



## Export income from education services by the top 50 nationalities

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *International Trade in Services* data shows international education activity contributed **\$14.2 billion** in export income to the Australian economy in **2007-08**<sup>1</sup>, up 23.4 per cent from the previous financial year.

The level of export income generated is generally a reflection of the enrolments by international students from each market and the education sector of their enrolment. The table below shows the export income from education services attributed to the top 50 nationalities. The ABS is expected to publish the annual 2008 export income data by mid-May 2009.

### Australia's Exports of Education Related Services by Top 50 nationalities (\$million)

Nationality	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Nationality	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
China	2,234	2,506	3,107	Zimbabwe	56	70	85
India	978	1,299	2,004	France	59	71	83
Korea Republic of	721	903	1,035	Kenya	53	57	64
Malaysia	593	643	723	Poland	51	59	64
Hong Kong	596	578	574	Czech Republic	54	54	58
Thailand	405	456	552	Norway	74	65	57
Indonesia	472	478	512	Iran	30	43	52
Viet Nam	187	243	365	Papua New Guinea	33	np	48
Japan	415	364	340	Egypt	12	24	47
Brazil	175	234	316	Turkey	22	29	41
Singapore	270	268	278	Slovakia	40	38	40
Nepal	47	99	272	Mexico	26	33	39
Sri Lanka	139	197	262	Zambia	26	28	31
Taiwan	226	232	239	Italy	20	np	28
USA	229	227	226	UAE	19	23	28
Bangladesh	206	199	210	Russian Federation	20	23	28
United Kingdom	133	153	174	Switzerland	28	26	27
Colombia	55	100	171	Hungary	16	20	25
Saudi Arabia	33	68	157	Lebanon	14	16	22
Pakistan	73	95	145	Brunei Darussalam	17	19	21
Germany	122	131	138	Burma (Myanmar)	14	15	20
Canada	110	118	133	Fiji	19	19	20
Mauritius	58	78	118	Spain	14	15	19
New Zealand	83	95	116	Netherlands	18	19	19
Philippines	47	65	87	Jordan	13	15	18

The full table of all nationalities is available from the ABS website in the electronic version of the publication *International Trade in Services* as Table 10.4 at <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/5368.0.55.0032007-08?OpenDocument>.

Of the total export income generated by education services in 2007-08, \$13.73 billion was from spending on fees and goods and services by onshore students<sup>2</sup> and a further \$438 million was earned offshore. Unpublished ABS data show that international student spending on fees is approximately 40% of total expenditure. For further details, please refer to AEI research Snapshot No. 42 available at [http://aei.gov.au/AEI/PublicationsAndResearch/Snapshots/42SS08\\_pdf.htm](http://aei.gov.au/AEI/PublicationsAndResearch/Snapshots/42SS08_pdf.htm).

Data on income generated by offshore campuses of Australian institutions is **not** included in the figure of \$14.2 billion but is collected by the ABS' *International Investment Survey*. It is through this collection that Australian business enterprises (including educational institutions) report on any income generated offshore. The data is published as a component of Australia's Balance of Payments as an aggregate figure of income from offshore activity by Australian enterprises. The ABS is not able to provide a separate figure for income generated by offshore campuses.

<sup>1</sup> All export income data in this snapshot is sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' publication *International Trade in Services, by Country, by State and by Detailed Services Category, Financial Year, 2007-08* (ABS Catalogue no. 5368.0.55.003).

<sup>2</sup> Includes international students on student visas only.

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