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Introduction

This publication presents early estimates of apprentice and trainee commencements for the September quarter 2014. Indicative information about this quarter is presented here; the most recent figures are estimated, taking into account reporting lags that occur at the time of data collection.

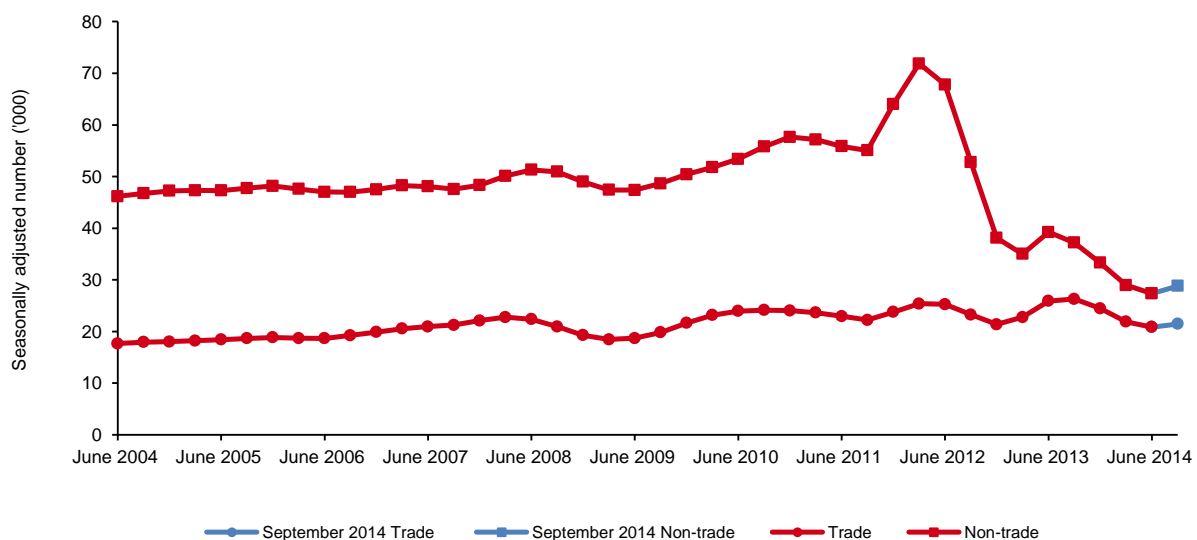
The early trend estimates are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.81, September 2014. Data are only available for commencements at the national level and have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed. Further information at the disaggregated level for the September quarter 2014 will be released in early March 2015.

Highlights

Early indications for the September quarter 2014 show that:

- Trade commencements increased from 20 900 in the June quarter 2014 to 21 500 in the September quarter 2014, following three consecutive quarters of decline from the September quarter 2013.
- Non-trade commencements increased from 27 400 in the June quarter 2014 to 28 800 in the September quarter 2014. This follows a period of decline in the preceding four quarters.

Figure 1 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, June 2004 – September 2014



Data for this publication are compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for the Apprentice and Trainee Collection specifications, Release 6.0, March 2008. Information on AVETMISS is available from <http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21061.html>.

For terms used in this publication, refer to <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2764.html>. For further details on the estimates methodology, refer to <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.html>.

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Table 1 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, June 2004 – September 2014 ('000)

	Trade	Non-trade	Total
June 2004	17.7	46.2	63.9
September 2004	17.9	46.8	64.7
December 2004	18.0	47.2	65.4
March 2005	18.2	47.3	65.7
June 2005	18.4	47.3	65.9
September 2005	18.7	47.7	66.5
December 2005	18.9	48.2	66.9
March 2006	18.7	47.6	66.2
June 2006	18.7	47.0	65.6
September 2006	19.2	47.0	66.2
December 2006	19.9	47.5	67.5
March 2007	20.6	48.3	68.8
June 2007	21.0	48.1	68.9
September 2007	21.2	47.6	68.7
December 2007	22.1	48.3	70.4
March 2008	22.8	50.1	73.0
June 2008	22.4	51.3	73.8
September 2008	20.9	50.9	71.9
December 2008	19.3	49.0	68.2
March 2009	18.4	47.4	65.8
June 2009	18.7	47.4	66.1
September 2009	19.8	48.6	68.6
December 2009	21.7	50.4	72.2
March 2010	23.2	51.8	75.0
June 2010	24.0	53.4	77.5
September 2010	24.1	55.8	79.9
December 2010	24.0	57.7	81.4
March 2011	23.7	57.2	80.7
June 2011	23.0	55.9	79.0
September 2011	22.2	55.1	77.2
December 2011	23.8	64.0	87.6
March 2012	25.4	71.9	97.4
June 2012	25.3	67.8	93.5
September 2012	23.3	52.8	76.5
December 2012	21.4	38.1	59.6
March 2013	22.8	35.0	57.8
June 2013	25.9	39.2	65.0
September 2013	26.3	37.2	63.1
December 2013	24.5	33.3	57.4
March 2014	21.9	29.0	50.9
June 2014	20.9	27.4	48.2
September 2014	21.5	28.8	49.1

Notes:

- (a) The September quarter 2014 estimate is based on an early estimate which is seasonally adjusted and smoothed (based on data from June 2004 to September 2014). The quarterly data presented to June 2014 have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed (based on data from June 2004 to June 2014). These are consistent with the forthcoming June 2014 quarterly publication.
- (b) The substantial growth in non-trade commencements leading up to the June quarter 2012 and the subsequent decline is predominantly due to changes to Commonwealth incentive payments for existing workers. Under the changes, commencement incentive payments for those apprenticeships and traineeships not on the National Skills Needs List (NSNL) were removed from 1 July 2012. From 3 August 2013, non-NSNL existing workers who commenced an apprenticeship or traineeship were no longer eligible to claim completion incentive payments (priority occupations such as aged care, childcare, disability care and enrolled nurses were exempt from this change).

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