

# GREATNESS WITHOUT BOUNDARIES



NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY  
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This image symbolises the NWU's greatness beyond measure; a greatness that overcomes obstacles and discovers new and exciting pathways. It also symbolises the pursuit of excellence that characterises our past, our present and our future, and is the proud legacy we leave for future generations.

## QUICK STATS 2024|2025

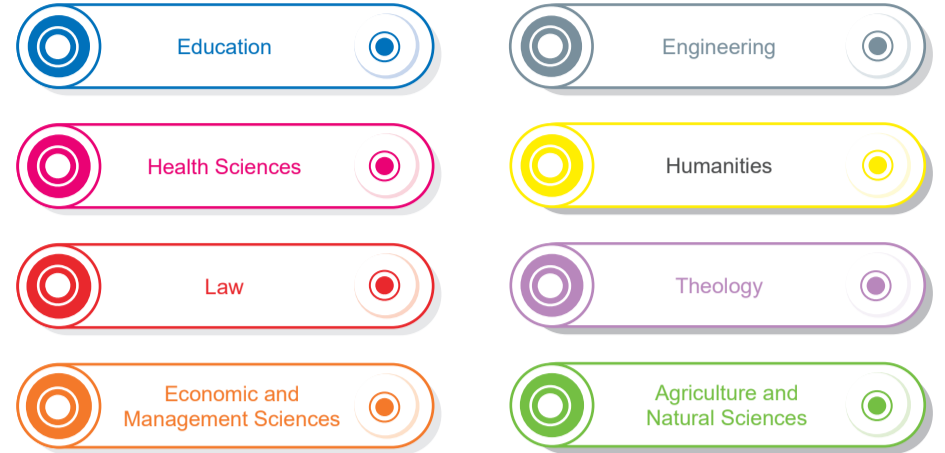
### Our vision

To discover new frontiers and opportunities that benefit society, advancing our relevance and impact

### Our mission

To benefit society through the provision of knowledge, excelling in innovative teaching, cutting-edge research and focused engagement with the community

The NWU has eight faculties:



**Prof Bismark Tyobeka**  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor  
Chief executive and accounting officer, responsible to the NWU Council

### Success rate

**83,78%**

NWU success rate for contact students in 2023

### Graduation rate

**84,33%**

NWU success rate for distance students in 2023

**19,35%**

NWU graduation rate for all students in 2023

### 4th highest number of students enrolled

In 2022, the NWU was the fourth largest university in South Africa based on total headcount. Of the 54 176 students enrolled here in 2022, a total of 8 888 were distance students.

University of South Africa (only distance students)	362 317
Tshwane University of Technology	59 164
University of Pretoria	54 466
<b>North-West University</b>	<b>54 176</b>
University of Johannesburg	51 483

### 3rd highest number of graduates

The NWU rated 3rd in the sector for total number of degrees and diplomas awarded in 2022, which was 13 735.

University of South Africa	54 273
Tshwane University of Technology	15 271
<b>North-West University</b>	<b>13 735</b>
University of Pretoria	13 553
University of Johannesburg	12 128

### Student statistics as at 31 March 2024\*

Total student enrolments	2022	2023	2024*
First-time entering undergraduates	12 618	13 171	13 507
Undergraduate diplomas	6 924	6 209	6 392
Undergraduate degrees	40 234	41 971	43 919
<b>Total undergraduate</b>	<b>47 158</b>	<b>48 180</b>	<b>50 311</b>
Postgraduate diplomas	983	989	1 096
Honours	1 856	1 869	2 007
Master's	2 803	2 751	2 384
Doctors	1 540	1 477	926
<b>Total postgraduate</b>	<b>7 182</b>	<b>7 086</b>	<b>6 413</b>
Occasional students	215	217	234
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENT</b>	<b>54 555</b>	<b>55 483</b>	<b>56 958</b>

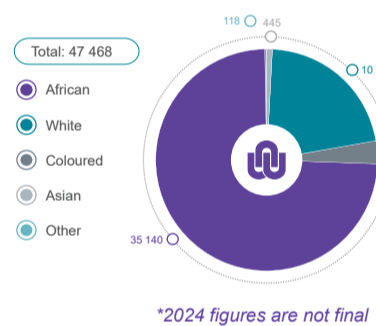
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### By qualification type: Contact

First-time entering undergraduates	11 620	11 691	11 764
Undergraduate diplomas	1 803	1 876	1 804
Undergraduate degrees	36 978	38 389	40 048
<b>Total undergraduate</b>	<b>38 781</b>	<b>40 265</b>	<b>41 852</b>
Postgraduate diplomas	403	374	468
Honours	1 570	1 547	1 636
Master's	2 803	2 751	2 384
Doctorate	1 532	1 472	926
Total postgraduates	6 308	6 144	5 414
Occasional students	183	175	202
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENT</b>	<b>45 272</b>	<b>46 584</b>	<b>47 468</b>

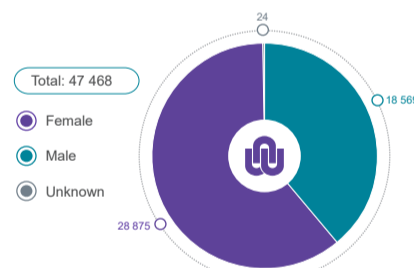
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### Racial composition of contact students as at 31 March 2024\*



\*2024 figures are not final

### Gender composition of contact students as at 31 March 2024\*



\*2024 figures are not final

### Qualifications awarded in 2023\*

Undergraduate diplomas	1 613
Undergraduate degrees	7 708
<b>Total undergraduate</b>	<b>9 321</b>
Postgraduate diplomas	644
Honours	1 362
Master's	750
Doctors	277
<b>Total postgraduate</b>	<b>3 033</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 354</b>

\*2023 figures are not final

### Qualifications awarded by major field of study in 2023\*

Science, engineering and technology	2 553
Business/management	3 353
Education	3 581
Other humanities	2 871

\*2023 figures are not final

### Permanent staff as at 31 March 2024\*

Permanent, professional and non-professional	2022	2023*	2024*
Instruction/research professionals	1 672	1 580	1 585
Executive/management professionals	91	89	87
Support professionals	212	472	496
<b>Total professional staff</b>	<b>2 275</b>	<b>2 141</b>	<b>2 168</b>
Technical staff	253	238	232
Non-professional administrative staff	1 375	1 250	1 276
Crafts/trades staff	25	22	22
Service staff	302	287	278
<b>Total non-professional staff</b>	<b>1 955</b>	<b>1 797</b>	<b>1 808</b>
<b>TOTAL PERMANENT STAFF</b>	<b>4 230</b>	<b>3 934</b>	<b>3 976</b>

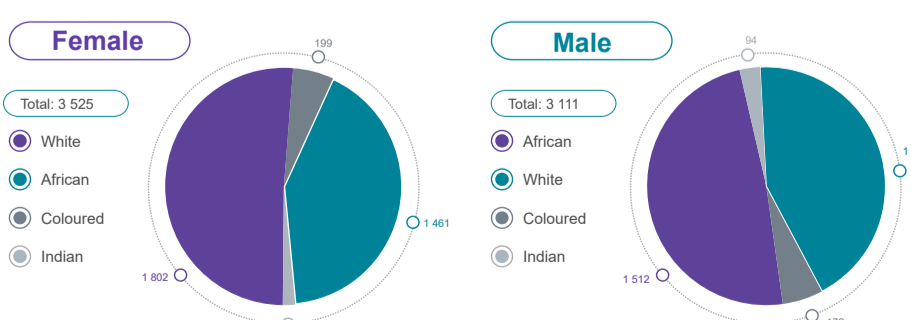
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### University profitability and growth

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	2020	2021	2022	2023
Recurrent income	5 088,8	5 234,9	5 743,9	6 244,3
Recurrent expenditure	3 981,1	3 952,7	4 471,7	5 269,7
Net recurrent surplus	1 107,7	1 282,2	1 272,2	974,6

\*Draft consolidated amounts (audit in progress at the time of writing.)

### Racial and gender composition of NWU staff as at 31 March 2024\*



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### Research scoreboard

Research output	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Journal articles	1 233,18	1 264,2	1 395,67	1 375,81
Conference proceedings	118,75	38,84	79,45	106,81
Books and chapters	189,22	233,43	250,98	304,06
Total article equivalents published	1 541,15	1 536,59	1 726,10	1 786,68
Master's degrees conferred	798	722	698	695
Research master's degrees	574,87	521,84	509,98	519,10
Doctoral degrees conferred	314	251	264	213
Doctoral degrees weighted	942	753	792	639
Postdoctoral fellows	231	215	213	205

\*Please note that the research figures lag two years behind/ \* 2022 data submitted, not yet approved

### NWU in top 4,2% of global universities

The Center for World University Rankings placed the NWU in the top 4,2% of universities in their 2024/2025 edition of the Global 2000 list.

### 269% growth

Total weighted research output units increased from 798 in 2004 to 2 944,78 in 2022

### 341% growth

NRF-rated researchers increased from 73 in 2004 to 322 in 2023

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