

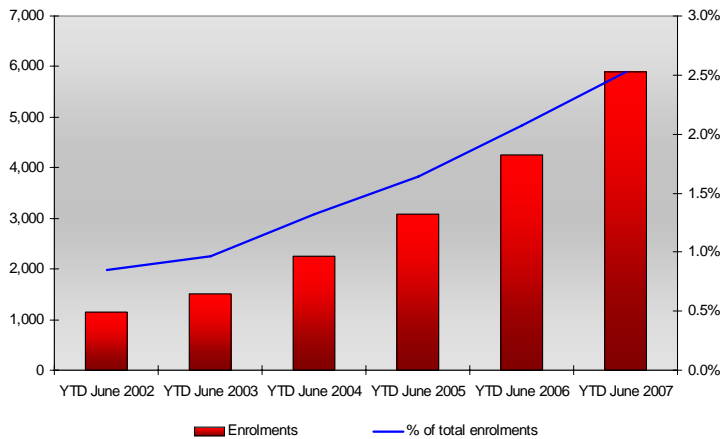


Enrolment Trends in Nursing

AEI data show Nursing is the eighth largest field of study for international students studying in Australia. Although comparatively small, it has experienced strong and steady growth in enrolments* over the last few years. For each year in the year-to-date (YTD) June 2005 to YTD June 2007, enrolments in Nursing grew at about 38% to 39%.

In YTD June 2007, enrolments in Nursing grew 38.7% on the same period in 2006. This was the fourth largest rate of growth of all the fields of study although comprising just 2.5% of enrolments in YTD June 2007. Enrolments in Nursing have shown steady growth as a share of total international student enrolments.

Nursing, enrolments and percentage share of total in all fields of study, YTD June 2002 to YTD June 2007



Nationality

In YTD June 2007, nine of the top ten nationalities in Nursing were from Asia. One-in-four (24.3%) enrolments were from China, 13.1% from India, 12.0% from the Republic of Korea, 5.9% from Nepal, and 5.3% from Hong Kong.

Enrolments from China and India grew strongly from YTD June 2004 to YTD June 2007. However, the rate of the growth in enrolments from China has fallen from a high of 145.6% in YTD June 2004 (on the same period in the previous year) to 24.3% in YTD June 2007. Conversely, the growth from India has gathered momentum from 100.0% in YTD June 2004 to 168.1% in the same period in 2007.

Nepal, the fourth largest contributing nationality, recorded steady growth in YTD June 2003 to YTD June 2005 (at about 20.3% per year) from a small base. Growth increased to 55.8% in the same period in 2006 and has grown six-fold to 325.9% in 2007.

Enrolments from Hong Kong, Japan and Malaysia have all experienced growth, albeit at a slowing rate. Zimbabwe, the only non-Asian nationality in the top ten, recorded strong growth from a small base in YTD June 2002 to YTD June 2007.

Table 1. Nursing enrolments YTD June 2006 and YTD June 2007 by Top 10 nationalities

Nationality	YTD June 2006	YTD June 2007	Growth
China	1,163	1,446	24.3%
India	288	772	168.1%
Republic of Korea	479	705	47.2%
Nepal	81	345	325.9%
Hong Kong	294	313	6.5%
Japan	222	245	10.4%
Malaysia	198	226	14.1%
Philippines	131	160	22.1%
Indonesia	142	159	12.0%
Zimbabwe	77	145	88.3%
Other nationalities	1,175	1,378	17.3%
Total (All nationalities)	4,250	5,894	38.7%

State

In YTD June 2007, New South Wales had more than one-third (37.6%) of enrolments in Nursing. The next highest were Victoria and Queensland with 21.6% and 20.0% respectively. Larger proportions of enrolments from almost all of the top ten nationalities were with providers in New South Wales. The exceptions were those from Hong Kong and Zimbabwe, as they were mostly enrolled with providers in Victoria. Enrolments from Malaysia were mostly in South Australia and Queensland.

Level of study

Most (70.5%) Nursing enrolments in YTD June 2007 were at Bachelor Degree level. A further 20.0% of enrolments were at the Diploma and Masters Degree (Coursework) level.

Study at the Bachelor Degree level grew 34.5% in YTD June 2007 on the same period in 2006. The growth in enrolments at the Diploma level almost doubled in the same period (97.1%) while those in Masters Degree (Coursework) grew 14.6%.

Although from a smaller base, enrolments at the Advanced Diploma level grew strongly (68.6%) in YTD June 2007.

Table 2. Nursing enrolments YTD June 2006 to YTD June 2007 by Top 8 levels of study

Level of Study	YTD June 2006	YTD June 2007	Growth
Bachelor Degree	3,088	4,154	34.5%
Diploma	412	812	97.1%
Masters Degree (Coursework)	321	368	14.6%
Certificate IV	246	292	18.7%
Advanced Diploma	121	204	68.6%
Doctoral Degree	24	30	25.0%
Graduate Diploma	33	24	-27.3%
Masters Degree (Research)	4	7	75.0%
Total (All levels of study)	4,250	5,894	38.7%

* AEI data on enrolments relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa. This snapshot focuses only on international student enrolments in the Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training sectors.

More information is available at: <http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/MIP/Statistics/Default.htm>.