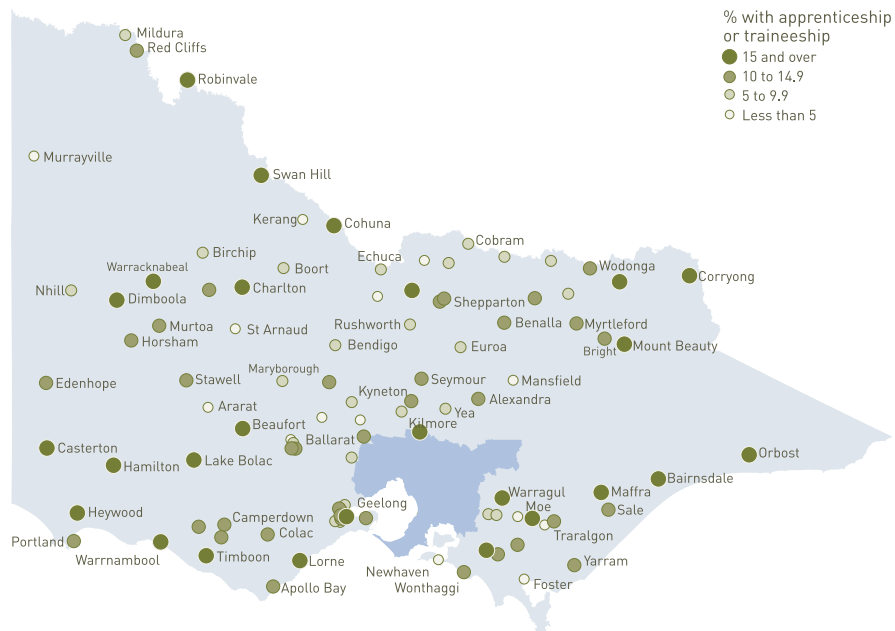


# Education and training

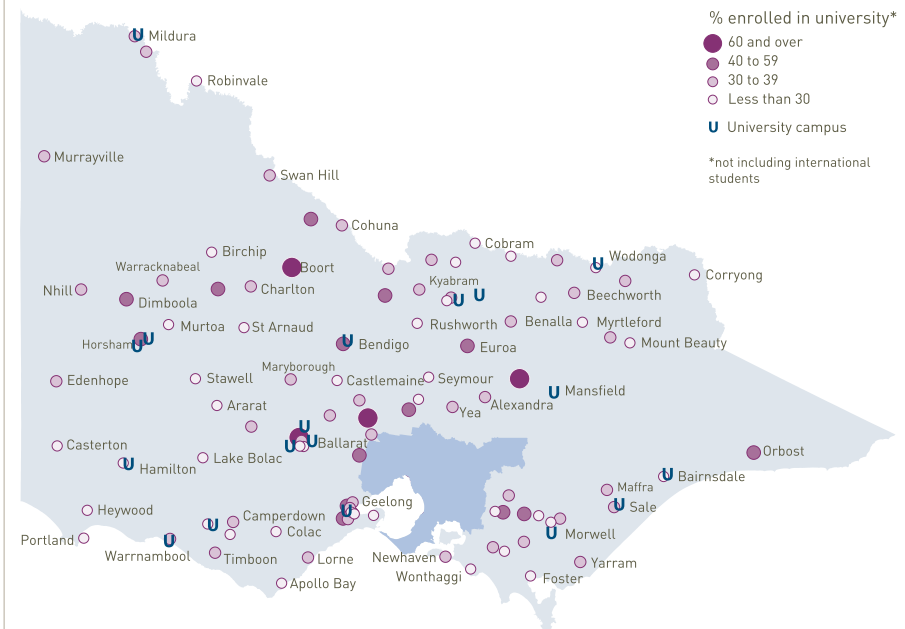
## Education through apprenticeships or traineeships

A greater proportion of school leavers from small towns undertake apprenticeships or traineeships upon completion of Year 12. An apprenticeship is usually a three to four year program that combines work and off the job training at a facility such as TAFE institute, typically in a 'traditional trade' industry such as building and construction or manufacturing. A traineeship generally lasts 12 to 18 months and the majority of the training is conducted on the job. The main industries using traineeships include retail, warehousing, distribution and security.

## 2003 school leavers undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship<sup>1</sup> April 2004



## Proportion of 2003 school leavers enrolled in university education<sup>1</sup> Victoria, April 2004



## School leavers enrolled in University education

Studies<sup>2</sup> have indicated that students from regional areas are less likely to enrol in a university course than their metropolitan counterparts. One reason may be the need for most regional students to relocate in order to pursue a university education.

Such an explanation appears to be borne out by the fact that the regional areas with higher proportions of students pursuing university studies are located within proximity of Melbourne or major regional centres such as Bendigo and Ballarat which have university campuses of their own.

Source <sup>1</sup>OnTrack 2004 Year 12 2003 Destination Data <sup>2</sup>for example OnTrack 2004 The Destinations of School Leavers in Victoria