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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
DETA	Department of Education, Training and the Arts
ETRF	Education and Training Reforms for the Future
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
NILF	Not in the labour force
OGS	Office of the Government Statistician
OP	Overall Position (indicator of academic performance ranking used for university entrance)
PT	Part-time
QSA	Queensland Studies Authority
SAT	School-based apprenticeship and traineeship
SD	Statistical Division
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
SES	Socioeconomic status
SSD	Statistical Subdivision
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
VET	Vocational education and training

Introduction

Aims of the project

The *Next Step* survey is an annual survey of every student who completed Year 12 in the previous year in Queensland, in Government and non-Government schools. The survey results show the initial study and work destinations of young people after completing school.

The objectives of the survey are to assist:

- parents and the wider public to know the achievements of students and to appreciate the range of options available to students
- schools to review and plan their services for students, especially in the senior years of schooling
- school systems to review their education policies as they affect the transition from school to further study and employment
- training bodies, universities, business and industry, local government and regional planners to plan their services.

The survey follows the destinations of students who completed Year 12 at Government schools, Catholic schools, independent schools and TAFE secondary colleges.

Methodology

The *Next Step* 2008 survey was conducted by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts through the Office of the Government Statistician (OGS), in accordance with the privacy provisions of the *Statistical Returns Act 1896*.

The survey targeted students who completed Year 12 in Queensland in 2007, including students at Government schools, non-Government schools and TAFE secondary colleges. All students who were awarded a Senior Certificate or Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education (CPCSE) were included. The Senior Certificate is a formal record of achievement issued at the end of Year 12 to all students who complete at least one approved subject. The CPCSE is a separate certificate for students with an impairment or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural and/or linguistic factors.

The targeted students 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 41 889 Year 12 completers who were deemed in-scope for this survey.

The survey was conducted between 2 April and 17 May 2008, approximately six months after the young people left school. This timing was designed to be after tertiary education places for 2008 were accepted, and while most of these young people were still contactable via their 2007 home address details.

Responses were predominantly collected via computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) with paper-based surveys collected from a small number of students for whom telephone details were not available. The average time for a completed interview was less than four minutes.

Prior to the survey, all Year 12 completers were sent a letter from the Queensland Minister for Education and Training advising them of the survey. Those without

usable telephone details but with a usable Australian or international address were sent a printed copy of the questionnaire and a reply paid envelope.

Completed paper-based questionnaires were returned directly to OGS for processing and data entry. All responding Year 12 graduates went into a draw for a chance to win one of several prizes offered as an incentive to encourage survey participation.

At the close of the survey, nearly all non-responding students for whom telephone numbers were available had received at least six attempts of contact. Non-responding students without telephone numbers were mailed two copies of the questionnaire. A total of 33 568 completed surveys were received. Of these, 306 were completed by paper-based questionnaire and 33 262 by CATI.

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

The response rate for this region – Gold Coast – was 78.2 per cent.

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 2007. A list of schools from this region is shown in the Appendix (Table A1A).

Main Findings – Gold Coast

Destinations

More than nine in ten (93.1 per cent) Year 12 completers in this region were studying or in paid employment at the time of the survey. (Figure 1)

Over six in ten (61.6 per cent) continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school. (Figure 1)

More than a third were undertaking a university degree (36.2 per cent). (Figure 1)

More than a quarter (25.4 per cent) were studying vocational education and training (VET). (Figure 1)

Almost two thirds of the campus-based VET students were studying at Certificate IV level or higher (8.2 per cent of Year 12 completers overall). (Figure 1)

More than one in eight (12.7 per cent) were undertaking employment-based training, either as an apprentice (8.6 per cent) or trainee (4.1 per cent). (Figure 1)

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 7.4 per cent of respondents from this region deferred a tertiary offer in 2008 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their actual current destination and in Figure 3 as deferrers).

Over one-third (38.4 per cent) did not enter post-school education or training and were either employed (31.5 per cent), looking for work (4.9 per cent) or neither working, seeking work nor studying (2.0 per cent). (Figure 1)

Learning: education and training destinations

Amongst the 61.6 per cent of Year 12 completers continuing in some form of education or training the most common fields of study were Management and Commerce (e.g. Business, Tourism), Health, Engineering and Related Technologies, Creative Arts and Society and Culture. (Table 4)

Griffith University and Gold Coast Institute of TAFE were the two tertiary institutions most commonly entered by Year 12 completers, accounting for over one-half of Year 12 completers (56.1 per cent) in post-school education and training destinations. (Table 5)

Earning: employment destinations

Of those young people working, almost two-thirds were in part-time employment (62.8 per cent), while 21.0 per cent were in full-time employment, 11.0 per cent were apprentices and 5.2 per cent were trainees. (Table 6)

Over one-half of all Year 12 completers in employment (59.1 per cent) were working in just three occupational groups — Sales Assistants, Food Handlers and Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries. Sales Assistants was the most common occupational group (35.3 per cent), with the next most common being Food Handlers (14.3 per cent) followed by Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries (9.5 per cent). (Table 7)

Not learning or earning

The survey identified 4.9 per cent of Year 12 graduates who were seeking work. (Figure 1)

Approximately one in every fifty Year 12 graduates were neither studying nor seeking work (2.0 per cent). This group includes those with a disability or health condition, and those travelling or waiting for their course to commence. (Figure 1)

The most common reasons given for not continuing in study were that young people wanted a break from study (for example to travel), or were undecided and considering options. (Table 9)

Different people, different pathways

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

Sex

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

Females were more likely than males to enter a university degree course (40.8 per cent compared to 31.3 per cent of males), and were just as likely to enrol in campus-based (i.e. not apprenticeships or traineeships) VET programs (13.1 per cent compared to 12.3 per cent of males). (Table 2)

Females were more than twice as likely to enter university as VET programs (40.8 per cent for university compared to 20.1 per cent for VET), while the rates for males were similar (31.3 per cent for university compared to 31.1 per cent for VET). (Table 2)

Males were almost eight 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 five times as likely as males to study in the field of Education and twice as likely to study in the fields of Food, Hospitality and Personal Services, and Health. (Table 4)

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

Females were more likely than males to be working in part-time jobs (71.9 per cent compared to 52.5 per cent), while males were more likely than females to be working in full-time jobs (23.0 per cent compared to 19.2 per cent). (Table 6)

Students of VET in schools

Almost half the Year 12 graduates in this region left school with a VET qualification (45.7 per cent), while 11.7 per cent were school-based apprentices or trainees (SATs). (Table 12 and Table 13)

Those with a VET qualification were less likely to enrol in a university degree course than others (20.3 per cent compared to 49.7 per cent). However, they had higher rates of transition to employment-based training (17.7 per cent compared to 8.5 per cent). They were also more likely to enter employment with no further education or training (39.4 per cent compared to 24.8 per cent). (Table 12)

School-based apprentices and trainees were almost three times as likely to undertake apprenticeships and traineeships after school as other Year 12 completers (29.9 per cent compared to 10.4 per cent). (Table 13)

OP-eligible Students

Over one-half (57.9 per cent) of OP-eligible Year 12 completers had commenced a university degree. Year 12 completers who were not OP-eligible were almost three times more likely to transition to VET programs (40.1 per cent) than OP-eligible students (15.0 per cent). (Table 14)

Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education

Year 12 completers who were awarded a Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education (CPCSE) were just as likely to enrol in VET courses (29.2 per cent) as other Year 12 completers (25.4 per cent). In particular, they were almost seven times more likely to enrol in VET Certificate I-II/other (20.8 per cent compared to 3.1 per cent for students who did not complete a CPCSE). CPCSE graduates were also five times more likely to be either seeking work or not studying and not in the labour force. (Table 15)

Senior Certificate

More than one-third of students who were awarded a senior certificate had commenced a university degree (36.4 per cent). Year 12 completers who were awarded a senior certificate were almost three times as likely to be studying or in paid employment as other Year 12 graduates (93.4 per cent compared with 38.5 per cent). (Table 16)

Indigenous

Indigenous Year 12 completers were less likely than their non-Indigenous peers to enrol at university (24.0 per cent compared to 36.4 per cent). A total of twelve Indigenous young people who completed the survey commenced university studies in 2008. (Table 17)

Indigenous students were more likely to be an apprentice or trainee than non-Indigenous students (24.0 per cent compared to 12.6 per cent) and were less likely to have a main destination of working (26.0 per cent compared to 31.5 per cent). (Table 17)

Language background other than English

Language background other than English (LBOTE) students were more likely than other Year 12 graduates to enrol at university (53.8 per cent compared to 35.1 per cent) and were also more likely to enrol in campus-based VET courses (17.3 per cent compared to 12.4 per cent). (Table 15)

LBOTE students were less likely than other Year 12 graduates to be in employment-based training (5.8 per cent compared to 13.2 per cent). They were also less likely to enter employment without further education and training (18.5 per cent compared to 32.3 per cent). (Table 18)

Socioeconomic status

Transition to post-school education and training was associated with socioeconomic status (SES), increasing consistently from 53.0 per cent for the lowest SES quartile to 67.6 per cent for the highest SES quartile. (Table 16)

Regional Comparisons

Year 12 completers in the Gold Coast had similar post-schooling destinations to other metropolitan and Queensland Year 12 completers. (Figure 2)

Year 12 completers not in education or training in the Gold Coast had similar employment destinations to metropolitan Year 12 completers generally, and to Year 12 completers statewide. (Figure 5)

The occupations and industry categories of Year 12 completers in the Gold Coast closely resemble those of Year 12 completers statewide. (Table 7 and Table 8)

The main reasons given for not studying by Gold Coast Year 12 completers resemble those of metropolitan and statewide respondents. (Table 10)

The main reasons given for not seeking work by Gold Coast Year 12 completers not in the labour market resemble those of metropolitan and statewide respondents. (Table 11)

Comparisons between the destinations of Year 12 graduates from the Gold Coast for the years 2005–08 reveal broadly similar patterns. (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 2008

<i>Higher Education</i>	
University (degree)*	Studying at degree level.
<i>VET categories</i>	
VET Cert IV+*	Studying Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert III*	Studying Certificate III (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert I-II/other*	Studying Certificate I or II (excluding apprentices and trainees). This category also includes students in an "unspecified" VET course, 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 or 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

[~]Based on ABS classification

Figure 1 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast, 2008

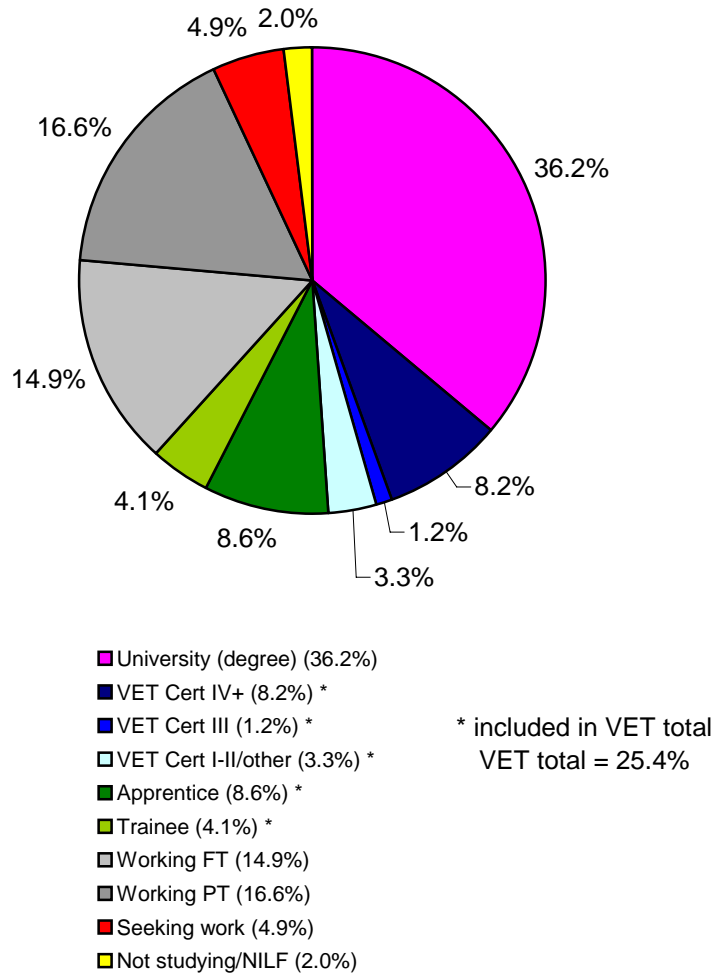


Table 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main 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>
University (degree)	601	31.3	845	40.8	1 446	36.2
VET Cert IV+ *	146	7.6	182	8.8	328	8.2
VET Cert III *	17	0.9	29	1.4	46	1.2
VET Cert I-II/other *	73	3.8	60	2.9	133	3.3
Apprentice *	303	15.8	41	2.0	344	8.6
Trainee *	59	3.1	105	5.1	164	4.1
Working FT	309	16.1	286	13.8	595	14.9
Working PT	267	13.9	395	19.1	662	16.6
Seeking work	106	5.5	91	4.4	197	4.9
Not studying/NILF	41	2.1	38	1.8	79	2.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>598</i>	<i>31.1</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>1 015</i>	<i>25.4</i>
Total	1 922	100.0	2 072	100.0	3 994	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

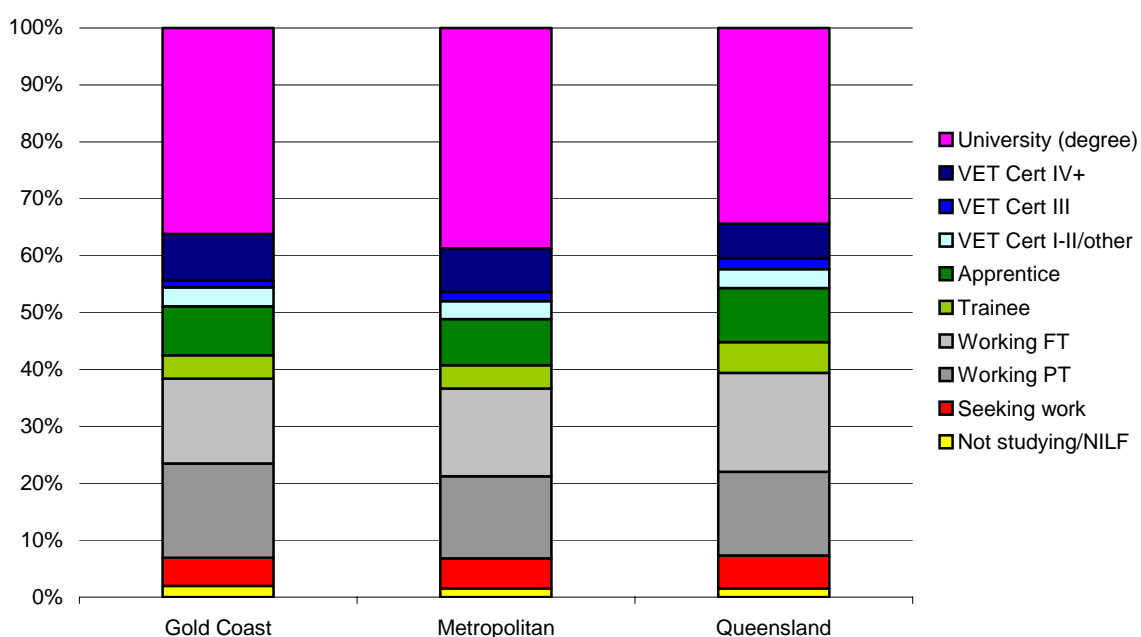
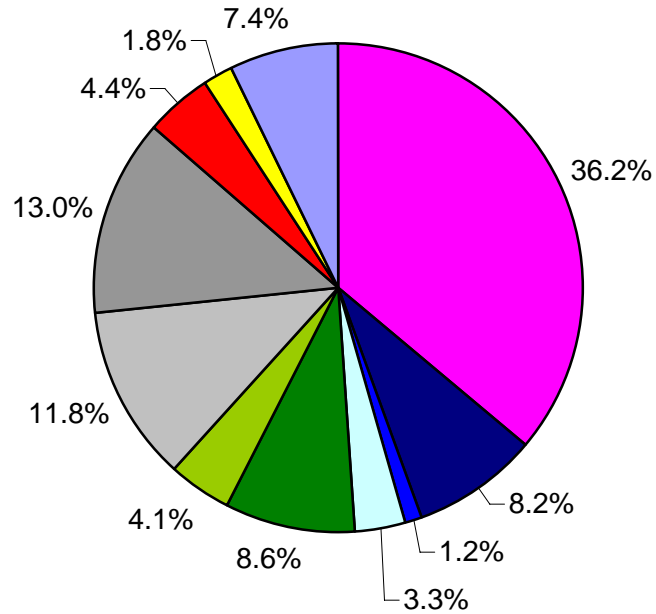


Table 3 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast, 2008

		<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>	28	11	9	1	15	595	659
	<i>%</i>	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.3	5.8	38.8	16.5
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	1 007	221	26	11	39	662	1 966
	<i>%</i>	69.6	55.5	8.3	25.6	15.0	43.2	49.2
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	47	202	12	83	0	344
	<i>%</i>	0.0	11.8	64.3	27.9	31.9	0.0	8.6
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	23	66	12	63	0	164
	<i>%</i>	0.0	5.8	21.0	27.9	24.2	0.0	4.1
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	185	51	4	5	20	197	462
	<i>%</i>	12.8	12.8	1.3	11.6	7.7	12.9	11.6
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	226	45	7	2	40	79	399
	<i>%</i>	15.6	11.3	2.2	4.7	15.4	5.2	10.0
Total	<i>no.</i>	1 446	398	314	43	260	1 533	3 994
	<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, Gold Coast, 2008



- University (degree) (36.2%)
- VET Cert IV+ (8.2%) *
- VET Cert III (1.2%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (3.3%) *
- Apprentice (8.6%) *
- Trainee (4.1%) *
- Working Full-time (11.8%)
- Working Part-time (13.0%)
- Seeking work (4.4%)
- Not studying/not in labour force (1.8%)
- Deferred (7.4%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 25.4%

Figure 4 Comparison of main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast, 2005 - 2008

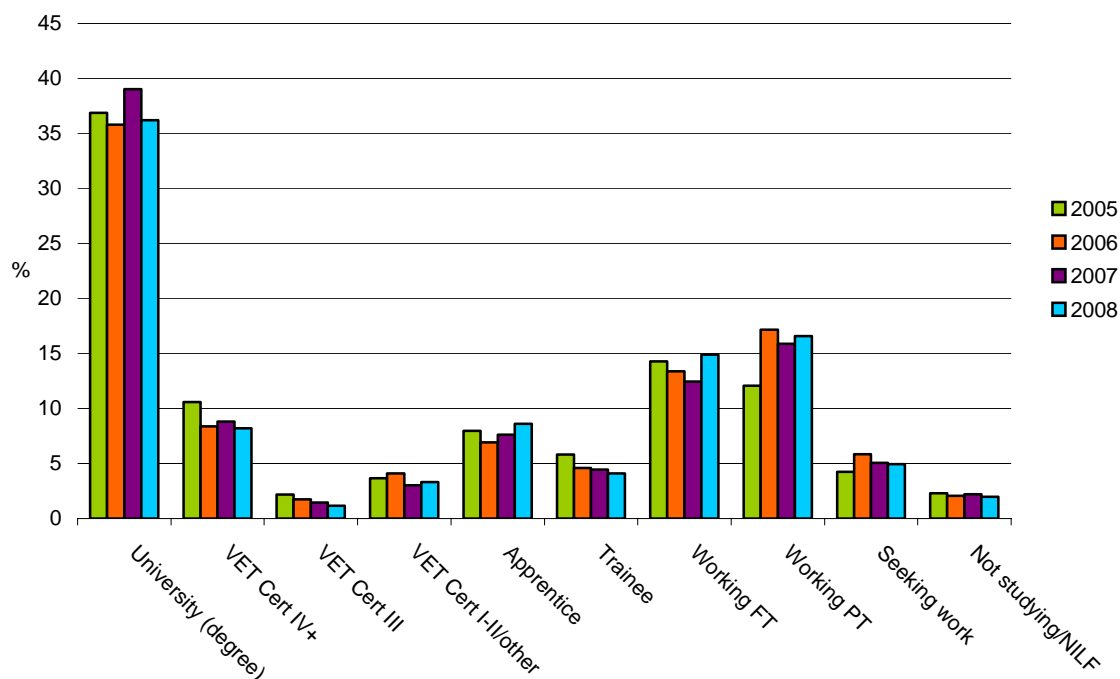


Table 4 Field of study of Year 12 completers, by sex, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>Males</i> %	<i>Females</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
Management & Commerce	14.4	21.4	18.0
Health	6.9	16.2	11.7
Engineering & Related Technologies	20.1	1.5	10.5
Creative Arts	8.4	12.0	10.2
Society & Culture	6.7	13.5	10.2
Architecture & Building	16.6	1.0	8.5
Natural & Physical Sciences	5.8	7.3	6.6
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	3.9	7.6	5.8
Double Field of Study	4.5	5.9	5.2
Education	1.5	8.4	5.1
Information Technology	5.4	0.7	3.0
Mixed Field Programs	2.0	1.4	1.7
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	0.8	0.8	0.8
Year 12/Senior/Student Exchange	0.5	0.7	0.6
Defence Force Study	0.5	0.2	0.3
Other	2.1	1.4	1.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Field of study categories based on the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ABS cat. no. 1272.0).

Table 5 Post-school institutions of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Griffith University	907	37.6
Gold Coast Institute of TAFE	446	18.5
University of Queensland	165	6.8
Other Private Training Colleges	159	6.6
Queensland University of Technology	151	6.3
Bond University	149	6.2
Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE	57	2.4
Interstate Universities	40	1.7
Southbank Institute of TAFE	36	1.5
Careers Australian Institute of Technology	35	1.5
Secondary Schools	16	0.7
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	14	0.6
University of Southern Queensland	13	0.5
Interstate TAFEs	10	0.4
Skills Tech	9	0.4
Qantm College	6	0.2
University of the Sunshine Coast	5	0.2
Central Queensland University	5	0.2
James Cook University	4	0.2
Australian College of Natural Medicine	4	0.2
Australian Catholic University	2	0.1
Central Queensland Institute of TAFE	2	0.1
Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE	1	0.0
Bremer Institute of TAFE	1	0.0
Tropical North Institute of TAFE	1	0.0
Other Queensland TAFEs	1	0.0
Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE	1	0.0
Other	171	7.1
Total	2 411	100.0

Table 6 Work destinations of all Year 12 completers in employment, by sex, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Work 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>
Apprentice	303	20.5	41	2.5	344	11.0
Trainee	59	4.0	105	6.4	164	5.2
Working full-time	341	23.0	318	19.2	659	21.0
Working part-time	777	52.5	1 189	71.9	1 966	62.8
Total	1 480	100.0	1 653	100.0	3 133	100.0

Figure 5 Main destinations of Year 12 completers not in education or training, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

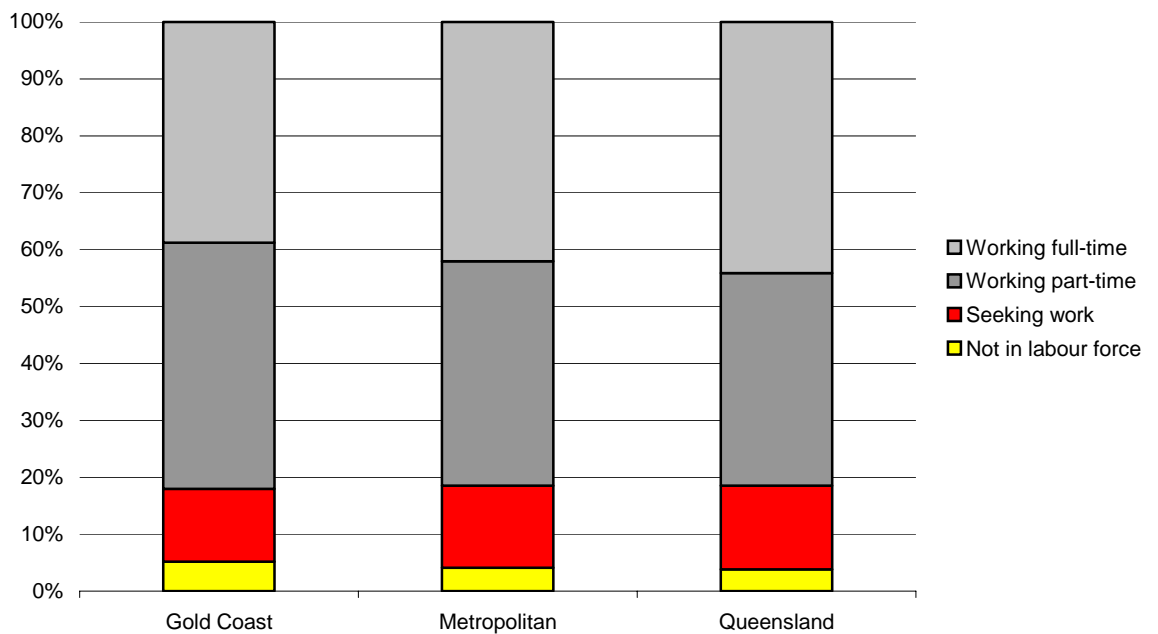


Table 7 Occupational groups of all Year 12 completers in employment, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2008

Occupational Group	no.	%	Qld %
Sales Assistants	1 105	35.3	32.8
Food Handlers	449	14.3	13.3
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	299	9.5	11.5
Waiters	247	7.9	6.7
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	236	7.5	6.3
Labourers	150	4.8	4.4
Child Care & Education-related Workers	105	3.4	3.4
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	97	3.1	3.7
Marketing & Sales Representatives	64	2.0	1.4
Storepersons	64	2.0	2.1
Electrical & Electronics Trades	55	1.8	2.6
Government & Defence	45	1.4	1.4
Gardeners, Farmers & Animal Workers	43	1.4	2.1
Factory & Machine Workers	30	1.0	1.4
Automotive Workers	27	0.9	1.8
Metal & Engineering Trades	18	0.6	1.3
Other	99	3.2	3.7
Total	3 133	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, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2008

<i>Industry Category</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Qld %</i>
Retail Trade	1 162	37.1	35.2
Accommodation & Food Services	719	22.9	20.9
Construction	338	10.8	9.4
Arts & Recreation Services	122	3.9	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	111	3.5	5.0
Manufacturing	98	3.1	3.7
Education & Training	84	2.7	2.5
Administrative & Support Services	81	2.6	2.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	61	1.9	2.5
Public Administration & Safety	60	1.9	2.5
Other Services	49	1.6	2.3
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	48	1.5	1.7
Financial & Insurance Services	41	1.3	1.6
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	36	1.1	0.9
Information Media & Telecommunications	35	1.1	0.9
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	30	1.0	1.8
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	27	0.9	2.1
Wholesale Trade	23	0.7	1.0
Mining	1	0.0	0.9
Other	7	0.2	0.2
Total	3 133	100.0	100.0

Table 9 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, by sex, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Males %</i>	<i>Females %</i>	<i>Total %</i>
I want a break from study	20.6	28.5	24.8
I am undecided and considering options	19.2	21.0	20.2
I am not interested in further study	17.8	10.9	14.2
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	8.4	8.0	8.2
I am working to finance further study	4.1	5.2	4.7
I don't feel ready for more study	3.9	4.6	4.2
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	2.4	5.6	4.0
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	3.3	3.6	3.5
My work commitments	3.5	3.0	3.2
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	4.3	0.4	2.2
Because of disability	2.6	1.4	2.0
I am going into the armed services	1.7	0.4	1.0
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	0.8	1.0	0.9
My sporting commitments	1.5	0.2	0.8
I am working to save money	1.0	0.6	0.8
I would have to move away from home	0.7	0.9	0.8
Health reasons	1.2	0.2	0.7
My family commitments	0.4	0.9	0.7
I am looking for work	0.4	0.6	0.5
I have already finished studying	0.0	0.7	0.4
There is too much travel involved	0.7	0.0	0.3
I am going overseas to work	0.0	0.5	0.3
The costs of travel are a barrier	0.3	0.2	0.3
Student exchange	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	1.0	1.6	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Gold Coast %</i>	<i>Metropolitan %</i>	<i>Queensland %</i>
I want a break from study	24.8	24.0	22.9
I am undecided and considering options	20.2	20.7	19.7
I am not interested in further study	14.2	13.0	14.3
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	8.2	7.6	6.9
I am working to finance further study	4.7	5.6	6.1
I don't feel ready for more study	4.2	5.8	5.5
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	4.0	3.7	3.8
My work commitments	3.2	3.4	3.4
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	3.5	3.0	2.9
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	0.9	1.5	2.3
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	2.2	2.0	2.0
Because of disability	2.0	1.5	1.5
I would have to move away from home	0.8	0.9	1.5
I am going into the armed services	1.0	1.3	1.4
My family commitments	0.7	0.9	0.9
Health reasons	0.7	0.8	0.7
My sporting commitments	0.8	0.8	0.7
I am working to save money	0.8	0.6	0.6
I have already finished studying	0.4	0.4	0.4
I am looking for work	0.5	0.3	0.3
There is too much travel involved	0.3	0.2	0.2
The costs of travel are a barrier	0.3	0.2	0.2
I am going overseas to work	0.3	0.2	0.2
Student exchange	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	1.3	1.6	1.6
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, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i> %	<i>Metropolitan</i> %	<i>Queensland</i> %
Travel	15.2	17.8	16.1
Health reasons	16.5	16.4	15.9
Because of disability	16.5	12.9	14.1
My family commitments	7.6	9.9	12.3
I have accepted a job that starts later	8.9	12.0	11.7
I don't wish to work	5.1	5.0	4.8
My study commitments	10.1	5.6	4.4
My sporting commitments	7.6	5.3	4.0
I don't feel ready for paid employment	2.5	2.3	2.0
Student exchange	1.3	1.8	1.8
I have no financial need to work	0.0	0.9	1.2
Transport difficulties	1.3	0.6	1.0
I have been unsuccessful finding a job	0.0	0.9	0.8
I would have to move away from home	1.3	0.3	0.6
Other	6.3	8.5	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 12 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 strand (VET and non-VET)
Gold Coast, 2008**

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>VET Qualification</i>			
	<i>No</i>		<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	1 076	49.7	370	20.3
VET Cert IV+ *	137	6.3	191	10.5
VET Cert III *	19	0.9	27	1.5
VET Cert I-II/other *	80	3.7	53	2.9
Apprentice *	125	5.8	219	12.0
Trainee *	60	2.8	104	5.7
Working FT	244	11.3	351	19.2
Working PT	293	13.5	369	20.2
Seeking work	85	3.9	112	6.1
Not studying/NILF	48	2.2	31	1.7
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>421</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>594</i>	<i>32.5</i>
Total	2 167	100.0	1 827	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 13 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by school-based apprentices, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>School-based apprentice or trainee (SAT)</i>			
	<i>No</i>		<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	1 375	39.0	71	15.1
VET Cert IV+ *	285	8.1	43	9.2
VET Cert III *	40	1.1	6	1.3
VET Cert I-II/other *	125	3.5	8	1.7
Apprentice *	233	6.6	111	23.7
Trainee *	135	3.8	29	6.2
Working FT	502	14.2	93	19.8
Working PT	574	16.3	88	18.8
Seeking work	181	5.1	16	3.4
Not studying/NILF	75	2.1	4	0.9
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>818</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>42.0</i>
Total	3 525	100.0	469	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 14 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by OP Eligible Status, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>OP-Eligible</i>			
	<i>No</i>		<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	73	4.6	1 373	57.9
VET Cert IV+ *	173	10.8	155	6.5
VET Cert III *	31	1.9	15	0.6
VET Cert I-II/other *	59	3.7	69	2.9
Apprentice *	287	18.0	57	2.4
Trainee *	105	6.6	59	2.5
Working FT	338	21.2	257	10.8
Working PT	347	21.7	310	13.1
Seeking work	141	8.8	54	2.3
Not studying/NILF	42	2.6	23	1.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>655</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>15.0</i>
Total	1 596	100.0	2 372	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 15 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status (CPCSE), Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>CPCSE</i>			
		<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	1 446	36.6	0	0.0
VET Cert IV+ *	328	8.3	0	0.0
VET Cert III *	45	1.1	1	2.1
VET Cert I-II/other *	123	3.1	10	20.8
Apprentice *	343	8.7	1	2.1
Trainee *	162	4.1	2	4.2
Working FT	593	15.0	2	4.2
Working PT	652	16.5	10	20.8
Seeking work	191	4.8	6	12.5
Not studying/NILF	63	1.6	16	33.3
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>1 001</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>29.2</i>
Total	3 946	100.0	48	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 16 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status (Senior Certificate), Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>Senior Certificate</i>			
	<i>No</i>		<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	0	0.0	1 446	36.4
VET Cert IV+ *	0	0.0	328	8.3
VET Cert III *	0	0.0	46	1.2
VET Cert I-II/other *	5	19.2	128	3.2
Apprentice *	0	0.0	344	8.7
Trainee *	0	0.0	164	4.1
Working FT	0	0.0	595	15.0
Working PT	5	19.2	657	16.6
Seeking work	2	7.7	195	4.9
Not studying/NILF	14	53.8	65	1.6
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>1 010</i>	<i>25.5</i>
Total	26	100.0	3 968	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 17 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Indigenous Status, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>		<i>Indigenous</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	1 434	36.4	12	24.0
VET Cert IV+ *	324	8.2	4	8.0
VET Cert III *	44	1.1	2	4.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	132	3.3	1	2.0
Apprentice *	335	8.5	9	18.0
Trainee *	161	4.1	3	6.0
Working FT	587	14.9	8	16.0
Working PT	657	16.7	5	10.0
Seeking work	192	4.9	5	10.0
Not studying/NILF	78	2.0	1	2.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>996</i>	<i>25.3</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>38.0</i>
Total	3 944	100.0	50	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 18 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Language Background, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>LBOTE</i>			
	<i>No</i>		<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	1 325	35.1	93	53.8
VET Cert IV+ *	304	8.0	23	13.3
VET Cert III *	43	1.1	0	0.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	122	3.2	7	4.0
Apprentice *	337	8.9	7	4.0
Trainee *	161	4.3	3	1.7
Working FT	582	15.4	12	6.9
Working PT	639	16.9	20	11.6
Seeking work	191	5.1	6	3.5
Not studying/NILF	76	2.0	2	1.2
Total VET	967	25.6	40	23.1
Total	3 780	100.0	173	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 19 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by socioeconomic status, Gold Coast, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>Lowest SES quartile</i>		<i>Second lowest SES quartile</i>		<i>Second highest SES quartile</i>		<i>Highest SES quartile</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	139	27.2	326	33.3	548	38.3	392	41.3
VET Cert IV+ *	35	6.8	81	8.3	124	8.7	74	7.8
VET Cert III *	12	2.3	8	0.8	13	0.9	13	1.4
VET Cert I-II/other *	26	5.1	29	3.0	40	2.8	32	3.4
Apprentice *	39	7.6	82	8.4	118	8.3	94	9.9
Trainee *	20	3.9	35	3.6	64	4.5	37	3.9
Working FT	81	15.9	164	16.7	224	15.7	113	11.9
Working PT	104	20.4	177	18.1	213	14.9	146	15.4
Seeking work	43	8.4	64	6.5	62	4.3	25	2.6
Not studying/NILF	12	2.3	14	1.4	23	1.6	24	2.5
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>359</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>26.3</i>
Total	511	100.0	980	100.0	1 429	100.0	950	100.0

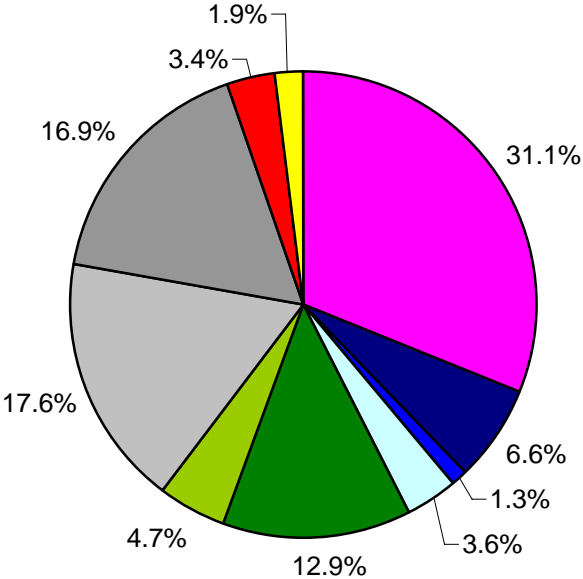
* Included in Total VET

Note: Socioeconomic status based on the respondent's residential address.

Sub-regions within Gold Coast

Gold Coast North

Figure 6 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast North, 2008



- University (degree) (31.1%)
- VET Cert IV+ (6.6%) *
- VET Cert III (1.3%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (3.6%) *
- Apprentice (12.9%) *
- Trainee (4.7%) *
- Working FT (17.6%)
- Working PT (16.9%)
- Seeking work (3.4%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.9%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 29.0%

Table 20 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Gold Coast North, 2008

<i>Main 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>
University (degree)	47	22.0	100	38.8	147	31.1
VET Cert IV+ *	10	4.7	21	8.1	31	6.6
VET Cert III *	1	0.5	5	1.9	6	1.3
VET Cert I-II/other *	6	2.8	11	4.3	17	3.6
Apprentice *	56	26.2	5	1.9	61	12.9
Trainee *	9	4.2	13	5.0	22	4.7
Working FT	39	18.2	44	17.1	83	17.6
Working PT	31	14.5	49	19.0	80	16.9
Seeking work	10	4.7	6	2.3	16	3.4
Not studying/NILF	5	2.3	4	1.6	9	1.9
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>38.3</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>29.0</i>
Total	214	100.0	258	100.0	472	100.0

Figure 7 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast North, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

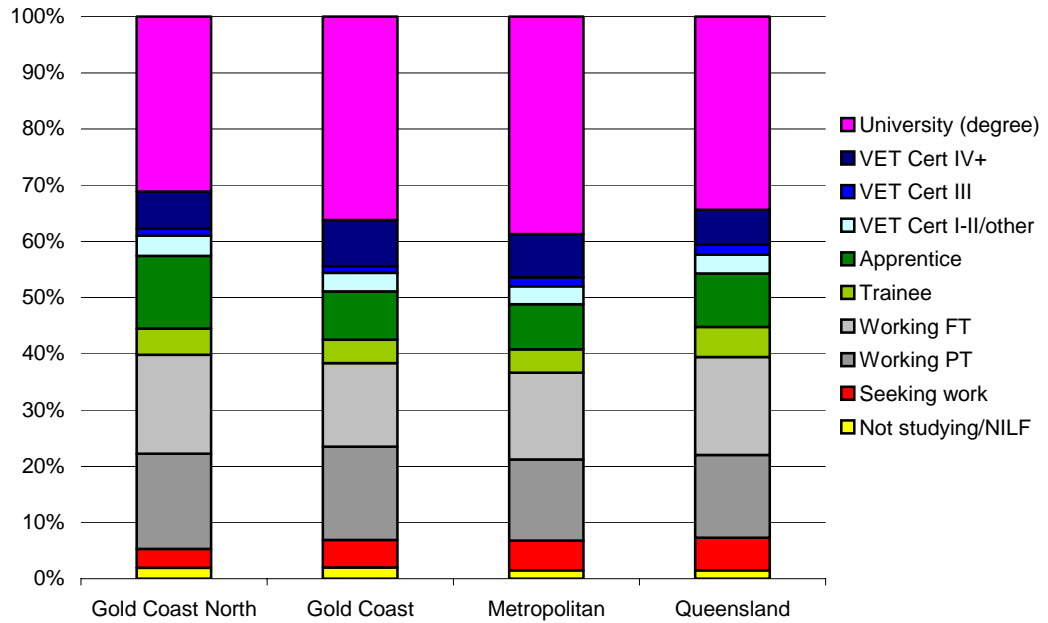


Table 21 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast North, 2008

		<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>	5	1	1	1	1	83	92
	<i>%</i>	3.4	2.3	1.9	10.0	3.3	44.1	19.5
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	118	19	4	2	1	80	224
	<i>%</i>	80.3	43.2	7.5	20.0	3.3	42.6	47.5
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	10	36	2	13	0	61
	<i>%</i>	0.0	22.7	67.9	20.0	43.3	0.0	12.9
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	3	11	3	5	0	22
	<i>%</i>	0.0	6.8	20.8	30.0	16.7	0.0	4.7
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	9	5	0	2	4	16	36
	<i>%</i>	6.1	11.4	0.0	20.0	13.3	8.5	7.6
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	15	6	1	0	6	9	37
	<i>%</i>	10.2	13.6	1.9	0.0	20.0	4.8	7.8
Total	<i>no.</i>	147	44	53	10	30	188	472
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Gold Coast East

Figure 8 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast East, 2008

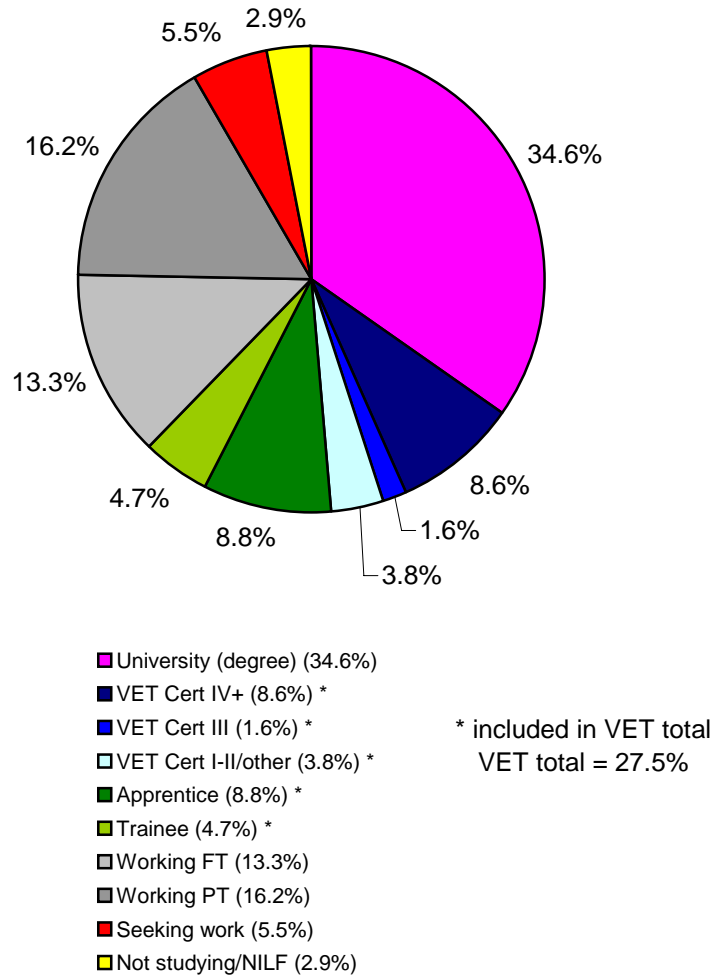


Table 22 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Gold Coast East, 2008

<i>Main 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>
University (degree)	182	30.7	220	38.7	402	34.6
VET Cert IV+ *	40	6.7	60	10.6	100	8.6
VET Cert III *	8	1.3	11	1.9	19	1.6
VET Cert I-II/other *	29	4.9	15	2.6	44	3.8
Apprentice *	91	15.3	11	1.9	102	8.8
Trainee *	20	3.4	34	6.0	54	4.7
Working FT	84	14.2	70	12.3	154	13.3
Working PT	86	14.5	102	18.0	188	16.2
Seeking work	34	5.7	30	5.3	64	5.5
Not studying/NILF	19	3.2	15	2.6	34	2.9
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>23.1</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>27.5</i>
Total	593	100.0	568	100.0	1 161	100.0

Figure 9 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast East, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

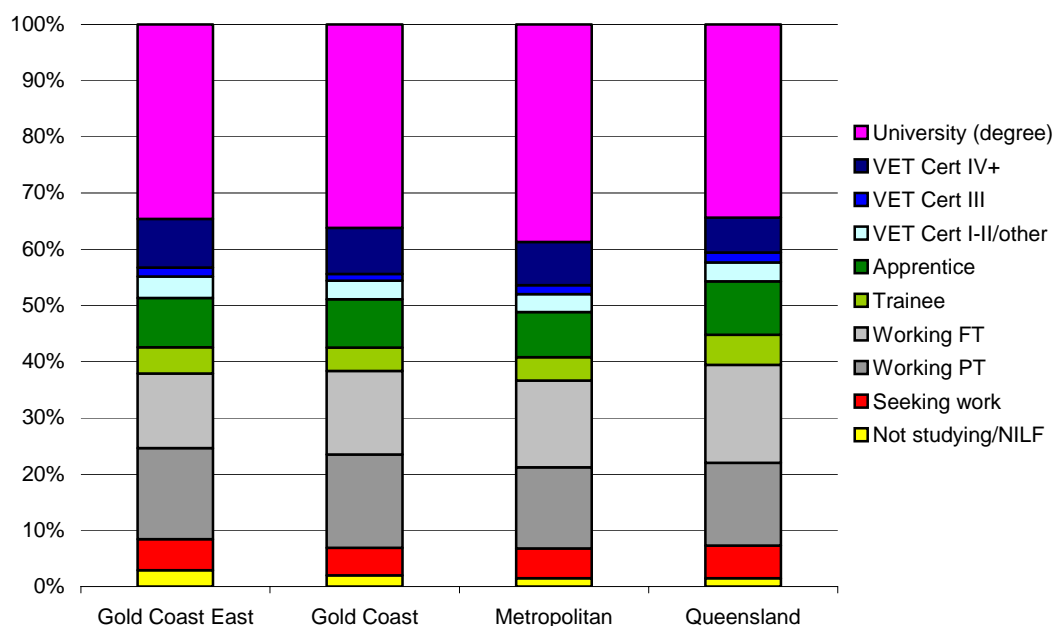


Table 23 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast East, 2008

		<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>	6	4	2	0	6	154	172
	<i>%</i>	1.5	3.3	2.0	0.0	7.2	35.0	14.8
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	264	66	12	5	12	188	547
	<i>%</i>	65.7	55.0	11.9	33.3	14.5	42.7	47.1
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	14	61	3	24	0	102
	<i>%</i>	0.0	11.7	60.4	20.0	28.9	0.0	8.8
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	6	21	4	23	0	54
	<i>%</i>	0.0	5.0	20.8	26.7	27.7	0.0	4.7
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	69	11	1	1	7	64	153
	<i>%</i>	17.2	9.2	1.0	6.7	8.4	14.5	13.2
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	63	19	4	2	11	34	133
	<i>%</i>	15.7	15.8	4.0	13.3	13.3	7.7	11.5
Total	<i>no.</i>	402	120	101	15	83	440	1 161
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Gold Coast West/SD Bal

Figure 10 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast West/SD Bal, 2008

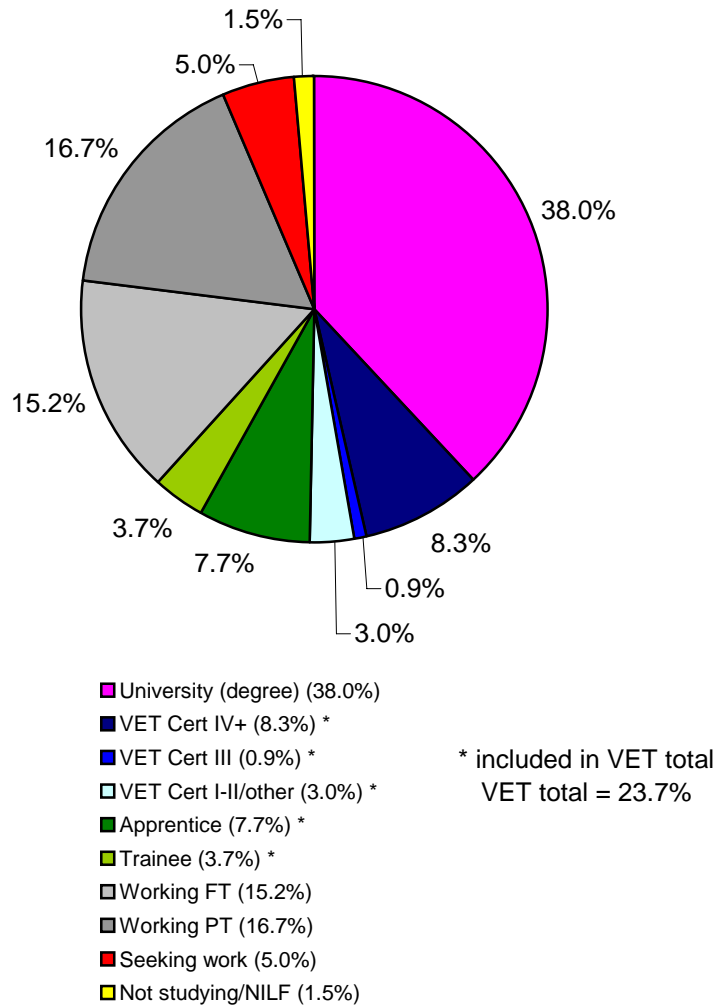


Table 24 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Gold Coast West/SD Bal, 2008

<i>Main 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>
University (degree)	372	33.4	525	42.1	897	38.0
VET Cert IV+ *	96	8.6	101	8.1	197	8.3
VET Cert III *	8	0.7	13	1.0	21	0.9
VET Cert I-II/other *	38	3.4	34	2.7	72	3.0
Apprentice *	156	14.0	25	2.0	181	7.7
Trainee *	30	2.7	58	4.7	88	3.7
Working FT	186	16.7	172	13.8	358	15.2
Working PT	150	13.5	244	19.6	394	16.7
Seeking work	62	5.6	55	4.4	117	5.0
Not studying/NILF	17	1.5	19	1.5	36	1.5
<i>Total VET</i>	328	29.4	231	18.5	559	23.7
Total	1 115	100.0	1 246	100.0	2 361	100.0

Figure 11 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast West/SD Bal, Gold Coast, Metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

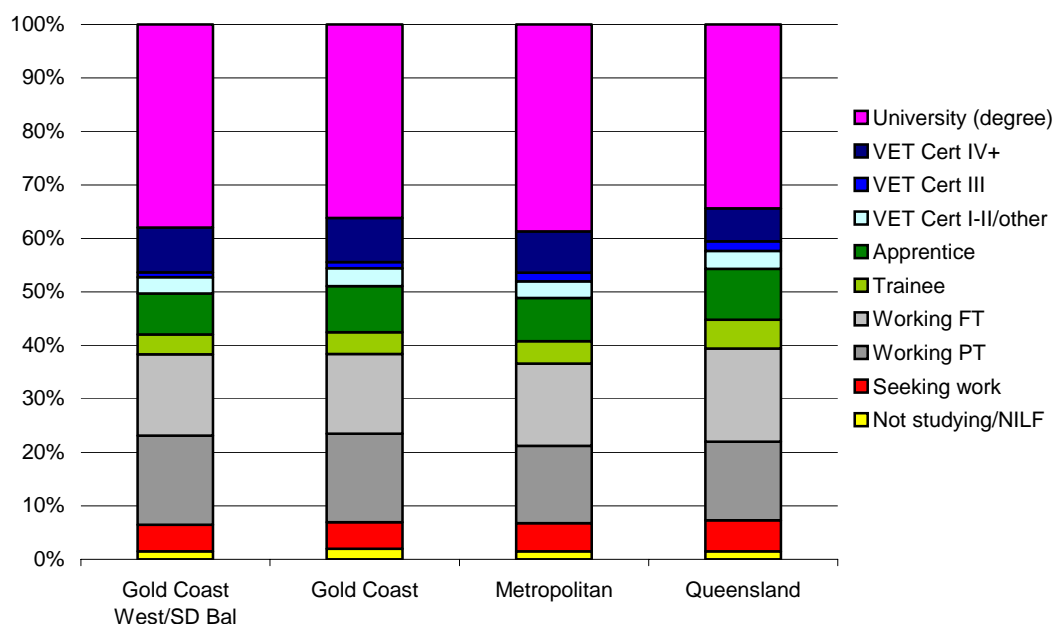


Table 25 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Gold Coast West/SD Bal, 2008

		<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>	17	6	6	0	8	358	395
	<i>%</i>	1.9	2.6	3.8	0.0	5.4	39.6	16.7
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	625	136	10	4	26	394	1 195
	<i>%</i>	69.7	58.1	6.3	22.2	17.7	43.5	50.6
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	23	105	7	46	0	181
	<i>%</i>	0.0	9.8	65.6	38.9	31.3	0.0	7.7
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	14	34	5	35	0	88
	<i>%</i>	0.0	6.0	21.3	27.8	23.8	0.0	3.7
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	107	35	3	2	9	117	273
	<i>%</i>	11.9	15.0	1.9	11.1	6.1	12.9	11.6
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	148	20	2	0	23	36	229
	<i>%</i>	16.5	8.5	1.3	0.0	15.6	4.0	9.7
Total	<i>no.</i>	897	234	160	18	147	905	2 361
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Appendix

Table A1A Gold Coast schools with Year 12 completers in 2007

A B Paterson College
All Saints Anglican School
Aquinas College
Beenleigh Special School
Beenleigh State High School
Benowa State High School
Canterbury College
Coombah State High School
Coomera Anglican College
Currumbin Community Special School
Elanora State High School
Emmanuel College Carrara
Helensvale State High School
Hillcrest Christian College
Keebra Park State High School
King's Christian College
Marymount College
Merrimac State High School
Miami State High School
Mudgeeraba Special School
Nerang State High School
Pacific Pines State High School
Palm Beach Currumbin State High School
Rivermount College - Yatala
Robina State High School
Saint Stephen's College
Somerset College
Southport State High School
St Andrews Lutheran College
St Hilda's School
St Michael's College
Tamborine Mountain College
Tamborine Mountain State High School
The Kumbari Avenue School - Gold Coast
The Southport School
Trinity College
Trinity Lutheran College
Upper Coomera State College
Varsity College
Windaroo Valley State High School

Figure A1A Queensland Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2007

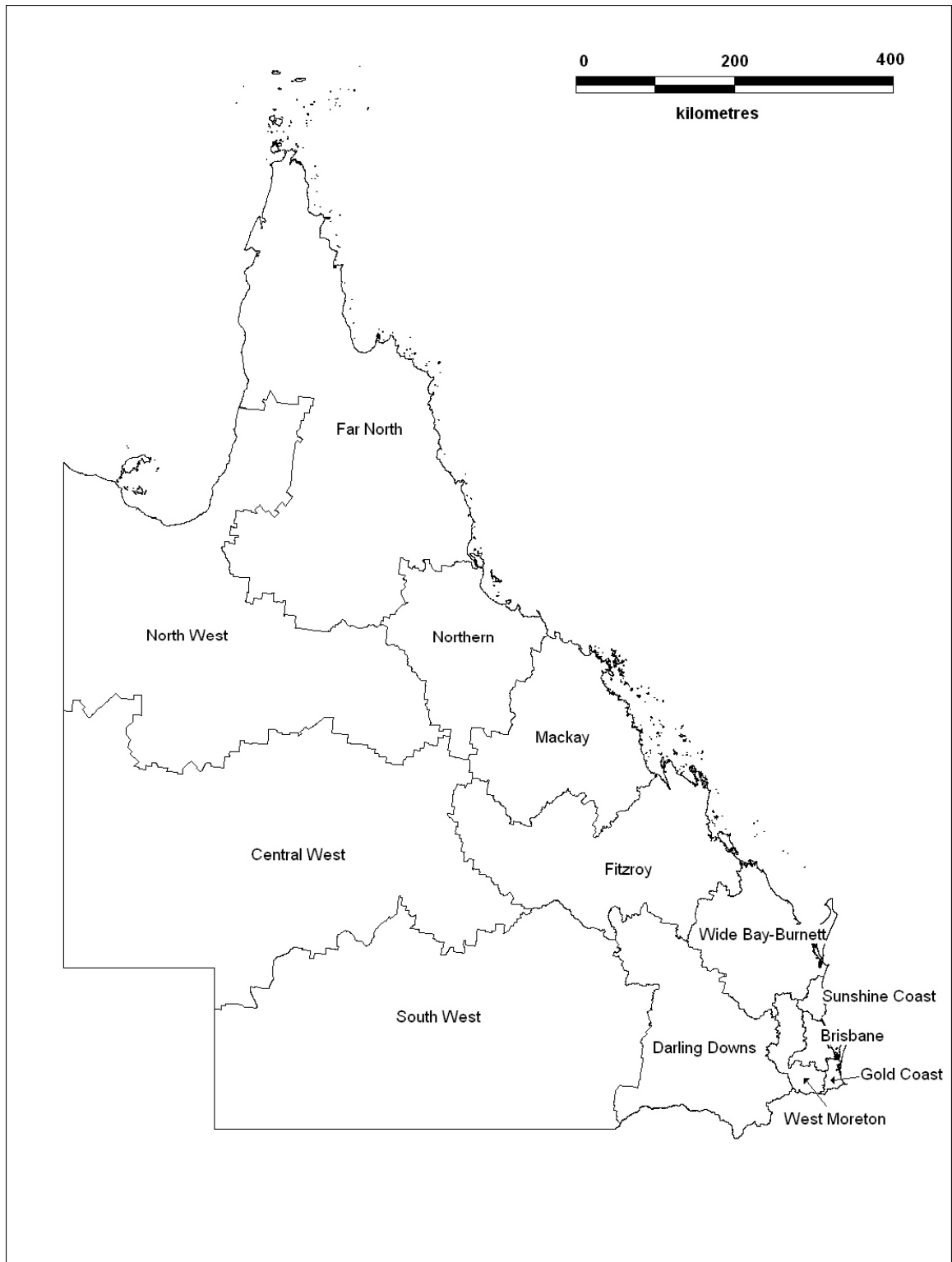


Figure A1B Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2007

