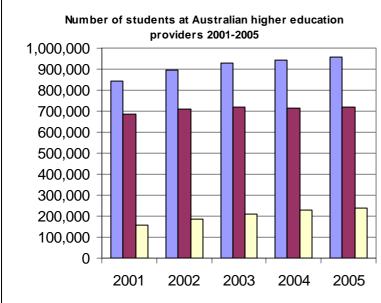
All Students

- Student numbers increased in 2005 to 957,176. This is an increase of approximately 1.3% above 2004.
- At the same time, Equivalent Student Full-time Load (EFTSL) increased by almost 2% to 674,092
- The slightly higher increase in EFTSL illustrates a slight shift towards more full-time study.



All students All domestic students All overseas students

Total number	of students					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
All students All domestic	842,183	896,621	929,952	944,977	957,176	
students All overseas	684,975	711,563	719,555	716,438	717,681	
students	157,208	185,058	210,397	228,539	239,495	



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2005

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All students All domestic students All overseas students

% change on previous year

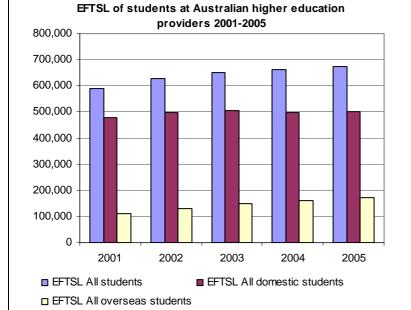
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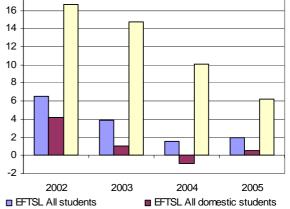
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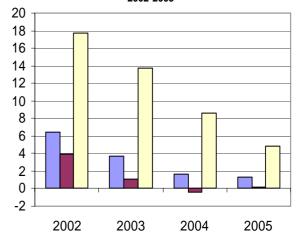
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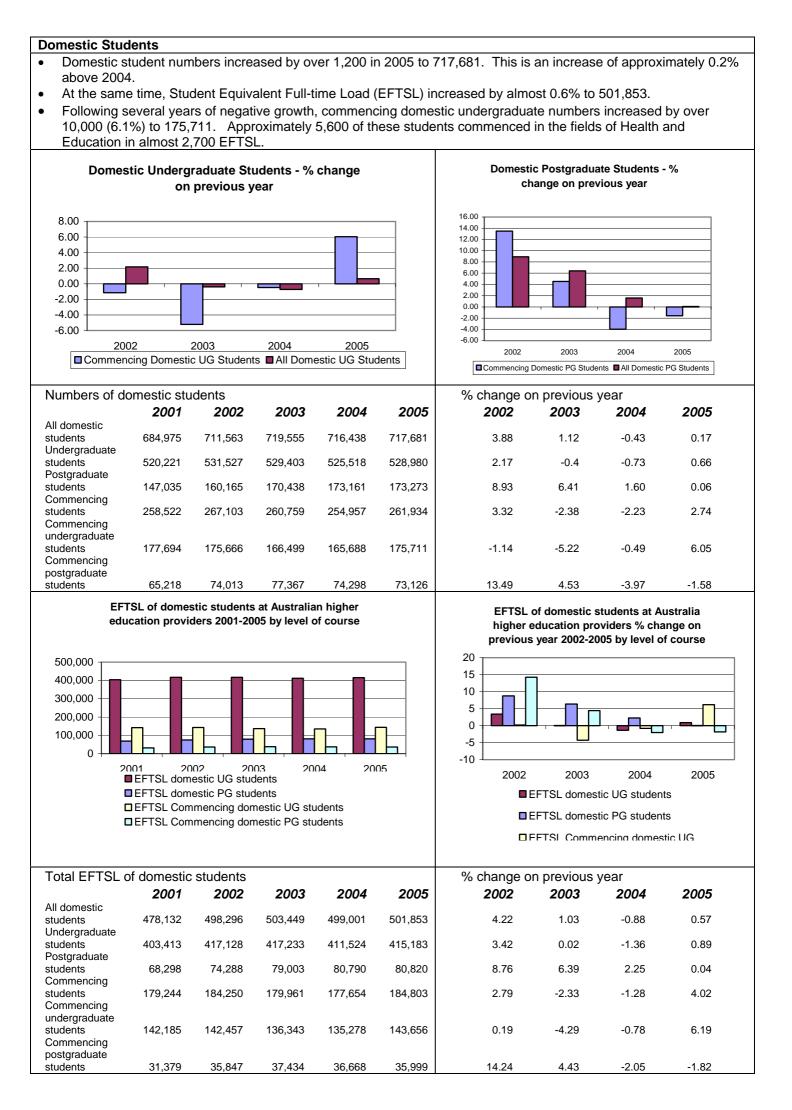


EFTSL All overseas students

Total EFTSL of students						% change on previous year			
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2002	2003	2004	2005	
588,202	626,749	650,849	661,206	674,092	6.55	3.85	1.59	1.95	
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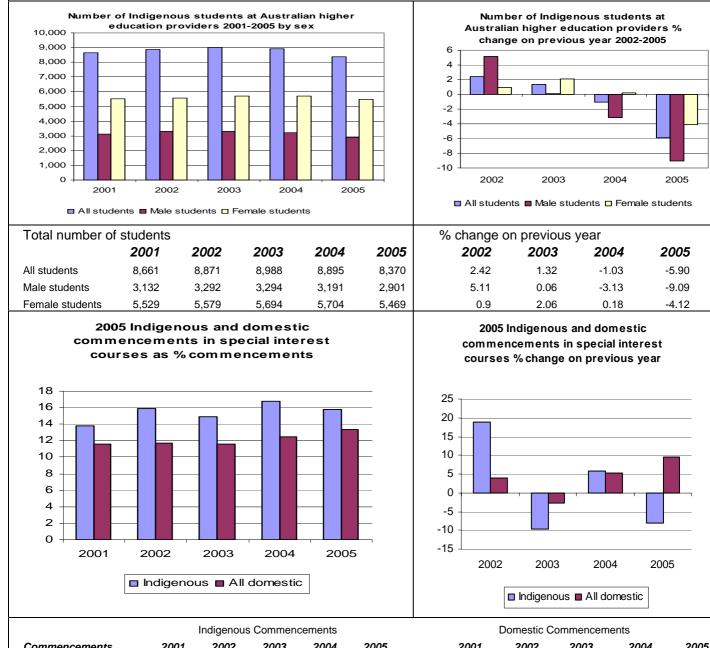
Number of students at Australia higher education providers % change on previous year 2002-2005





Indigenous Students

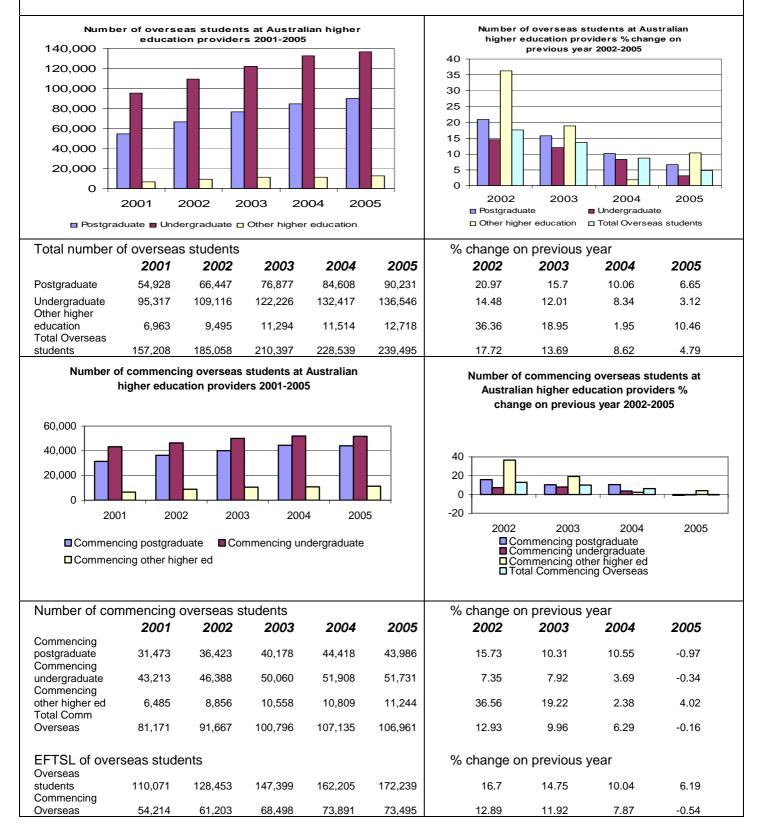
- Indigenous student numbers decreased by 525 (-5.9%) in 2005 to 8,370.
- At the same time, Student Equivalent Full-time Load (EFTSL) decreased by over 300 (-5.4%) to 5,626.
- Indigenous commencements in courses with special interest codes (nursing, initial teacher training and medical practitioner) continue to be a higher percentage of cohort commencements than the domestic cohort, although the gap narrowed slightly between 2004 and 2005.



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Commencements	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Nursing course	101	109	114	158	140	7,790	8,214	7,947	8,354	9,675
Initial teacher training	447	539	478	473	441	20,923	21,510	20,898	21,823	23,389
Medical practitioner	21	29	20	17	15	1,296	1,438	1,451	1,747	1,907
Total commencements in special interest	569	677	612	648	596	30,009	31,162	30,296	31,924	34,971
Total commencements	4,130	4,246	4,111	3,865	3,771	258,522	267,103	260,759	254,957	261,934
% special interest commencements	13.78	15.94	14.89	16.77	15.80	11.61	11.67	11.62	12.52	13.35
% change on previous y	/ear									
Nursing course		7.92	4.59	38.60	-11.39		5.44	-3.25	5.12	15.81
Initial teacher training		20.58	-11.32	-1.05	-6.77		2.81	-2.85	4.43	7.18
Medical practitioner		38.10	-31.03	-15.00	-11.76		10.96	0.90	20.4	9.16
Total commencements in special interest		18.98	-9.60	5.88	-8.02		3.84	-2.78	5.37	9.54

Overseas Students

- The total number of overseas students that are undertaking study either onshore or offshore has risen 4.8% to 239,495 in 2005. Overseas postgraduate student numbers rose by 6.7% to 90,231.
- There has been a consolidation of commencing overseas student numbers, with very slight falls in postgraduate, undergraduate and total commencing numbers.
- There was a 16.9% decline in commencing Information Technology EFTSL (-3,058 students) to 9,572 in 2005. The largest commencing increase in EFTSL was in the field of Management and Commerce (+914 EFTSL, +2548 students).



Female Students

- In 2005, the number of female students undertaking higher education courses increased by 7,908 (1.5%) above 2004 levels to 521,328.
- Commencements for females over the same period rose by 6,398 (3.3%) to 203,140.
- 63.3% of commencing female students are undergraduates which is slightly higher than the all student commencing undergraduate percentage of 61.7%.
- The mix of Fields of Education is also slightly different for the female cohort. For example, 6.4% of all enrolments are in Information Technology, but only 2.4% of female enrolments are in that field. Females have a greater percentage of enrolments in Health (14.3%), Education (12.7%), and Creative Arts (7.1%) than the all student population (10.6%, 9.4% and 6.0% respectively).
- There have been more females than males commence Natural and Physical Science courses for the past several years. In 2001, there were 12,468 female commencements in this field (11,534 males) this rose to 13,468 females commencing in 2005 (with 11,622 males). Completions have also been higher for females with 7,473 in 2001 (6,659 for males) and 8,702 female completions in 2004 (6,977 males).

