



54,525 Students

41,229 Undergraduate
13,296 Postgraduate



4,251 International

3,218 from the Southern African Development
Community (SADC)



46% Gauteng

Followed by 14% from Limpopo



26% isiZulu

Followed by 14% English

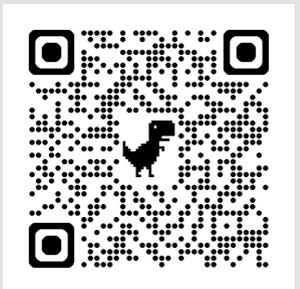


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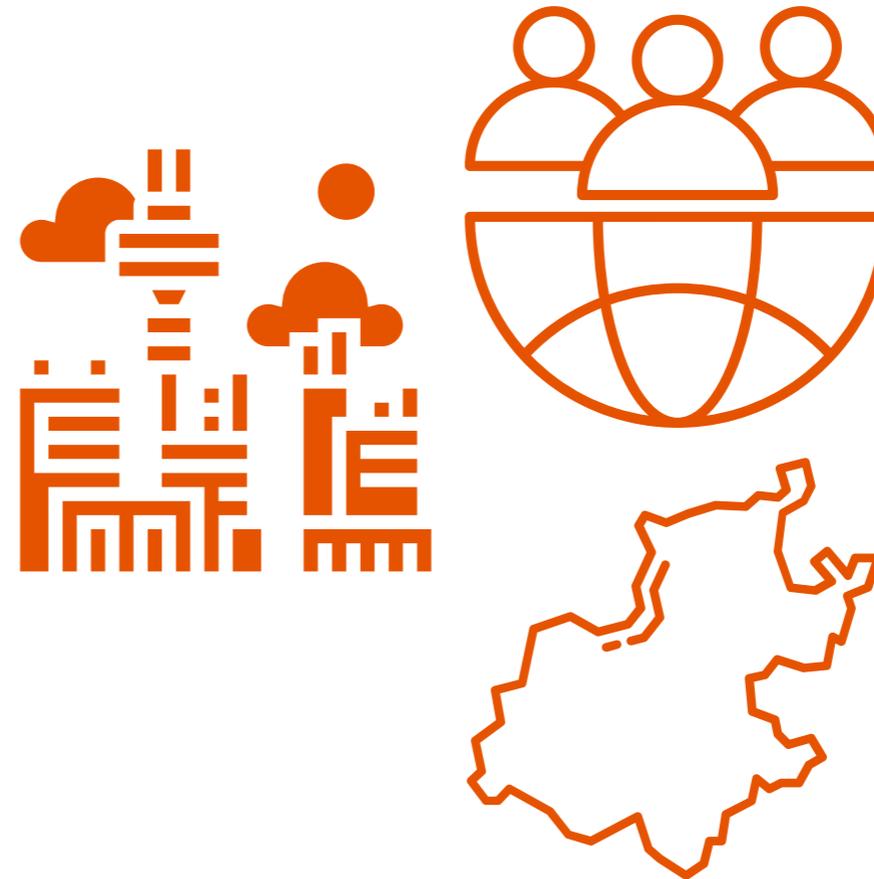


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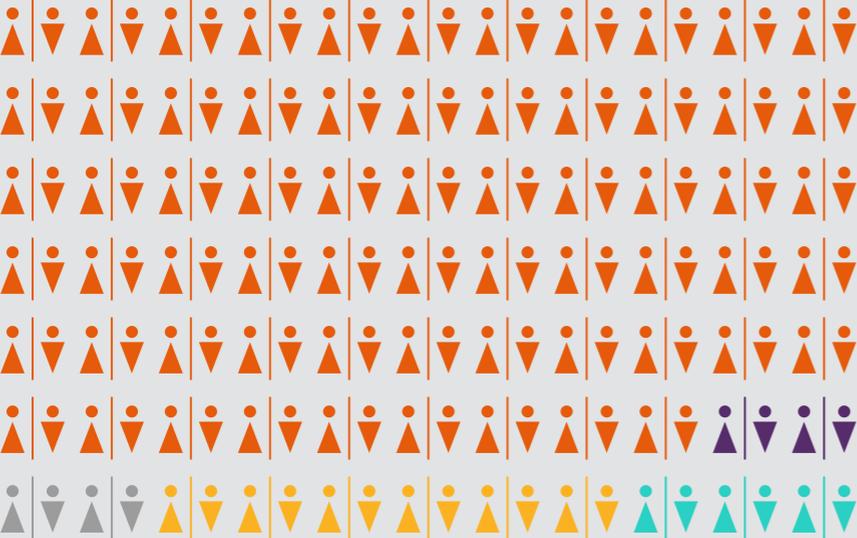
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Student Demographics

Gender, Race, Citizenship, and Disabilities



Student Demographics

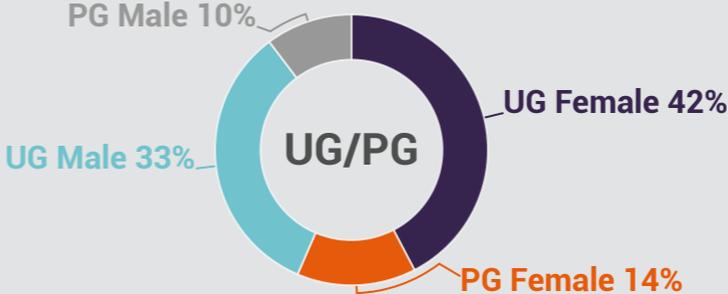


■ African
 ■ Coloured
 ■ Indian
 ■ International
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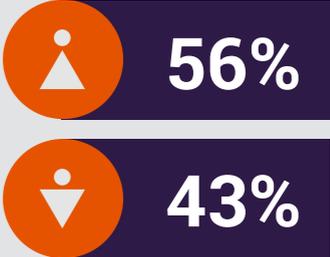
Population groupings		
Race	Headcount	%
African	45608	84%
Coloured	1079	2%
Indian	1561	3%
International	4251	8%
White	2026	4%
Total	54525	100%

Home province (SA citizens)		
Home Province	Headcount	%
Eastern Cape	3 334	7%
Free State	1 488	3%
Gauteng	22 882	46%
Kwazulu-Natal	6 888	14%
Limpopo	7 112	14%
Mpumalanga	4 309	9%
North-West	3 120	6%
Northen Cape	273	1%
Western Cape	776	2%
Unknown	92	0%
Total	50 274	100%



Gender			
Gender	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total
Female	23 096	7 691	30 787
Male	18 133	5 605	23 738
Total	41 229	13 296	54 525

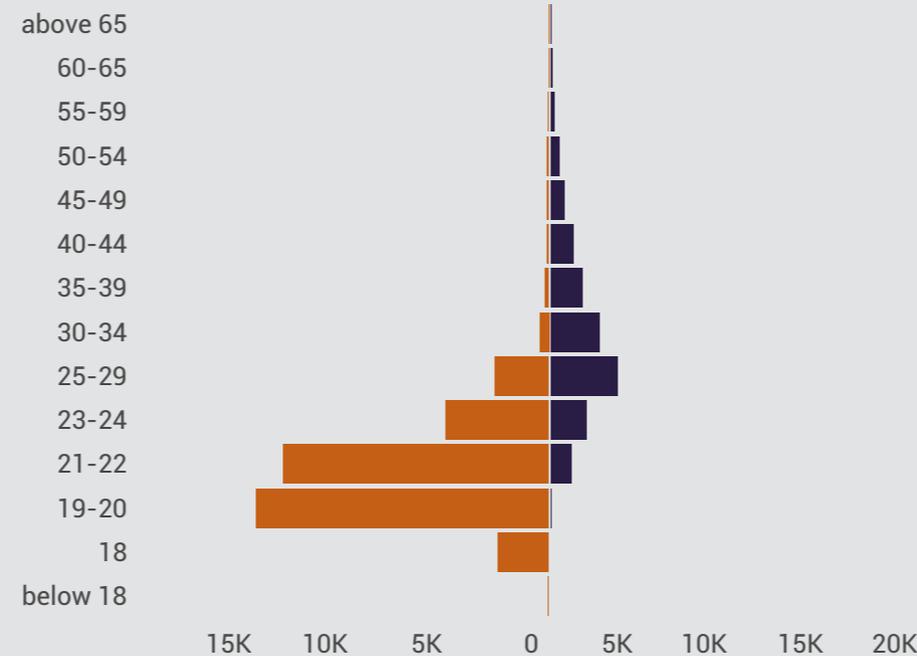
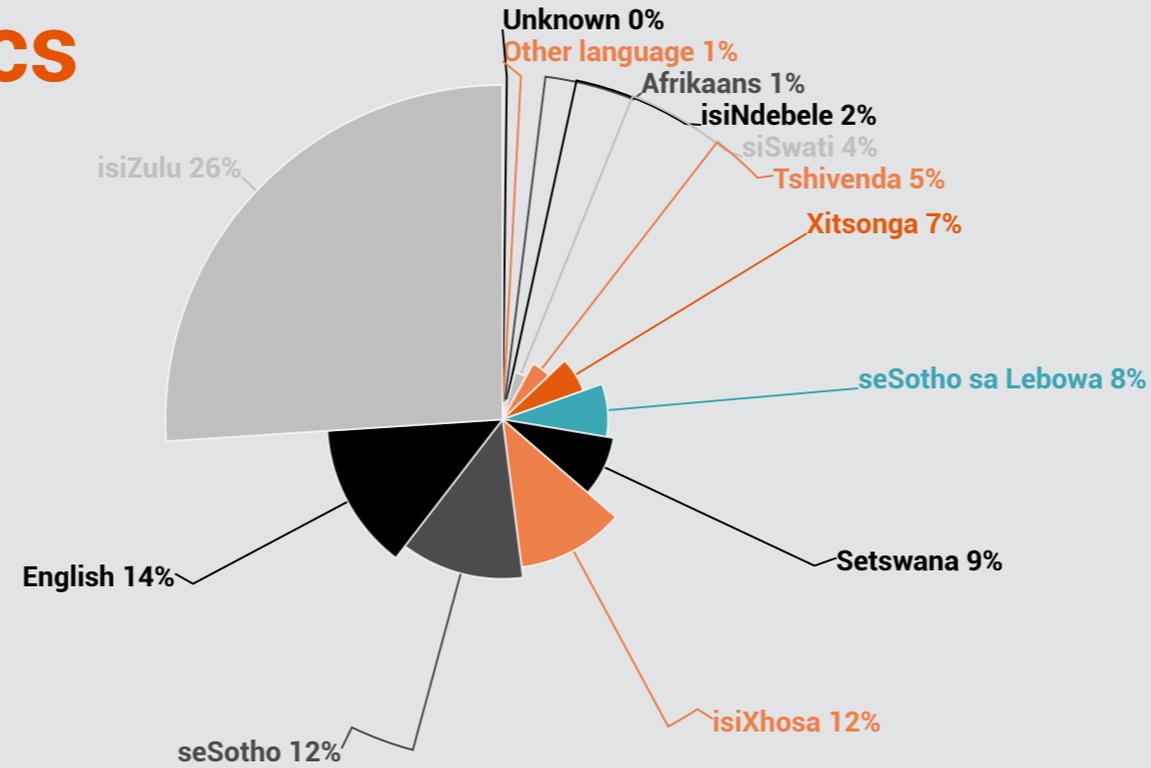
International student gender		
Gender	Headcount	%
Female	1999	47%
Male	2252	53%
Total	4251	100%



Student Demographics



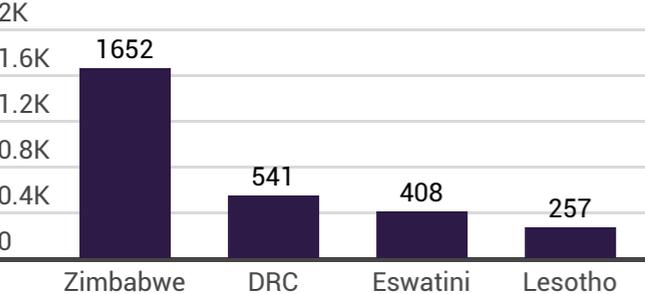
Home language (SA citizens)		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Afrikaans	678	1%
English	6 821	14%
isiNdebele	757	2%
isiXhosa	5 831	12%
isiZulu	13 091	26%
seSotho	6 241	12%
seSotho sa Lebowa	4 100	8%
Setswana	4 375	9%
siSwati	1 912	4%
Tshivenda	2 485	5%
Xitsonga	3 333	7%
Other language	451	1%
Language unknown	199	0%
Total	50 274	100%



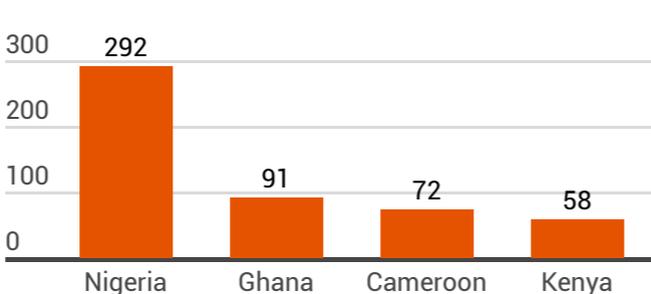
Age distribution		
Age Group	Undergraduate	Postgraduate
below 18	45	-
18	2 661	-
19-20	15 370	6
21-22	13 946	1 056
23-24	5 431	1 862
25-29	2 836	3 528
30-34	481	2 556
35-39	168	1 677
40-44	83	1 163
45-49	84	728
50-54	89	458
55-59	29	167
60-65	5	75
above 65	1	20
Total	41 229	13 296

International Student Demographics

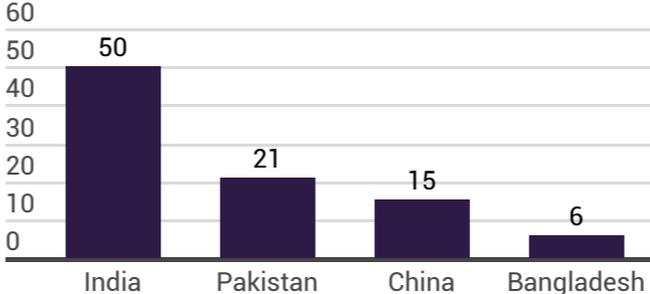
76%
SADC
 The vast majority of our international students are from SADC.



17%
Other African
 Our highest number of students from other African countries originate from Nigeria.



3%
Asian
 Our highest number of students from other Asian countries originate from India.

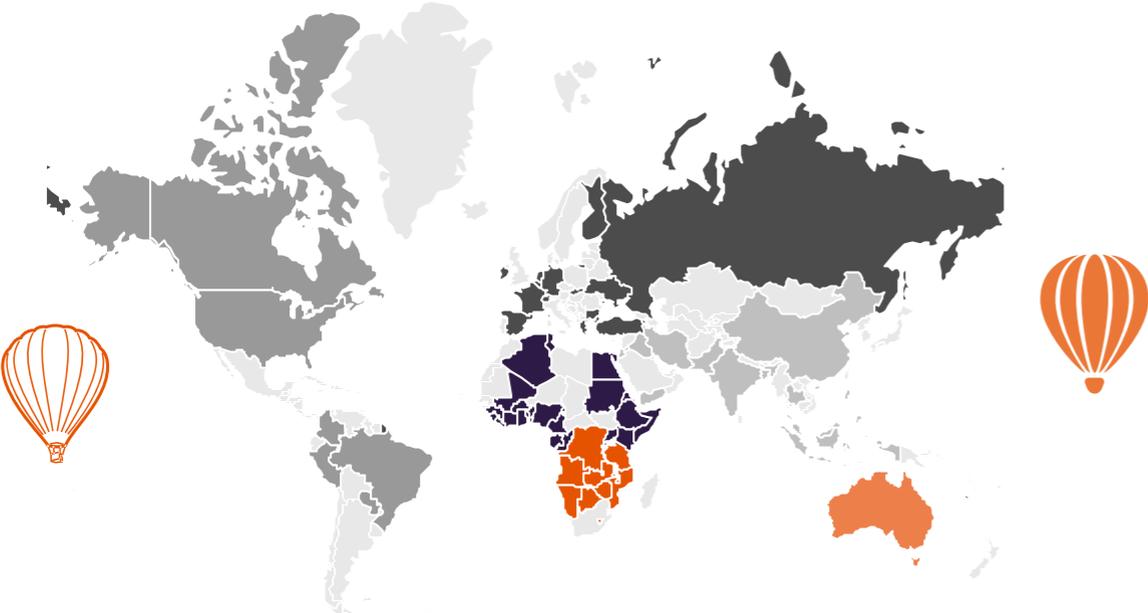


47%

53%

Qualification type grouping UG/PG		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Undergraduate	2 408	57%
Postgraduate	1 843	43%
Total	4 251	100%

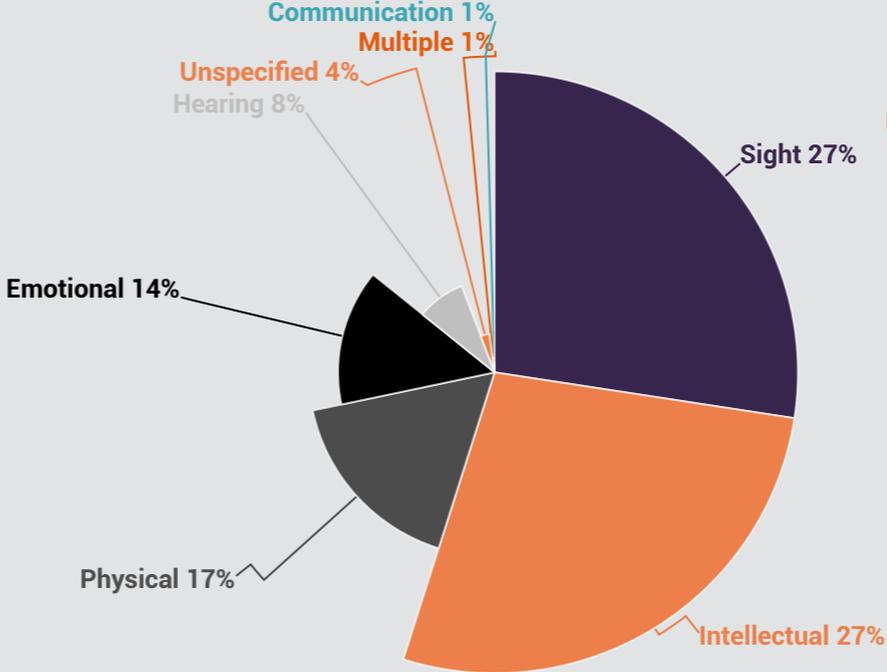
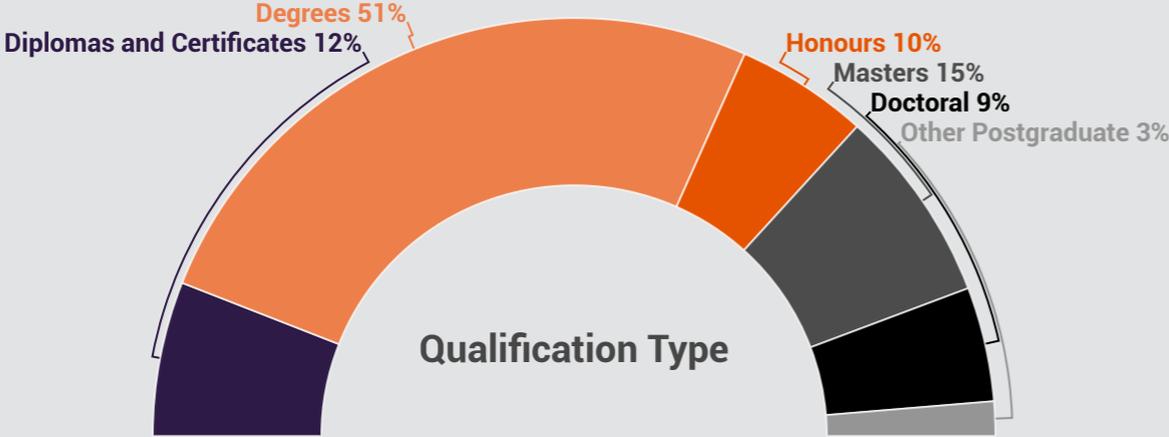
Southern African Development Community (SADC)	
Grouping	Headcount
Zimbabwe	1 652
Democratic Republic of the Congo	541
Swaziland	408
Lesotho	257
Namibia	112
Zambia	69
Malawi	60
Botswana	58
United Republic of Tanzania	24
Mozambique	22
Angola	13
Mauritius	2
Total	3218



Nationality grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Americas	17	0%
Asian	115	3%
Australasia	2	0%
Europe	41	1%
Other African	743	17%
SADC	3 218	76%
No Info	115	3%
Total	4 251	100%

Disabled Student Demographics

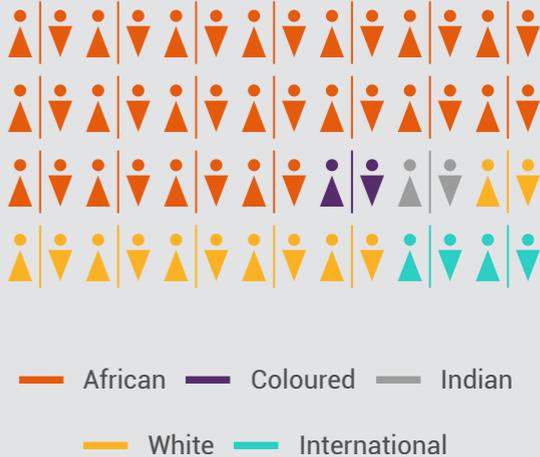
52%
48%



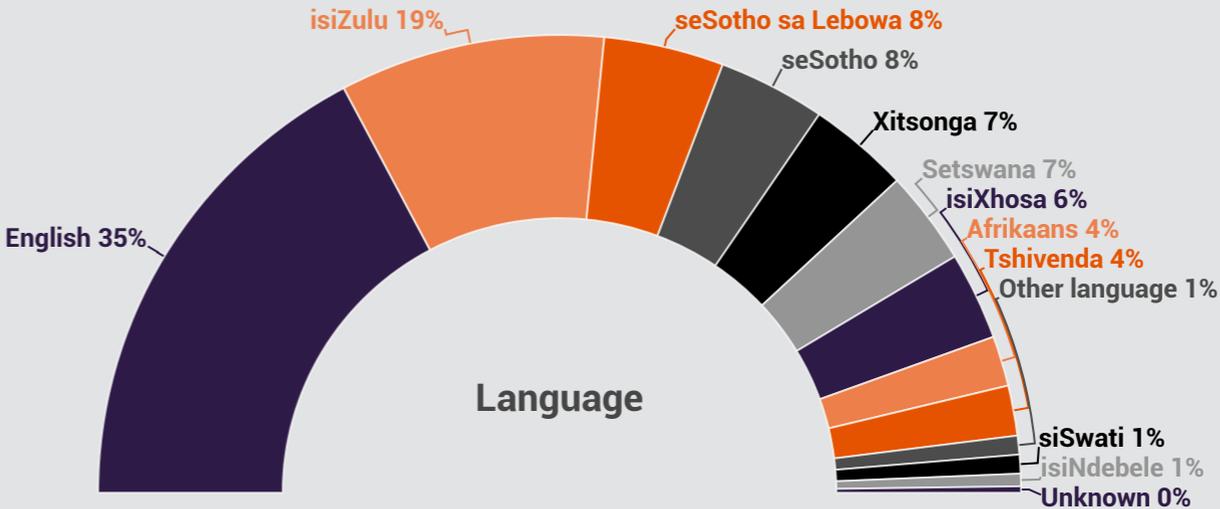
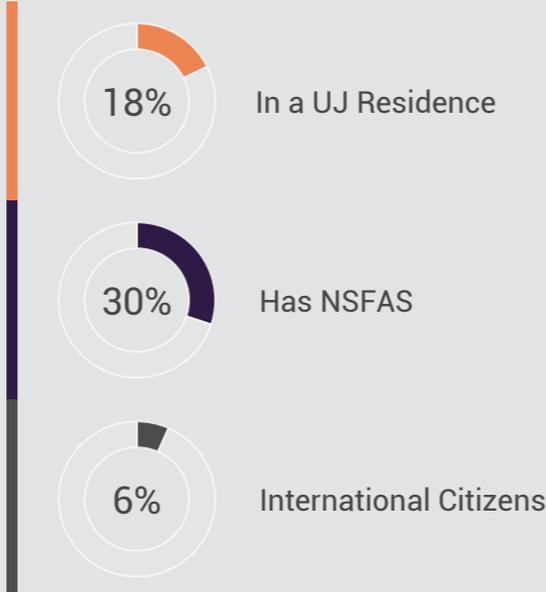
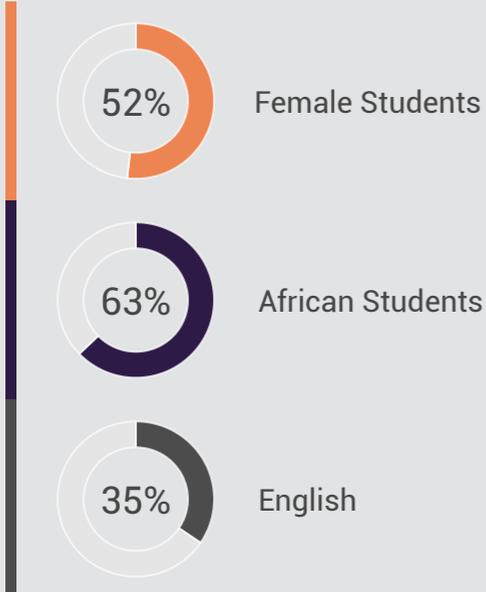
Disability status grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Intellectual (difficulties in learning)	62	27%
Sight	62	27%
Physical (moving, standing, grasping)	38	17%
Emotional (behavioural or psychological)	32	14%
Hearing (even with a hearing aid)	19	8%
Disabled but unspecified	8	4%
Multiple	3	1%
Communication (talking, listening)	2	1%
Total	226	100%

Population grouping		
Race	Headcount	%
African	142	63%
Coloured	8	4%
Indian	9	4%
White	52	23%
International	15	7%
Total	226	100%

Qualification grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Doctoral	20	9%
Honours	23	10%
Masters	34	15%
Other Postgraduate	6	3%
Degrees	116	51%
Diplomas and Certificates	27	12%
Total	226	100%



Disabled Student Demographics



Home language		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Afrikaans	8	4%
English	78	35%
isiNdebele	2	1%
isiXhosa	14	6%
isiZulu	42	19%
Language unknown	1	0%
Other language	3	1%
seSotho	17	8%
seSotho sa Lebowa	19	8%
Setswana	15	7%
siSwati	3	1%
Tshivenda	8	4%
Xitsonga	16	7%
Total	226	100%

Gender		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Female	117	52%
Male	109	48%
Total	226	100%

Accommodation		
Grouping	Headcount	%
In Residence	40	18%
Not in residence	186	82%
Total	226	100%

Citizenship grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Foreign national	12	5%
Permanent resident status	3	1%
South African citizen	211	93%
Total	226	100%

National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Student Does Not Have NSFAS Funding	158	70%
Student Has NSFAS Funding	68	30%
Total	226	100%

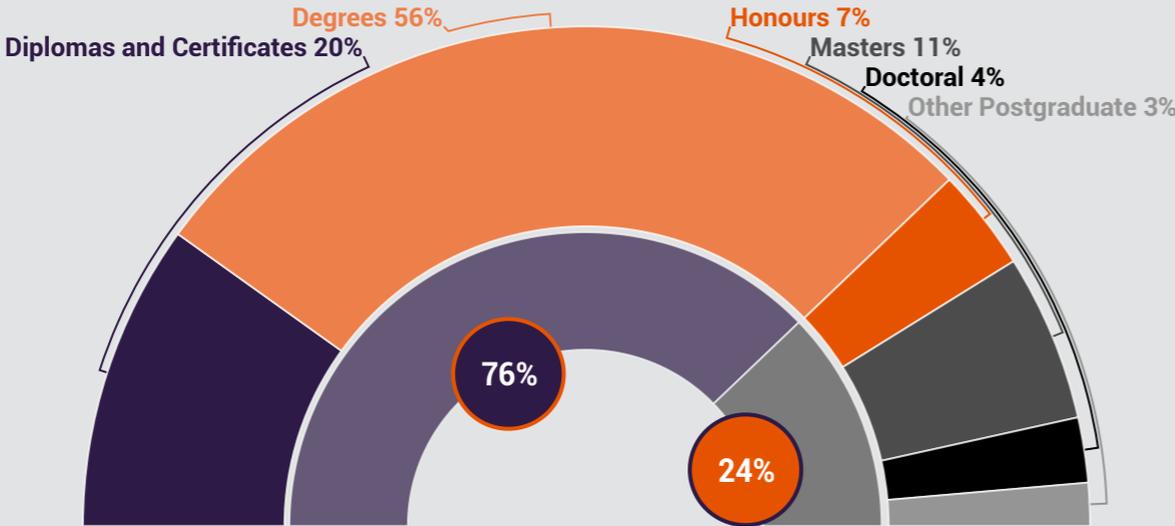


Student Enrolment Profile

Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and First time entering

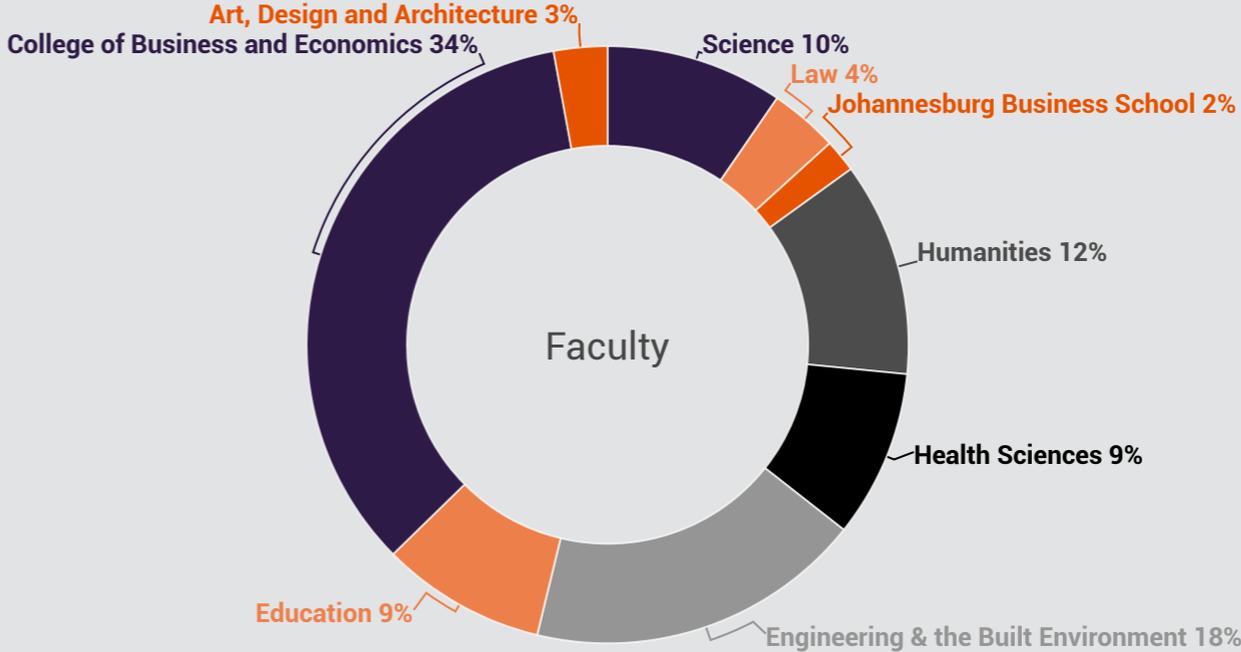


Student Enrolment Profile



Qualification level grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Undergraduate	41 229	76%
Postgraduate	13 296	24%
Total	54 525	100%

Qualification type grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Diplomas and Certificates	10 835	20%
Degrees	30 394	56%
Other Postgraduate	1 509	3%
Honours	3 602	7%
Masters	5 888	11%
Doctoral	2 297	4%
Total	54 525	100%

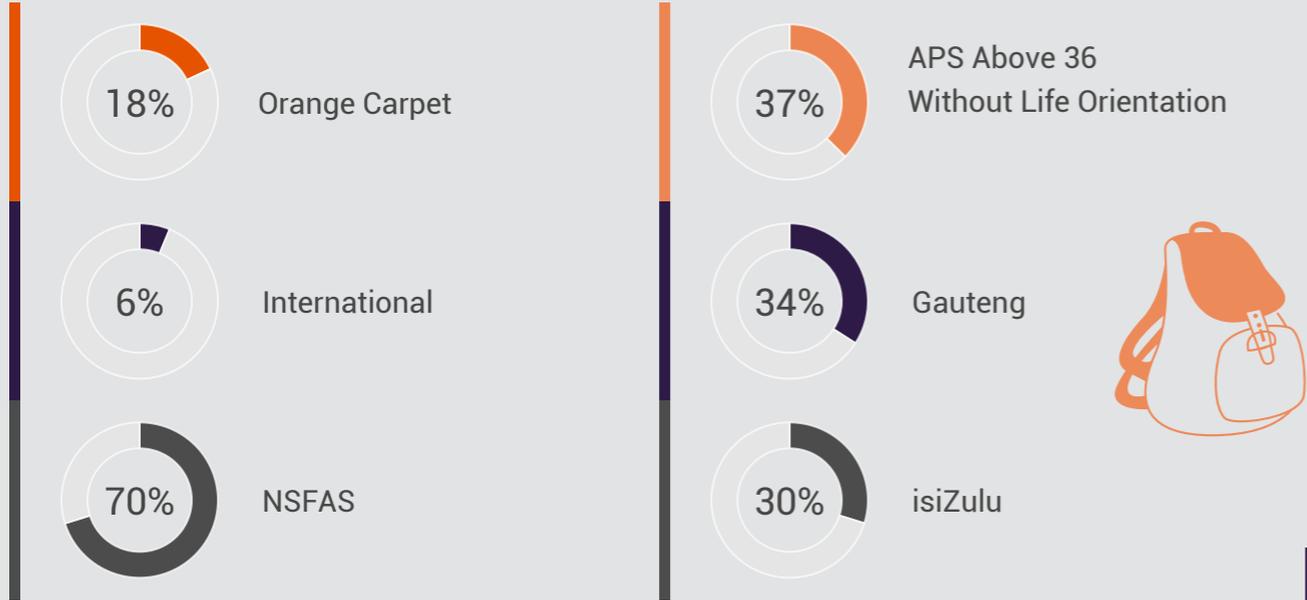


Faculty grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Art, Design and Architecture (FADA)	1 570	3%
College of Business and Economics (CBE)	18 806	34%
Education (EDU)	4 834	9%
Engineering & the Built Environment (FEBE)	9 882	18%
Health Sciences (HSC)	4 943	9%
Humanities (HUM)	6 317	12%
Johannesburg Business School (JBS)	968	2%
Law (LAW)	2 010	4%
Science (SCI)	5 195	10%
Total	54 525	100%



First-Time Entering Profile

Undergraduate Students



Orange Carpet students		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Yes	1959	18%
No	8935	82%
Total	10894	100%

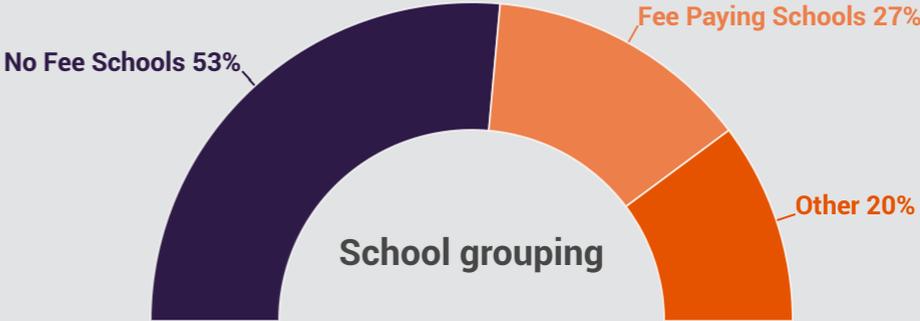
NSFAS Allocation		
Grouping	Headcount	%
No	3252	30%
Yes	7642	70%
Total	10894	100%

Citizenship grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Foreign national	506	5%
Permanent resident status	167	2%
South African citizen	10221	94%
Total	10894	100%

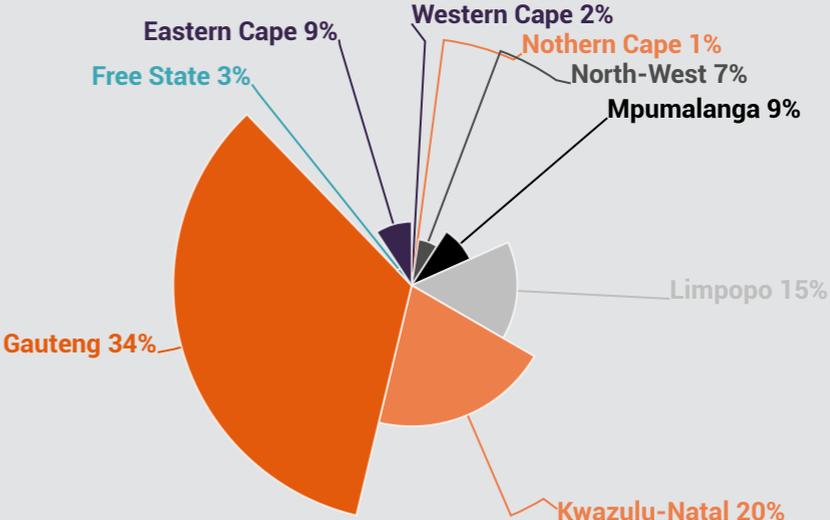
Qualification grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Diplomas and Certificates	2391	22%
Degrees	8503	78%
Total	10894	100%

Home province (SA citizens)		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Eastern Cape	937	9%
Free State	303	3%
Gauteng	3484	34%
Kwazulu-Natal	2076	20%
Limpopo	1545	15%
Mpumalanga	938	9%
North-West	684	7%
Notern Cape	66	1%
Western Cape	177	2%
Total	10210	100%

Faculty grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Art, Design and Architecture	383	4%
College of Business and Economics	3941	36%
Education	705	6%
Engineering & the Built Environment	1937	18%
Health Sciences	914	8%
Humanities	1536	14%
Law	410	4%
Science	1068	10%
Total	10894	100%



School grading			
Grouping	Quintile	Headcount	%
No Fee Schools	1 - Most Poor	1411	13%
	2 - More Poor	1836	17%
	3 - Poor	2509	23%
Fee Paying Schools	4 - Less Poor	1225	11%
	5 - Least Poor	1689	16%
Other	Unknown	1123	10%
	Not Applicable	1101	10%
Total		10894	100%

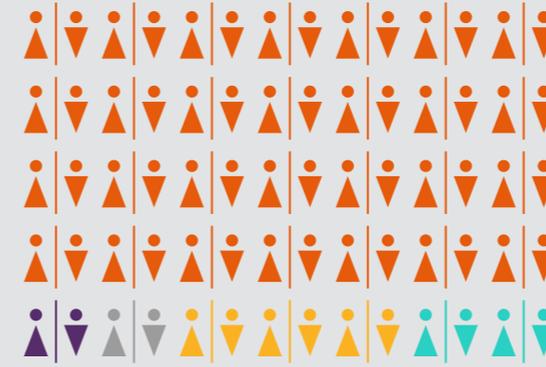
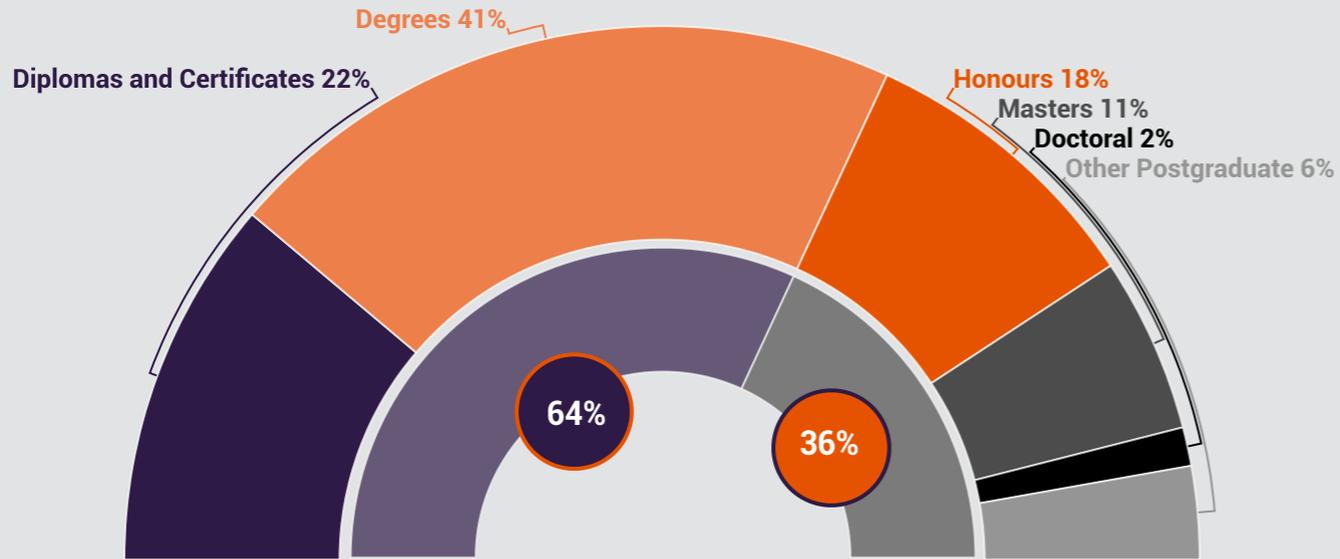
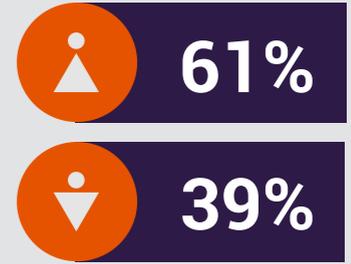


Graduate Profile

Undergraduate and Postgraduate; International



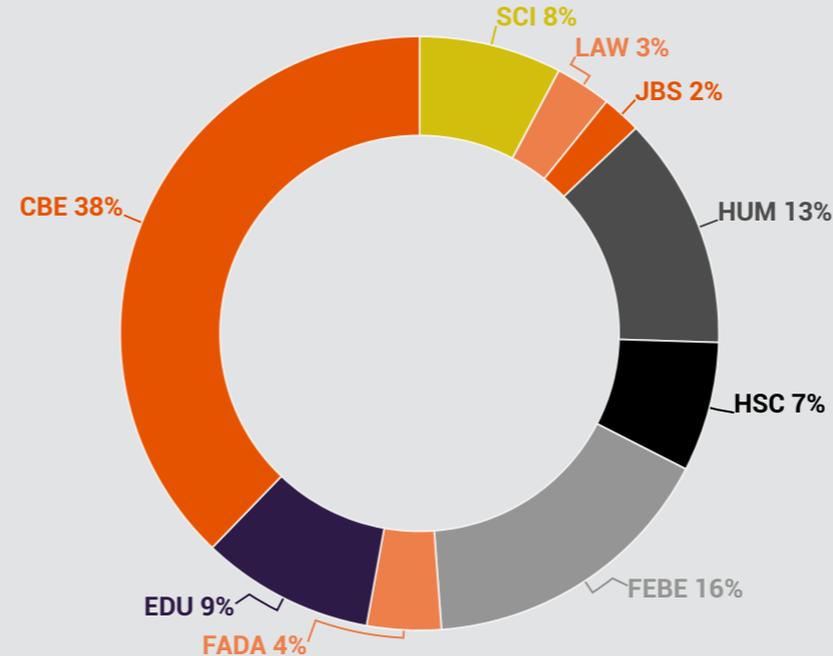
Graduate Profile



— African
 — Coloured
 — Indian
— International
 — White

Population grouping		
Race	Headcount	%
African	11509	81%
Coloured	302	2%
Indian	511	4%
International	1147	8%
White	689	5%
Total	14158	100%

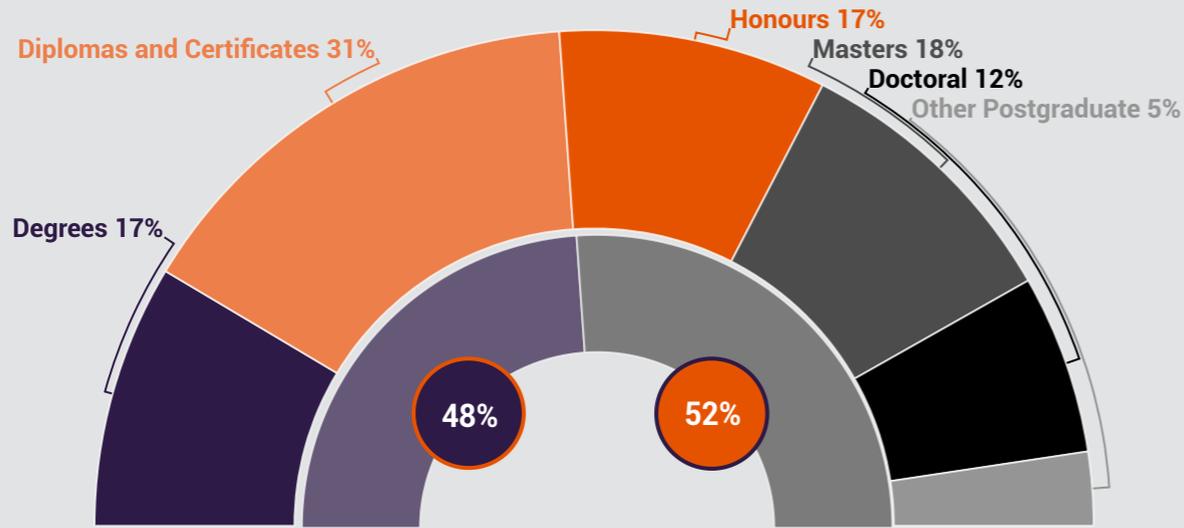
Graduate qualification grouping											
Grouping	CBE	EDU	FADA	FEBE	HSC	HUM	JBS	LAW	SCI	Total	%
Degrees	2025	557	229	1030	419	880		304	410	5854	41%
Diplomas and Certificates	1738	281	93	366	174	258			261	3171	22%
Other Postgraduate	302	51		109	176		159			797	6%
Honours	962	249	170	458	36	398			230	2503	18%
Masters	261	154	70	264	178	189	135	120	130	1501	11%
Doctoral	67	30	5	78	17	63	6	5	61	332	2%
Total	5355	1322	567	2305	1000	1788	300	429	1092	14158	100%



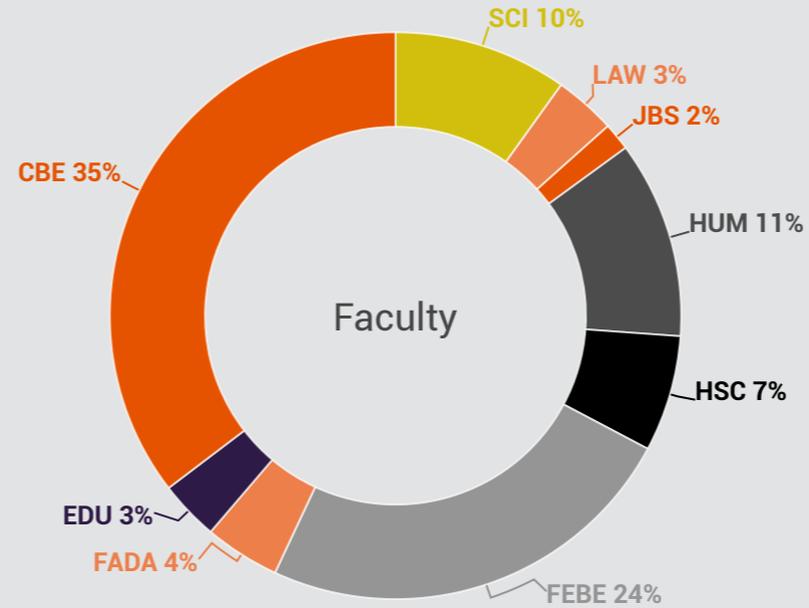
Graduate gender		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Female	8603	61%
Male	5555	39%
Total	14158	100%

Graduate qualification grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Undergraduate	9025	64%
Postgraduate	5133	36%
Total	14158	100%

International Graduates



Graduate qualification grouping											
Grouping	CBE	EDU	FADA	FEBE	HSC	HUM	JBS	LAW	SCI	Total	%
Diplomas and Certificates	112	5	9	20	7	26			18	197	17%
Degrees	115	4	12	114	22	36		17	31	351	31%
Other Postgraduate	32	5		7	4		7			55	5%
Honours	77	5	18	37	4	24			34	199	17%
Masters	41	10	9	56	32	17	10	20	16	211	18%
Doctoral	29	10	1	43	7	26	1	3	14	134	12%
Total	406	39	49	277	76	129	18	40	113	1147	100%



International qualification grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Undergraduate	548	48%
Postgraduate	599	52%
Total	1147	100%

International graduates with disabilities		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Hearing (even with a hearing aid)	1	25%
Intellectual (difficulties in learning)	2	50%
Sight	1	25%
Total	4	100%



International graduate gender		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Female	575	50%
Male	572	50%
Total	1147	100%

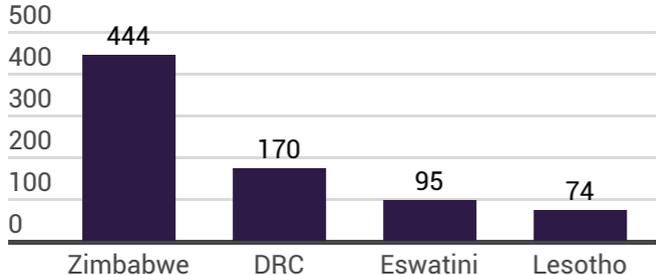
International graduate age distribution		
Grouping	Headcount	%
19-20	16	1%
21-22	211	18%
23-24	311	27%
25-29	264	23%
30-34	113	10%
35-39	88	8%
40-44	69	6%
45-49	46	4%
50-54	22	2%
55-59	6	1%
60-65	1	0%
Total	1147	100%

International Graduate Demographics

77%

SADC

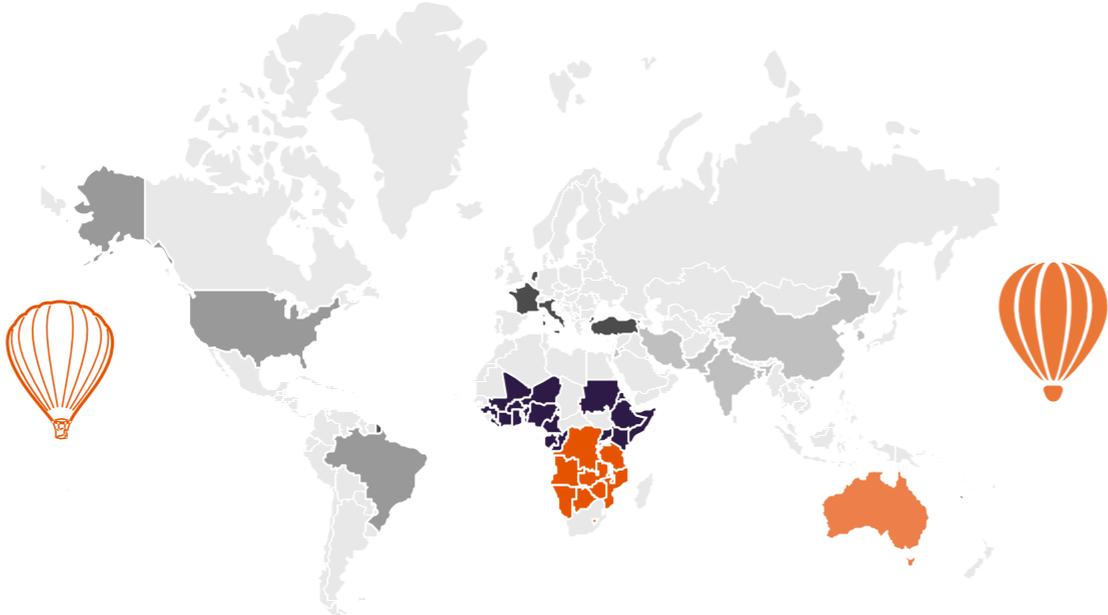
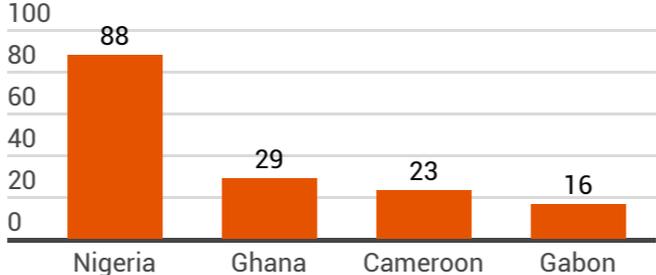
The vast majority of our international graduates are from SADC.



18%

Other African

Our highest number of graduates from other African countries originate from Nigeria.



Nationality grouping		
Grouping	Headcount	%
Americas	5	0%
Asian	22	2%
Europe	11	1%
Other African	210	18%
SADC	881	77%
No Information	18	2%
Total	1147	100%

Southern African Development Community (SADC)	
Grouping	Headcount
Zimbabwe	444
Democratic Republic of the Congo	170
Eswatini	95
Lesotho	74
Namibia	33
Zambia	24
Malawi	16
Botswana	11
Angola	6
Mozambique	4
United Republic of Tanzania	4
Total	881

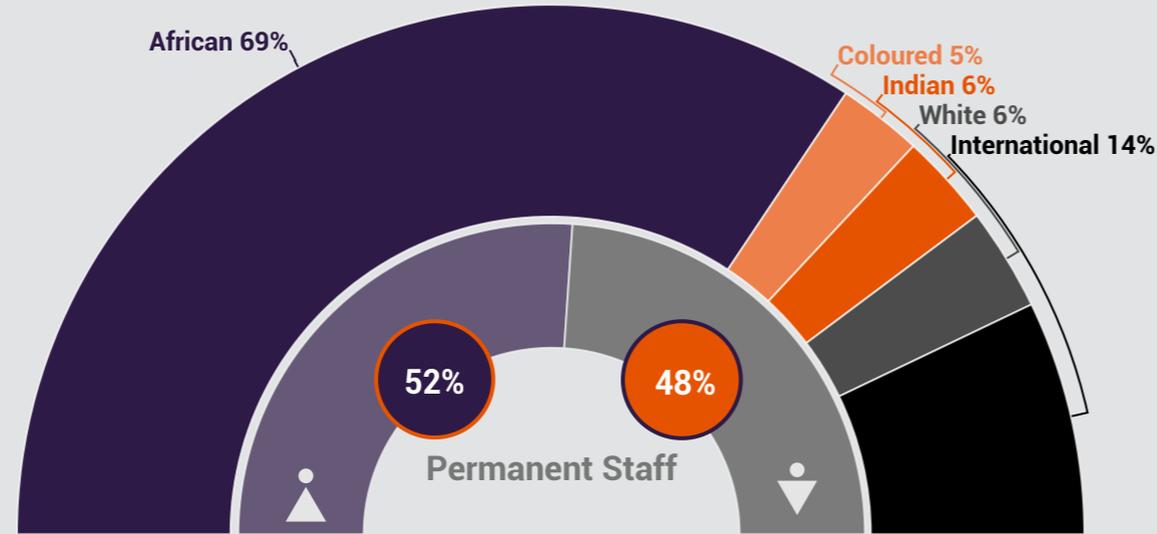


Staff Profile

Permanent and temporary; support, academic and executive.



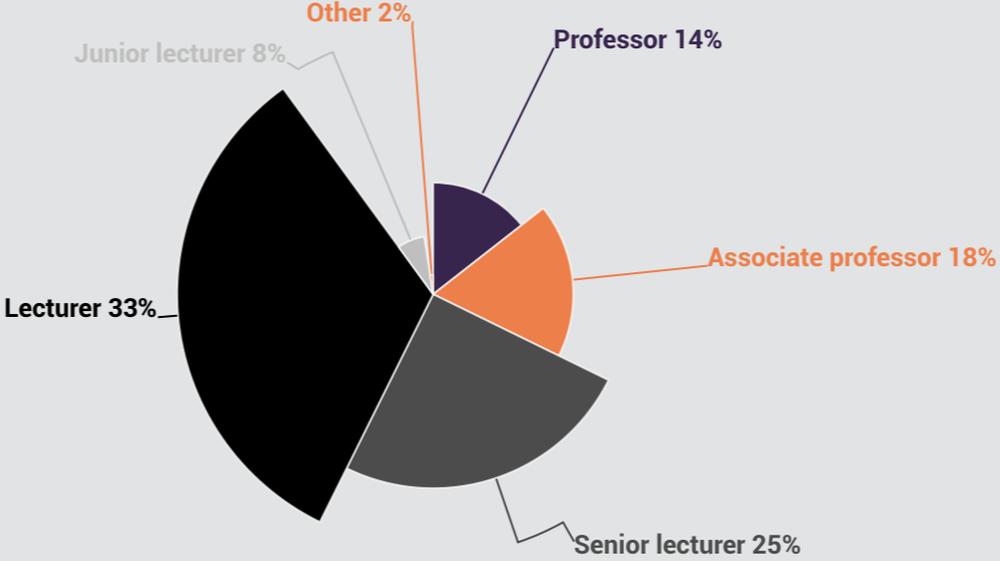
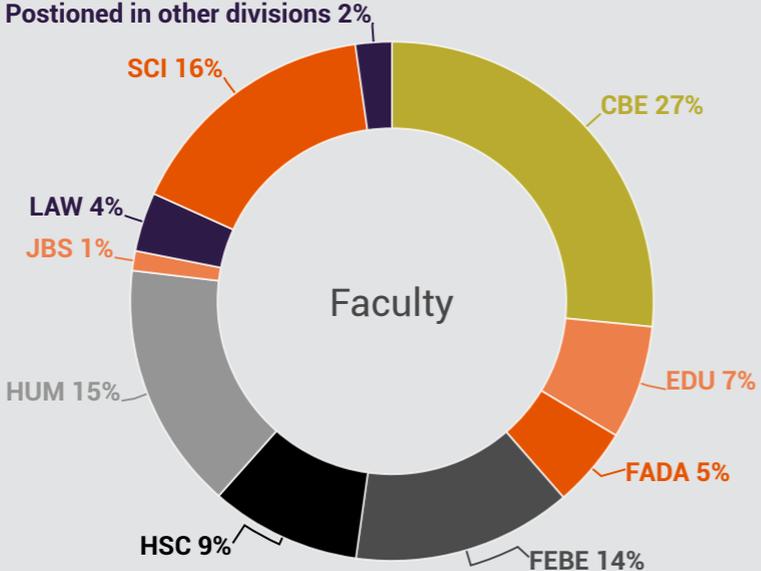
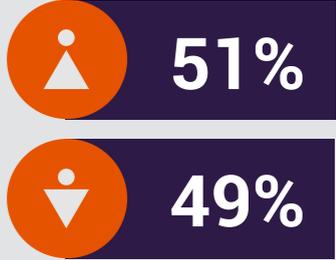
Total Staff Profile



Staff gender per appointment category					
Category	Gender	Permanent		Temporary	
		Headcount	%	Headcount	%
Support Staff	Female	1 640	35%	3 463	35%
	Male	1 494	32%	2 546	26%
	Total	3 134	67%	6 009	60%
Instructional/research professional	Female	705	15%	1 852	19%
	Male	679	15%	2 076	21%
	Total	1 384	30%	3 928	40%
Executive/admin./mgmt. professional	Female	92	2%		
	Male	65	1%		
	Total	157	3%		
Total appointed staff	Female	2 437	52%	5 315	53%
	Male	2 238	48%	4 622	47%
Total appointed staff	Grand Total	4 675	100%	9 937	100%

Staff population grouping per appointment category					
Category	Race	Permanent		Temporary	
		Headcount	%	Headcount	%
Executive/admin./mgmt. professional	African	83	2%		
	Coloured	13	0%		
	Indian	14	0%		
	International	4	0%		
	White	43	1%		
Total		157	3%		
Instructional/research professional	African	537	11%	1 401	14%
	Coloured	69	1%	150	2%
	Indian	155	3%	190	2%
	International	254	5%	1 258	13%
	White	369	8%	929	9%
Total		1 384	30%	3 928	40%
Support Staff	African	2 590	55%	4 280	43%
	Coloured	158	3%	228	2%
	Indian	95	2%	195	2%
	International	35	1%	793	8%
	White	256	5%	513	5%
Total		3 134	67%	6 009	60%
Total appointed staff	African	3 210	69%	5 681	57%
	Coloured	240	5%	378	4%
	Indian	264	6%	385	4%
	International	293	6%	2 051	21%
	White	668	14%	1 442	15%
Grand Total		4 675	100%	9 937	100%

Permanent Academic Staff Profile



Rank	Headcount	%
Doctoral	866	63%
Master's	435	31%
PG below Master's	36	3%
Undergraduate	47	3%
Total	1 384	100%

Grouping	Headcount	%
Art, Design and Architecture	69	5%
College of Business and Economics	368	27%
Education	98	7%
Engineering & the Built Environment	188	14%
Health Sciences	129	9%
Humanities	213	15%
Johannesburg Business School	17	1%
Law	51	4%
Science	221	16%
Postioned in other divisions	31	2%
Total	1 384	100%

Rank	Headcount	%
Professor	199	14%
Associate professor	248	18%
Senior lecturer	346	25%
Lecturer	453	33%
Junior lecturer	104	8%
Other	34	2%
Total	1 384	100%

Grouping	2024
Joined the programme	1
Left the programme	1
Completed the programme	1
Total nGAP Employees	17

Gender	Headcount	%
Female	705	51%
Male	679	49%
Total	1 384	100%

Grouping	Headcount	%
Americas	15	1%
Asian	24	2%
Australasia	4	0%
Europe	31	2%
Other African	80	6%
SADC	91	7%
South African	1 139	82%
Total	1 384	100%



Research Profile & Rankings

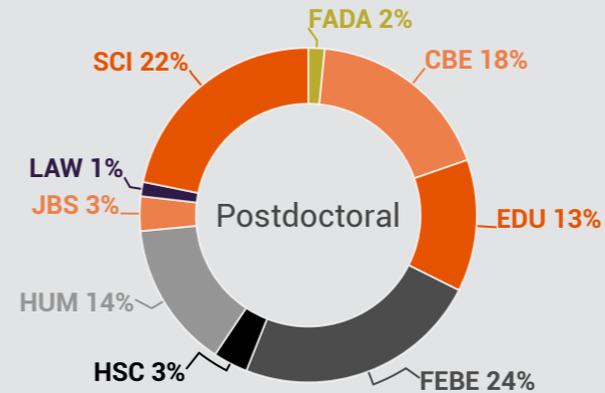
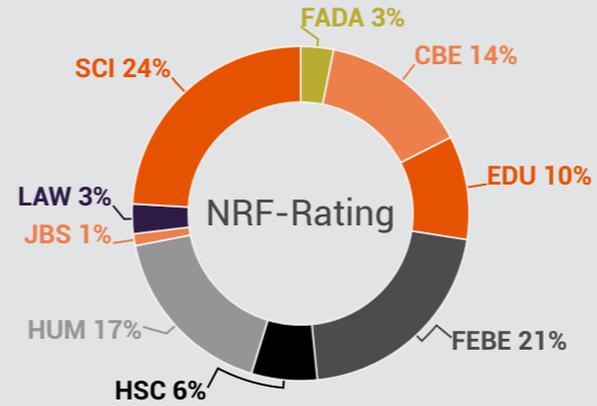
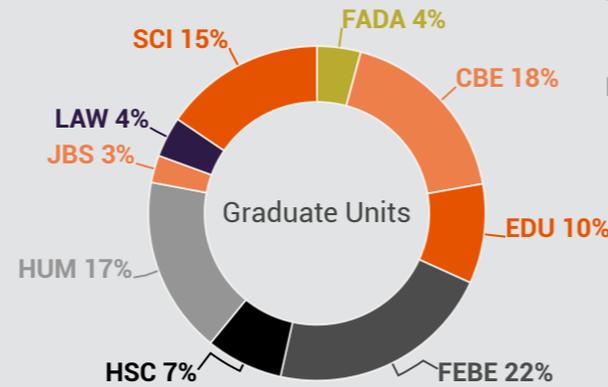
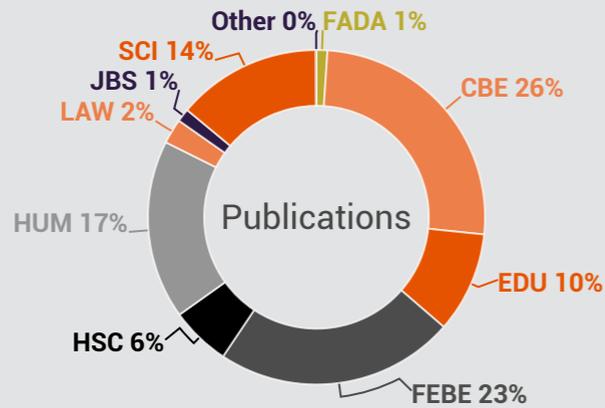
Publication outputs, graduate units, NRF-ratings, PDRFs and SARChI Chairs



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Research Profile

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Postdoctoral Research Fellows	513
NRF-Rated Researchers	349
SARChI Research Chairs	19

Research publication output

Faculty	Units	%
College of Business and Economics	925	26%
Faculty of Art, Design And Architecture	38	1%
Faculty of Education	352	10%
Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment	830	23%
Faculty of Health Sciences	208	6%
Faculty of Humanities	625	17%
Faculty of Law	87	2%
Faculty of Science	501	14%
Johannesburg Business School	46	1%
Non-Faculty	2	0%
Grand Total	3612	100%

Research output graduate units per faculty

Faculty	Units	%
Art, Design and Architecture	83	4%
College of Business and Economics	354	18%
Education	190	10%
Engineering & the Built Environment	427	22%
Health Sciences	146	7%
Humanities	337	17%
Johannesburg Business School	52	3%
Law	77	4%
Science	305	15%
Grand Total	1970	100%

NRF-Rated researchers

Level	n	%
A – Leading international researchers	7	2%
B – Internationally acclaimed researchers	71	20%
C – Established researchers	196	56%
Y – Promising young researchers	75	21%
Total	349	100%

NRF-Rating per faculty		
Level	n	%
FADA	11	3%
CBE	50	14%
EDU	35	10%
FEBE	73	21%
HSC	22	6%
HUM	60	17%
JBS	4	1%
LAW	10	3%
SCI	84	24%
Total	349	100%



University Rankings in 2024



#1	36	Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings
#3	401 - 500	Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Ranking) - ARWU
#4	306	Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) - World University Rankings - QS WUR
#4	401 - 500	Times Higher Education (THE) - World University Rankings - THE WUR
#5	467	University Ranking by Academic Performance - URAP
#5	555	Ranking Web of Universities (Webometrics)
#6	624	Center for World University Rankings - CWUR

