PPS 2022/23 STUDENT CONFIDENCE INDEX

SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

CURRENT YEAR OF STUDY

4%	32%	27%	22%	8%	3%	3%
1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	6th Year	7th Year

GENDER 30% MALE 69% FEMALE 1% NON-BINARY

UNIVERSITY — PUBLIC 97% — PRIVATE 3%

ETHNICITY
- AFRICAN/BLACK — 61%
- WHITE — 28%
- INDIAN — 6%
- COLOURED — 5%
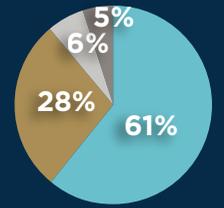
ECONOMY

*WORRYING FACTORS ABOUT LIVING IN SA

- 78% Corruption/Crime
- 66% Failing infrastructure
- 65% Unemployment
- 52% Cost of living/poverty/economy
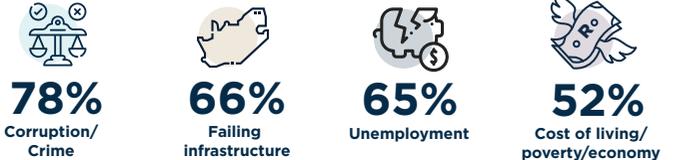
STUDENTS VIEW ON FUTURE OF SA ECONOMY

- 10% It will grow
- 24% It will stagnate
- 54% It will decline
- 12% I don't know

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- I'M LEAVING — I'M STAYING — NOT SURE
- 90% | 2% | 8%

*REASONS FOR MOVING ABROAD STUDENT (N=987)
- 92% Lack of local opportunities
- 65% Gain experience
- 36% No faith in SA

*KEEN TO RETURN HOME STUDENT (N=987)
- 67% YES | 9% NO | 24% MAYBE

*REASONS FOR RETURNING HOME STUDENT (N=660)
- 94% Love South Africa, To be closer to my family
- 71% Professional growth
- 30%

*Multiple response question

SECURING FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 3-6 MONTHS OF COMPLETION

47% REASONS FOR FEELING CONFIDENT (N=330)
- Already have job prospects 63%
- Have the right qualification 26%

53% REASONS FOR FEELING LESS CONFIDENT (N=372)
- Unemployment rate (youth) 88%
- Disadvantaged 56%

*NEXT STEPS ONCE DEGREE IS COMPLETE

- 66% Study further
- 64% Look for full time employment
- 16% Start my own business
- 15% Grow my side hustle

Ideal sectors for full time employment
- 26% Public sector
- 45% Corporate companies
- 17% Academia
- 12% SME

ENTREPRENEURSHIP – A VIABLE OPTION

- 75% YES | 3% NO | 22% NOT CERTAIN

*BIGGEST CHALLENGES

- 85% Lack of funding
- 82% Mental Health
- 61% Balancing studies, personal life, part-time work

JUGGLE STUDIES WITH SIDE HUSTLES

- 30% YES | 70% NO

High cost of living drives young people to start side hustles

TYPES OF HUSTLES

Retail · Blogging · Hairstyling · Buying/selling · Auto detailing · Crochet

MENTAL HEALTH

- 63% Very often experience emotional problems
- 51% Rated average, somewhat poor and poor overall Mental health

"A lot of people are not optimistic, and I feel as if at times that can be so discouraging. I don't feel as though we should be in university still stressing about if we are going to have an opportunity or if this opportunity will take you far, if we are going to get a job."

EDUCATION

TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY
- 23% Fully prepared
- 77% Under prepared

*LARGEST SOURCE OF FUNDING
- 77% Scholarships/bursary
- 29% Parents/family
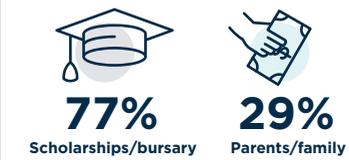
SA UNIVERSITIES GIVE COMPETITIVE EDGE IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET
- 54% YES
- 46% NO

*PRESIDENT FOR A DAY
- 64% Fight corruption
- 70% Create jobs
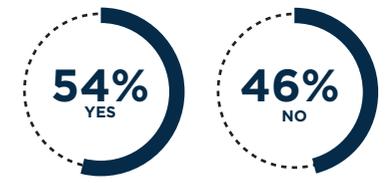
*WHAT THEY WOULD DO WITH R50 000
- 55% Save/invest
- 50% Education
- 35% Invest/start a business
- 12% Pay off debt
- 17% Personal purchases

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