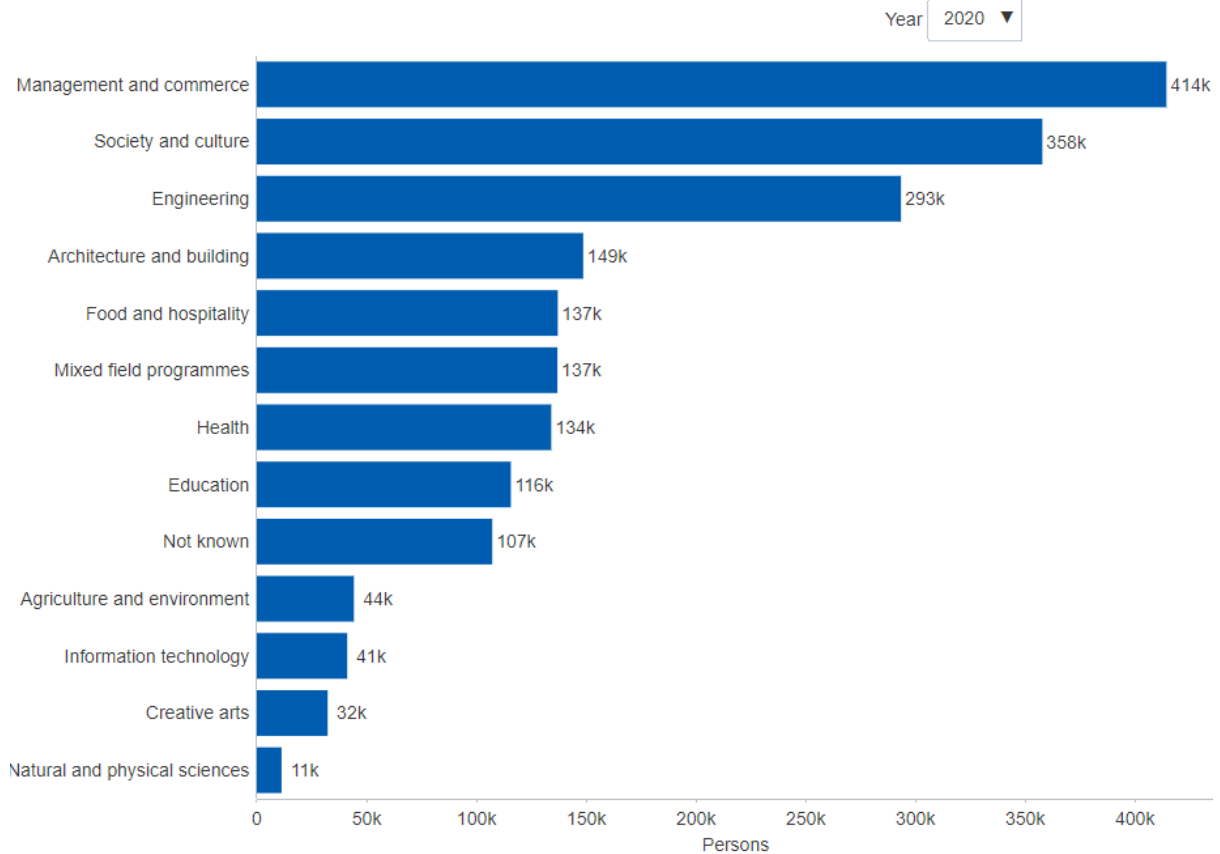


5.1.3 Adults studying for a non-school qualification by field of study

The number of people studying for non-school qualifications represents those who are developing their skills at work, while in the workplace and in preparation to start working. In 2020, there were 1,974,378 students studying for a non-school qualification. This represents a 14.1 per cent decrease from 2,298,735 in 2016. The most popular fields of study were *Management and commerce* (414,401 students or 21 per cent of total), *Society and Culture* (357,874 or 18 per cent of total) and *Engineering* (293,470 students or 15 per cent of total).¹

Figure: Adults studying for a non-school qualification, by field of study, persons, latest 2020



¹ NCVET VOCSTATS - National VET Provider Collection, extracted on 23/08/2021 (<https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/collections/students-and-courses-collection>)