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## SETTING THE PACE FACT SHEET 1

### How does Victoria compare?

A summary of Victoria's performance on key measures of educational and labour market performance for teenagers compared to the national average.

	<b>Victoria</b> %	<b>Australia</b> %
• Apparent retention in Victorian secondary schools to Year 12 in 2004 was among the highest of any State	81.1	75.7
• Participation of 15 to 19 year-old Victorians in full time school in 2004 was the highest of any of the larger States	56.7	50.5
• Scores for Victorian Year 8 and 15 year-old school students were below the national mean for several scales in the TIMSS and PISA studies		
• Participation in VET in Schools in Victoria in 2003 was below the national average	27.8	48.3
• Participation in School-Based New Apprenticeships in 2003 was below the national average	2.0	2.5
• For 2003 school leavers, more Victorians were in full time study or full time work in March to May, 2004	71.8	68.7
• In 2004, participation in post school full time study by 15 to 19 year-olds in Victoria was higher than the national average	20.2	19.2
• In 2003, participation in VET by 15 to 19 year-old Victorians is higher than for any other State	29.5	25.9
• The rate of New Apprenticeship commencements by 15 to 19 year-olds in Victoria was higher than the national average	8.5	7.7
• More Victorian 15 to 19 year-olds were in full time study or full time work in March to May, 2004 than in any of the other large States	88.1	84.8
• In 2003 more Victorian 20 to 24 year-olds had completed Year 12 or a Certificate III than in any of the other large States	83.5	78.9
• Among young people not in full time study, in 2004 the proportion in full time work was slightly lower in Victoria than nationally.	50.5	51.6
• In 2004, the per cent of unemployed 15 to 19 year olds was lower in Victoria than in any other State	3.4	4.4
• In 2004, the per cent of 19 year-old Victorians receiving unemployment benefits was lower than in any other State	5.4	6.4