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Government and unknown

23,176

7%





Table 4: Apprentices and trainees in-training by sex and employer size, December 2023

Size of business	Number of male apprentices and trainees in- training	Number of female apprentices and trainees in- training	Total number of apprentices and trainees intraining*
Small (Less than 20 employees)	113,955	30,244	144,257
Medium (20 – 199 employees)	61,955	27,260	89,262
Large (200 or more employees)	55,501	31,349	86,946
Government and unknown	16,177	6,985	23,176
Total	247,589	95,837	343,642



Source: VOCSTATS <a href="https://www.ncver.edu.au/researcland-statistics/vocstatistic

People with disability

Small businesses employed 4,609 people with disability³ as apprentices and trainees in-training in December 2023. They accounted for 41% of all apprentices and trainees with disability in-training.

Table 6: Apprentices and trainees with disability in-training by employer size, December 2023





Table 7: Apprentices and trainees with disability in-training employed by small business, December 2023

Industry	Number of apprentices and trainees with disability in- training employed by small business	% of apprentices and trainees with disability in-training employed by small business	
Construction	1,848	40%	
Other Services	983	21%	
Manufacturing	404	9%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	326	7%	
Accommodation	263	6%	
Retail Trade	202	4%	
Administrative and Support Services	107	2%	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	86	2%	
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	81	2%	
Education and Training	53	1%	
Arts and Recreation Services	49	1%	
Wholesale Trade	43	1%	
Information Media and Telecommunication	39	1%	
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	35	1%	
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	30	1%	
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	19	0.4%	







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