



BUSSE 2019 Respondent Characteristics

About This Report

The *Respondent Characteristics* presents overall student demographic information, as well as by gender and first-generation status. The display below highlights important details in the report to keep in mind when interpreting your results.

1. **Item numbers:** Numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your Institutional Report.

2. **Item wording and variable names:** Survey items are in the same order and wording as they appear on the instrument. Variable names are included for easy reference to your data file and codebook.

3. **Response options:** Response options are worded as they appear on the instrument (except where abbreviations are used for formatting purposes).

4. **Count and column percentage (%):** The Count column contains the number of students who selected the corresponding response option. The column percentage is the percentage of students selecting the corresponding response option.



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	Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	All Students		Gender				First-Generation			
				Count	%	Males		Females		Yes		No	
				Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
25	This institution was your:	Instchoice	First choice	1,004	44%	348	44%	655	45%	521	41%	482	48%
			Second choice	775	34%	277	35%	494	34%	428	34%	345	35%
			Third choice	291	13%	91	12%	198	14%	180	14%	110	11%
			Fourth choice	82	4%	34	4%	48	3%	64	5%	18	2%
			Fifth choice or lower	107	5%	36	5%	71	5%	67	5%	40	4%
			Total	2,259	100%	786	100%	1,466	100%	1,260	100%	995	100%
26	Your programme of study was your:	Progchoice	First choice	1,340	59%	490	62%	846	58%	763	60%	574	58%
			Second choice	700	31%	233	30%	465	32%	370	29%	328	33%
			Third choice	224	10%	66	8%	157	11%	129	10%	95	10%
			Total	2,264	100%	789	100%	1,468	100%	1,262	100%	997	100%
27	Indicate your gender.	csex	Male	790	35%					496	39%	292	29%
			Female	1,469	65%					763	61%	704	71%
			Total	2,259	100%					1,259	100%	996	100%



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			All Students		Males		Females		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1 Please indicate the year you matriculated from high school.												
	matriculate	Before 2014	440	8%	153	8%	284	8%	364	9%	71	5%
		2014	268	5%	105	5%	160	5%	213	5%	50	4%
		2015	477	9%	193	10%	281	8%	380	9%	97	7%
		2016	996	18%	372	18%	613	17%	760	18%	231	17%
		2017	1,554	28%	568	28%	973	28%	1,165	28%	373	27%
		2018	1,869	33%	634	31%	1,221	35%	1,319	31%	538	40%
		Total	5,604	100%	2,025	100%	3,532	100%	4,201	100%	1,360	100%
2 From which type of high school did you matriculate? (Mark only one.)												
	htype	Public	4,971	88%	1,852	91%	3,080	86%	3,849	91%	1,082	79%
		Private (independent schools, religious schools, home schools, etc.)	618	11%	168	8%	443	12%	350	8%	266	19%
		Other	71	1%	18	1%	51	1%	42	1%	28	2%
		Total	5,660	100%	2,038	100%	3,574	100%	4,241	100%	1,376	100%
3 What were most of your high school marks? (Mark only one.)												
	hgrades	0-29%	3	0%	1	0%	2	0%	3	0%	0	0%
		30-39%	14	0%	4	0%	9	0%	12	0%	1	0%
		40-49%	91	2%	21	1%	70	2%	78	2%	12	1%
		50-59%	986	17%	333	16%	640	18%	801	19%	174	13%
		60-69%	2,165	38%	829	41%	1,321	37%	1,649	39%	501	36%
		70-79%	1,663	29%	606	30%	1,046	29%	1,223	29%	430	31%
		80-89%	655	12%	217	11%	431	12%	416	10%	235	17%
		90-100%	75	1%	27	1%	48	1%	53	1%	22	2%
		Total	5,652	100%	2,038	100%	3,567	100%	4,235	100%	1,375	100%



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4 What was the main language of instruction at your school? (Mark only one.)													
	hlanginstruc	English	4,207	74%	1,490	73%	2,685	75%	3,218	76%	955	69%	
		Afrikaans	693	12%	238	12%	448	13%	336	8%	355	26%	
		IsiXhosa	43	1%	20	1%	21	1%	35	1%	7	1%	
		IsiZulu	252	4%	108	5%	142	4%	233	5%	17	1%	
		IsiNdebele	4	0%	0	0%	4	0%	4	0%	0	0%	
		North Sotho	23	0%	10	0%	13	0%	20	0%	3	0%	
		Sesotho	252	4%	85	4%	164	5%	238	6%	12	1%	
		Setswana	76	1%	34	2%	42	1%	70	2%	6	0%	
		Tshivenda	25	0%	12	1%	12	0%	17	0%	7	1%	
		SiSwati	42	1%	21	1%	21	1%	37	1%	4	0%	
		Xitsonga	28	0%	15	1%	13	0%	21	0%	7	1%	
		Other	10	0%	5	0%	5	0%	8	0%	2	0%	
		Total	5,655	100%	2,038	100%	3,570	100%	4,237	100%	1,375	100%	
20 Which of the following sources are you using to pay your educational expenses (tuition fees, books, room and board, etc.)?													
Parent/guardian's money	cparfam	Using	2,471	50%	865	48%	1,592	50%	1,530	41%	931	73%	
		Not using	2,280	46%	836	46%	1,430	45%	1,968	53%	298	23%	
		Not sure	233	5%	98	5%	134	4%	190	5%	42	3%	
		Total	4,984	100%	1,799	100%	3,156	100%	3,688	100%	1,271	100%	
My own money	cself	Using	940	20%	365	21%	573	19%	647	18%	288	25%	
		Not using	3,559	75%	1,258	73%	2,277	76%	2,733	77%	810	69%	
		Not sure	263	6%	109	6%	153	5%	186	5%	75	6%	
		Total	4,762	100%	1,732	100%	3,003	100%	3,566	100%	1,173	100%	



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Private sponsor/s (e.g. family contributors)	finprispon	Using	526	11%	217	13%	305	10%	398	11%	128	11%
		Not using	3,897	82%	1,386	80%	2,489	84%	2,913	82%	961	82%
		Not sure	306	6%	122	7%	183	6%	222	6%	83	7%
		Total	4,729	100%	1,725	100%	2,977	100%	3,533	100%	1,172	100%
Employer	finemployer	Using	103	2%	46	3%	57	2%	83	2%	20	2%
		Not using	4,383	93%	1,588	93%	2,768	94%	3,265	93%	1,096	95%
		Not sure	208	4%	78	5%	130	4%	166	5%	41	4%
		Total	4,694	100%	1,712	100%	2,955	100%	3,514	100%	1,157	100%
Non-governmental bursary (e.g. institutional, merit, private company)	finnongov	Using	426	9%	146	8%	278	9%	266	8%	160	14%
		Not using	4,020	85%	1,462	85%	2,534	85%	3,041	86%	957	82%
		Not sure	268	6%	111	6%	156	5%	215	6%	52	4%
		Total	4,714	100%	1,719	100%	2,968	100%	3,522	100%	1,169	100%
Governmental bursary (excluding NSFAS)	fingovbur	Using	680	14%	235	14%	439	15%	557	16%	120	10%
		Not using	3,815	80%	1,384	80%	2,411	80%	2,793	78%	1,003	86%
		Not sure	258	5%	103	6%	155	5%	210	6%	47	4%
		Total	4,753	100%	1,722	100%	3,005	100%	3,560	100%	1,170	100%
NSFAS	finnsfas	Using	3,720	69%	1,322	68%	2,375	70%	3,164	77%	534	43%
		Not using	1,423	27%	522	27%	894	26%	750	18%	667	53%
		Not sure	218	4%	102	5%	115	3%	169	4%	49	4%
		Total	5,361	100%	1,946	100%	3,384	100%	4,083	100%	1,250	100%
Loan (including institutional, banks, or private companies)	cstudio	Using	335	7%	123	7%	211	7%	206	6%	127	11%
		Not using	4,106	87%	1,486	86%	2,597	87%	3,113	88%	972	83%
		Not sure	278	6%	111	6%	165	6%	206	6%	71	6%
		Total	4,719	100%	1,720	100%	2,973	100%	3,525	100%	1,170	100%



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			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
21 What do you expect most of your marks to be at this university during the coming year? (Mark only one.)												
	cgrades	0-29%	3	0%	1	0%	2	0%	2	0%	1	0%
		30-39%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
		40-49%	9	0%	4	0%	5	0%	7	0%	2	0%
		50-59%	177	3%	73	4%	104	3%	126	3%	50	4%
		60-69%	1,217	22%	493	24%	719	20%	854	20%	356	26%
		70-79%	2,610	46%	875	43%	1,715	48%	1,932	46%	665	49%
		80-89%	1,336	24%	450	22%	877	25%	1,076	25%	252	18%
		90-100%	269	5%	132	7%	136	4%	227	5%	41	3%
		Total	5,622	100%	2,028	100%	3,559	100%	4,225	100%	1,367	100%
22 Do you expect to graduate from this university?												
	cintgrad	Yes	5,351	95%	1,920	95%	3,401	96%	4,021	95%	1,301	95%
		No	35	1%	12	1%	22	1%	22	1%	13	1%
		Uncertain	225	4%	92	5%	130	4%	168	4%	57	4%
		Total	5,611	100%	2,024	100%	3,553	100%	4,211	100%	1,371	100%



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23 Thinking about this current academic term, are you registered as a full-time or part-time student?												
	cenrlmen	Full time	5,586	100%	2,020	100%	3,532	100%	4,193	100%	1,365	100%
		Part time	17	0%	3	0%	14	0%	13	0%	4	0%
		Total	5,603	100%	2,023	100%	3,546	100%	4,206	100%	1,369	100%
24 How many of your close friends will attend this university during the coming year?												
	cfriends	None	1,681	30%	563	28%	1,110	31%	1,279	30%	393	29%
		1	832	15%	257	13%	570	16%	628	15%	199	15%
		2	980	17%	323	16%	648	18%	771	18%	201	15%
		3	637	11%	235	12%	396	11%	487	12%	146	11%
		4 or more	1,485	26%	648	32%	833	23%	1,057	25%	426	31%
		Total	5,615	100%	2,026	100%	3,557	100%	4,222	100%	1,365	100%
25 This institution was your:												
	Instchoice	First choice	3,200	57%	1,242	61%	1,940	54%	2,463	58%	723	53%
		Second choice	1,575	28%	533	26%	1,032	29%	1,164	27%	401	29%
		Third choice	523	9%	171	8%	347	10%	380	9%	141	10%
		Fourth choice	136	2%	37	2%	98	3%	83	2%	53	4%
		Fifth choice or lower	209	4%	54	3%	155	4%	150	4%	58	4%
		Total	5,643	100%	2,037	100%	3,572	100%	4,240	100%	1,376	100%
26 Your programme of study was your:												
	Progchoice	First choice	2,774	49%	1,050	52%	1,708	48%	2,012	48%	751	55%
		Second choice	2,089	37%	747	37%	1,330	37%	1,634	39%	444	32%
		Third choice	771	14%	236	12%	529	15%	586	14%	180	13%
		Total	5,634	100%	2,033	100%	3,567	100%	4,232	100%	1,375	100%



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			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
27 Indicate your gender.												
	csex	Male	2,041	36%					1,599	38%	432	31%
		Female	3,582	64%					2,622	62%	941	69%
		Total	5,623	100%					4,221	100%	1,373	100%
28 Are you an international student?												
	cinterna	Yes	270	5%	80	4%	189	5%	202	5%	68	5%
		No	5,319	95%	1,942	96%	3,349	95%	3,999	95%	1,292	95%
		Total	5,589	100%	2,022	100%	3,538	100%	4,201	100%	1,360	100%
29 Indicate your race. (Mark only one.)												
	crace	Black African	4,685	83%	1,720	85%	2,937	82%	3,757	89%	899	66%
		Coloured	265	5%	78	4%	187	5%	188	4%	77	6%
		Indian	42	1%	14	1%	28	1%	24	1%	18	1%
		Asian	5	0%	2	0%	3	0%	3	0%	2	0%
		White	591	11%	198	10%	390	11%	227	5%	364	27%
		Other	39	1%	18	1%	21	1%	29	1%	10	1%
		Total	5,627	100%	2,030	100%	3,566	100%	4,228	100%	1,370	100%
30 First Generational Status												
<i>(neither parent has obtained a B-degree. Recoded from bfamembergradN to bfamembergradO)</i>	FGbac	Not first generation	1,379	25%	432	21%	941	26%				
		First generation	4,249	75%	1,599	79%	2,622	74%				
		Total	5,628	100%	2,031	100%	3,563	100%				
31 Residential Status												
	res_recode	On-campus	1,532	27%	529	26%	995	28%	1,139	27%	386	28%
		Off-campus	4,093	73%	1,502	74%	2,565	72%	3,087	73%	987	72%
		Total	5,625	100%	2,031	100%	3,560	100%	4,226	100%	1,373	100%



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32 Please select the category that best represents your major field of study. (Mark only one.)												
	cfaculty	Business, Commerce, and Management	1,059	19%	447	22%	606	17%	705	17%	352	26%
		Education	1,737	31%	634	31%	1,091	31%	1,532	37%	197	14%
		Human and Social Sciences	1,899	34%	518	26%	1,372	39%	1,362	32%	523	38%
		Science, Engineering, and Technology	885	16%	422	21%	457	13%	594	14%	288	21%
		Total	5,580	100%	2,021	100%	3,526	100%	4,193	100%	1,360	100%
33 Age												
	age_recode	18 years	455	9%	122	7%	331	10%	369	9%	84	7%
		19 years	1,357	26%	409	22%	939	28%	895	23%	458	36%
		20 years	1,172	23%	421	23%	748	23%	866	22%	301	24%
		21 years	784	15%	293	16%	487	15%	578	15%	202	16%
		22 years	499	10%	216	12%	279	8%	406	10%	92	7%
		23 years	344	7%	162	9%	181	5%	282	7%	60	5%
		24 years	200	4%	93	5%	105	3%	170	4%	29	2%
		25 and older	385	7%	140	8%	245	7%	333	9%	47	4%
		Total	5,196	100%	1,856	100%	3,315	100%	3,899	100%	1,273	100%



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34 What will the language of instruction be in the classes you attend? (Mark all that apply.)												
	cclaslang1	English	5,573	88%	1,996	86%	3,542	89%	4,196	88%	1,349	88%
	cclaslang2	Afrikaans	218	3%	90	4%	126	3%	117	2%	101	7%
	cclaslang3	IsiXhosa	40	1%	24	1%	15	0%	35	1%	5	0%
	cclaslang4	IsiZulu	201	3%	89	4%	109	3%	174	4%	26	2%
	cclaslang5	IsiNdebele	4	0%	3	0%	1	0%	2	0%	2	0%
	cclaslang6	North Sotho	12	0%	7	0%	5	0%	8	0%	4	0%
	cclaslang7	Sesotho	225	4%	80	3%	143	4%	197	4%	27	2%
	cclaslang8	Setswana	28	0%	12	1%	16	0%	23	0%	5	0%
	cclaslang9	Tshivenda	8	0%	3	0%	5	0%	5	0%	3	0%
	cclaslang10	SiSwati	17	0%	9	0%	8	0%	13	0%	3	0%
	cclaslang11	Xitsonga	14	0%	6	0%	8	0%	10	0%	4	0%
	cclaslang12	Other	15	0%	5	0%	10	0%	11	0%	4	0%
		Total	6,355	100%	2,324	100%	3,988	100%	4,791	100%	1,533	100%
35 Do you have any disabilities? (Mark all that apply.)												
	dis_none	None	5,178	92%	1,878	92%	3,269	91%	3,913	92%	1,241	90%
	dis_sense	Sensory impairment	181	3%	51	3%	128	4%	130	3%	49	4%
	dis_mobility	Mobility impairment	7	0%	3	0%	4	0%	3	0%	4	0%
	dis_learning	Learning impairment	15	0%	5	0%	10	0%	9	0%	6	0%
	dis_mental	Mental health disorder	34	1%	6	0%	28	1%	18	0%	16	1%
	dis_other	Other disability	29	1%	9	0%	20	1%	17	0%	12	1%
	dis_notansw	Prefer not to answer	207	4%	83	4%	124	3%	156	4%	50	4%
		Total	5,651	100%	2,035	100%	3,583	100%	4,246	100%	1,378	100%



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36 Indicate the province you were living in the year you completed matric. (Mark only one.)	province	Eastern Cape	451	8%	156	8%	288	8%	287	7%	162	12%
		Free State	1,955	35%	698	34%	1,241	35%	1,461	35%	477	35%
		Gauteng	722	13%	236	12%	483	14%	562	13%	156	11%
		KwaZulu-Natal	1,272	23%	470	23%	794	22%	1,065	25%	203	15%
		Limpopo	301	5%	117	6%	182	5%	203	5%	97	7%
		Mpumalanga	323	6%	144	7%	177	5%	240	6%	79	6%
		Northern Cape	205	4%	56	3%	148	4%	136	3%	69	5%
		North West	213	4%	80	4%	133	4%	150	4%	61	4%
		Western Cape	147	3%	57	3%	89	2%	106	3%	41	3%
		Was not living in South Africa	52	1%	18	1%	34	1%	23	1%	29	2%
		Total	5,641	100%	2,032	100%	3,569	100%	4,233	100%	1,374	100%
37 What is your home language or mother tongue? (Mark only one.)	homelang	English	258	5%	90	4%	167	5%	164	4%	92	7%
		Afrikaans	732	13%	234	12%	494	14%	347	8%	385	28%
		IsiXhosa	625	11%	213	11%	402	11%	458	11%	162	12%
		IsiZulu	1,437	26%	549	27%	878	25%	1,224	29%	206	15%
		IsiNdebele	37	1%	12	1%	25	1%	29	1%	8	1%
		North Sotho	213	4%	64	3%	147	4%	166	4%	47	3%
		Sesotho	1,380	25%	512	25%	862	24%	1,149	27%	219	16%
		Setswana	438	8%	146	7%	291	8%	316	8%	120	9%
		Tshivenda	78	1%	27	1%	50	1%	54	1%	23	2%
		SiSwati	181	3%	80	4%	100	3%	150	4%	27	2%
		Xitsonga	165	3%	72	4%	92	3%	117	3%	48	4%
		Other	63	1%	19	1%	44	1%	33	1%	30	2%
		Total	5,607	100%	2,018	100%	3,552	100%	4,207	100%	1,367	100%



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			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
38 On which campus are you enrolled?												
	campus	Campus 1	4,066	73%	1,435	71%	2,601	73%	2,809	67%	1,231	90%
		Campus 2	1,512	27%	568	28%	935	26%	1,379	33%	128	9%
		Campus 3	8	0%	4	0%	4	0%	5	0%	3	0%
		Total	5,586	100%	2,007	100%	3,540	100%	4,193	100%	1,362	100%
39 Please select the faculty that you are registered in.												
	faculty	Faculty 1	796	14%	330	16%	462	13%	551	13%	242	18%
		Faculty 2	1,671	30%	607	30%	1,049	29%	1,474	35%	186	14%
		Faculty 3	375	7%	89	4%	285	8%	163	4%	211	15%
		Faculty 4	401	7%	150	7%	248	7%	274	6%	125	9%
		Faculty 5	811	14%	416	20%	389	11%	550	13%	258	19%
		Faculty 6	1,532	27%	420	21%	1,102	31%	1,174	28%	345	25%
		Faculty 7	53	1%	20	1%	32	1%	46	1%	7	1%
		Total	5,639	100%	2,032	100%	3,567	100%	4,232	100%	1,374	100%
40 When did you start studying at this institution?												
	startstud	2019	2,922	52%	1,058	52%	1,843	52%	2,182	52%	726	53%
		2018	2,008	36%	678	33%	1,318	37%	1,565	37%	428	31%
		2017	504	9%	205	10%	296	8%	343	8%	158	11%
		2016	137	2%	59	3%	76	2%	95	2%	41	3%
		Before 2015	59	1%	26	1%	32	1%	37	1%	22	2%
		Total	5,630	100%	2,026	100%	3,565	100%	4,222	100%	1,375	100%



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41 What is the highest level of education you plan to complete?												
	chighdeg	Certificate	174	3%	62	3%	108	3%	126	3%	47	3%
		Diploma	22	0%	12	1%	10	0%	15	0%	7	1%
		Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.Sc., B.Tech., etc.)	1,554	28%	572	28%	971	27%	1,294	31%	249	18%
		Honours degree	1,110	20%	425	21%	676	19%	835	20%	267	19%
		Master's degree (M.A., M.Sc., M.Tech., etc.)	1,158	21%	427	21%	726	20%	790	19%	361	26%
		Doctoral degree (Ph.D., M.D., D.Tech., etc.)	1,610	29%	533	26%	1,068	30%	1,160	27%	443	32%
		Not enrolled for Degree purposes	16	0%	5	0%	11	0%	14	0%	2	0%
		Total	5,644	100%	2,036	100%	3,570	100%	4,234	100%	1,376	100%