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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 – Northern/North West – was 77.1 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 – Northern/North West

Destinations

More than nine in ten (93.4 per cent) Year 12 completers in this region were studying or in paid employment at the time of the survey. (Figure 1)

Almost six in ten (59.1 per cent) continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school. (Figure 1)

Nearly three in ten were undertaking a university degree (29.3 per cent). (Figure 1)

Nearly three in ten (29.8 per cent) were studying vocational education and training (VET). (Figure 1)

Almost three in ten of the campus-based VET students were studying at Certificate IV level or higher (2.8 per cent of Year 12 completers overall). (Figure 1)

Over one in five (21.1 per cent) were undertaking employment-based training, either as an apprentice (13.3 per cent) or trainee (7.8 per cent). (Figure 1)

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 11.0 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).

More than four in ten (40.9 per cent) did not enter post-school education or training and were either employed (34.3 per cent), looking for work (5.6 per cent) or neither working, seeking work nor studying (1.1 per cent). (Figure 1)

Learning: education and training destinations

Amongst the 59.1 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, Management and Commerce (e.g. Business, Tourism) and Society and Culture. (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 more than two-thirds of Year 12 completers (67.8 per cent) in post-school education and training destinations. (Table 5)

Earning: employment destinations

Of those young people working, more than four in ten were in part-time employment (43.0 per cent), while 31.1 per cent were in full-time employment, 16.4 per cent were apprentices and 9.6 per cent were trainees. (Table 6)

Over one-half of all Year 12 completers in employment (53.8 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 (29.7 per cent) with the next most common being Food Handlers (12.4 per cent), followed by Clerks, Receptionists and Secretaries (11.8 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)

Only one in every hundred Year 12 graduates were neither studying nor seeking work (1.1 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), were undecided or considering options, or were not interested in further study. (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 (31.1 per cent compared to 27.2 per cent of males), and more likely to enter campus-based (i.e. not apprenticeships or traineeships) VET programs (10.7 per cent compared to 6.4 per cent of males). (Table 2)

Males were more likely to enter VET programs than university (35.8 per cent for VET compared to 27.2 per cent for university), while females were more likely to enter university than VET programs (31.1 per cent for university compared to 24.5 per cent for VET). (Table 2)

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

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

Males were 13 times more likely than females to enrol in Engineering and Related Technologies courses, 11 times more likely to enrol in Information Technology courses, and five times as likely to enrol in Architecture and Building courses. (Table 4)

Females were more likely than males to be working in part-time jobs (51.0 per cent compared to 33.7 per cent), and more likely than males to be working in full-time jobs (32.5 per cent compared to 29.5 per cent). Males were eight times more likely to be an apprentice than females, while females were twice as likely to undertake a traineeship. (Table 6)

Students of VET in schools

More than four in ten Year 12 graduates in this region left school with a VET qualification (40.5 per cent), while 8.1 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 (18.9 per cent compared to 36.3 per cent). However, they had higher rates of transition to employment-based training (28.2 per cent compared to 16.3 per

cent). They were also more likely to enter employment with no further education and training (38.5 per cent compared to 31.5 per cent). (Table 12)

School-based apprentices and trainees were more than twice as likely to undertake apprenticeships and traineeships after school than other Year 12 completers (46.8 per cent compared to 18.8 per cent). (Table 13)

OP-eligible Students

Over four in ten (46.2 per cent) OP-eligible Year 12 completers had commenced a university degree. Year 12 completers who were not OP-eligible were more than twice as likely to transition to VET programs (48.8 per cent) than OP-eligible students (18.6 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 more likely to enrol in VET courses (41.7 per cent) than other Year 12 completers (29.6 per cent). In particular, they were seven times more likely to enrol in VET Certificate I-II/other courses (25.0 per cent compared to 3.6 per cent for students who did not complete a CPCSE). (Table 15)

Senior Certificate

There were insufficient numbers of Year 12 completers who were not awarded a senior certificate in this region to show a meaningful comparison with other Year 12 completers. (Table 16)

Indigenous

Indigenous Year 12 completers were less likely than their non-Indigenous peers to enrol at university (5.1 per cent compared to 30.6 per cent). Nonetheless, five Indigenous young people who completed the survey commenced university studies in 2008. (Table 17)

Indigenous students were more likely than their non-Indigenous peers to be an apprentice or trainee (28.6 per cent compared to 20.7 per cent) and just as likely to have a main destination of working (35.7 per cent compared to 34.2 per cent). (Table 17)

Indigenous Year 12 completers were more likely than their non-Indigenous counterparts to enrol in campus-based VET courses (12.2 per cent compared to 8.5 per cent). (Table 17)

Indigenous Year 12 completers were also more likely to be seeking work than their non-Indigenous peers (14.3 per cent compared to 5.1 per cent). (Table 17)

Language background other than English

Language background other than English (LBOTE) students were less likely to enrol at university (23.8 per cent compared to 29.2 per cent) but were more likely to enrol in campus-based VET courses (14.3 per cent compared to 8.6 per cent). (Table 18)

They were also less likely to enter employment without further education and training (28.6 per cent compared to 34.5 per cent). (Table 18)

Socioeconomic status

Transition to post-school education and training was associated with socioeconomic status (SES), increasing from 57.1 per cent for the lowest SES quartile to 64.1 per cent for the highest SES quartile. (Table 19)

The proportion of students who entered employment-based training consistently decreased as socioeconomic status increased, from 22.2 per cent for the lowest quartile to 18.8 per cent for the highest SES quartile. (Table 19)

Regional Comparisons

Year 12 completers in Northern/North West had similar post-schooling destinations to other non-metropolitan Year 12 completers. (Figure 2)

Northern/North West Year 12 completers were less likely to enter university 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 groups of Year 12 completers in Northern/North West closely resemble those of Year 12 completers statewide, although there were fewer 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 a break from study was more common in Northern/North West than other non-metropolitan areas and statewide. (Table 10)

Comparisons between the destinations of Year 12 completers from Northern/North West for the years 2005–08 reveal broadly similar patterns, however there has been an increase in full-time work. (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

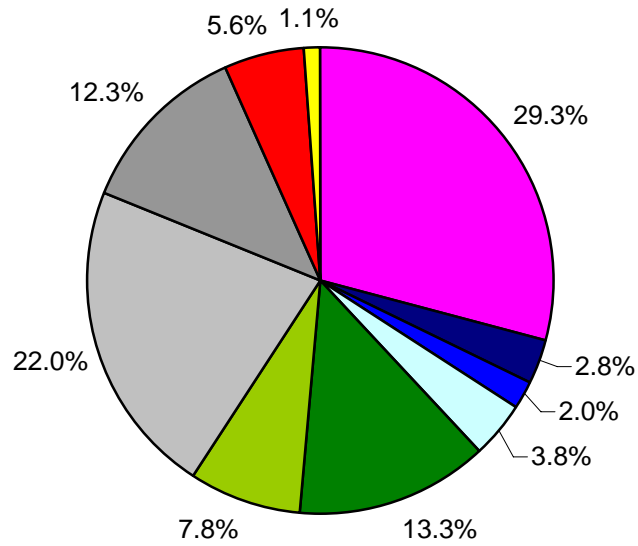
<i>Higher Education</i>	
University (degree)*	Studying at degree level.
<i>VET categories</i>	
VET Cert IV+*	Studying Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert III*	Studying Certificate III (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert I-II/other*	Studying 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, Northern/North West, 2008



- University (degree) (29.3%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.8%) *
- VET Cert III (2.0%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (3.8%) *
- Apprentice (13.3%) *
- Trainee (7.8%) *
- Working FT (22.0%)
- Working PT (12.3%)
- Seeking work (5.6%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.1%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 29.8%

Table 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Northern/North West, 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)	243	27.2	313	31.1	556	29.3
VET Cert IV+ *	16	1.8	38	3.8	54	2.8
VET Cert III *	9	1.0	29	2.9	38	2.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	32	3.6	41	4.1	73	3.8
Apprentice *	221	24.7	32	3.2	253	13.3
Trainee *	42	4.7	106	10.5	148	7.8
Working FT	181	20.2	237	23.6	418	22.0
Working PT	80	8.9	154	15.3	234	12.3
Seeking work	64	7.2	42	4.2	106	5.6
Not studying/NILF	7	0.8	13	1.3	20	1.1
<i>Total VET</i>	320	35.8	246	24.5	566	29.8
Total	895	100.0	1 005	100.0	1 900	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

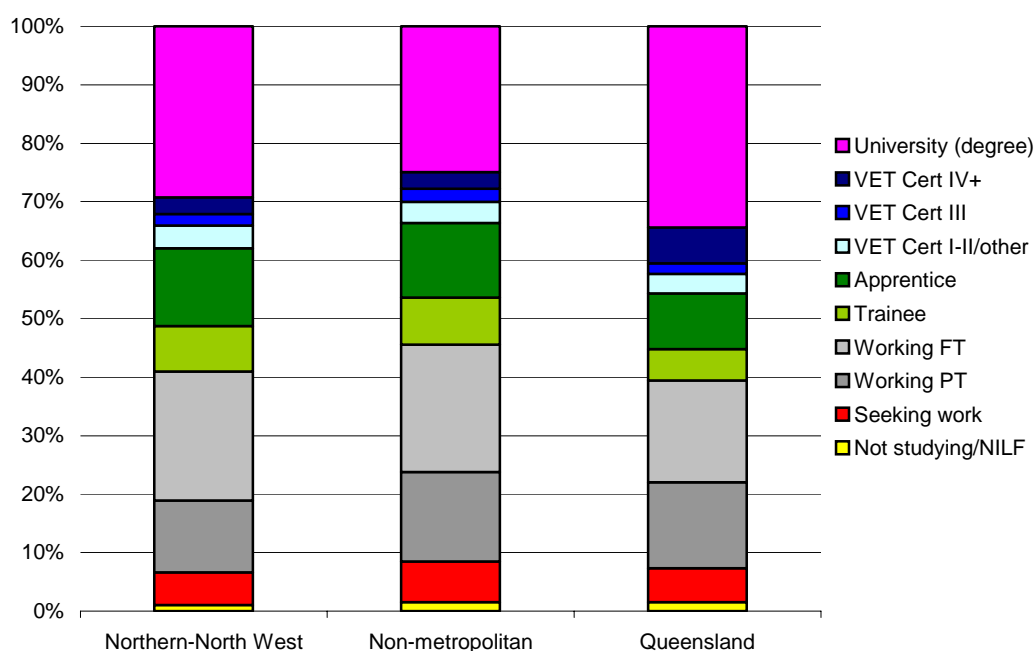
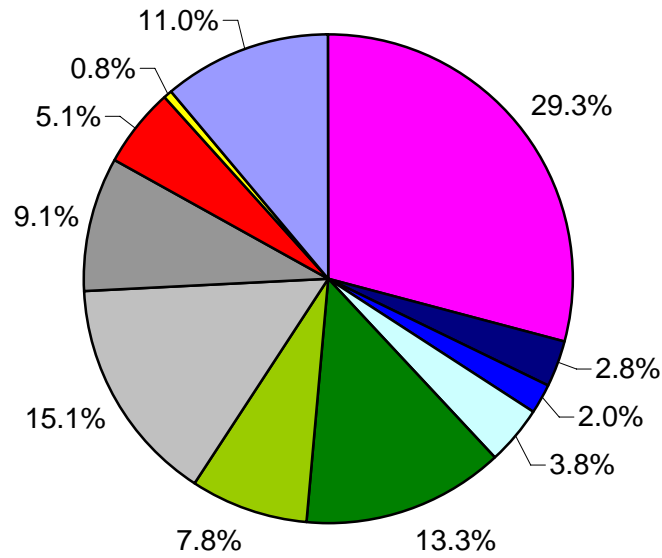


Table 3 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, 2008

		<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>	30	12	7	4	10	418	481
	<i>%</i>	5.4	11.4	2.7	10.5	6.1	53.7	25.3
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	366	27	20	3	15	234	665
	<i>%</i>	65.8	25.7	7.8	7.9	9.1	30.1	35.0
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	32	142	7	72	0	253
	<i>%</i>	0.0	30.5	55.0	18.4	43.6	0.0	13.3
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	19	78	14	37	0	148
	<i>%</i>	0.0	18.1	30.2	36.8	22.4	0.0	7.8
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	75	7	8	7	10	106	213
	<i>%</i>	13.5	6.7	3.1	18.4	6.1	13.6	11.2
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	85	8	3	3	21	20	140
	<i>%</i>	15.3	7.6	1.2	7.9	12.7	2.6	7.4
Total	<i>no.</i>	556	105	258	38	165	778	1 900
	<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, 2008



- University (degree) (29.3%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.8%) *
- VET Cert III (2.0%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (3.8%) *
- Apprentice (13.3%) *
- Trainee (7.8%) *
- Working Full-time (15.1%)
- Working Part-time (9.1%)
- Seeking work (5.1%)
- Not studing/not in labour force (0.8%)
- Deferred (11.0%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 29.8%

Figure 4 Comparison of main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern/North West, 2005 - 2008

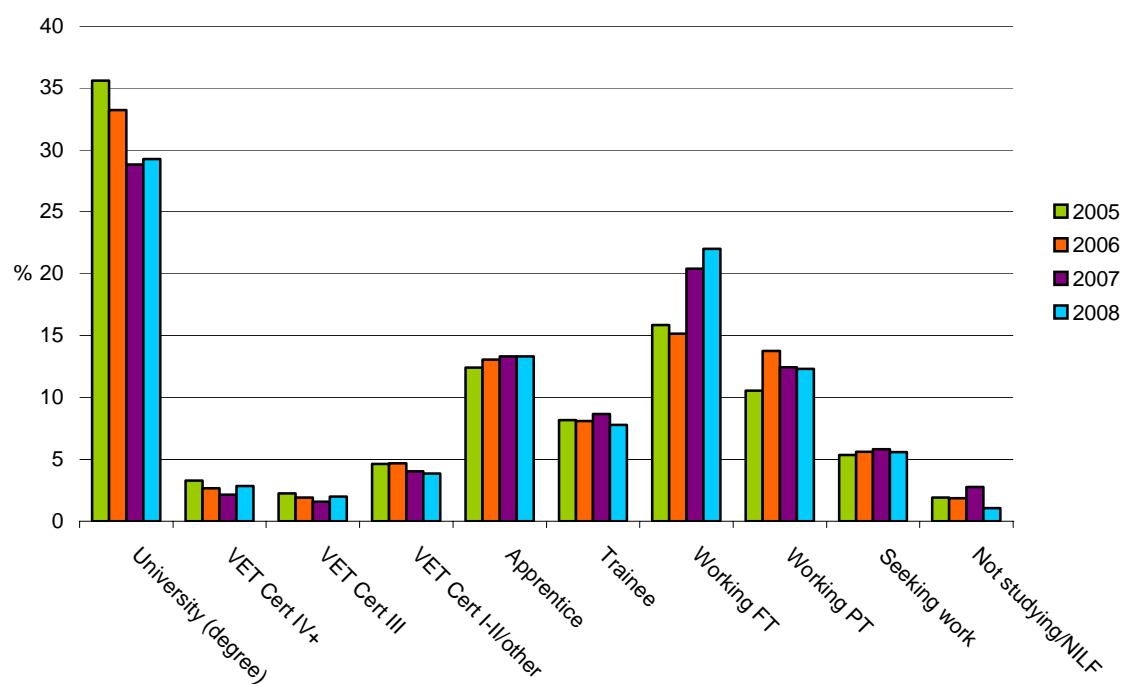


Table 4 Field of study of Year 12 completers, by sex, Northern/North West, 2008

<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>Males</i> %	<i>Females</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
Engineering & Related Technologies	39.5	2.9	21.2
Health	8.0	23.4	15.7
Management & Commerce	8.4	20.1	14.3
Society & Culture	4.9	15.2	10.1
Architecture & Building	10.1	2.0	6.0
Education	2.9	8.6	5.8
Creative Arts	3.7	7.1	5.4
Natural & Physical Sciences	4.0	6.2	5.1
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	2.0	6.8	4.4
Information Technology	6.2	0.5	3.4
Double Field of Study	2.6	1.8	2.2
Mixed Field Programs	2.6	1.3	1.9
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	0.9	1.5	1.2
Year 12/Senior/Student Exchange	0.5	1.6	1.1
Defence Force Study	0.4	0.0	0.2
Other	3.3	0.7	2.0
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, Northern/North West, 2008

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
James Cook University	488	44.6
Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE	253	23.1
Other Private Training Colleges	65	5.9
Mount Isa Institute of TAFE	43	3.9
University of Queensland	20	1.8
Secondary Schools	18	1.6
University of Southern Queensland	12	1.1
Tropical North Institute of TAFE	12	1.1
Interstate Universities	11	1.0
Queensland University of Technology	11	1.0
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	10	0.9
Griffith University	10	0.9
Central Queensland University	10	0.9
Central Queensland Institute of TAFE	5	0.5
Southbank Institute of TAFE	3	0.3
University of the Sunshine Coast	3	0.3
Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE	3	0.3
Careers Australian Institute of Technology	3	0.3
Gold Coast Institute of TAFE	2	0.2
Interstate TAFEs	2	0.2
Skills Tech	2	0.2
Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
Qantm College	1	0.1
Australian College of Natural Medicine	1	0.1
Bremer Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
Other	102	9.3
Total	1 093	100.0

Table 6 Work destinations of all Year 12 completers in employment, by sex, Northern/North West, 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	221	30.9	32	3.8	253	16.4
Trainee	42	5.9	106	12.7	148	9.6
Working full-time	211	29.5	270	32.5	481	31.1
Working part-time	241	33.7	424	51.0	665	43.0
Total	715	100.0	832	100.0	1 547	100.0

Figure 5 Main destinations of Year 12 completers not in education or training, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

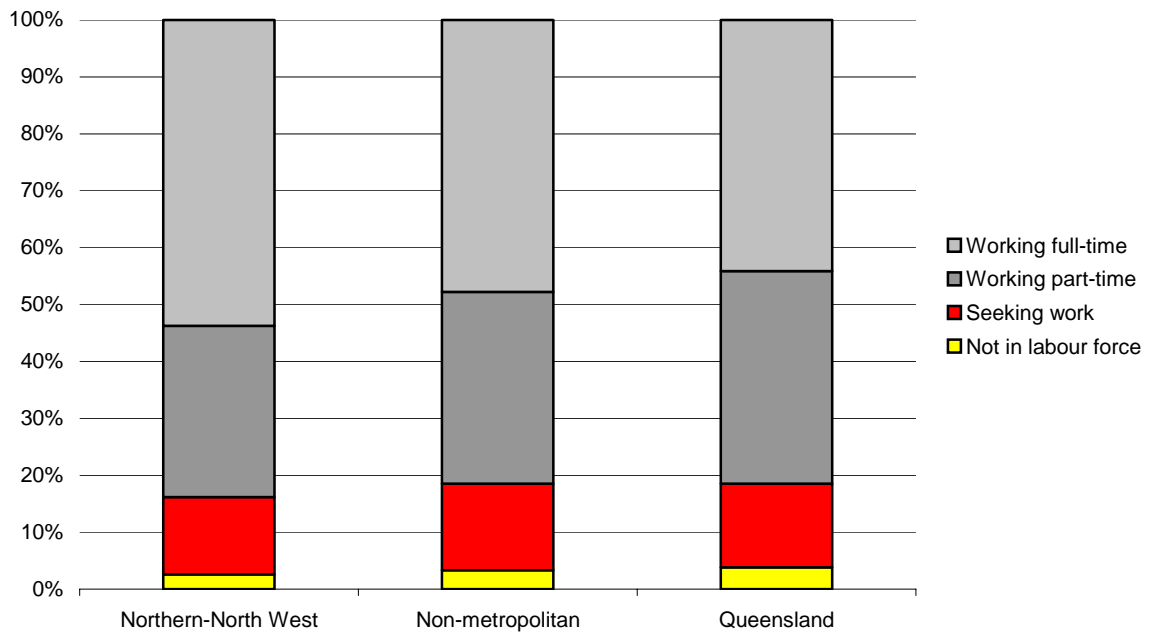


Table 7 Occupational groups of all Year 12 completers in employment, Northern/North West and Queensland, 2008

Occupational Group	no.	%	Qld %
Sales Assistants	459	29.7	32.8
Food Handlers	192	12.4	13.3
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	182	11.8	11.5
Waiters	94	6.1	6.7
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	87	5.6	6.3
Electrical & Electronics Trades	68	4.4	2.6
Labourers	67	4.3	4.4
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	60	3.9	3.7
Metal & Engineering Trades	53	3.4	1.3
Child Care & Education-related Workers	50	3.2	3.4
Automotive Workers	43	2.8	1.8
Marketing & Sales Representatives	39	2.5	1.4
Government & Defence	30	1.9	1.4
Storepersons	25	1.6	2.1
Gardeners, Farmers & Animal Workers	24	1.6	2.1
Factory & Machine Workers	17	1.1	1.4
Other	57	3.7	3.7
Total	1 547	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, 2008

<i>Industry Category</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Qld %</i>
Retail Trade	498	32.2	35.2
Accommodation & Food Services	305	19.7	20.9
Construction	124	8.0	9.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	76	4.9	5.0
Manufacturing	62	4.0	3.7
Administrative & Support Services	61	3.9	2.6
Public Administration & Safety	50	3.2	2.5
Mining	45	2.9	0.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	41	2.7	2.5
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	40	2.6	1.7
Other Services	39	2.5	2.3
Education & Training	34	2.2	2.5
Financial & Insurance Services	33	2.1	1.6
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	33	2.1	1.8
Arts & Recreation Services	28	1.8	2.5
Information Media & Telecommunications	27	1.7	0.9
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	19	1.2	2.1
Wholesale Trade	17	1.1	1.0
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	13	0.8	0.9
Other	2	0.1	0.2
Total	1 547	100.0	100.0

Table 9 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, by sex, Northern/North West, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Males</i> %	<i>Females</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
I want a break from study	19.6	28.5	24.7
I am undecided and considering options	17.2	18.4	17.9
I am not interested in further study	23.5	13.2	17.6
I am working to finance further study	4.5	7.6	6.3
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	5.4	5.4	5.4
I don't feel ready for more study	4.8	5.4	5.1
My work commitments	3.0	3.6	3.3
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	2.7	3.1	3.0
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	3.9	2.2	3.0
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	2.1	3.4	2.8
I would have to move away from home	1.5	2.5	2.1
I am going into the armed services	2.7	0.7	1.5
Because of disability	1.8	1.1	1.4
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	2.7	0.0	1.2
My sporting commitments	2.4	0.0	1.0
Health reasons	0.0	1.1	0.6
I am working to save money	0.3	0.9	0.6
My family commitments	0.0	0.9	0.5
I am going overseas to work	0.0	0.4	0.3
I have already finished studying	0.3	0.2	0.3
Other	1.5	1.3	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Northern/ North West %</i>	<i>Non- metropolitan %</i>	<i>Queensland %</i>
I want a break from study	24.7	21.0	22.9
I am undecided and considering options	17.9	17.8	19.7
I am not interested in further study	17.6	16.8	14.3
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	5.4	5.6	6.9
I am working to finance further study	6.3	7.0	6.1
I don't feel ready for more study	5.1	4.9	5.5
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	3.0	4.0	3.8
My work commitments	3.3	3.4	3.4
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	3.0	2.7	2.9
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	2.8	3.8	2.3
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	1.2	2.0	2.0
Because of disability	1.4	1.4	1.5
I would have to move away from home	2.1	2.5	1.5
I am going into the armed services	1.5	1.6	1.4
My family commitments	0.5	1.0	0.9
Health reasons	0.6	0.5	0.7
My sporting commitments	1.0	0.5	0.7
I am working to save money	0.6	0.7	0.6
I have already finished studying	0.3	0.4	0.4
I am looking for work	0.0	0.3	0.3
There is too much travel involved	0.0	0.1	0.2
The costs of travel are a barrier	0.0	0.1	0.2
I am going overseas to work	0.3	0.1	0.2
Student exchange	0.0	0.0	0.1
Other	1.4	1.7	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, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Northern/ North West %</i>	<i>Non- metropolitan %</i>	<i>Queensland %</i>
Travel	21.1	12.3	16.1
Health reasons	5.3	14.8	15.9
Because of disability	21.1	16.8	14.1
My family commitments	5.3	17.4	12.3
I have accepted a job that starts later	5.3	11.0	11.7
I don't wish to work	5.3	4.5	4.8
My study commitments	0.0	1.9	4.4
My sporting commitments	0.0	1.3	4.0
I don't feel ready for paid employment	0.0	1.3	2.0
Student exchange	0.0	1.9	1.8
I have no financial need to work	5.3	1.9	1.2
Transport difficulties	5.3	1.9	1.0
I have been unsuccessful finding a job	0.0	0.6	0.8
I would have to move away from home	5.3	1.3	0.6
Other	21.1	11.0	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) Northern/North West, 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)	411	36.3	145	18.9
VET Cert IV+ *	30	2.7	24	3.1
VET Cert III *	19	1.7	19	2.5
VET Cert I-II/other *	49	4.3	24	3.1
Apprentice *	103	9.1	150	19.5
Trainee *	81	7.2	67	8.7
Working FT	233	20.6	185	24.1
Working PT	123	10.9	111	14.4
Seeking work	67	5.9	39	5.1
Not studying/NILF	15	1.3	5	0.7
<i>Total VET</i>	282	24.9	284	36.9
Total	1 131	100.0	769	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 13 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by school-based apprentices, Northern/North West, 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)	539	30.9	17	11.0
VET Cert IV+ *	50	2.9	4	2.6
VET Cert III *	34	1.9	4	2.6
VET Cert I-II/other *	66	3.8	7	4.5
Apprentice *	203	11.6	50	32.5
Trainee *	126	7.2	22	14.3
Working FT	386	22.1	32	20.8
Working PT	220	12.6	14	9.1
Seeking work	102	5.8	4	2.6
Not studying/NILF	20	1.1	0	0.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>479</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>56.5</i>
Total	1 746	100.0	154	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 14 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by OP Eligible Status, Northern/North West, 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)	6	0.9	550	46.2
VET Cert IV+ *	24	3.4	30	2.5
VET Cert III *	28	4.0	10	0.8
VET Cert I-II/other *	34	4.9	35	2.9
Apprentice *	186	26.7	67	5.6
Trainee *	68	9.8	80	6.7
Working FT	178	25.5	239	20.1
Working PT	104	14.9	128	10.7
Seeking work	62	8.9	44	3.7
Not studying/NILF	7	1.0	8	0.7
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>18.6</i>
Total	697	100.0	1 191	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 15 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status (CPCSE), Northern/North West, 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)	556	29.6	0	0.0
VET Cert IV+ *	54	2.9	0	0.0
VET Cert III *	38	2.0	0	0.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	67	3.6	6	25.0
Apprentice *	251	13.4	2	8.3
Trainee *	146	7.8	2	8.3
Working FT	415	22.1	3	12.5
Working PT	229	12.2	5	20.8
Seeking work	105	5.6	1	4.2
Not studying/NILF	15	0.8	5	20.8
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>41.7</i>
Total	1 876	100.0	24	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 16 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status (Senior Certificate), Northern/North West, 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	556	29.4
VET Cert IV+ *	0	0.0	54	2.9
VET Cert III *	0	0.0	38	2.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	4	33.3	69	3.7
Apprentice *	0	0.0	253	13.4
Trainee *	0	0.0	148	7.8
Working FT	1	8.3	417	22.1
Working PT	2	16.7	232	12.3
Seeking work	0	0.0	106	5.6
Not studying/NILF	5	41.7	15	0.8
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>562</i>	<i>29.8</i>
Total	12	100.0	1 888	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 17 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Indigenous Status, Northern/North West, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>		<i>Indigenous</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	551	30.6	5	5.1
VET Cert IV+ *	50	2.8	4	4.1
VET Cert III *	36	2.0	2	2.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	67	3.7	6	6.1
Apprentice *	238	13.2	15	15.3
Trainee *	135	7.5	13	13.3
Working FT	402	22.3	16	16.3
Working PT	215	11.9	19	19.4
Seeking work	92	5.1	14	14.3
Not studying/NILF	16	0.9	4	4.1
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>526</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40.8</i>
Total	1 802	100.0	98	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 18 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Language Background, Northern/North West, 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)	547	29.2	5	23.8
VET Cert IV+ *	53	2.8	0	0.0
VET Cert III *	37	2.0	1	4.8
VET Cert I-II/other *	70	3.7	2	9.5
Apprentice *	250	13.4	2	9.5
Trainee *	146	7.8	2	9.5
Working FT	413	22.1	4	19.0
Working PT	232	12.4	2	9.5
Seeking work	105	5.6	1	4.8
Not studying/NILF	18	1.0	2	9.5
Total VET	556	29.7	7	33.3
Total	1 871	100.0	21	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 19 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by socioeconomic status, Northern/North West, 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)	155	25.2	163	27.2	104	30.2	127	39.7
VET Cert IV+ *	18	2.9	16	2.7	9	2.6	10	3.1
VET Cert III *	15	2.4	14	2.3	8	2.3	1	0.3
VET Cert I-II/other *	27	4.4	28	4.7	11	3.2	7	2.2
Apprentice *	86	14.0	83	13.8	41	11.9	41	12.8
Trainee *	51	8.3	47	7.8	29	8.4	19	5.9
Working FT	145	23.5	130	21.7	73	21.2	66	20.6
Working PT	74	12.0	79	13.2	47	13.7	31	9.7
Seeking work	38	6.2	33	5.5	19	5.5	15	4.7
Not studying/NILF	7	1.1	7	1.2	3	0.9	3	0.9
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>32.0</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>24.4</i>
Total	616	100.0	600	100.0	344	100.0	320	100.0

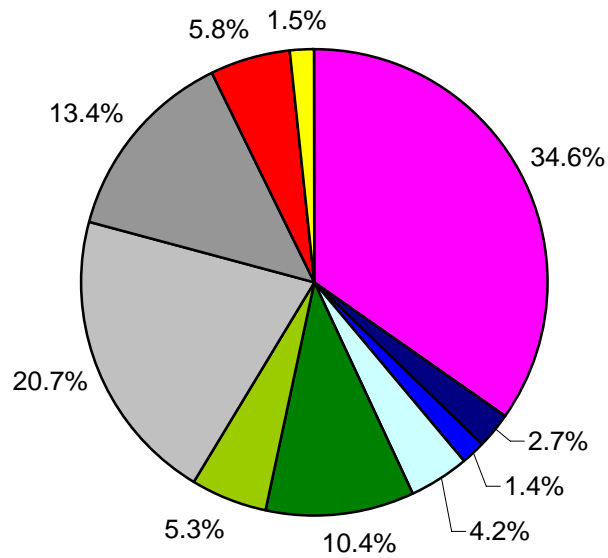
* Included in Total VET

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

Sub-regions within Northern/North West

Townsville City Part A

Figure 6 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Townsville City Part A, 2008



- University (degree) (34.6%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.7%) *
- VET Cert III (1.4%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (4.2%) *
- Apprentice (10.4%) *
- Trainee (5.3%) *
- Working FT (20.7%)
- Working PT (13.4%)
- Seeking work (5.8%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.5%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 24.0%

Table 20 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Townsville City Part A, 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)	133	32.4	183	36.4	316	34.6
VET Cert IV+ *	8	2.0	17	3.4	25	2.7
VET Cert III *	3	0.7	10	2.0	13	1.4
VET Cert I-II/other *	18	4.4	20	4.0	38	4.2
Apprentice *	82	20.0	13	2.6	95	10.4
Trainee *	14	3.4	34	6.8	48	5.3
Working FT	74	18.0	115	22.9	189	20.7
Working PT	46	11.2	76	15.1	122	13.4
Seeking work	26	6.3	27	5.4	53	5.8
Not studying/NILF	6	1.5	8	1.6	14	1.5
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>30.5</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>24.0</i>
Total	410	100.0	503	100.0	913	100.0

Figure 7 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Townsville City Part A, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

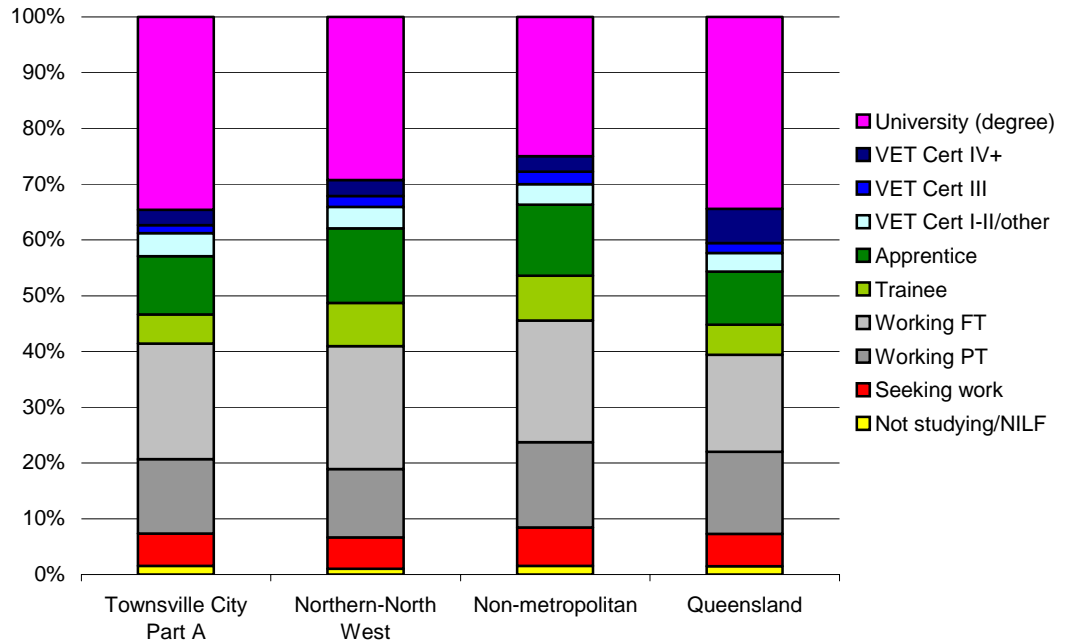
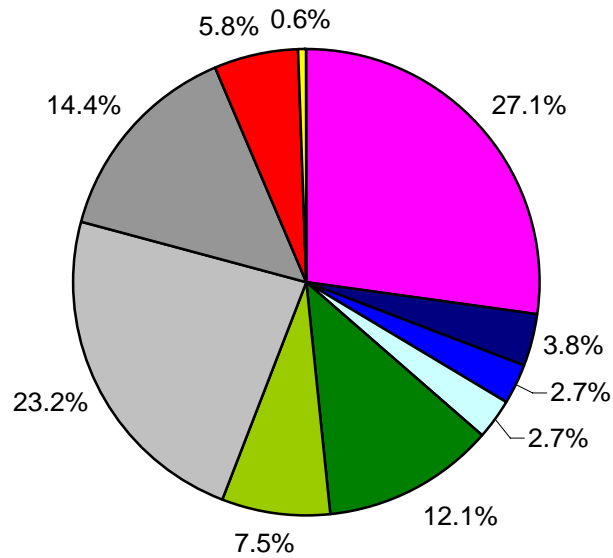


Table 21 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Townsville City Part A, 2008

		<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>	20	3	0	2	7	189	221
	<i>%</i>	6.3	5.9	0.0	15.4	9.9	50.0	24.2
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	223	15	11	1	9	122	381
	<i>%</i>	70.6	29.4	13.1	7.7	12.7	32.3	41.7
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	20	46	2	27	0	95
	<i>%</i>	0.0	39.2	54.8	15.4	38.0	0.0	10.4
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	6	25	4	13	0	48
	<i>%</i>	0.0	11.8	29.8	30.8	18.3	0.0	5.3
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	40	3	2	3	5	53	106
	<i>%</i>	12.7	5.9	2.4	23.1	7.0	14.0	11.6
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	33	4	0	1	10	14	62
	<i>%</i>	10.4	7.8	0.0	7.7	14.1	3.7	6.8
Total	<i>no.</i>	316	51	84	13	71	378	913
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Thuringowa City Part A

Figure 8 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Thuringowa City Part A, 2008



- University (degree) (27.1%)
- VET Cert IV+ (3.8%) *
- VET Cert III (2.7%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (2.7%) *
- Apprentice (12.1%) *
- Trainee (7.5%) *
- Working FT (23.2%)
- Working PT (14.4%)
- Seeking work (5.8%)
- Not studying/NILF (0.6%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 28.8%

Table 22 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Thuringowa City Part A, 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)	58	25.6	72	28.6	130	27.1
VET Cert IV+ *	5	2.2	13	5.2	18	3.8
VET Cert III *	4	1.8	9	3.6	13	2.7
VET Cert I-II/other *	5	2.2	8	3.2	13	2.7
Apprentice *	50	22.0	8	3.2	58	12.1
Trainee *	11	4.8	25	9.9	36	7.5
Working FT	54	23.8	57	22.6	111	23.2
Working PT	20	8.8	49	19.4	69	14.4
Seeking work	20	8.8	8	3.2	28	5.8
Not studying/NILF	0	0.0	3	1.2	3	0.6
<i>Total VET</i>	75	33.0	63	25.0	138	28.8
Total	227	100.0	252	100.0	479	100.0

Figure 9 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Thuringowa City Part A, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

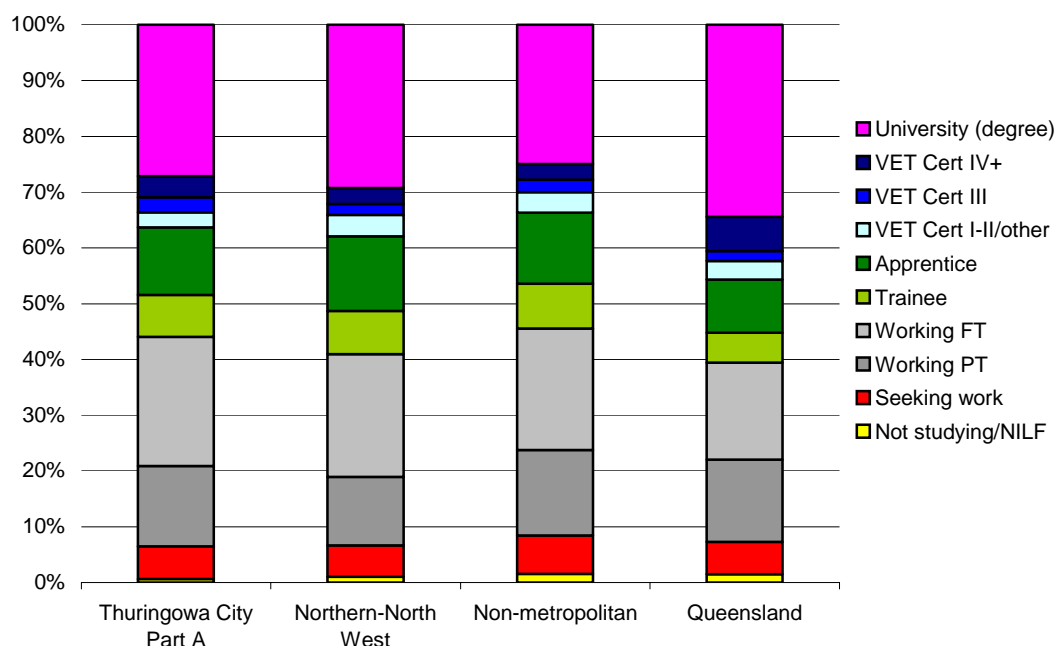


Table 23 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Thuringowa City Part A, 2008

		<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>	3	3	3	1	2	111	123
	<i>%</i>	2.3	10.3	4.5	10.0	6.3	52.6	25.7
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	108	9	3	1	2	69	192
	<i>%</i>	83.1	31.0	4.5	10.0	6.3	32.7	40.1
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	3	38	2	15	0	58
	<i>%</i>	0.0	10.3	56.7	20.0	46.9	0.0	12.1
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	8	16	3	9	0	36
	<i>%</i>	0.0	27.6	23.9	30.0	28.1	0.0	7.5
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	10	2	4	2	1	28	47
	<i>%</i>	7.7	6.9	6.0	20.0	3.1	13.3	9.8
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	9	4	3	1	3	3	23
	<i>%</i>	6.9	13.8	4.5	10.0	9.4	1.4	4.8
Total	<i>no.</i>	130	29	67	10	32	211	479
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Northern SD Bal

Figure 10 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern SD Bal, 2008

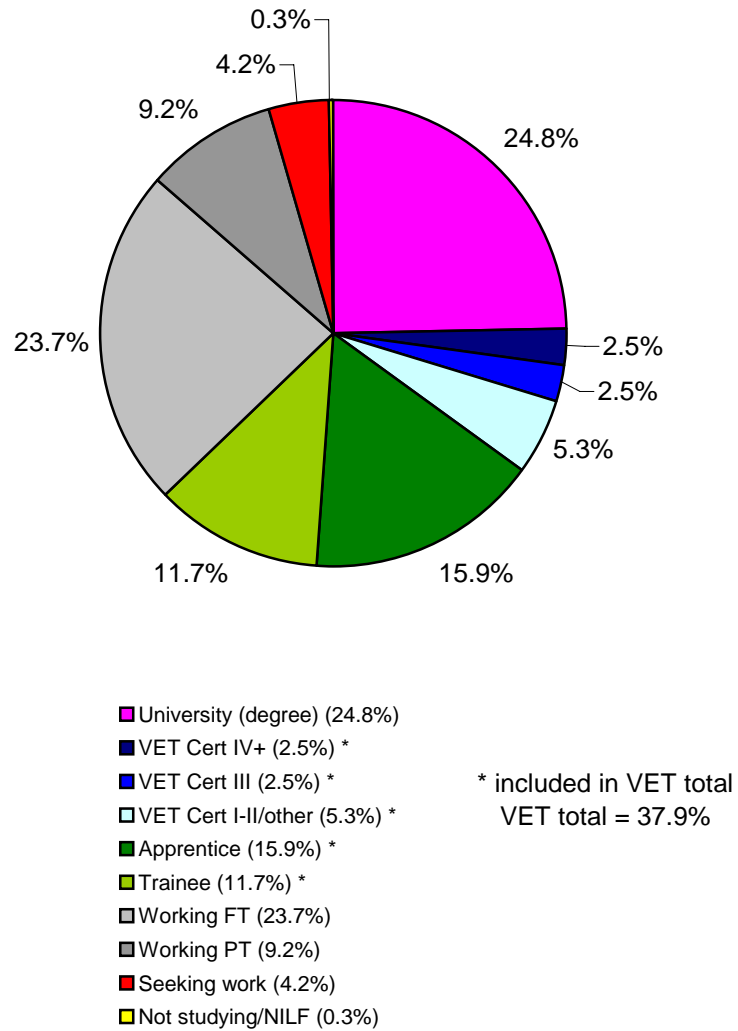


Table 24 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Northern SD Bal, 2008

<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)	44	25.3	45	24.3	89	24.8
VET Cert IV+ *	2	1.1	7	3.8	9	2.5
VET Cert III *	1	0.6	8	4.3	9	2.5
VET Cert I-II/other *	7	4.0	12	6.5	19	5.3
Apprentice *	49	28.2	8	4.3	57	15.9
Trainee *	13	7.5	29	15.7	42	11.7
Working FT	38	21.8	47	25.4	85	23.7
Working PT	11	6.3	22	11.9	33	9.2
Seeking work	9	5.2	6	3.2	15	4.2
Not studying/NILF	0	0.0	1	0.5	1	0.3
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>41.4</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>37.9</i>
Total	174	100.0	185	100.0	359	100.0

Figure 11 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern SD Bal, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

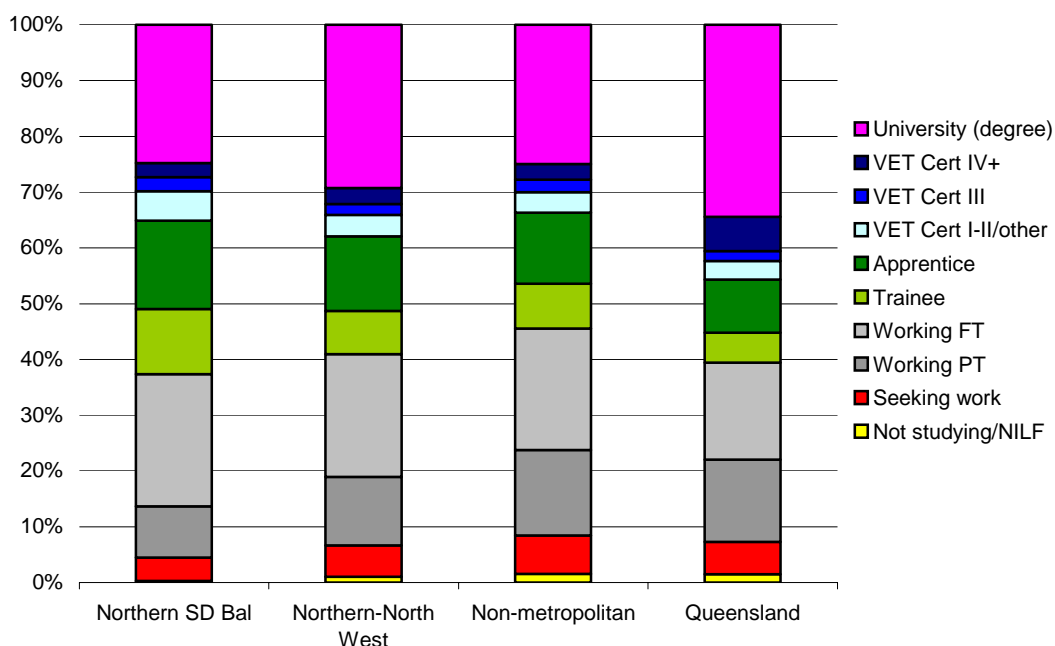
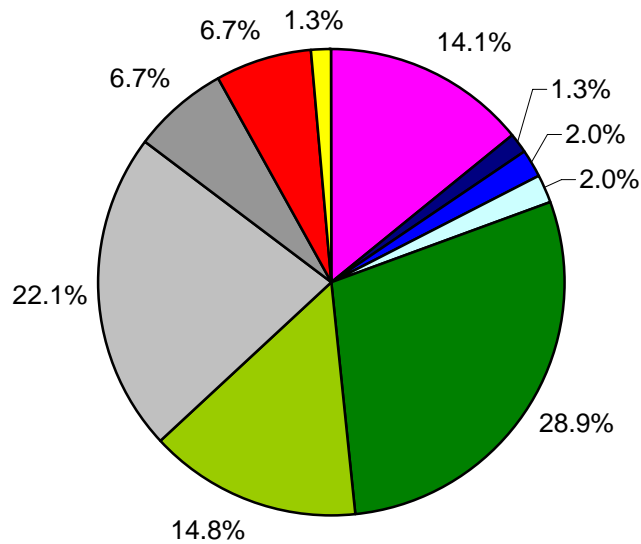


Table 25 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Northern SD Bal, 2008

		<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>	7	5	2	1	0	85	100
	<i>%</i>	7.9	33.3	3.0	8.3	0.0	63.4	27.9
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	29	2	6	1	4	33	75
	<i>%</i>	32.6	13.3	9.0	8.3	9.5	24.6	20.9
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	3	33	2	19	0	57
	<i>%</i>	0.0	20.0	49.3	16.7	45.2	0.0	15.9
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	3	25	5	9	0	42
	<i>%</i>	0.0	20.0	37.3	41.7	21.4	0.0	11.7
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	21	2	1	2	3	15	44
	<i>%</i>	23.6	13.3	1.5	16.7	7.1	11.2	12.3
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	32	0	0	1	7	1	41
	<i>%</i>	36.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	16.7	0.7	11.4
Total	<i>no.</i>	89	15	67	12	42	134	359
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

North West

Figure 12 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, North West, 2008



- University (degree) (14.1%)
- VET Cert IV+ (1.3%) *
- VET Cert III (2.0%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (2.0%) *
- Apprentice (28.9%) *
- Trainee (14.8%) *
- Working FT (22.1%)
- Working PT (6.7%)
- Seeking work (6.7%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.3%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 49.0%

Table 26 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, North West, 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)	8	9.5	13	20.0	21	14.1
VET Cert IV+ *	1	1.2	1	1.5	2	1.3
VET Cert III *	1	1.2	2	3.1	3	2.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	2	2.4	1	1.5	3	2.0
Apprentice *	40	47.6	3	4.6	43	28.9
Trainee *	4	4.8	18	27.7	22	14.8
Working FT	15	17.9	18	27.7	33	22.1
Working PT	3	3.6	7	10.8	10	6.7
Seeking work	9	10.7	1	1.5	10	6.7
Not studying/NILF	1	1.2	1	1.5	2	1.3
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>57.1</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>38.5</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>49.0</i>
Total	84	100.0	65	100.0	149	100.0

Figure 13 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, North West, Northern/North West, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

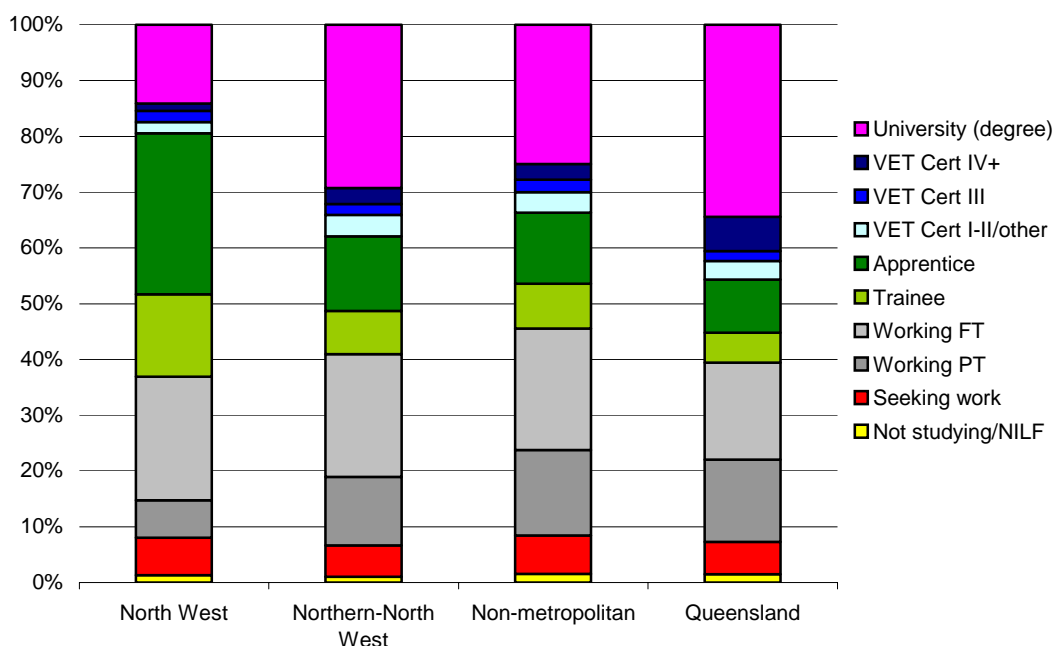


Table 27 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, North West, 2008

		<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>	0	1	2	0	1	33	37
	<i>%</i>	0.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	60.0	24.8
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	6	1	0	0	0	10	17
	<i>%</i>	28.6	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	11.4
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	6	25	1	11	0	43
	<i>%</i>	0.0	60.0	62.5	33.3	55.0	0.0	28.9
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	2	12	2	6	0	22
	<i>%</i>	0.0	20.0	30.0	66.7	30.0	0.0	14.8
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	4	0	1	0	1	10	16
	<i>%</i>	19.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	5.0	18.2	10.7
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	11	0	0	0	1	2	14
	<i>%</i>	52.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.6	9.4
Total	<i>no.</i>	21	10	40	3	20	55	149
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Appendix

Table A1A Northern/North West schools with Year 12 completers in 2007

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 Distance 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
Thuringowa State High School
Townsville Community Learning Centre
Townsville Grammar School
Townsville State High School
William Ross State High School

Figure A1A Queensland Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2007

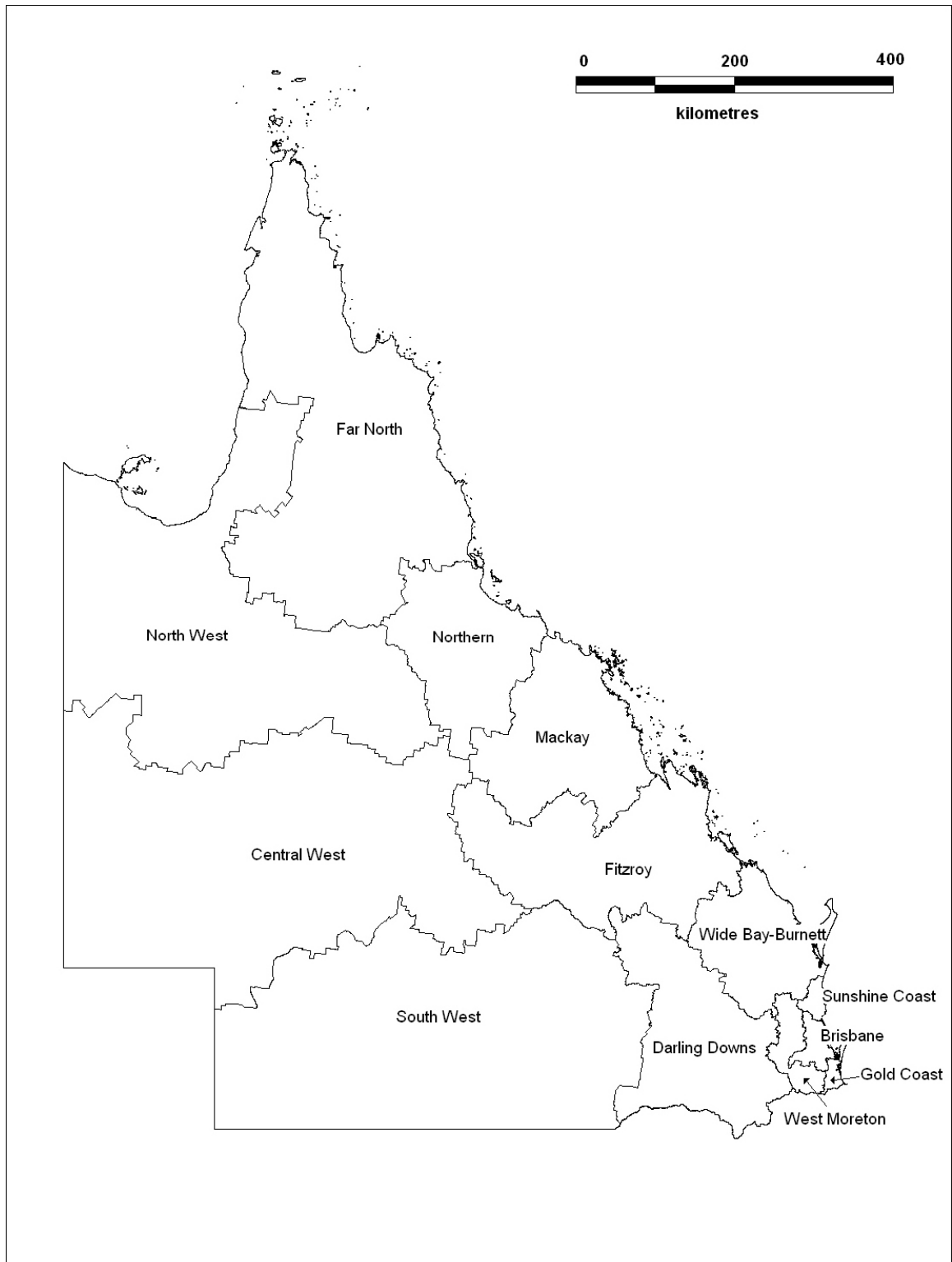


Figure A1B Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2007

