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| **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. | |
| **Num ber of s tudents at Austr alian highe r education provide r s 2001-2005**  1,000,000  900,000  800,000  700,000  600,000  500,000  400,000  300,000  200,000  100,000  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  All students All domestic students All overseas students | **Num ber of stude nts at Australia highe r**  **e ducation provide rs % change on pre vious ye ar**  **2002-2005**  20  18  16  14  12  10  8  6  4  2  0  -2  2002 2003 2004 2005  All students All domestic students All overseas students |
| Total number of students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  All students 842,183 896,621 929,952 944,977 957,176  All domestic  students 684,975 711,563 719,555 716,438 717,681  All overseas  students 157,208 185,058 210,397 228,539 239,495 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  6.46 3.72 1.62 1.29  3.88 1.12 -0.43 0.17  17.72 13.69 8.62 4.79 |
| **EFTSL of s tude nts at Aus tr alian highe r e ducation provide r s 2001-2005**  800,000  700,000  600,000  500,000  400,000  300,000  200,000  100,000  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  EFTSL All students EFTSL All domestic students  EFTSL All overseas students | **EFTSL of students at Australia higher education providers % change on previous year 2002-2005**  18  16  14  12  10  8  6  4  2  0  -2  2002 2003 2004 2005  EFTSL All students EFTSL All domestic students  EFTSL All overseas students |
| Total EFTSL of students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  EFTSL All  students 588,202 626,749 650,849 661,206 674,092  EFTSL All domestic  students 478,132 498,295 503,449 499,001 501,853  EFTSL All overseas  students 110,071 128,453 147,399 162,205 172,239 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  6.55 3.85 1.59 1.95  4.22 1.03 -0.88 0.57  16.7 14.75 10.04 6.19 |

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| **Domestic Students** | |
| • Domestic student numbers increased by over 1,200 in 2005 to 717,681. This is an increase of approximately 0.2%  above 2004.  • At the same time, Student Equivalent Full-time Load (EFTSL) increased by almost 0.6% to 501,853.  • Following several years of negative growth, commencing domestic undergraduate numbers increased by over  10,000 (6.1%) to 175,711. Approximately 5,600 of these students commenced in the fields of Health and  Education in almost 2,700 EFTSL. | |
| **Domestic Undergraduate Students - % change on previous year**  8.00  6.00  4.00  2.00  0.00  -2.00  -4.00  -6.00  2002 2003 2004 2005  Commencing Domestic UG Students All Domestic UG Students | **Domestic Postgraduate Students - %**  **change on previous year**  16.00  14.00  12.00  10.00  8.00  6.00  4.00  2.00  0.00  -2.00  -4.00  -6.00  2002 2003 2004 2005  Commencing Domestic PG Students All Domestic PG Students |
| Numbers of domestic students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  All domestic  students 684,975 711,563 719,555 716,438 717,681  Undergraduate  students 520,221 531,527 529,403 525,518 528,980  Postgraduate  students 147,035 160,165 170,438 173,161 173,273  Commencing  students 258,522 267,103 260,759 254,957 261,934  Commencing undergraduate  students 177,694 175,666 166,499 165,688 175,711  Commencing postgraduate  students 65,218 74,013 77,367 74,298 73,126 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  3.88 1.12 -0.43 0.17  2.17 -0.4 -0.73 0.66  8.93 6.41 1.60 0.06  3.32 -2.38 -2.23 2.74  -1.14 -5.22 -0.49 6.05  13.49 4.53 -3.97 -1.58 |
| **EFTSL of domestic students at Australian higher education providers 2001-2005 by level of course**  500,000  400,000  300,000  200,000  100,000  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  EFTSL domestic UG students  EFTSL domestic PG students  EFTSL Commencing domestic UG students  EFTSL Commencing domestic PG students | **EFTSL of domestic students at Australia higher education providers % change on previous year 2002-2005 by level of course**  20  15  10  5  0  -5  -10  2002 2003 2004 2005  EFTSL domestic UG students EFTSL domestic PG students EFTSL Commencing domestic UG |
| Total EFTSL of domestic students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  All domestic  students 478,132 498,296 503,449 499,001 501,853  Undergraduate  students 403,413 417,128 417,233 411,524 415,183  Postgraduate  students 68,298 74,288 79,003 80,790 80,820  Commencing  students 179,244 184,250 179,961 177,654 184,803  Commencing undergraduate  students 142,185 142,457 136,343 135,278 143,656  Commencing postgraduate  students 31,379 35,847 37,434 36,668 35,999 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  4.22 1.03 -0.88 0.57  3.42 0.02 -1.36 0.89  8.76 6.39 2.25 0.04  2.79 -2.33 -1.28 4.02  0.19 -4.29 -0.78 6.19  14.24 4.43 -2.05 -1.82 |

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| **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. | |
| **Num be r of Indige nous s tude nts at Aus tr alian highe r e ducation pr ovide r s 2001-2005 by s e x**  10,000  9,000  8,000  7,000  6,000  5,000  4,000  3,000  2,000  1,000  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  A ll students Male students Female students | **Num be r of Indige nous s tude nts at Aus tr alian highe r e ducation pr ovide r s % change on pr e vious ye ar 2002-2005**  6  4  2  0  -2  -4  -6  -8  -10  2002 2003 2004 2005  A ll students Male students Female students |
| Total number of students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  All students 8,661 8,871 8,988 8,895 8,370  Male students 3,132 3,292 3,294 3,191 2,901  Female students 5,529 5,579 5,694 5,704 5,469 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  2.42 1.32 -1.03 -5.90  5.11 0.06 -3.13 -9.09  0.9 2.06 0.18 -4.12 |
| **2005 Indige nous and dom e s tic com m e nce m e nts in s pe cial inte r e s t cour ses as % com m e ncem ents**  18  16  14  12  10  8  6  4  2  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  Indigenous A ll domestic | **2005 Indige nous and dom e s tic com m ence m e nts in special inte re s t cours e s % change on pr e vious ye ar**  25  20  15  10  5  0  -5  -10  -15  2002 2003 2004 2005  Indigenous All domestic |
| Indigenous Commencements Domestic Commencements ***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 year***  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 | |

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| **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). | |
| **Num be r of ove r s e as s tude nts at Aus tr alian highe r e ducation pr ovide r s 2001-2005**  140,000  120,000  100,000  80,000  60,000  40,000  20,000  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  Postgraduate Undergraduate Other higher educ ation | **Num ber of over seas students at Austr alian highe r e ducation pr ovide r s % change on pr e vious ye ar 2002-2005**  40  35  30  25  20  15  10  5  0  2002 2003 2004 2005  Postgraduate Undergraduate  Other higher education Total Overseas students |
| Total number of overseas students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  Postgraduate 54,928 66,447 76,877 84,608 90,231  Undergraduate 95,317 109,116 122,226 132,417 136,546  Other higher  education 6,963 9,495 11,294 11,514 12,718  Total Overseas  students 157,208 185,058 210,397 228,539 239,495 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  20.97 15.7 10.06 6.65  14.48 12.01 8.34 3.12  36.36 18.95 1.95 10.46  17.72 13.69 8.62 4.79 |
| **Number of commencing overseas students at Australian higher education providers 2001-2005**  60,000  40,000  20,000  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  Commencing postgraduate Commencing undergraduate  Commencing other higher ed | **Number of commencing overseas students at Australian higher education providers % change on previous year 2002-2005**  40  20  0  -20  2002 2003 2004 2005  Commencing postgraduate Commencing undergraduate Commencing other higher ed Total Commencing Overseas |
| Number of commencing overseas students  ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  Commencing  postgraduate 31,473 36,423 40,178 44,418 43,986  Commencing  undergraduate 43,213 46,388 50,060 51,908 51,731  Commencing  other higher ed 6,485 8,856 10,558 10,809 11,244  Total Comm  Overseas 81,171 91,667 100,796 107,135 106,961  EFTSL of overseas students  Overseas  students 110,071 128,453 147,399 162,205 172,239  Commencing  Overseas 54,214 61,203 68,498 73,891 73,495 | % change on previous year  ***2002 2003 2004 2005***  15.73 10.31 10.55 -0.97  7.35 7.92 3.69 -0.34  36.56 19.22 2.38 4.02  12.93 9.96 6.29 -0.16  % change on previous year  16.7 14.75 10.04 6.19  12.89 11.92 7.87 -0.54 |

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| **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). | | | | |
| **Commencing students and commencing females by cohort %of level of course**  80  60  40  20  0  2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  % Undergraduate % Female Undergraduate % Postgraduate % Female Postgraduate | | | | |
| ***2001 2002 2003 2004 2005***  % All Students Postgraduate 28.50 30.80 32.50 32.80 31.70  % All Students Undergraduate 65.00 61.90 59.90 60.10 61.70  % Female Postgraduate 25.90 28.30 29.70 29.90 29.70  % Female Undergraduate 67.70 64.40 62.30 62.50 63.30 | | | | |
|  | **% of female and all students by Field of Education & commencment status 2005**  30.0  25.0  20.0  15.0  10.0  5.0  0.0 | | |  |
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