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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 – Wide Bay-Burnett – was 81.7 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 – Wide Bay-Burnett

Destinations

Nearly nine in ten Year 12 completers in this region (89.2 per cent) were studying or in paid employment. (Figure 1)

Almost half (49.4 per cent) continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school. (Figure 1)

One in every five were undertaking a university degree (20.3 per cent). (Figure 1)

Almost three in ten (29.1 per cent) were studying vocational education and training (VET). (Figure 1)

Over a quarter of the campus-based VET students were studying at Certificate IV level or higher (2.9 per cent of Year 12 completers overall). (Figure 1)

Nearly one in five (18.2 per cent) were undertaking employment-based training, either as an apprentice (9.5 per cent) or trainee (8.7 per cent). (Figure 1)

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 10.8 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 half (50.6 per cent) did not enter post-school education or training and were either employed (39.8 per cent), looking for work (9.4 per cent) or neither working, seeking work nor studying (1.4 per cent). (Figure 1)

Learning: education and training destinations

Amongst the 49.4 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, Management and Commerce (e.g. Business, Tourism), and Health. (Table 4)

Wide Bay Institute of TAFE, Central Queensland University, the University of Southern Queensland and the University of Queensland, were the four tertiary institutions most commonly entered by Year 12 completers, accounting for over four in ten Year 12 completers (43.9 per cent) in post-school education and training destinations. (Table 5)

Earning: employment destinations

Of those young people working, more than two in five were in part-time employment (43.9 per cent), while three in ten (31.5 per cent) were in full-time employment, 12.9 per cent were apprentices and 11.7 per cent were trainees. (Table 6)

Nearly six in ten of all Year 12 completers in employment (57.6 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 (32.8 per cent) with the next most common being Food Handlers (13.3 per cent) followed by Clerks, Receptionists and Secretaries (11.5 per cent). (Table 7)

Not learning or earning

The survey identified 9.4 per cent of Year 12 graduates who were seeking work. (Figure 1)

Less than one in every fifty Year 12 graduates were neither studying nor seeking work (1.4 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 were undecided and considering options, wanted a break from study (for example to travel), 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 (22.4 per cent compared to 17.8 per cent of males), and just as likely to enrol in campus-based (i.e. not apprenticeships or traineeships) VET programs (12.5 per cent compared to 9.2 per cent of males). (Table 2)

Males were more likely to enter VET programs than university (32.7 per cent for VET compared to 17.8 per cent for university), while females were just as likely to enter university as VET programs (22.4 per cent for university compared to 25.9 per cent for VET). (Table 2)

Males were over seven times more likely than females to enter an apprenticeship, while females were almost twice as likely to commence a traineeship. (Table 2)

Females were around three times more likely than males to study in the fields of Health and Education, and twice as likely as males to study in the fields of Management and Commerce, Food, Hospitality and Personal Services, and Society and Culture. (Table 4)

Males were 25 times more likely than females to enrol in Engineering and Related Technologies courses, nearly eight times as likely to enrol in Architecture and Building and four times as likely as females to enrol in Information Technology. (Table 4)

Females were more likely than males to be working in part-time jobs (51.0 per cent compared to 35.7 per cent of males), while females were just as likely as males to be working in full-time jobs (31.3 per cent of females compared to 31.8 per cent of males). Males were more than seven times as likely to enrol as an apprentice than females (24.1 per cent of males compared to 3.3 per cent of females). (Table 6)

Students of VET in schools

More than four in ten Year 12 graduates in this region left school with a VET qualification (45.0 per cent), while 9.7 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 (15.6 per cent compared to 24.0 per cent of those without a VET qualification). However, they had higher rates of transition to employment-based training (22.4 per cent compared to 14.8 per cent). (Table 12)

School-based apprentices and trainees were more than twice as likely to undertake apprenticeships and traineeships after school as other Year 12 completers (38.8 per cent compared to 16.0 per cent). (Table 13)

OP-eligible Students

Over one-third (34.4 per cent) of OP-eligible Year 12 completers had commenced a university degree. Year 12 completers who were not OP-eligible were more likely to transition to VET programs (37.4 per cent) than OP-eligible students (23.4 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 (33.3 per cent) as other Year 12 completers (29.0 per cent). In particular, they were four times more likely to enrol in VET Certificate I-II/other courses (18.8 per cent compared to 4.4 per cent for students who were not awarded a CPCSE). They were also four times more likely to be seeking work or not studying and not in the labour force. (Table 15)

Senior Certificate

One in five Year 12 completers (20.5 per cent) who were awarded a senior certificate commenced a university degree in 2008. Year 12 completers who were awarded a senior certificate were nearly twice as likely to be studying or in paid employment (89.6 per cent) as those who were not awarded a senior certificate (50.0 per cent). (Table 16)

Indigenous

Indigenous Year 12 completers were less likely than their non-Indigenous peers to enrol at university (5.9 per cent compared to 20.6 per cent). Nonetheless, three Indigenous young people who completed the survey commenced university studies in 2008. (Table 17)

Indigenous completers were just as likely to become a trainee or apprentice as non-Indigenous completers (17.6 per cent compared to 18.2 per cent), and just as likely to have a main destination of working (41.2 per cent compared to 39.7 per cent). (Table 17)

Language background other than English

There were insufficient numbers of Year 12 completers identified as Language background other than English (LBOTE) in this region to show a meaningful comparison with other Year 12 completers. (Table 18)

Socioeconomic status

Transition to post-school education and training was associated with socioeconomic status (SES), increasing consistently from 48.2 per cent for the lowest SES quartile to 62.9 per cent for the highest SES quartile. (Table 19)

Regional comparisons

Year 12 completers in Wide Bay-Burnett had similar post-schooling destinations to other non-metropolitan Year 12 completers, although Wide Bay-Burnett Year 12 completers were less likely to commence a university degree and were more likely to be working part-time or seeking work. (Figure 2)

Year 12 completers not in education or training in Wide Bay-Burnett were less likely to be working full-time and more likely to be seeking work than non-metropolitan Year 12 completers. (Figure 5)

The occupation and industry categories of Year 12 completers in Wide Bay-Burnett closely resemble those of Year 12 completers statewide. (Table 7 and Table 8)

The main reasons given for not studying by Wide Bay-Burnett Year 12 completers resemble those of non-metropolitan and statewide respondents. (Table 10)

The main reasons given for not seeking work by Wide Bay-Burnett Year 12 completers not in the labour force generally resemble those of non-metropolitan and statewide respondents, although caution should be used when interpreting this data due to the low numbers involved. (Table 11)

Comparisons between the destinations of Year 12 completers from Wide Bay-Burnett for the years 2005–08 reveal broadly similar patterns, however there has been a decrease in university entrance and an increase in working full-time and part-time. (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

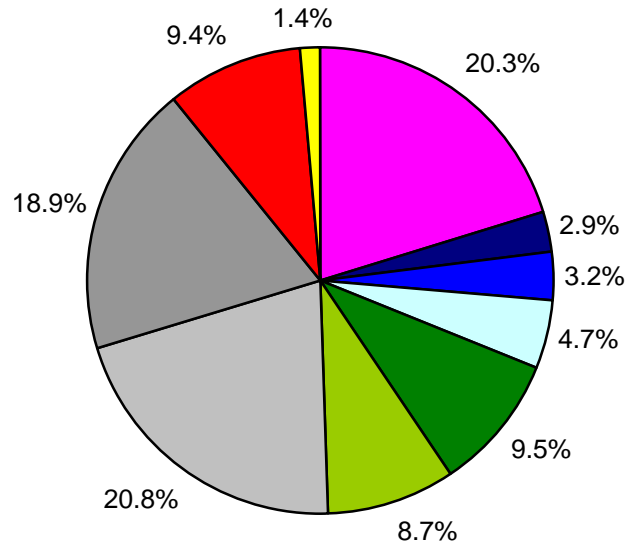
<i>Higher Education</i>	
University (degree)*	Studying at degree level.
<i>VET categories</i>	
VET Cert IV+*	Studying Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert III*	Studying Certificate III (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert I-II/other*	Studying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



- University (degree) (20.3%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.9%) *
- VET Cert III (3.2%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (4.7%) *
- Apprentice (9.5%) *
- Trainee (8.7%) *
- Working FT (20.8%)
- Working PT (18.9%)
- Seeking work (9.4%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.4%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 29.1%

Table 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Wide Bay-Burnett, 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)	175	17.8	245	22.4	420	20.3
VET Cert IV+ *	23	2.3	38	3.5	61	2.9
VET Cert III *	22	2.2	45	4.1	67	3.2
VET Cert I-II/other *	45	4.6	53	4.9	98	4.7
Apprentice *	171	17.4	27	2.5	198	9.5
Trainee *	60	6.1	120	11.0	180	8.7
Working FT	202	20.6	230	21.1	432	20.8
Working PT	161	16.4	232	21.2	393	18.9
Seeking work	107	10.9	88	8.1	195	9.4
Not studying/NILF	16	1.6	14	1.3	30	1.4
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>29.1</i>
Total	982	100.0	1 092	100.0	2 074	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

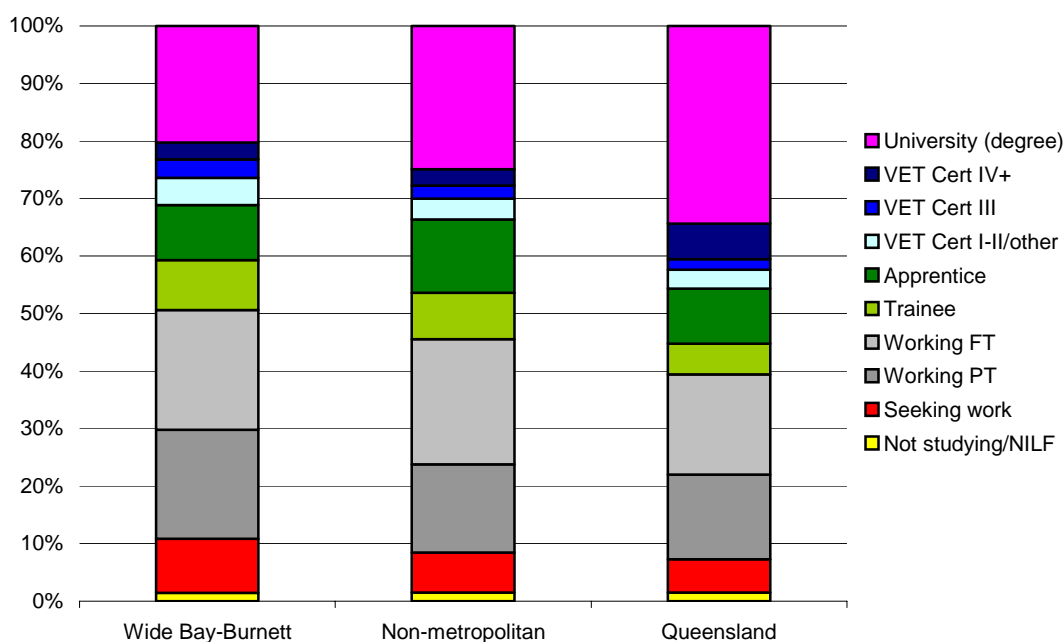
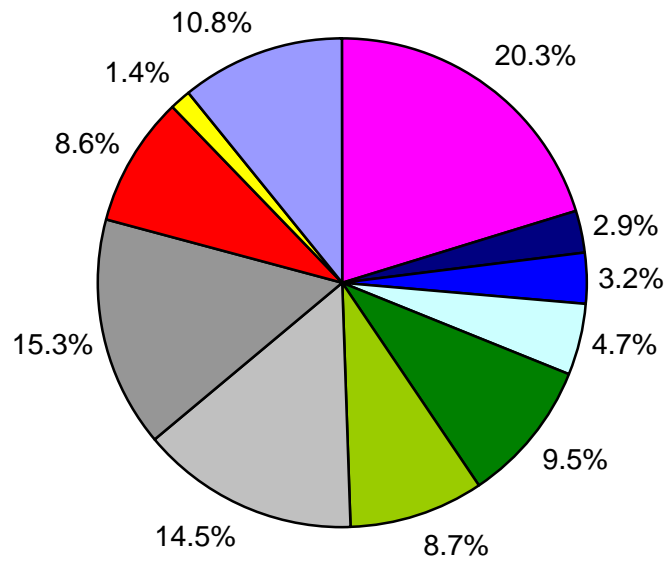


Table 3 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008

		<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>	16	9	10	4	14	432	485
	<i>%</i>	3.8	10.0	3.6	5.0	8.8	41.1	23.4
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	195	32	23	18	15	393	676
	<i>%</i>	46.4	35.6	8.4	22.5	9.4	37.4	32.6
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	21	116	4	57	0	198
	<i>%</i>	0.0	23.3	42.3	5.0	35.6	0.0	9.5
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	8	91	36	45	0	180
	<i>%</i>	0.0	8.9	33.2	45.0	28.1	0.0	8.7
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	90	11	20	8	11	195	335
	<i>%</i>	21.4	12.2	7.3	10.0	6.9	18.6	16.2
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	119	9	14	10	18	30	200
	<i>%</i>	28.3	10.0	5.1	12.5	11.3	2.9	9.6
Total	<i>no.</i>	420	90	274	80	160	1 050	2 074
	<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, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008



- University (degree) (20.3%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.9%) *
- VET Cert III (3.2%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (4.7%) *
- Apprentice (9.5%) *
- Trainee (8.7%) *
- Working Full-time (14.5%)
- Working Part-time (15.3%)
- Seeking work (8.6%)
- Not studying/not in labour force (1.4%)
- Deferred (10.8%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 29.1%

Figure 4 Comparison of main destinations of Year 12 completers, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2005 - 2008

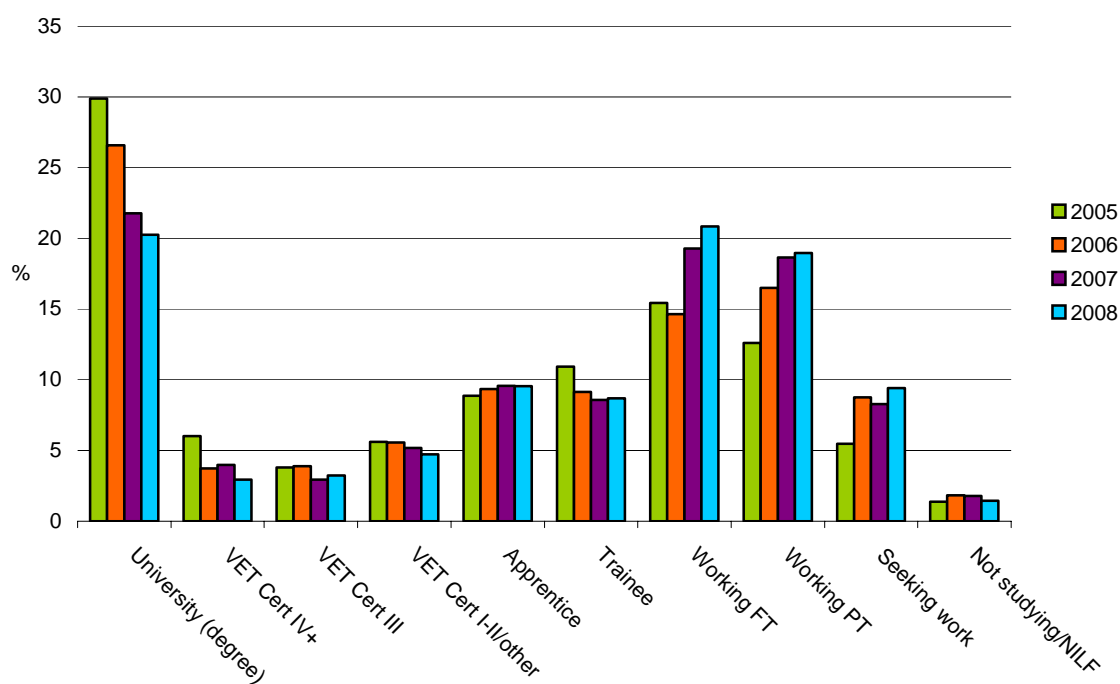


Table 4 Field of study of Year 12 completers, by sex, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008

<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>Males</i> %	<i>Females</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
Engineering & Related Technologies	34.0	1.3	17.1
Management & Commerce	8.1	21.3	15.0
Health	5.6	17.9	12.0
Society & Culture	5.6	13.8	9.9
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	4.6	11.5	8.2
Education	3.7	11.0	7.5
Architecture & Building	12.0	1.5	6.6
Creative Arts	4.6	7.7	6.2
Natural & Physical Sciences	5.2	4.0	4.6
Double Field of Study	3.5	2.9	3.2
Information Technology	5.0	1.2	3.0
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	2.1	1.2	1.6
Mixed Field Programs	1.2	1.9	1.6
Year 12/Senior/Student Exchange	1.0	1.0	1.0
Defence Force Study	0.4	0.8	0.6
Other	3.3	1.0	2.1
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, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Wide Bay Institute of TAFE	192	19.2
Other Private Training Colleges	97	9.7
Central Queensland University	92	9.2
University of Southern Queensland	78	7.8
University of Queensland	78	7.8
Queensland University of Technology	70	7.0
Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE	58	5.8
Griffith University	44	4.4
University of the Sunshine Coast	39	3.9
Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE	36	3.6
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	14	1.4
Southbank Institute of TAFE	13	1.3
Interstate Universities	11	1.1
Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE	9	0.9
Secondary Schools	9	0.9
James Cook University	9	0.9
Central Queensland Institute of TAFE	7	0.7
Australian Catholic University	3	0.3
Gold Coast Institute of TAFE	3	0.3
Tropical North Institute of TAFE	3	0.3
Bond University	3	0.3
Interstate TAFEs	2	0.2
Qantm College	2	0.2
Bremer Institute of TAFE	2	0.2
Skills Tech	1	0.1
Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE	1	0.1
Other	126	12.6
Total	1 002	100.0

Table 6 Work destinations of all Year 12 completers in employment, by sex, Wide Bay-Burnett, 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	171	24.1	27	3.3	198	12.9
Trainee	60	8.4	120	14.5	180	11.7
Working full-time	226	31.8	259	31.3	485	31.5
Working part-time	254	35.7	422	51.0	676	43.9
Total	711	100.0	828	100.0	1 539	100.0

Figure 5 Main destinations of Year 12 completers not in education or training, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

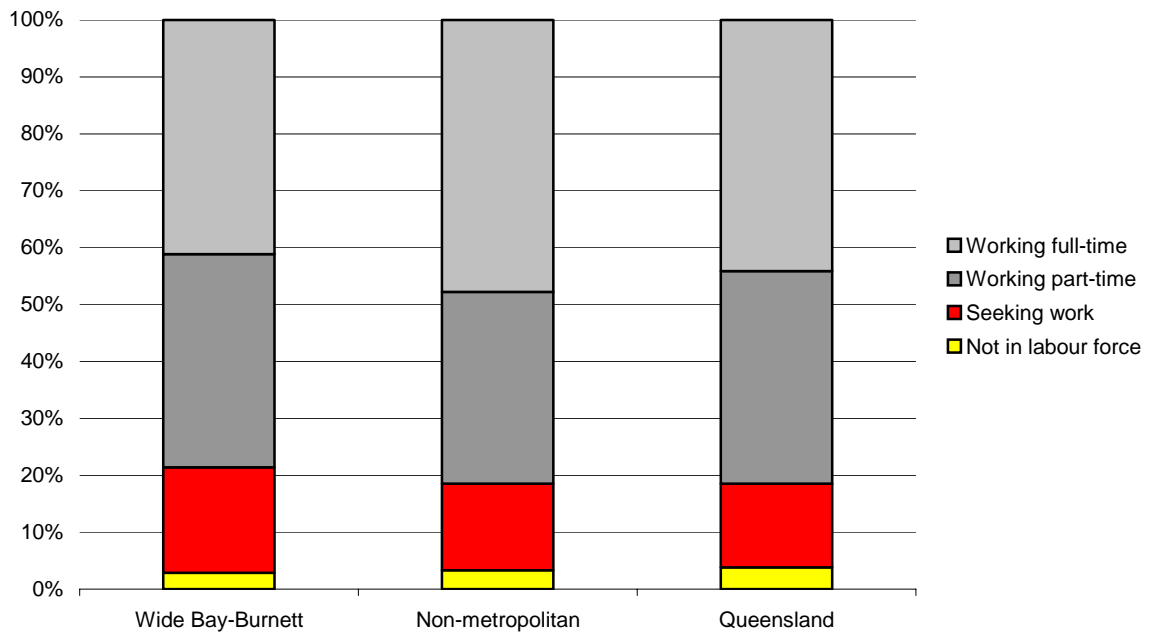


Table 7 Occupational groups of all Year 12 completers in employment, Wide Bay-Burnett and Queensland, 2008

Occupational Group	no.	%	Qld %
Sales Assistants	506	32.9	32.8
Food Handlers	184	12.0	13.3
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	174	11.3	11.5
Waiters	77	5.0	6.7
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	107	7.0	6.3
Labourers	80	5.2	4.4
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	49	3.2	3.7
Child Care & Education-related Workers	38	2.5	3.4
Electrical & Electronics Trades	35	2.3	2.6
Gardeners, Farmers & Animal Workers	56	3.6	2.1
Storepersons	31	2.0	2.1
Automotive Workers	44	2.9	1.8
Government & Defence	38	2.5	1.4
Marketing & Sales Representatives	14	0.9	1.4
Factory & Machine Workers	25	1.6	1.4
Metal & Engineering Trades	23	1.5	1.3
Other	58	3.8	3.7
Total	1 539	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, Wide Bay-Burnett and Queensland, 2008

<i>Industry Category</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Qld %</i>
Retail Trade	534	34.7	35.2
Accommodation & Food Services	278	18.1	20.9
Construction	142	9.2	9.4
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	79	5.1	2.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	76	4.9	5.0
Manufacturing	71	4.6	3.7
Public Administration & Safety	51	3.3	2.5
Other Services	50	3.2	2.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	44	2.9	2.5
Administrative & Support Services	40	2.6	2.6
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	30	1.9	1.7
Education & Training	27	1.8	2.5
Financial & Insurance Services	25	1.6	1.6
Arts & Recreation Services	23	1.5	2.5
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	22	1.4	1.8
Wholesale Trade	14	0.9	1.0
Information Media & Telecommunications	12	0.8	0.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	11	0.7	0.9
Mining	9	0.6	0.9
Other	1	0.1	0.2
Total	1 539	100.0	100.0

Table 9 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, by sex, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Males</i> %	<i>Females</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
I am undecided and considering options	16.9	19.3	18.2
I want a break from study	12.3	22.0	17.5
I am not interested in further study	22.6	12.8	17.3
I am working to finance further study	5.8	9.0	7.5
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	7.0	4.6	5.7
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	3.3	7.3	5.4
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	4.9	3.9	4.4
I don't feel ready for more study	3.3	4.6	4.0
My work commitments	3.9	3.9	3.9
I am going into the armed services	5.3	0.9	3.0
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	2.9	2.1	2.5
I would have to move away from home	1.9	2.8	2.4
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	3.9	0.2	1.9
Because of disability	1.6	2.0	1.8
I am working to save money	1.0	0.5	0.8
My family commitments	0.4	0.9	0.7
Health reasons	0.4	0.7	0.6
I have already finished studying	0.2	0.5	0.4
The costs of travel are a barrier	0.2	0.5	0.4
I am looking for work	0.4	0.2	0.3
My sporting commitments	0.4	0.2	0.3
There is too much travel involved	0.2	0.0	0.1
Other	1.0	1.1	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Wide Bay- Burnett %</i>	<i>Non- metropolitan %</i>	<i>Queensland %</i>
I am undecided and considering options	18.2	17.8	19.7
I want a break from study	17.5	21.0	22.9
I am not interested in further study	17.3	16.8	14.3
I am working to finance further study	7.5	7.0	6.1
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	5.7	5.6	6.9
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	5.4	4.0	3.8
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	4.4	3.8	2.3
I don't feel ready for more study	4.0	4.9	5.5
My work commitments	3.9	3.4	3.4
I am going into the armed services	3.0	1.6	1.4
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	2.5	2.7	2.9
I would have to move away from home	2.4	2.5	1.5
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	1.9	2.0	2.0
Because of disability	1.8	1.4	1.5
I am working to save money	0.8	0.7	0.6
My family commitments	0.7	1.0	0.9
Health reasons	0.6	0.5	0.7
I have already finished studying	0.4	0.4	0.4
The costs of travel are a barrier	0.4	0.1	0.2
I am looking for work	0.3	0.3	0.3
My sporting commitments	0.3	0.5	0.7
There is too much travel involved	0.1	0.1	0.2
I am going overseas to work	0.0	0.1	0.2
Student exchange	0.0	0.0	0.1
Other	1.0	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, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Wide Bay- Burnett %</i>	<i>Non- metropolitan %</i>	<i>Queensland %</i>
Because of disability	33.3	16.8	14.1
Health reasons	13.3	14.8	15.9
I have accepted a job that starts later	10.0	11.0	11.7
Travel	10.0	12.3	16.1
I don't wish to work	6.7	4.5	4.8
My family commitments	6.7	17.4	12.3
I have no financial need to work	3.3	1.9	1.2
My sporting commitments	3.3	1.3	4.0
My study commitments	3.3	1.9	4.4
I don't feel ready for paid employment	0.0	1.3	2.0
I have been unsuccessful finding a job	0.0	0.6	0.8
I would have to move away from home	0.0	1.3	0.6
Student exchange	0.0	1.9	1.8
Transport difficulties	0.0	1.9	1.0
Other	10.0	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)
Wide Bay-Burnett, 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)	274	24.0	146	15.6
VET Cert IV+ *	32	2.8	29	3.1
VET Cert III *	33	2.9	34	3.6
VET Cert I-II/other *	61	5.4	37	4.0
Apprentice *	78	6.8	120	12.8
Trainee *	91	8.0	89	9.5
Working FT	224	19.6	208	22.3
Working PT	217	19.0	176	18.8
Seeking work	107	9.4	88	9.4
Not studying/NILF	23	2.0	7	0.7
<i>Total VET</i>	295	25.9	309	33.1
Total	1 140	100.0	934	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 13 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by school-based apprentices, Wide Bay-Burnett, 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)	398	21.2	22	10.9
VET Cert IV+ *	54	2.9	7	3.5
VET Cert III *	60	3.2	7	3.5
VET Cert I-II/other *	91	4.9	7	3.5
Apprentice *	151	8.1	47	23.4
Trainee *	149	8.0	31	15.4
Working FT	392	20.9	40	19.9
Working PT	365	19.5	28	13.9
Seeking work	186	9.9	9	4.5
Not studying/NILF	27	1.4	3	1.5
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>505</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>49.3</i>
Total	1 873	100.0	201	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 14 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by OP Eligible Status, Wide Bay-Burnett, 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)	8	0.9	412	34.4
VET Cert IV+ *	17	2.0	44	3.7
VET Cert III *	43	5.0	23	1.9
VET Cert I-II/other *	49	5.7	45	3.8
Apprentice *	137	16.1	61	5.1
Trainee *	73	8.6	107	8.9
Working FT	191	22.4	240	20.1
Working PT	199	23.3	188	15.7
Seeking work	125	14.7	67	5.6
Not studying/NILF	11	1.3	10	0.8
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>23.4</i>
Total	853	100.0	1 197	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 15 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status (CPCSE), Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	CPCSE			
		No		Yes
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	420	20.7	0	0.0
VET Cert IV+ *	61	3.0	0	0.0
VET Cert III *	63	3.1	4	8.3
VET Cert I-II/other *	89	4.4	9	18.8
Apprentice *	198	9.8	0	0.0
Trainee *	177	8.7	3	6.3
Working FT	430	21.2	2	4.2
Working PT	383	18.9	10	20.8
Seeking work	186	9.2	9	18.8
Not studying/NILF	19	0.9	11	22.9
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>33.3</i>
Total	2 026	100.0	48	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 16 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Year 12 Status (Senior Certificate), Wide Bay-Burnett, 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	420	20.5
VET Cert IV+ *	0	0.0	61	3.0
VET Cert III *	1	4.2	66	3.2
VET Cert I-II/other *	4	16.7	94	4.6
Apprentice *	0	0.0	198	9.7
Trainee *	0	0.0	180	8.8
Working FT	1	4.2	431	21.0
Working PT	6	25.0	387	18.9
Seeking work	3	12.5	192	9.4
Not studying/NILF	9	37.5	21	1.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>29.2</i>
Total	24	100.0	2 050	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 17 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Indigenous Status, Wide Bay-Burnett, 2008

<i>Main Destination</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>		<i>Indigenous</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	417	20.6	3	5.9
VET Cert IV+ *	59	2.9	2	3.9
VET Cert III *	65	3.2	2	3.9
VET Cert I-II/other *	94	4.6	4	7.8
Apprentice *	195	9.6	3	5.9
Trainee *	174	8.6	6	11.8
Working FT	426	21.1	6	11.8
Working PT	378	18.7	15	29.4
Seeking work	185	9.1	10	19.6
Not studying/NILF	30	1.5	0	0.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>587</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>33.3</i>
Total	2 023	100.0	51	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 18 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by Language Background, Wide Bay-Burnett, 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)	411	20.0	9	69.2
VET Cert IV+ *	61	3.0	0	0.0
VET Cert III *	67	3.3	0	0.0
VET Cert I-II/other *	97	4.7	1	7.7
Apprentice *	198	9.6	0	0.0
Trainee *	180	8.7	0	0.0
Working FT	431	20.9	1	7.7
Working PT	390	18.9	1	7.7
Seeking work	194	9.4	1	7.7
Not studying/NILF	30	1.5	0	0.0
Total VET	603	29.3	1	7.7
Total	2 059	100.0	13	100.0

* Included in Total VET

Table 19 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by socioeconomic status, Wide Bay-Burnett, 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)	247	19.0	104	18.8	55	30.4	13	37.1
VET Cert IV+ *	38	2.9	19	3.4	3	1.7	1	2.9
VET Cert III *	47	3.6	15	2.7	4	2.2	1	2.9
VET Cert I-II/other *	68	5.2	25	4.5	5	2.8	0	0.0
Apprentice *	113	8.7	69	12.5	13	7.2	3	8.6
Trainee *	113	8.7	43	7.8	19	10.5	4	11.4
Working FT	271	20.8	113	20.4	36	19.9	10	28.6
Working PT	244	18.8	116	20.9	30	16.6	3	8.6
Seeking work	140	10.8	41	7.4	14	7.7	0	0.0
Not studying/NILF	19	1.5	9	1.6	2	1.1	0	0.0
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>379</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>25.7</i>
Total	1 300	100.0	554	100.0	181	100.0	35	100.0

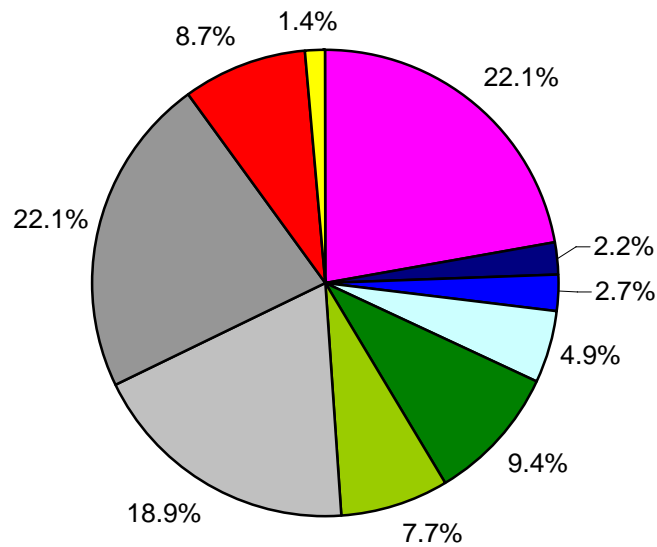
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Note: Socioeconomic status based on the respondent's residential address.

Sub-regions within Wide Bay-Burnett

Bundaberg

Figure 6 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Bundaberg, 2008



- University (degree) (22.1%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.2%) *
- VET Cert III (2.7%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (4.9%) *
- Apprentice (9.4%) *
- Trainee (7.7%) *
- Working FT (18.9%)
- Working PT (22.1%)
- Seeking work (8.7%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.4%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 26.9%

Table 20 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Bundaberg, 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)	48	18.3	82	25.2	130	22.1
VET Cert IV+ *	5	1.9	8	2.5	13	2.2
VET Cert III *	3	1.1	13	4.0	16	2.7
VET Cert I-II/other *	12	4.6	17	5.2	29	4.9
Apprentice *	48	18.3	7	2.1	55	9.4
Trainee *	18	6.9	27	8.3	45	7.7
Working FT	42	16.0	69	21.2	111	18.9
Working PT	56	21.4	74	22.7	130	22.1
Seeking work	26	9.9	25	7.7	51	8.7
Not studying/NILF	4	1.5	4	1.2	8	1.4
<i>Total VET</i>	86	32.8	72	22.1	158	26.9
Total	262	100.0	326	100.0	588	100.0

Figure 7 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Bundaberg, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

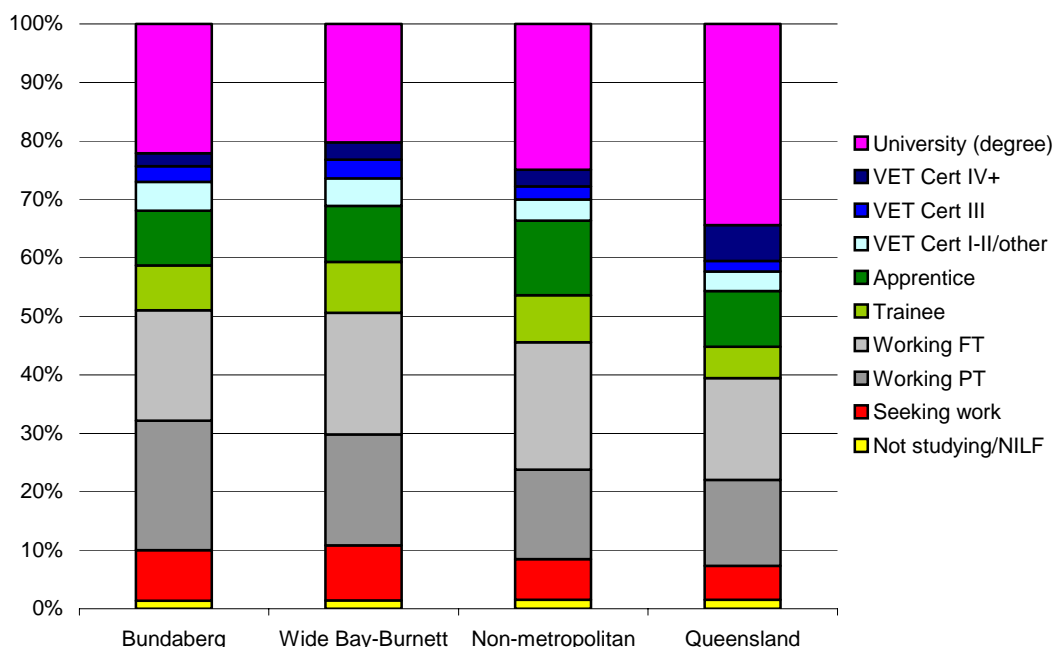
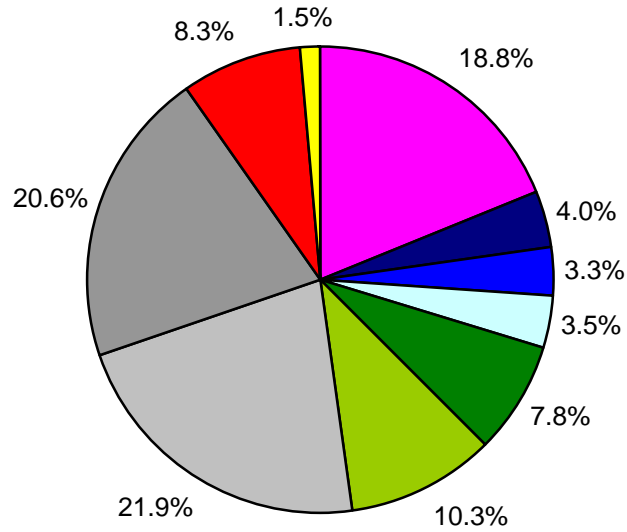


Table 21 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Bundaberg, 2008

		<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>	8	1	1	1	2	111	124
	<i>%</i>	6.2	5.6	1.6	4.3	3.8	37.0	21.1
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	65	9	8	6	4	130	222
	<i>%</i>	50.0	50.0	12.5	26.1	7.5	43.3	37.8
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	5	29	1	20	0	55
	<i>%</i>	0.0	27.8	45.3	4.3	37.7	0.0	9.4
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	0	19	11	15	0	45
	<i>%</i>	0.0	0.0	29.7	47.8	28.3	0.0	7.7
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	22	3	6	2	4	51	88
	<i>%</i>	16.9	16.7	9.4	8.7	7.5	17.0	15.0
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	35	0	1	2	8	8	54
	<i>%</i>	26.9	0.0	1.6	8.7	15.1	2.7	9.2
Total	<i>no.</i>	130	18	64	23	53	300	588
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Hervey Bay City Part A

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



- University (degree) (18.8%)
- VET Cert IV+ (4.0%) *
- VET Cert III (3.3%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (3.5%) *
- Apprentice (7.8%) *
- Trainee (10.3%) *
- Working FT (21.9%)
- Working PT (20.6%)
- Seeking work (8.3%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.5%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 28.9%

Table 22 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Hervey Bay 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)	30	15.4	45	22.2	75	18.8
VET Cert IV+ *	5	2.6	11	5.4	16	4.0
VET Cert III *	7	3.6	6	3.0	13	3.3
VET Cert I-II/other *	7	3.6	7	3.4	14	3.5
Apprentice *	28	14.4	3	1.5	31	7.8
Trainee *	14	7.2	27	13.3	41	10.3
Working FT	47	24.1	40	19.7	87	21.9
Working PT	35	17.9	47	23.2	82	20.6
Seeking work	19	9.7	14	6.9	33	8.3
Not studying/NILF	3	1.5	3	1.5	6	1.5
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>26.6</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>28.9</i>
Total	195	100.0	203	100.0	398	100.0

Figure 9 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Hervey Bay City Part A, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

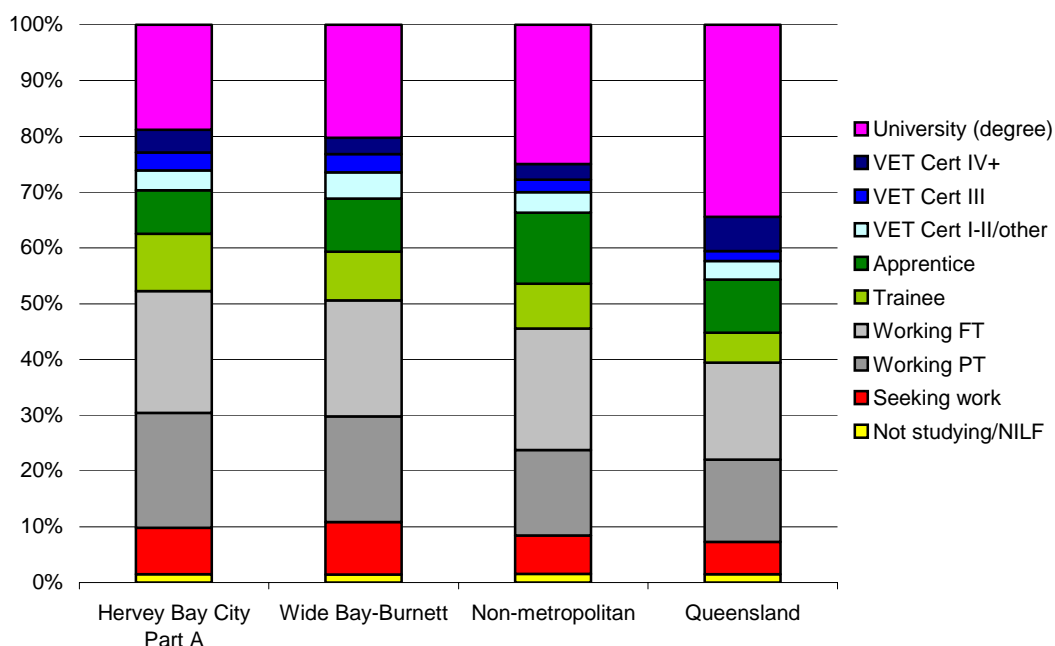
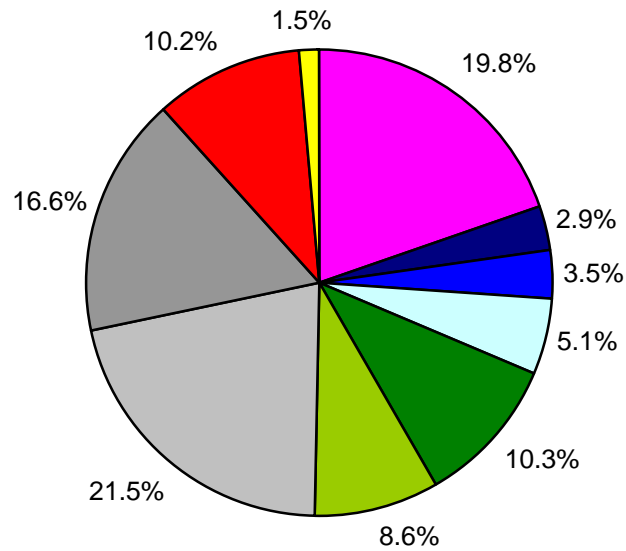


Table 23 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Hervey Bay City Part A, 2008

		<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>	1	4	2	1	1	87	96
	<i>%</i>	1.3	16.7	4.0	5.9	4.2	41.8	24.1
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	41	6	3	1	3	82	136
	<i>%</i>	54.7	25.0	6.0	5.9	12.5	39.4	34.2
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	5	20	0	6	0	31
	<i>%</i>	0.0	20.8	40.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	7.8
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	3	17	11	10	0	41
	<i>%</i>	0.0	12.5	34.0	64.7	41.7	0.0	10.3
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	14	4	5	3	1	33	60
	<i>%</i>	18.7	16.7	10.0	17.6	4.2	15.9	15.1
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	19	2	3	1	3	6	34
	<i>%</i>	25.3	8.3	6.0	5.9	12.5	2.9	8.5
Total	<i>no.</i>	75	24	50	17	24	208	398
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Figure 10 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Wide Bay-Burnett SD Bal, 2008



- University (degree) (19.8%)
- VET Cert IV+ (2.9%) *
- VET Cert III (3.5%) *
- VET Cert I-II/other (5.1%) *
- Apprentice (10.3%) *
- Trainee (8.6%) *
- Working FT (21.5%)
- Working PT (16.6%)
- Seeking work (10.2%)
- Not studying/NILF (1.5%)

* included in VET total
VET total = 30.4%

Table 24 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex, Wide Bay-Burnett 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)	97	18.5	118	21.0	215	19.8
VET Cert IV+ *	13	2.5	19	3.4	32	2.9
VET Cert III *	12	2.3	26	4.6	38	3.5
VET Cert I-II/other *	26	5.0	29	5.2	55	5.1
Apprentice *	95	18.1	17	3.0	112	10.3
Trainee *	28	5.3	66	11.7	94	8.6
Working FT	113	21.5	121	21.5	234	21.5
Working PT	70	13.3	111	19.7	181	16.6
Seeking work	62	11.8	49	8.7	111	10.2
Not studying/NILF	9	1.7	7	1.2	16	1.5
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>30.4</i>
Total	525	100.0	563	100.0	1 088	100.0

Figure 11 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, Wide Bay-Burnett SD Bal, Wide Bay-Burnett, Non-metropolitan and Queensland, 2008

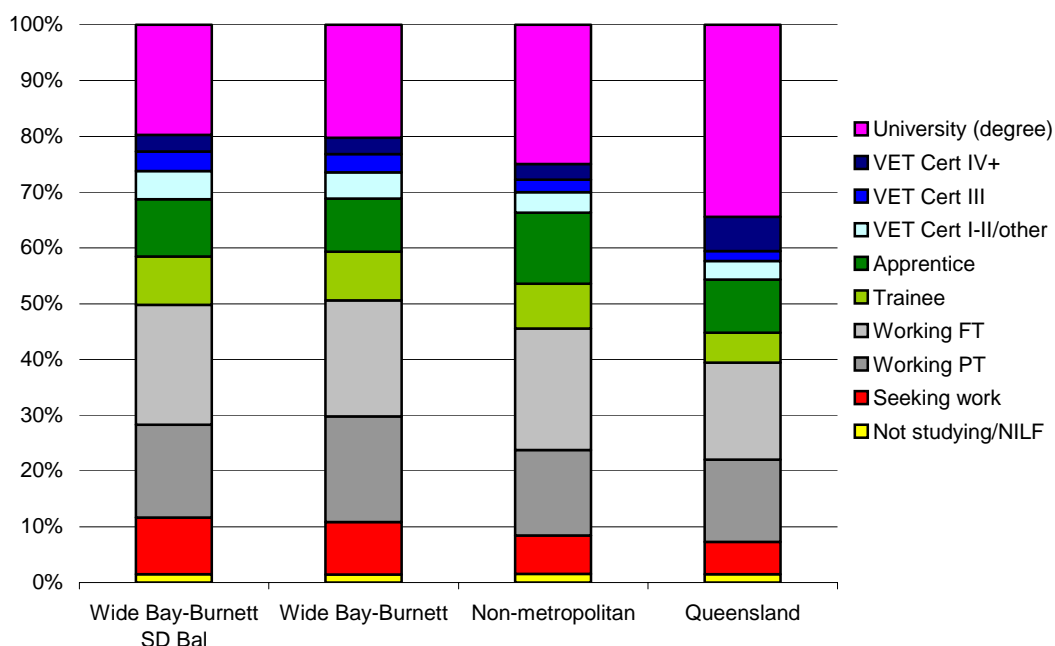


Table 25 Study and labour force destinations of Year 12 completers, Wide Bay-Burnett SD Bal, 2008

		<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	4	7	2	11	234	265
	<i>%</i>	3.3	8.3	4.4	5.0	13.3	43.2	24.4
Working part-time	<i>no.</i>	89	17	12	11	8	181	318
	<i>%</i>	41.4	35.4	7.5	27.5	9.6	33.4	29.2
Apprentice	<i>no.</i>	0	11	67	3	31	0	112
	<i>%</i>	0.0	22.9	41.9	7.5	37.3	0.0	10.3
Trainee	<i>no.</i>	0	5	55	14	20	0	94
	<i>%</i>	0.0	10.4	34.4	35.0	24.1	0.0	8.6
Seeking work	<i>no.</i>	54	4	9	3	6	111	187
	<i>%</i>	25.1	8.3	5.6	7.5	7.2	20.5	17.2
Not working/not seeking work	<i>no.</i>	65	7	10	7	7	16	112
	<i>%</i>	30.2	14.6	6.3	17.5	8.4	3.0	10.3
Total	<i>no.</i>	215	48	160	40	83	542	1 088
	<i>%</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Appendix

Table A1A Wide Bay-Burnett schools with Year 12 completers in 2007

Aldridge State High School
Bundaberg Christian College
Bundaberg Special School
Bundaberg State High School
Burnett State College
Cooloola Christian College
Fraser Coast Anglican College
Gin Gin State High School
Gympie Special School
Gympie State High School
Hervey Bay Senior College
Hervey Bay Special School
Hervey Bay State High School
Isis District State High School
James Nash State High School
Kepnock State High School
Kingaroy State High School
Maryborough Special School
Maryborough State High School
Monto State High School
Murgon State High School
Nanango State High School
North Bundaberg State High School
Riverside Christian College
Rosedale State School
Shalom College
South Burnett Catholic College
St Luke's Anglican School
St Mary's College Maryborough
St Patrick's College Gympie
Urangan State High School
Victory College
Xavier Catholic College

Figure A1A Queensland Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2007

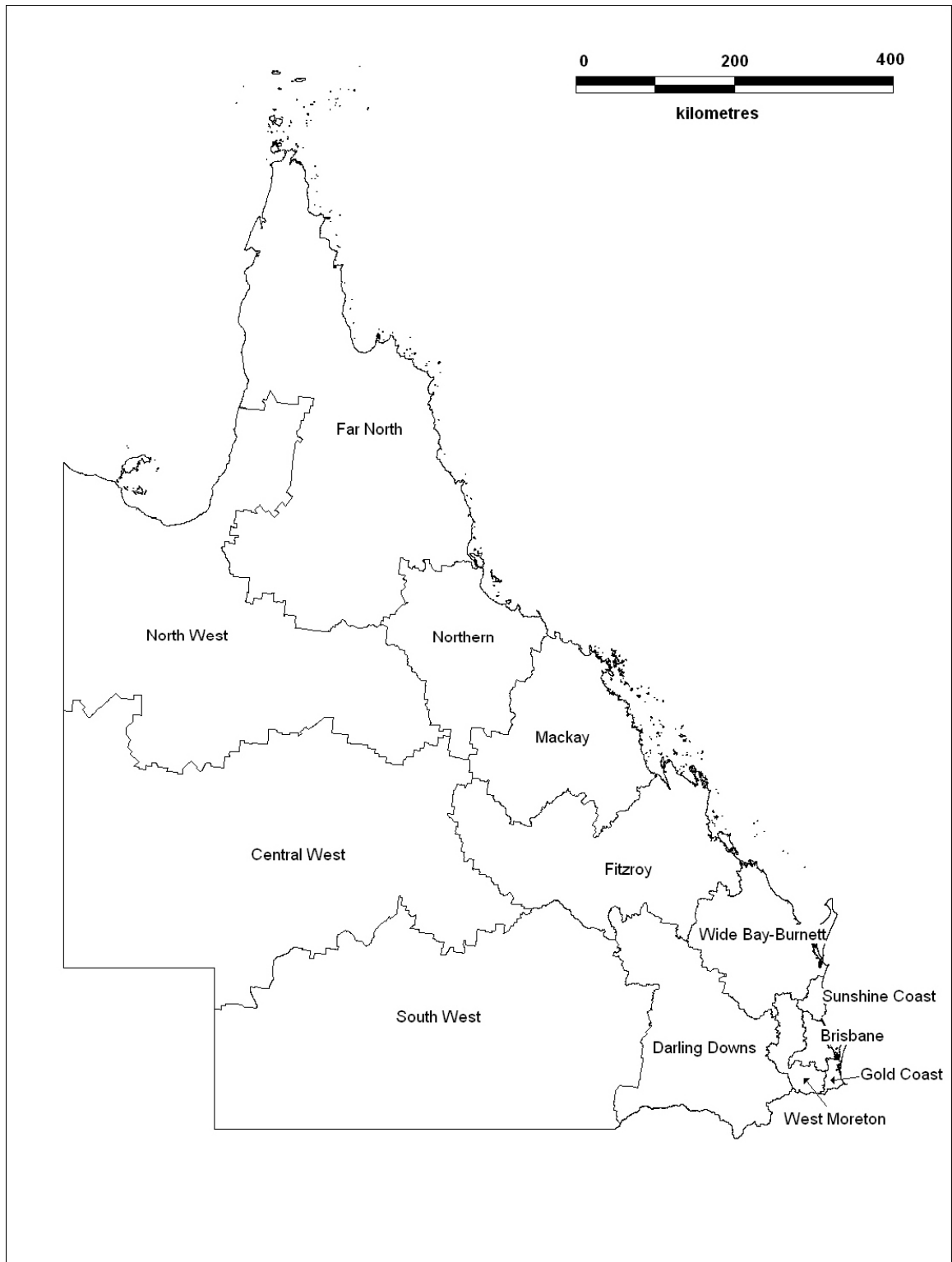


Figure A1B Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton Statistical Divisions, ABS, 2007

