

# Key facts about the University of Waikato (Waikato)

Waikato was founded in 1964 and is the second smallest New Zealand university by EFTS and has the highest proportion of Māori EFTS. Waikato has recently revised its areas of distinction to include civil and environmental engineering, freshwater, health and sports science.

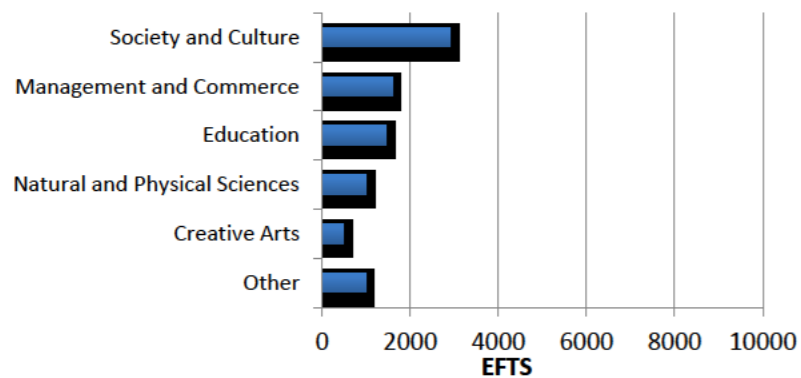
2015 Total Equivalent Full-Time Students (EFTS) = 10,018  
2015 Total Student Achievement Component (SAC) EFTS = 8,451  
2015 SAC delivery compared to allocation = 99.8%

	2012 actual	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 actual	2015 subsector average	2015 actual to subsector average
Undergraduate SAC EFTS	82.9%	79.5%	78.4%	78.6%	75.9%	2.7%
Postgraduate SAC EFTS	17.1%	20.5%	21.6%	21.4%	24.1%	-2.7%
Total SAC EFTS	8,776	8,726	8,473	8,451		
International full-fee paying EFTS	14.1%	13.9%	14.1%	15.3%	11.5%	3.8%
Total EFTS	10,370	10,157	9,904	10,018		
% difference between EFTS delivery and allocated EFTS	2.6%	-0.9%	-0.5%	2.1%		

- Total domestic EFTS have decreased since 2010 to just under 8,500 EFTS.
- Māori student participation rates are the highest in the subsector with 22 percent of Waikato's total EFTS being Māori compared to the subsector average of 10.5 percent in 2015.

Priority group participation rates	2012 actual	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 actual	2015 subsector average	2015 actual to 2012 actual	2015 actual to subsector average
Māori (Level 4+)	21.8%	21.4%	22.0%	22.1%	10.5%	0.2%	11.5%
Pasifika (Level 4+)	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	6.7%	7.7%	1.2%	-1.0%
Under 25 (Level 4+)	67.0%	68.6%	68.9%	70.5%	75.3%	3.4%	-4.8%

EFTS delivery in top 5 subjects by Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) broad field (2015)



Waikato has a proportionately higher share of SAC delivery in Education and in Society and Culture compared to those fields' share as a total of subsector delivery.

## Educational Performance

	2012 actual	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 actual	2015 subsector average	2015 actual to 2012 actual	2015 actual to subsector average
All students							
Course completion	86.4%	85.2%	84.7%	84.3%	86.2%	-2.0%	-1.8%
Qualification completion (cohort)				67%	62%	n/a	n/a
First-year retention (cohort)				74%	76%	n/a	n/a
Māori students (Level 4+)							
Course completion	81.4%	80.2%	78.9%	78.3%	80.3%	-3.1%	-2.0%
Pasifika students (Level 4+)							
Course completion	71.1%	65.1%	69.4%	67.1%	71.4%	-4.0%	-4.4%

- Waikato's course completion educational performance indicators (EPIs) for all students and Māori has steadily decreased from 2012 to 2015. However Pasifika course completions have fluctuated and are below the 2012 actual. Waikato's performance in 2015 decreased across all course completion metrics.
- Waikato's cohort qualification completion exceeds the university subsector average, however its cohort first year retention is below the university subsector average.

## Research Performance

- Ranked fifth in the 2012 PBRF Quality Evaluation with an AQS(N) score of 4.53. Its AQS(N) score is essentially unchanged compared to 2006. The highest AQS(N) score by a university was 5.51.
- Waikato's PBRF funding allocation for 2013 reduced compared to previous years. This did not reflect a drop in research quality - rather, it means that Waikato's PBRF performance improved less in relative terms when compared to other providers.
- PBRF indicative allocated funding for 2017 is \$15.7 million (5.3% of all PBRF funding).
- By subject in the 2012 PBRF evaluation, Waikato ranked second in economics; education; marketing and tourism; and music.

## Financial Performance

(\$ million)	2008	2013	2014	2015	2008-2015 change (percentage point or \$)
Total revenue	188.5	228.9	229.5	241.8	53.3
Total Government funding	86.6	101.6	99.8	101.8	15.2
Net surplus/deficit (after unusual items)	-1.7	9.7	11.6	9.5	11.2
Net surplus/deficit as % of total revenue	-0.9%	4.2%	5.0%	3.9%	4.8%
Total assets	355.5	423	457.5	473.9	118.4
Net cashflow from operations	23.3	24.2	39.6	36.5	13.2
Cashflow from operations (%)	113.2%	112.0%	120.2%	117.3%	4.1%

Revenue source as a % of total revenue	2008	2015	2015 subsector average
Government income (including PBRF)	45.9%	42.1%	41.9%
Domestic tuition fees	17.8%	19.3%	17.9%
International tuition fees	12.5%	12.5%	10.1%
Other	23.8%	26.1%	30.1%

Audited figures

## Funding

(\$ million)	2010	2015	2016	2017	2010-2017 % change
Total TEC funding allocation	86.2	88.1	88.5	89.4	3.7%
SAC funding	65.1	71.1	71.7	72.6	11.5%
PBRF funding	15.5	15.9	15.8	15.8	1.9%

- Waikato successfully delivered 36 more undergraduate EFTS for Priority Engineering in 2015 compared to 2014.

## World Rankings

Waikato has typically been in the lower band of New Zealand universities featured in the Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) world university rankings.

	2010 (2010/11 THES)	2013 (2013/14 THES)	2014	2015	2016	2015-2016 change
THES ranking	401+	301-350	351-400	401-500	401-500	n/a
QS ranking	316=	405=	405	338=	324	up 14

## TEC-funded initiatives

- Waikato hosts the National Centre for Adult Literacy and Numeracy, which focuses on embedding literacy and numeracy in the tertiary sector.
- Waikato has partnered with the University of Auckland to host an ICT Graduate School based in Auckland, with satellite locations in Hamilton and Tauranga.

## Current Issues

- Waikato is a key stakeholder in the Bay of Plenty Tertiary Education Partnership (the Partnership) involving Waikato, Waiariki Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, and Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī which collaborates to enhance tertiary provision in the region.
- Waikato is recruiting additional students from the greater Waikato region through its 'Pathways to Excellence' programme, which offers eligible students scholarships and subsidised travel.
- In late 2016 Waikato and the Waikato District Health Board proposed establishing a third Medical School in the Waikato region. The proposal is for a 4-year graduate entry programme focussed on encouraging more students to train as General Practitioner's for rural practice, and also aims to encourage more Māori into medical studies. The proposal is still in its early stages.

## Key University and TEC personnel

- Chancellor: Rt Hon Jim Bolger
- Vice-Chancellor: Professor Neil Quigley