3.6	4.2
I am waiting for a course or training to begin	3.2	3.0	4.0
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program I want to do	2.9	2.1	2.6
I am undecided and considering my options	2.2	1.9	2.5
I am looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship	2.2	2.2	2.4
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	3.3	4.2	2.4
My family commitments	3.2	2.6	2.2
Because of disability	1.7	1.9	2.0
Other	6.0	5.9	5.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 11 Main reason for not looking for work of Year 12 completers not studying and not in the labour force, Northern/North West, All non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

	<i>Northern/North West</i>	<i>All non-metro</i>	<i>Queensland</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Because of disability	28.1	28.8	24.1
I wish to travel	12.5	10.6	15.6
I have accepted a job starting later	25.0	16.5	13.5
My family commitments	9.4	16.5	11.8
My study commitments	6.3	7.1	11.2
I don't wish to work	12.5	5.3	5.6
I don't feel ready for work	3.1	2.9	3.9
Don't know / can't say	3.1	2.9	3.3
I would have to move away from home	0.0	2.4	0.8
Other	0.0	7.1	10.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 12 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status, Northern/North West, 2006

<i>Destination</i>		<i>CPCSE</i>	<i>Senior Certificate</i>
University (degree)	<i>no.</i>	0	575
	%	0.0	33.4
VET Certificate IV+	<i>no.</i>	0	46
	%	0.0	2.7
VET Certificate III	<i>no.</i>	3	33
	%	12.0	1.9
VET Certificate I-II/other	<i>no.</i>	7	81
	%	28.0	4.7
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	1	226
	%	4.0	13.1
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	140
	%	0.0	8.1
<i>(Total VET)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>(11)</i>	<i>(526)</i>
	%	<i>(44.0)</i>	<i>(30.4)</i>
Working Full-time	<i>no.</i>	0	262
	%	0.0	15.1
Working Part-time	<i>no.</i>	3	238
	%	12.0	13.8
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	2	97
	%	8.0	5.6
Not studying/not in labour force	<i>no.</i>	9	32
	%	36.0	1.8
Total	<i>no.</i>	25	1 730
	%	100	100

Table 13 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 strand (VET and non-VET) and school-based apprentices, Northern/North West, 2006

		<i>VET Qualification</i>		<i>School-based apprentice or trainee (SAT)</i>	
		<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>
University (degree)	<i>no.</i>	450	125	559	16
	<i>%</i>	43.5	18.0	34.2	17.0
VET Certificate IV+	<i>no.</i>	21	25	44	2
	<i>%</i>	2.0	3.6	2.7	2.1
VET Certificate III	<i>no.</i>	18	15	33	0
	<i>%</i>	1.7	2.2	2.0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	<i>no.</i>	48	33	81	0
	<i>%</i>	4.6	4.7	5.0	0.0
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	91	135	203	23
	<i>%</i>	8.8	19.4	12.4	24.5
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	69	71	121	19
	<i>%</i>	6.7	10.2	7.4	20.2
<i>(Total VET)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>(247)</i>	<i>(279)</i>	<i>(482)</i>	<i>(44)</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>(23.9)</i>	<i>(40.1)</i>	<i>(29.5)</i>	<i>(46.8)</i>
Working Full-time	<i>no.</i>	148	114	247	15
	<i>%</i>	14.3	16.4	15.1	16.0
Working Part-time	<i>no.</i>	122	116	224	14
	<i>%</i>	11.8	16.7	13.8	14.9
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	47	50	94	3
	<i>%</i>	4.5	7.2	5.6	3.2
Not studying/not in labour force	<i>no.</i>	20	12	30	2
	<i>%</i>	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.1
Total	<i>no.</i>	1 034	696	1 636	94
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 14 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Indigenous Status, Northern/North West, 2006

		<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>
University (degree)	<i>no.</i>	563	12
	%	34.3	13.5
VET Certificate IV+	<i>no.</i>	42	4
	%	2.6	4.5
VET Certificate III	<i>no.</i>	33	0
	%	2.0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	<i>no.</i>	71	10
	%	4.3	11.2
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	212	14
	%	12.9	15.7
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	130	10
	%	7.9	11.2
<i>(Total VET)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>(488)</i>	<i>(38)</i>
	%	<i>(29.7)</i>	<i>(42.7)</i>
Working Full-time	<i>no.</i>	251	11
	%	15.3	12.4
Working Part-time	<i>no.</i>	225	13
	%	13.7	14.6
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	85	12
	%	5.2	13.5
Not studying/not in labour force	<i>no.</i>	29	3
	%	1.8	3.4
Total	<i>no.</i>	1 641	89
	%	100.0	100.0

Table 15 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by socio-economic status, Northern/North West, 2006

		<i>Lowest SES quartile</i>	<i>Second lowest SES quartile</i>	<i>Second highest SES quartile</i>	<i>Highest SES quartile</i>
University (degree)	<i>no.</i>	114	226	112	121
	%	25.4	33.4	33.1	46.4
VET Certificate IV+	<i>no.</i>	11	20	8	7
	%	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.7
VET Certificate III	<i>no.</i>	15	7	7	4
	%	3.3	1.0	2.1	1.5
VET Certificate I-II/other	<i>no.</i>	31	27	8	15
	%	6.9	4.0	2.4	5.7
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	67	98	39	21
	%	15.0	14.5	11.5	8.0
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	39	60	23	18
	%	8.7	8.9	6.8	6.9
<i>(Total VET)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>(163)</i>	<i>(212)</i>	<i>(85)</i>	<i>(65)</i>
	%	<i>(36.4)</i>	<i>(31.3)</i>	<i>(25.1)</i>	<i>(24.9)</i>
Working Full-time	<i>no.</i>	67	104	54	34
	%	15.0	15.4	16.0	13.0
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	64	88	57	29
	%	14.3	13.0	16.9	11.1
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	32	31	25	9
	%	7.1	4.6	7.4	3.4
Not studying/ not in the labour force	<i>no.</i>	8	16	5	3
	%	1.8	2.4	1.5	1.1
Total	<i>no.</i>	448	677	338	261
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Socio-economic status based on the respondent's residential address.

Sub-regions within Northern/North West

Figure 6 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern, 2006

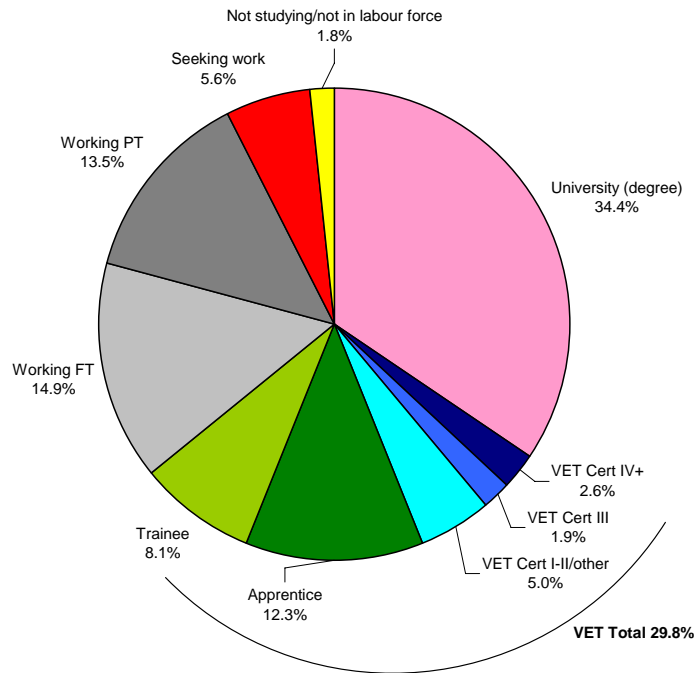


Table 16 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Northern, 2006

Destination	Males		Females		Total	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
University (degree)	206	28.0	349	39.7	555	34.4
VET Cert IV+	12	1.6	30	3.4	42	2.6
VET Cert III	8	1.1	23	2.6	31	1.9
VET Cert I-II/other	39	5.3	41	4.7	80	5.0
Apprentice	176	23.9	22	2.5	198	12.3
Trainee	46	6.3	85	9.7	131	8.1
(Total VET)	(281)	(38.2)	(201)	(22.8)	(482)	(29.8)
Working full-time	103	14.0	138	15.7	241	14.9
Working part-time	79	10.7	139	15.8	218	13.5
Seeking work	49	6.7	41	4.7	90	5.6
Not studying/ not in the labour force	17	2.3	12	1.4	29	1.8
Total	735	100.0	880	100.0	1 615	100.0

Figure 7 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern, Northern/North West, All non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

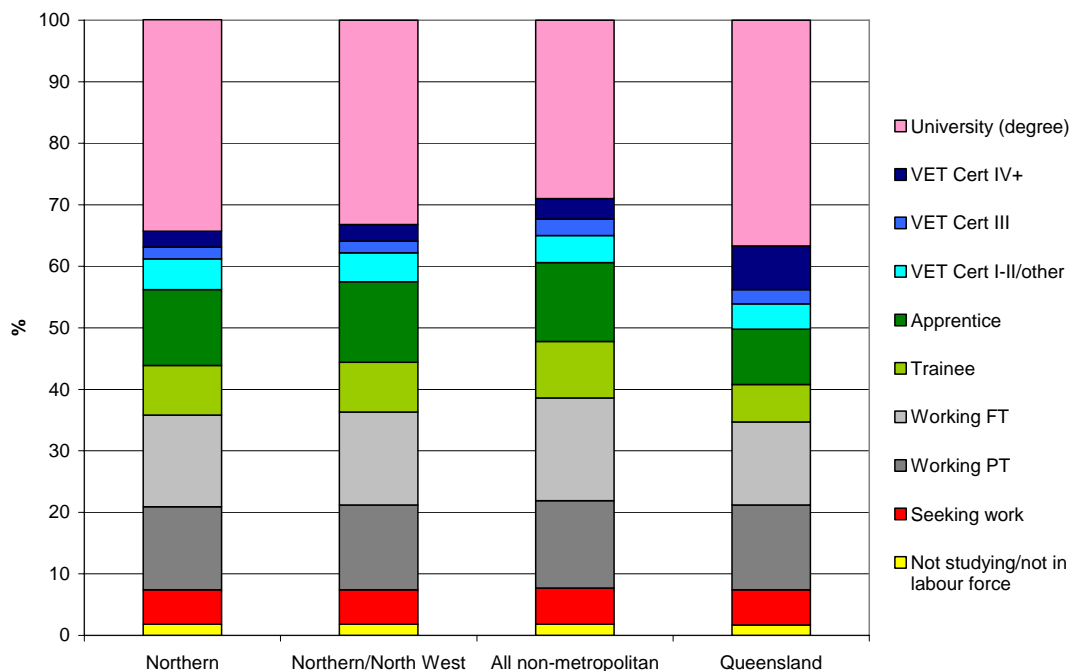


Table 17 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern, 2006 update...

	<i>University degree</i>		<i>VET Cert IV+</i>		<i>VET Cert III</i>		<i>VET I-II</i>		<i>Study other/unspecified</i>		<i>Not studying</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Working full-time	27	4.9	4	5.6	3	1.9	2	3.6	8	4.0	241	41.7	285	17.6
Working part-time	332	59.8	25	34.7	17	11.0	10	17.9	12	6.0	218	37.7	614	38.0
Apprentice	7	1.3	19	26.4	74	47.7	9	16.1	96	48.2	0	0.0	205	12.7
Trainee	17	3.1	11	15.3	50	32.3	24	42.9	46	23.1	0	0.0	148	9.2
Seeking work	75	13.5	5	6.9	4	2.6	7	12.5	11	5.5	90	15.6	192	11.9
Not working/not seeking work	97	17.5	8	11.1	7	4.5	4	7.1	26	13.1	29	5.0	171	10.6
Total	555	100.0	72	100.0	155	100.0	56	100.0	199	100.0	578	100.0	1 615	100.0

Figure 8 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, North West, 2006

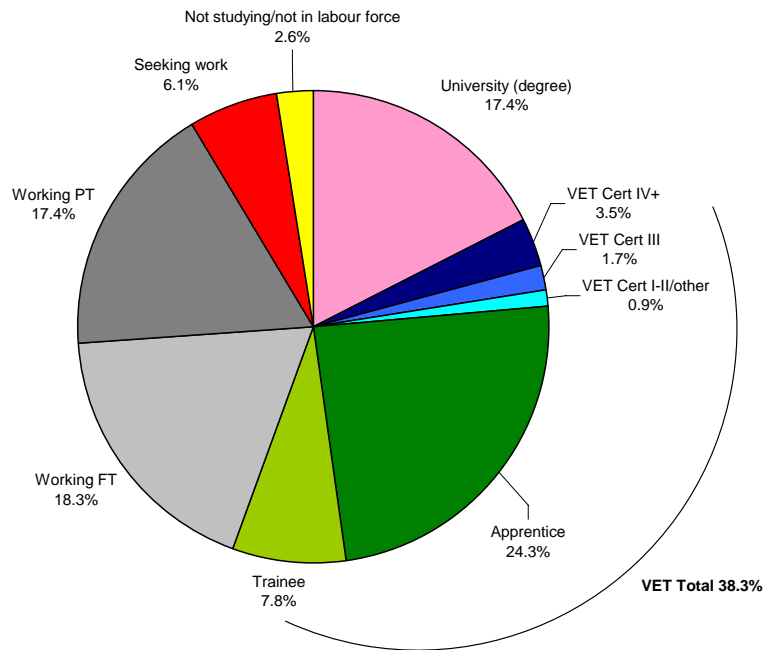


Table 18 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, North West, 2006

Destination	Males		Females		Total	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
University (degree)	7	13.2	13	21.0	20	17.4
VET Cert IV+	2	3.8	2	3.2	4	3.5
VET Cert III	0	0.0	2	3.2	2	1.7
VET Cert I-II/other	1	1.9	0	.0	1	0.9
Apprentice	24	45.3	4	6.5	28	24.3
Trainee	0	0.0	9	14.5	9	7.8
<i>(Total VET)</i>	<i>(27)</i>	<i>(50.9)</i>	<i>(17)</i>	<i>(27.4)</i>	<i>(44)</i>	<i>(38.3)</i>
Working full-time	9	17.0	12	19.4	21	18.3
Working part-time	3	5.7	17	27.4	20	17.4
Seeking work	5	9.4	2	3.2	7	6.1
Not studying/ not in the labour force	2	3.8	1	1.6	3	2.6
Total	53	100.0	62	100.0	115	100.0

Figure 9 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, North West, Northern/North West, All non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

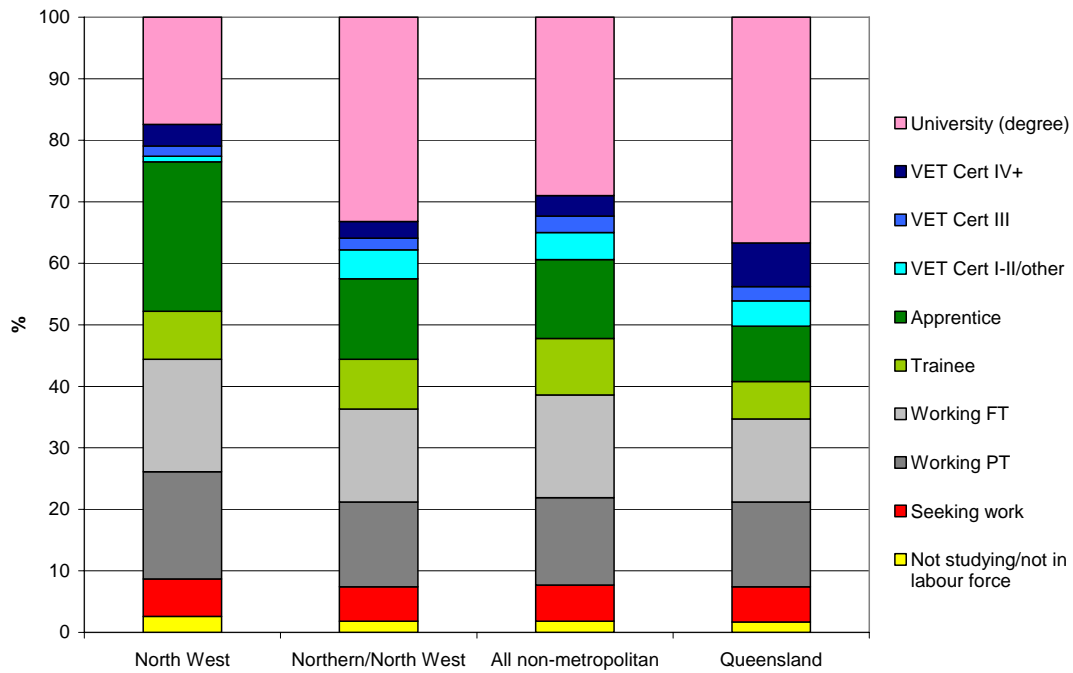


Table 19 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, North West, 2006 update..

	University degree		VET Cert IV+		VET Cert III		VET I-II		Study other/unspecified		Not studying		Total	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Working full-time	0	0.0	2	28.6	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	41.2	24	20.9
Working part-time	6	30.0	1	14.3	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	39.2	28	24.3
Apprentice	0	0.0	3	42.9	16	64.0	1	100.0	8	72.7	0	0.0	28	24.3
Trainee	2	10.0	0	0.0	7	28.0	0	0.0	2	18.2	0	0.0	11	9.6
Seeking work	4	20.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	13.7	12	10.4
Not working/not seeking work	8	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.1	3	5.9	12	10.4
Total	20	100.0	7	100.0	25	100.0	1	100.0	11	100.0	51	100.0	115	100.0

Appendixes

Appendix 1

Table A1A Post school institutions of Year 12 completers, Northern and North West, 2006

<i>Institution</i>	<i>North West</i>		<i>Northern</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
James Cook University	10	0.0	475	47.0
Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE	5	8.2	197	19.5
University of Queensland	2	3.3	24	2.4
Central Queensland Institute of TAFE	4	6.6	1	2.1
Queensland University of Technology	4	6.6	15	1.5
University of Southern Queensland	3	4.9	10	1.0
Griffith University	2	3.3	9	0.9
Tropical North Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	10	1.0
Moreton Institute of TAFE	3	4.9	5	0.5
Southbank Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	8	0.8
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	6	0.6
Central Queensland University	0	0.0	4	0.4
Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	4	0.4
Qantm College	0	0.0	2	0.2
Australian Catholic University	0	0.0	1	0.1
Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	1	0.1
University of the Sunshine Coast	0	0.0	1	0.1
The Bremer Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	1	0.1
Wide Bay Institute of TAFE	0	0.0	1	0.1
Private Training Colleges	6	9.8	45	4.5
Other Queensland TAFEs	21	34.4	19	1.9
Interstate Uni	0	0.0	16	1.6
Other/unknown	1	1.6	135	13.4
Total	61	100.0	1 010	100.0

Table A1B Post-school field of study of Year 12 completers, Northern and North West, 2006

<i>Post-School Field of Study</i>	<i>North West</i>	<i>Northern</i>
	%	%
Engineering & Related Technologies	38.6	17.9
Health	7.0	16.6
Management & Commerce	19.3	15.0
Society & Culture	8.8	13.7
Education	0.0	8.5
Natural & Physical Sciences	1.8	6.0
Architecture & Building	5.3	5.4
Creative Arts	7.0	5.2
Food Hospitality & Personal Services	7.0	5.1
Information Technology	3.5	3.0
Mixed Field Programs	0.0	2.1
Agriculture Environmental & Related Studies	1.8	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0

Note: Field of study categories are based on the ABS classification in ABS Education and Work Catalogue 6227.0.

Table A1C Employment destinations of all Year 12 completers in employment, Northern and North West, 2006

<i>Employment Destination</i>	<i>North West</i>		<i>Northern</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	%	<i>no.</i>	%
Working full-time	24	26.4	285	22.8
Working part-time	28	30.8	614	49.0
Apprentice	28	30.8	205	16.4
Trainee	11	12.1	148	11.8
Total	91	100.0	1 252	100.0

Figure A1A Employment destinations of Year 12 completers not in education or training, Northern, North West, All non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2006

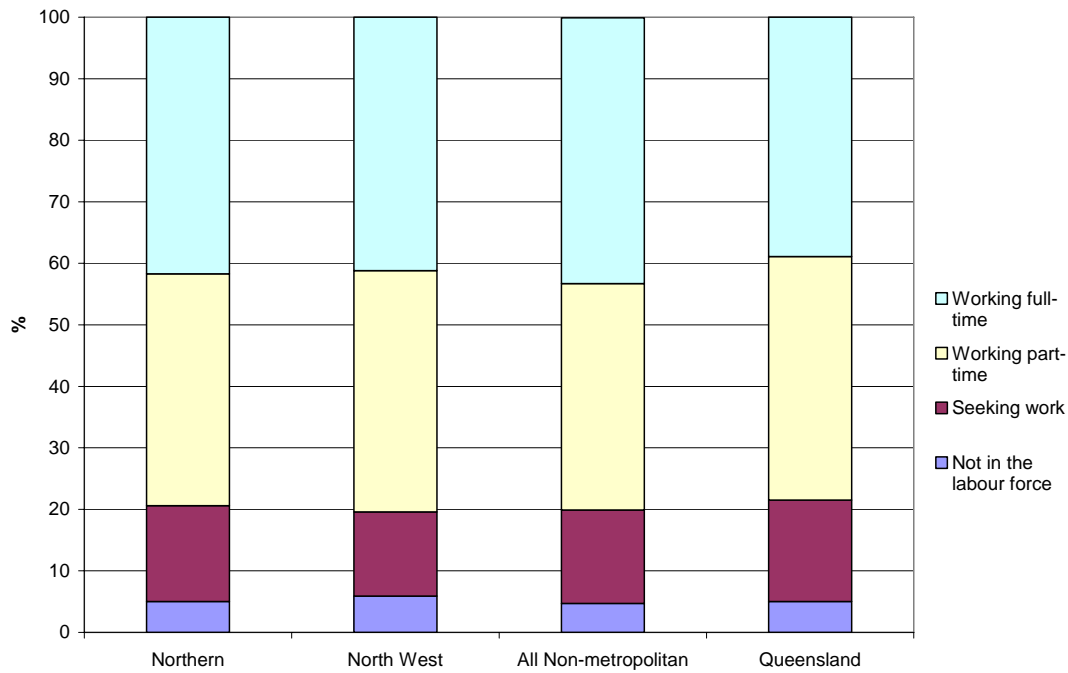


Table A1D Occupational categories of all working respondents, Northern and North West, 2006

Occupational Groups	North West		Northern	
	no.	%	no.	%
Sales assistant	16	17.6	410	32.7
Food handler	13	14.3	161	12.9
Clerk receptionist secretary	15	16.5	110	8.8
Waiter waitress	8	8.8	88	7.0
Building construction worker	3	3.3	75	6.0
Electrical electronic trades	9	9.9	54	4.3
Labourer	3	3.3	53	4.2
Automotive worker	7	7.7	43	3.4
Childcare worker education related	5	5.5	41	3.3
Health fitness hair & beauty	4	4.4	34	2.7
Gardener farmer animal worker	0	0.0	30	2.4
Storeperson	0	0.0	27	2.2
Factory machine worker	2	2.2	15	1.2
Marketing sales rep	0	0.0	10	0.8
Other	6	6.6	101	8.1
Total	91	100.0	1 252	100.0

Table A1E Industry categories of all working Year 12 completers, Northern and North West, 2006

<i>Industry Category</i>	<i>North West</i>		<i>Northern</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Accommodation cafes & restaurants (hospitality)	22	24.2	272	21.8
Construction	6	6.6	105	8.4
Transport & storage	7	7.7	53	4.2
Govt admin & defence	3	3.3	53	4.2
Manufacturing	2	2.2	47	3.8
Education	6	6.6	44	3.5
Electricity gas & water supply	4	4.4	44	3.5
Health & community services	4	4.4	34	2.7
Agriculture forestry & fishing	1	1.1	37	3.0
Personal & other services	4	4.4	32	2.6
Property & business services	2	2.2	27	2.2
Mining	13	14.3	12	1.0
Cultural & recreational services	1	1.1	21	1.7
Finance & insurance	0	0.0	16	1.3
Communications services	1	1.1	14	1.1
Retail trade	15	16.5	426	34.1
Wholesale trade	0	0.0	9	0.7
Other	0	0.0	2	0.2
Total	91	100.0	1 248	100.0

Table A1F Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, Northern and North West, 2006

	<i>North West</i>		<i>Northern</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
I want a break from study (e.g. travel)	10	19.6	156	27.0
I am not interested in further study	9	17.6	136	23.5
My work commitments	5	9.8	48	8.3
I am working to finance further study	6	11.8	43	7.4
I am not ready for more study at the moment	2	3.9	46	8.0
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	2	3.9	19	3.3
My family commitments	5	9.8	15	2.6
I am waiting for a course training to begin	2	3.9	18	3.1
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program I want to do	0	.0	18	3.1
I am undecided and considering my options	0	.0	14	2.4
I am looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship	3	5.9	11	1.9
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	3	5.9	9	1.6
Because of disability	1	2.0	10	1.7
Other	3	5.9	35	6.1
Total	51	100.0	578	100.0

Appendix 2

Table A2 Northern/North West schools with Year 12 completers in 2005

All Souls St Gabriels School
Annandale Christian School
Ayr State High School
Blackheath and Thornburgh College
Burdekin Catholic High School
Calvary Christian College Mt Louisa
Charters Towers School of Dist Education
Charters Towers State High School
Cloncurry State School
Columba Catholic College
Gilroy Santa Maria College
Good Shepherd Catholic College
Heatley Secondary College
Home Hill State High School
Hughenden State School
Ignatius Park College
Ingham State High School
Kirwan State High School
Northern Beaches State High School
Pimlico State High School
Ryan Catholic College
Shalom Christian College
Spinifex State College Mount Isa
St Margaret Mary's College
St Patrick's College, Townsville
St Teresa's College, Abergowrie
The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James
Thuringowa State High School
Townsville Community Learning Centre
Townsville Grammar School
Townsville State High School
William Ross State High School

Figure A2A Queensland Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2005

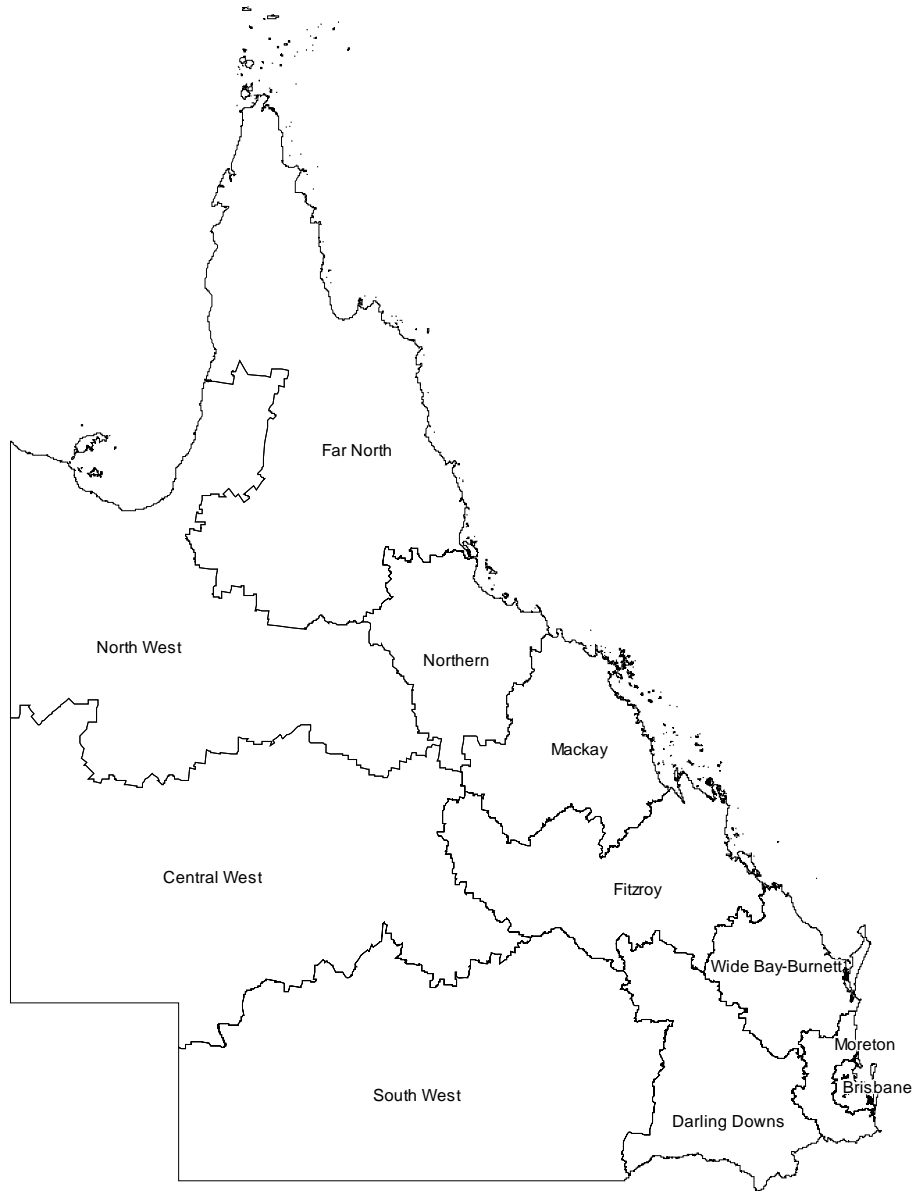
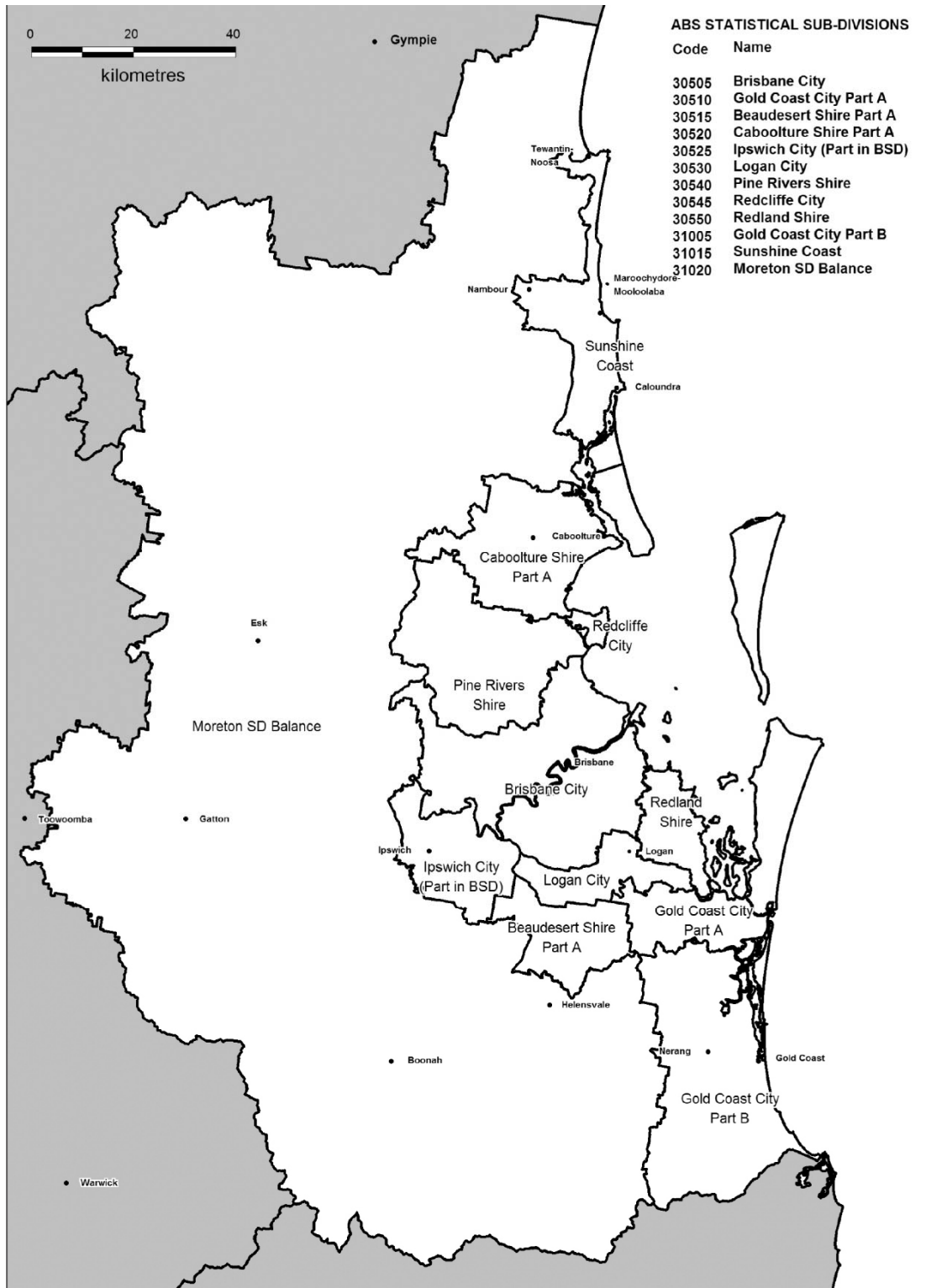


Figure A2B Moreton and Brisbane Statistical Divisions and Statistical Sub-divisions, ABS, 2005



Note: Boundaries are based on ASGC 2005