

UNISA FACTS AND FIGURES 2017 -2022

(2022 DATA is provisional and subject to audit process)

1. Enrolments

As can be seen in Table 1 below, Unisa attracts over a million applications per year, and at 345 000 provisional enrolments in 2022, Unisa enrolls over 33% of all public Higher Education enrolments in South Africa.

TABLE 1: UNISA ENROLMENTS BY COLLEGE

College Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Provisional) ¹
ACCOUNTING SCIENCES	37 414	38 653	33 297	36 818	31 287	32 118
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	9 762	11 098	10 032	18 213	14 220	15 256
ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES	66 823	69 753	58 041	78 242	62 890	67 909
EDUCATION	95 266	114 002	106 166	102 573	94 035	93 006
GRADUATE STUDIES	48	156	161	164	44	229
HUMAN SCIENCES	47 936	49 050	46 538	52 343	45 697	51 782
LAW	49 893	55 989	61 763	78 442	74 592	79 780
SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY	21 777	21 886	17 991	19 805	17 360	18 910
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP	1 684	1 381	1 388	1 135	859	974
OCCASIONAL	13 412	12 011	7 420	4 315	2 011	2 251
Unisa Enrolment Total	344 015	373 979	342 797	392 050	342 995	362 215
Sector Enrolment Total	1 036 984	1 085 568	1 074 912	1 094 808	1 068 046	n/a
Unisa as % of Sector Total	33%	34%	32%	36%	32%	

2. Graduations

Unisa's numerical dominance of the sector's enrolments is also replicated in the graduations that are realised. As can be seen in table 2 below, on average Unisa produces over 20% of the sector's graduates (with a high of 27% in 2020).

TABLE 2: UNISA GRADUATIONS

College Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Provisional)
ACCOUNTING SCIENCES	4 199	5 211	4 266	5 940	4 876	3192
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	1 323	1 693	1 537	2 258	2 662	2193
ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES	7 497	8 374	6 752	11 454	10 233	9661
EDUCATION	18 791	26 104	22 190	21 259	12 878	12844
GRADUATE STUDIES	3	5	9	16	30	24
HUMAN SCIENCES	6 817	7 316	6 784	10 399	7 863	6983

¹ Unaudited figures. May still change.

College Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Provisional)
LAW	3 927	5 508	5 302	10 404	10 144	9141
SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY	1 662	1 839	1 523	2 077	1 986	1997
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP	623	583	543	616	328	467
OCCASIONAL	-	-	-	-	1	
Unisa Graduate Total	44 842	56 633	48 906	64 423	51 001	46 502
Sector Graduate Total	210 931	227 188	221 942	237 882	219 200	N/A
Unisa as % of Sector Total	21%	25%	22%	27%	23%	

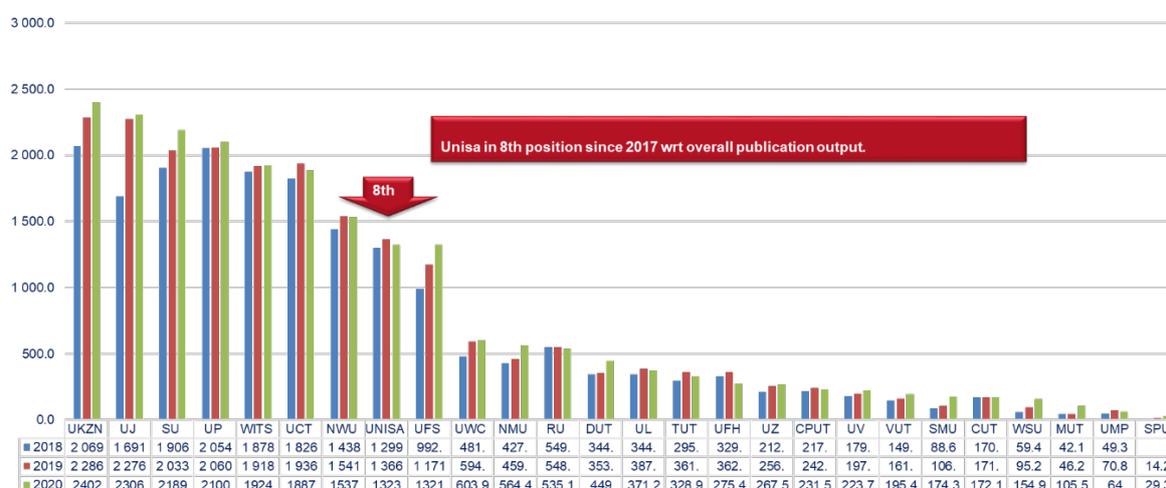
Provisional student graduates for 2022 are 46 502, this is based on provisional data which should be much closer to the 2021 figure once complete.

3. Research

3.1 Sector comparison of overall publication output 2018-2020

Figure 3 below provides sector comparison highlights of overall publication output 2018-2020.

FIGURE 1: SECTOR COMPARISON OF OVERALL PUBLICATION OUTPUT 2018-2020

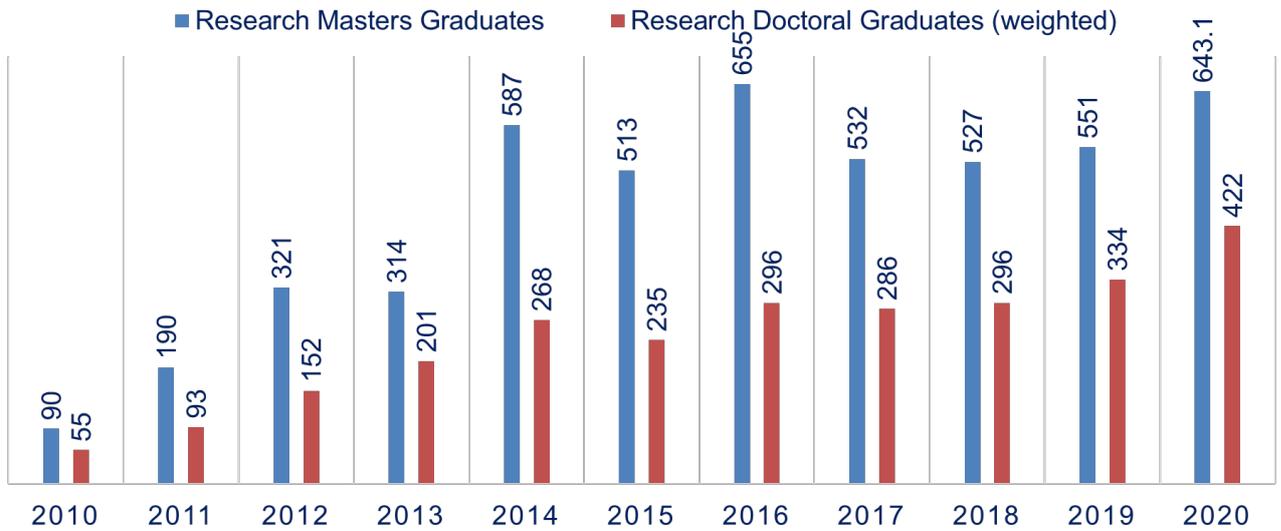


- Unisa retained 8th position with regard to 2020 overall publication output since 2017.
- However, the number of publication outputs were slightly lower for 2020 relative to 2019 (1323,22 vs. 1366,60) but still higher than the 2018 total of 1 299, 27.

3.2 Unisa Research Masters and Doctoral Graduates Trends

Figure 4 below presents productivity trends highlights on Unisa Research Masters and Doctoral Graduates.

FIGURE 2: UNISA RESEARCH MASTERS AND DOCTORAL GRADUATES TRENDS

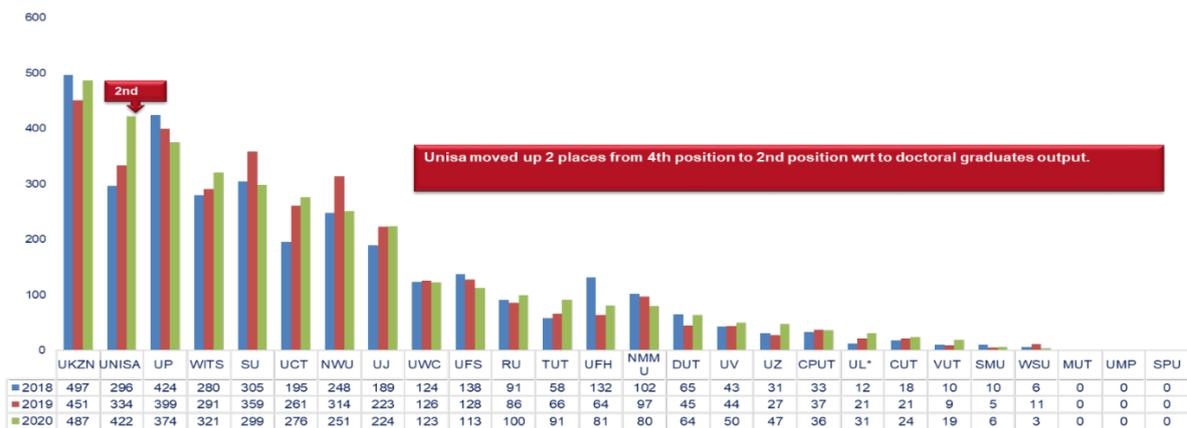


- Looking at the UNISA trends in Research Masters and Doctoral Graduates Outputs, in 2016, Unisa had the largest number of Masters graduates (n=655). Although there was a slight decrease in the subsequent years, a noticeable positive growth is seen particularly in 2020 (n=643).
- In 2019, Unisa recorded the most significant number of PhD graduates (n=551), followed by 2017 with (n=532) graduates and 2020 with (n=422) graduates.

3.3 Sector Comparison of Research Doctoral Graduates 2018-2020

Figure 6 presents the sector comparison highlights of research Doctoral Graduates 2018-2020.

FIGURE 3: SECTOR COMPARISON OF RESEARCH DOCTORAL GRADUATES 2018-2020



- Notably, Unisa moved up two places from 4th position in 2019 (n=334) graduates to 2nd position in 2020 (n=422) doctoral graduates output.
- With regards to sector comparison, Unisa’s ratio of PhD graduates to academics with PHD (2019-2020) was 0,42; this was above the sector average ratio of 0,36.

														2020/21
A1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0,0%
A2		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	-50,0%
B1	3	3	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	1	-66,7%
B2	2	1	2	2	4	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	6	100,0%
B3	7	7	5	6	5	9	12	7	11	12	15	13	13	-13,3%
C1	11	12	10	13	15	20	17	16	19	20	20	20	19	-5,0%
C2	41	39	47	54	56	65	75	67	78	88	95	99	99	4,2%
C3	38	35	29	34	39	43	52	51	67	60	52	51	51	-1,9%
L	4	3	2	2	1									
Y1						2	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	33,3%
Y2	7	9	11	15	24	32	35	34	41	37	37	37	39	5,4%
Total	113	110	109	131	151	182	207	190	231	231	231	231	234	1,3%

- Evidently, B2, C2, Y1 and Y2 increased by 100,0%, 4,2%, 33,3% and 5,4% respectively.

NRF Ratings 2022

Below table 4 provides summary highlights of outcomes of NRF Ratings as of 20th May 2022 (2023 Ratings are pending)

TABLE 3: NRF RATINGS 2022

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Overall	113	110	109	131	151	182	207	190	231	231	231	234	243
% Change		-	-	20,2%	15,3%	20,5%	13,7%	-	21,6%	0,00%	0,00%	1,3%	3,8%
		2,6%	0,9%					8,2%					

- Of the 70 NRF rating applications submitted to the NRF in 2021, 68 new ratings were confirmed by 20th May 2022.

3.9 Times Higher Impact Ranking 2022 results

- The results of the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2022, indicate that Unisa performed well in all five SDGs that the university officially participated in. These are SDG 4 Quality education, SDG 5 Gender equality, SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation, SDG 7 Affordable and clean energy and the compulsory SDG 17 Partnerships for the goals.
- In the 2022 ranking, Unisa achieved an overall score of 68 out of 100 placing the university in the top half globally in the 401-600 band out of 1 406 ranked universities worldwide.
- This performance should be considered against the background that despite an almost doubling of the number of ranked universities from 768 in 2020 to 1 406 in the 2022

ranking, Unisa improved in ranking from the **601+ band** in 2020 to the 401-600 band in 2022 and more importantly from a score in the range of 9,5 - 46,6 in 2020 to a score in the range of 65,0 - 71,9 in 2022.

- Unisa achieved top quartile scores globally for Quality education (67,7, placing Unisa in the top 200 institutions out of 1 180 institutions) and for Gender equality (66,4, placing Unisa in position 95 out of 938 institutions);
- In addition, Unisa achieved top-half scores globally for Partnerships for the goals (62,8, placing Unisa in the 401-600 band out of 1 438 institutions) and for Clean water (50,2, placing Unisa in the 201-300 bands out of 634 institutions); and
- Unisa achieved a score marginally below the global median score for Clean energy (51,1, placing Unisa in the 301-400 band out of 705 institutions).

3.8 IP Disclosure and Patent Applications

Table 5 below provides highlights on IP Disclosure and patent applications from 2013, including 2022.

TABLE 4: IP DISCLOSURE AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

Measure	Year									
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (April)
IP Disclosures	15	16	17	33	21	29	34	22	13	1
Patent Applications filed	1	2	11	12	19	16	24	7	41	11
Patents Granted			1	2	2	5	4	24	18	-
No of Licenses									1	
Licensing income									R 104 k	

- 41 Patent applications were filed in 2021. This figure comprised the following:
 - **Three (3)** new provisional applications,
 - **Six (6)** complete ZA applications
 - **Two (2)** PCT applications,
 - **24** National phase Applications
 - **6** Regional phase Applications (**4 – Europe, 2 – ARIPO**)
- This reflects a 585% growth in the number of applications processed compared to 2020.

3.9 R&I Awards

Unisa won the Zairi International Award for Research Impact. The Forum presented the awards. Over 90 nominations from 31 countries were submitted. The Award is a formal international recognition of outstanding performance for Higher Education institutions

worldwide in specific areas pertinent to research, digital transformation, community engagement, etc. and to those who successfully addressed global educational challenges. This Award is administered annually by the Center for Learning Innovations and Customised Knowledge Solutions (CLICKS) in Dubai.

4. Engaged Scholarship

Unisa is very active in the Community Engagement space with evident outputs in the past five years.

- There were over 100 registered community engagement programmes across various areas, including economic stability, education, environmental sustainability, health, human rights, social matters, and vulnerable groups.
- The number of Community Engagement projects on various focus areas included: Education (73 projects), Unemployment (14 projects), and Human Rights (14 projects).
- Provincial Community Engagement projects: Gauteng (46), Limpopo (17), and KZN (15). Two projects had a global reach.

Some of the notable engaged scholarship successes for 2021 are highlighted below:

- Division: Community Engagement and Outreach (DCEO) provided Unisa's colleges with a 2021 Unisa CE guideline for Covid 19.
- The DCEO provided Capacity building sessions for enhancing academic skills in developing online learning communities.
- Supporting Communities at the Frontline: The DCEO hosted a special Social Justice evening programme, and it addressed how communities can support social justice by remaining alert to abuses of power, systemic and structural inequalities, and uneven access to the economy, health care, quality education etc.
- Unisa Signing of Social Contract with the City of Tshwane to end street homelessness - 23 April 2021.
- Inside outside project and CHS Computer Literacy project in KZN and Mpumalanga showcased.
- SBL Partnered with SMILE Radio Station in a Walkathon 66km event from Port St Johns to Coffee Bay to raise funds for SBL's CE Flagship Project in the Eastern Cape; Interviews have also been scheduled with SABC 3.
- Discovery Bank donated R60,000 to the CE project conducted by SBL.

5. Financial Standing

Based on provisional unaudited data, the University is financially sound for the foreseeable future. Against a projected R11.2 billion income sheet, we had expenses of just under R8.8 billion, which reflects a projected surplus of R2.3 billion. The institution projects reserve of R15 billion. This summary coupled with clean audits does point to a financially sound institution.