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Top five Fields of Study in 2011 (all persons aged 15 years and over who stated a completed qualification)

Australia

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	1,744,946 (18.0%)	40.2%	59.8%	1,353,244 (16.2%)	39.9%	60.1%
Engineering and Related Technologies	1,509,939 (15.6%)	93.2%	6.8%	1,351,119 (16.2%)	93.4%	6.6%
Society and Culture	999,396 (10.3%)	32.9%	67.1%	745,448 (8.9%)	35.1%	64.9%
Health	873,499 (9.0%)	22.4%	77.6%	703,165 (8.4%)	21.8%	78.2%
Education	714,086 (7.4%)	24.7%	75.3%	619,103 (7.4%)	25.6%	74.4%
Total persons	9,703,233 (100.0%)	51.8%	48.2%	8,361,815 (100.0%)	52.8%	47.2%

- In 2011, Management and Commerce (18.0%) and Engineering and Related Technologies (15.6%) were the two most common fields of study completed that were reported by persons aged 15 years and over. These fields were also reported as the most common fields of study in the 2006 Census.
- Between the 2006 and 2011 Census there has been a decline in the proportion of those who reported Engineering and Related Technologies (0.6 percentage point). In addition there has been an increase in the proportion of those who reported Management and Commerce (1.8 percentage point).
- Of those who reported Management and Commerce as their field of study in 2011, a higher proportion were females (59.8%). Of those who reported Engineering and Related Technologies as their field of study, the proportion of males was significantly higher (93.2%).
- Almost three quarters of those who reported Health and Education as fields of study in 2011 were females (77.6% and 75.3% respectively).



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States and Territories**New South Wales**

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	647,875 (20.3%)	39.7%	60.3%	525,056 (18.4%)	38.8%	61.2%
Engineering and Related Technologies	471,736 (14.8%)	92.6%	7.4%	442,431 (15.5%)	92.8%	7.2%
Society and Culture	325,402 (10.2%)	35.1%	64.9%	249,003 (8.7%)	37.7%	62.3%
Health	271,405 (8.5%)	23.2%	76.8%	227,949 (8.0%)	22.7%	77.3%
Education	228,393 (7.1%)	24.9%	75.1%	200,582 (7.0%)	25.7%	74.3%
Total persons	3,196,923 (100.0%)	51.3%	48.7%	2,860,459(100.0%)	52.3%	47.7%

Victoria

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	434,724 (17.8%)	43.3%	56.7%	330,061 (15.8%)	43.2%	56.8%
Engineering and Related Technologies	354,935 (14.5%)	92.2%	7.8%	322,173 (15.4%)	92.5%	7.5%
Society and Culture	259,366 (10.6%)	31.2%	68.8%	191,841 (9.2%)	33.2%	66.8%
Health	222,101 (9.1%)	21.6%	78.4%	178,893 (8.5%)	21.2%	78.8%
Education	182,544 (7.5%)	25.7%	74.3%	159,802 (7.6%)	26.5%	73.5%
Total persons	2,443,534 (100.0%)	51.1%	48.9%	2,092,406 (100.0%)	52.1%	47.9%

Queensland

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	314,630 (16.8%)	94.4%	5.6%	269,402 (17.3%)	94.8%	5.2%
Management and Commerce	310,801 (16.6%)	37.4%	62.6%	228,738 (14.7%)	37.9%	62.1%
Society and Culture	180,558 (9.6%)	31.1%	68.9%	128,353 (8.2%)	33.1%	66.9%
Health	173,990 (9.3%)	22.9%	77.1%	131,993 (8.5%)	22.3%	77.7%
Education	139,977 (7.5%)	23.5%	76.5%	119,072 (7.6%)	24.6%	75.4%
Total persons	1,875,324 (100.0%)	52.7%	47.3%	1,560,869 (100.0%)	53.9%	46.1%

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States and Territories**South Australia**

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	114,301 (16.8%)	94.0%	6.0%	106,747 (17.9%)	94.1%	5.9%
Management and Commerce	110,386 (16.2%)	41.6%	58.4%	85,445 (14.4%)	42.3%	57.7%
Society and Culture	74,783 (11.0%)	32.2%	67.8%	55,356 (9.3%)	34.1%	65.9%
Health	73,303 (10.8%)	21.7%	78.3%	59,927 (10.1%)	20.9%	79.1%
Education	49,825 (7.3%)	27.6%	72.4%	44,578 (7.5%)	28.1%	71.9%
Total persons	680,210 (100.0%)	52.1%	47.9%	595,382 (100.0%)	53.3%	46.7%

Western Australia

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	189,627 (18.6%)	94.1%	5.9%	152,071 (18.3%)	94.3%	5.7%
Management and Commerce	163,809 (16.1%)	38.9%	61.1%	123,249 (14.8%)	38.8%	61.2%
Society and Culture	91,832 (9.0%)	30.9%	69.1%	68,028 (8.2%)	32.5%	67.5%
Health	91,391 (9.0%)	21.9%	78.1%	70,690 (8.5%)	20.8%	79.2%
Education	76,868 (7.5%)	21.7%	78.3%	62,699 (7.5%)	23.6%	76.4%
Total persons	1,020,181 (100.0%)	53.5%	46.5%	831,622 (100.0%)	53.6%	46.4%

Tasmania

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	32,643 (15.9%)	93.9%	6.1%	29,717 (16.2%)	93.9%	6.1%
Management and Commerce	29,479 (14.3%)	36.5%	63.5%	23,530 (12.8%)	37.7%	62.3%
Society and Culture	22,250 (10.8%)	28.8%	71.2%	16,654 (9.1%)	30.7%	69.3%
Health	19,908 (9.7%)	21.4%	78.6%	16,419 (9.0%)	21.3%	78.7%
Education	16,932 (8.2%)	26.3%	73.7%	15,202 (8.3%)	26.3%	73.7%
Total persons	205,759 (100.0%)	51.6%	48.4%	183,244 (100.0%)	52.7%	47.3%

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States and Territories**Northern Territory**

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	32,643 (15.9%)	93.9%	6.1%	29,717 (16.2%)	93.9%	6.1%
Management and Commerce	29,479 (14.3%)	36.5%	63.5%	23,530 (12.8%)	37.7%	62.3%
Society and Culture	22,250 (10.8%)	28.8%	71.2%	16,654 (9.1%)	30.7%	69.3%
Health	19,908 (9.7%)	21.4%	78.6%	16,419 (9.0%)	21.3%	78.7%
Education	16,932 (8.2%)	26.3%	73.7%	15,202 (8.3%)	26.3%	73.7%
Total persons	205,759 (100.0%)	51.6%	48.4%	183,244 (100.0%)	52.7%	47.3%

Australian Capital Territory

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Society and Culture	36,390 (19.4%)	42.0%	58.0%	29,659 (18.5%)	44.1%	55.9%
Management and Commerce	35,542 (19.0%)	40.9%	59.1%	28,025 (17.5%)	40.0%	60.0%
Engineering and Related Technologies	17,987 (9.6%)	90.9%	9.1%	16,351 (10.2%)	91.4%	8.6%
Health	13,632 (7.3%)	22.5%	77.5%	11,371 (7.1%)	21.1%	78.9%
Education	12,846 (6.8%)	24.1%	75.9%	11,586 (7.2%)	24.5%	75.5%
Total persons	187,556 (100.0%)	50.4%	49.6%	160,593 (100.0%)	51.0%	49.0%

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Capital Cities**Sydney**

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	482,531 (22.8%)	42.4%	57.6%	388,322 (20.5%)	41.5%	58.5%
Engineering and Related Technologies	283,396 (13.4%)	91.0%	9.0%	268,322 (14.1%)	91.5%	8.5%
Society and Culture	228,102 (10.8%)	37.1%	62.9%	178,196 (9.4%)	39.3%	60.7%
Health	163,892 (7.8%)	25.4%	74.6%	137,693 (7.3%)	24.8%	75.2%
Education	138,492 (6.6%)	23.4%	76.6%	122,073 (6.4%)	23.9%	76.1%
Total persons	2,112,431 (100%)	51.0%	49.0%	1,897,502 (100%)	51.8%	48.2%

Melbourne

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	364,973 (19.4%)	44.4%	55.6%	276,038 (17.2%)	44.4%	55.6%
Engineering and Related Technologies	265,339 (14.1%)	91.3%	8.7%	240,286 (15.0%)	91.8%	8.2%
Society and Culture	205,434 (10.9%)	32.7%	67.3%	154,216 (9.6%)	34.4%	65.6%
Health	160,369 (8.5%)	23.0%	77.0%	128,027 (8.0%)	22.5%	77.5%
Education	131,572 (7.0%)	24.3%	75.7%	114,929 (7.2%)	25.1%	74.9%
Total persons	1,878,423 (100%)	51.0%	49.0%	1,601,819 (100%)	51.9%	48.1%

Brisbane

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	173,467 (18.8%)	40.4%	59.6%	127,419 (16.6%)	40.6%	59.4%
Engineering and Related Technologies	146,412 (15.8%)	93.3%	6.7%	125,554 (16.3%)	94.1%	5.9%
Society and Culture	99,566 (10.8%)	33.4%	66.6%	72,415 (9.4%)	34.8%	65.2%
Health	86,881 (9.4%)	23.7%	76.3%	66,520 (8.7%)	23.3%	76.7%
Education	66,987 (7.2%)	23.3%	76.7%	57,277 (7.5%)	24.3%	75.7%
Total persons	924,972 (100%)	52.0%	48.0%	768,020 (100%)	53.1%	46.9%

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Adelaide

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	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	93,395 (17.2%)	43.0%	57.0%	72,544 (15.3%)	43.6%	56.4%
Engineering and Related Technologies	87,470 (16.1%)	93.5%	6.5%	82,826 (17.5%)	93.6%	6.4%
Society and Culture	62,628 (11.6%)	33.6%	66.4%	47,221 (10.0%)	35.0%	65.0%
Health	59,541 (11.0%)	23.2%	76.8%	48,389 (10.2%)	22.4%	77.6%
Education	39,009 (7.2%)	28.2%	71.8%	34,823 (7.3%)	28.7%	71.3%
Total persons	541,731 (100%)	51.8%	48.2%	474,082 (100%)	53.0%	47.0%

Perth

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	144,956 (18.0%)	93.6%	6.4%	118,600 (17.9%)	94.0%	6.0%
Management and Commerce	139,649 (17.3%)	40.2%	59.8%	105,300 (15.9%)	40.2%	59.8%
Society and Culture	77,382 (9.6%)	31.8%	68.2%	57,947 (8.7%)	33.3%	66.7%
Health	73,966 (9.2%)	22.7%	77.3%	57,060 (8.6%)	21.9%	78.1%
Education	60,071 (7.5%)	21.9%	78.1%	48,804 (7.4%)	23.9%	76.1%
Total persons	805,649 (100%)	52.7%	47.3%	662,741 (100%)	53.3%	46.7%

Hobart

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Management and Commerce	14,840 (15.7%)	39.9%	60.1%	11,712 (14.0%)	41.4%	58.6%
Engineering and Related Technologies	12,871 (13.6%)	93.0%	7.0%	11,824 (14.1%)	93.1%	6.9%
Society and Culture	11,593 (12.3%)	32.3%	67.7%	9,061 (10.8%)	34.4%	65.6%
Health	9,392 (10.0%)	22.6%	77.4%	7,789 (9.3%)	22.8%	77.2%
Education	7,677 (8.1%)	26.7%	73.3%	6,835 (8.2%)	26.8%	73.2%
Total persons	94,381 (100%)	51.0%	49.0%	83,863 (100%)	52.1%	47.9%



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Capital Cities**Darwin**

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Engineering and Related Technologies	9,432 (16.0%)	94.2%	5.8%	8,002 (16.9%)	95.1%	4.9%
Management and Commerce	8,706 (14.8%)	35.3%	64.7%	6,352 (13.4%)	35.3%	64.7%
Society and Culture	5,727 (9.7%)	33.7%	66.3%	4,390 (9.3%)	35.5%	64.5%
Health	4,749 (8.1%)	23.7%	76.3%	3,566 (7.5%)	22.2%	77.8%
Education	3,770 (6.4%)	24.1%	75.9%	3,273 (6.9%)	26.4%	73.6%
Total persons	58,791 (100%)	54.6%	45.4%	47,331 (100%)	55.0%	45.0%

Canberra

Fields of Study	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Society and Culture	36,308 (19.4%)	42.1%	57.9%	29,595 (18.5%)	44.1%	55.9%
Management and Commerce	35,480 (19.0%)	40.9%	59.1%	27,968 (17.5%)	40.0%	60.0%
Engineering and Related Technologies	17,963 (9.6%)	90.8%	9.2%	16,326 (10.2%)	91.4%	8.6%
Health	13,597 (7.3%)	22.5%	77.5%	11,341 (7.1%)	21.1%	78.9%
Education	12,825 (6.9%)	24.1%	75.9%	11,572 (7.2%)	24.5%	75.5%
Total persons	187,170 (100%)	50.4%	49.6%	160,242 (100%)	51.0%	49.0%

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