Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Outcome: Agency: AITSL

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000865

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AITSL - average ATAR of entrants into teacher training courses

Question

What is the average ATAR of entrants into teacher training courses? How many students are enrolled in teacher training courses with an ATAR below 50?

Answer

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response.

The AITSL Initial Teacher Education Data Report (2014) provides detail on the number of domestic undergraduate secondary entrants who have an ATAR in each band, for initial teacher education and all Fields of Education (FOEs). Table 15 from page 31 of the report is reproduced below. Please note this data refers only to domestic undergraduate students entering directly from secondary education. It does not represent all commencing students nor all students with an ATAR.

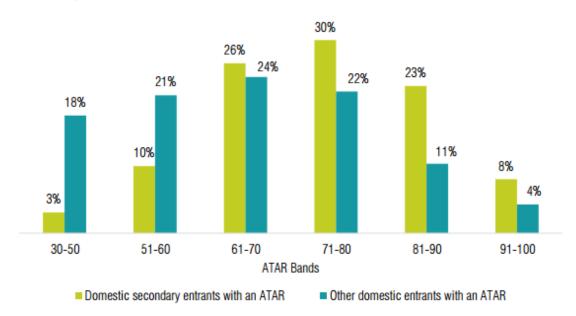
Table 15: Number and percentage of domestic undergraduate secondary entrants who have an ATAR in each band, initial teacher education and all FoE, 2012

| | 30 to 50 | | 51 to 60 | | 61 to 70 | | 71 to 80 | | 81 to 90 | | 91 to 100 | |
|---------------------------|----------|----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Initial teacher education | 189 | 3% | 611 | 10% | 1,548 | 26% | 1,760 | 30% | 1,341 | 23% | 492 | 8% |
| All FOEs | 2,144 | 3% | 5,775 | 7% | 13,561 | 16% | 18,038 | 21% | 23,124 | 27% | 22,836 | 27% |

Source: Customised data provided by the Department of Education Higher Education Group. Note: Some rows may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Figure 13 below (from page 32 of the report) provides detail on all domestic commencements by ATAR broken down by secondary entrants and other entrants.

Figure 13: Domestic commencements by ATAR band by secondary/other entrants, 2012



Source: Customised data provided by the Department of Education Higher Education Group. Domestic secondary entrant numbers: 30-50 n=189, 51-60 n=611, 61-70 n=1548, 71-80 n=1760, 81-90 n=1341, 91-100 n=492

Other domestic entrants: 30-50 n=478, 51-60 n=560, 61-70 n=634, 71-80 n=575, 81-90 n=282, 91-100 n=117.

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