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SETTING THE PACE FACT SHEET 5

How do the major states compare?

A summary of comparative performance on key measures for teenagers in education and the labour market.

	Victoria %	NSW %	Qld %	WA %	SA %	Australia %
 Apparent retention in secondary schools to Year 12 in 2004 	81.1	71.1	81.2	72.6	68.0	75.7
Participation in full time school in 2004	56.7	51.0	45.5	42.8	50.1	50.5
 Scores in PISA studies, 2003, reading mean scores 	510	530	519	546	535	528
 Participation in VET in Schools (VETIS) in 2003 	27.8	52.3	69.0	31.1	75.3	48.3
 Participation in VETIS at Certificate III or above, 2003 	25.0	6.8	2.1	5.8	2.7	9.6
 Participation in School-Based New Apprenticeships in 2003 	2.0	0.5	6.0	2.2	3.3	2.5
Rate of New Apprenticeship commencements, 2004	8.5	6.4	9.0	6.4	8.7	7.7
 Proportion of 2003 school leavers in full time study or work, 2004 	71.8	69.1	62.5	74.3	66.1	68.7
 Teenagers in full time study or full time work in 2004 	88.1	85.7	82.2	84.8	81.2	84.8
 Proportion of young adults completed Year 12 or Cert III, 2003 	83.5	79.6	77.8	74.1	73.1	78.9
Percent of unemployed in 2004	3.4	4.2	5.4	4.0	5.7	4.4
Percent of 19 year-olds receiving unemployment benefits in 2004	5.4	6.3	7.7	5.7	7.5	6.4