

University profitability and growth

	Rmillion	Rmillion	Rmillion
	2016	2017	2018
Recurrent income	3 775,7	4 191,8	4 900,3
Recurrent expenditure	3 547,2	3 691,4	4 039,9
Net recurrent surplus	228,5	500,4	860,4

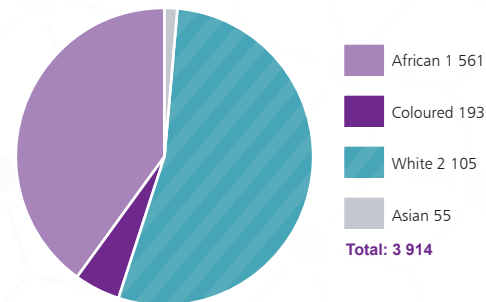
Permanent staff as at 31 August *2019

Permanent, professional and non-professional	2017	2018	*2019
Instruction/research professionals	1 510	1 531	1 506
Executive/management professionals	79	90	83
Support professionals	454	464	485
Total professional staff	2 043	2 085	2 074
Technical staff	238	249	239
Non-professional wadministrative staff	1 251	1 297	1 228
Crafts/trades staff	29	30	24
Service staff	346	344	325
Total non-professional staff	1 864	1 920	1 816
TOTAL PERMANENT STAFF	3 907	4 005	3 890

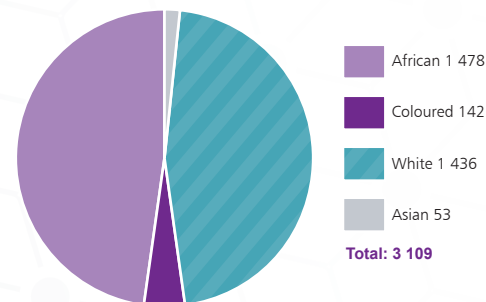
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Racial and gender composition of NWU staff as at 31 August *2019

Female



Male



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Research scoreboard

Research output	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Article equivalents	1 010	980	1 075	1 148	1 108
Conference proceedings	120	108	127	89	82
Books	40	39	39	119	110
Total article equivalents published	1 170	1 127	1 250	1 356	1 300
Master's degrees conferred	781	746	742	744	813
Research master's degrees	506	506	521	539	601
Doctoral degrees conferred	168	171	222	238	235
Doctoral degrees weighted	504	513	666	714	705
NRF-rated researchers	171	182	189	195	229

Postdoctoral fellows	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mafikeng Campus	31	42	41	57	56
Potchefstroom Campus	103	114	119	131	137
Vaal Triangle Campus	6	8	11	15	22
NWU total postdoctoral fellows	140	164	171	203	215

Total weighted research output units

2004 2017
798 2 605,5
= 214% growth

NRF-rated researchers
2004 2018
73 232
= 218% growth

Contact details

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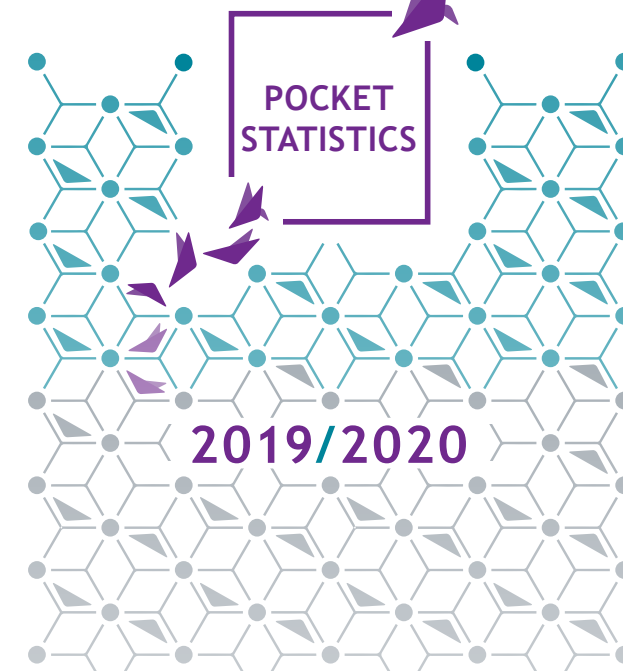
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Strategy statement

To transform and position the NWU as a unitary institution of superior academic excellence, with a commitment to social justice.

Our dream

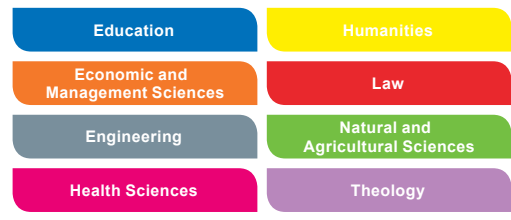
To be an internationally recognised university in Africa, distinguished for engaged scholarship, social responsiveness and an ethic of care.



Prof Dan Kgwadi
Vice-Chancellor

Chief executive and accounting officer,
responsible to the NWU Council

The NWU has eight faculties:



According to the 2017 figures published by the Department of Education in 2019, the NWU was favourably rated, benchmarked against the other higher education institutions in South Africa.

Here is the evidence:

86,6%

NWU undergraduate pass rate for contact students in 2017
(The national average for 2017 was 82,1%.)

80,3%

NWU undergraduate pass rate for distance students in 2017
(The national average for 2017 was 66,8%.)

25,1%

NWU graduation rate for undergraduate students in 2017
(The national average for 2017 was 20%.)

3rd highest number of students enrolled

In 2017 the NWU was the third-largest university in South Africa based on the total headcount. Of the 62 558 students enrolled here in 2017, a total of 20 793 were distance students.

University of South Africa (only distance students)	334 015
Tshwane University of Technology	63 032
North-West University	62 558
University of Pretoria	50 695
University of Johannesburg	50 447

2nd highest number of graduates

For the total number of degrees and diplomas awarded in 2017, namely 16 004, the NWU rated second in the sector.

University of South Africa	44 842
North-West University	16 004
Tshwane University of Technology	14 754
University of Pretoria	13 273
University of Johannesburg	13 004

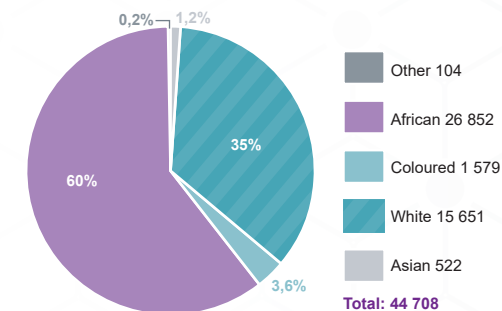
Student statistics as at 31 August *2019

Total student enrolments	2017	2018	2019
First-time entering undergraduates	11 764	12 024	12 754
Undergraduate diplomas	16 457	14 289	17 981
Undergraduate degrees	33 247	35 400	37 663
Total undergraduate	49 704	49 689	55 644
Postgraduate diplomas	1 710	1 834	1 838
Honours	6 177	4 709	6 186
Master's	3 142	3 072	3 026
Doctors	1 597	1 625	1 599
Total postgraduate	12 626	11 240	12 649
Occasional students	228	283	300
TOTAL ENROLMENT	62 558	61 212	68 593

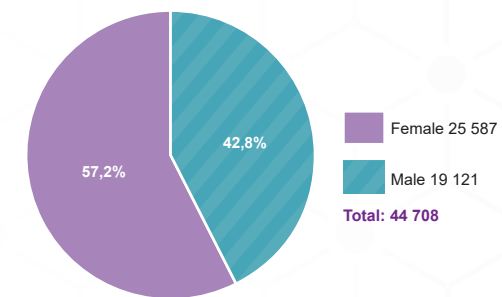
By qualification type: Contact	2017	2018	2019
First-time entering undergraduates	9 615	9 515	9 965
Undergraduate diplomas	1 018	1 068	1 212
Undergraduate degrees	32 130	33 676	34 925
Total undergraduate	33 148	34 744	36 137
Postgraduate diplomas	1 671	1 612	1 388
Honours	2 051	2 157	2 337
Master's	3 126	3 065	3 021
Doctors	1 548	1 592	1 567
Total postgraduates	8 396	8 426	8 313
Occasional students	221	248	258
TOTAL ENROLMENT	41 765	43 418	44 708

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Racial composition of contact students as at 31 August *2019



Gender composition of contact students as at 31 August *2019



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Qualifications awarded in 2018

Undergraduate diplomas	3 683
Undergraduate degrees	6 810
Total undergraduate	10 493
Postgraduate diplomas	1 193
Honours	2 663
Master's	753
Doctors	248
Total postgraduate	4 857
TOTAL	15 350

Qualifications by major field of study in 2018

Field of Study	2018	Percentage
Science, Engineering and Technology	2 792	18,2%
Business/Management	3 330	21,7%
Education	6 496	42,3%
Other humanities	2 730	17,8%