



**Social Workers  
Registration Board**  
Kāhui Whakamana Tauwhiro

## Social Work Education Providers: Annual Report 2017

This annual report provides a high level overview of the SWRB recognised education programmes for the academic year 2017.

The data is based on an annual return submitted by programme providers each year to the SWRB. In some cases the data returns contained slight errors, evident when the totals for particular variables such as gender and age do not sum to the total enrolments figure. Please also note that the return from the University of Otago was based on the final two years of their Bachelor of Social Work programme since the first two years are considered to be "pre-professional" years.

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Total Enrolments 2017

**3310**

Total Full-time students

**2497**

Total Part-time students

**813**

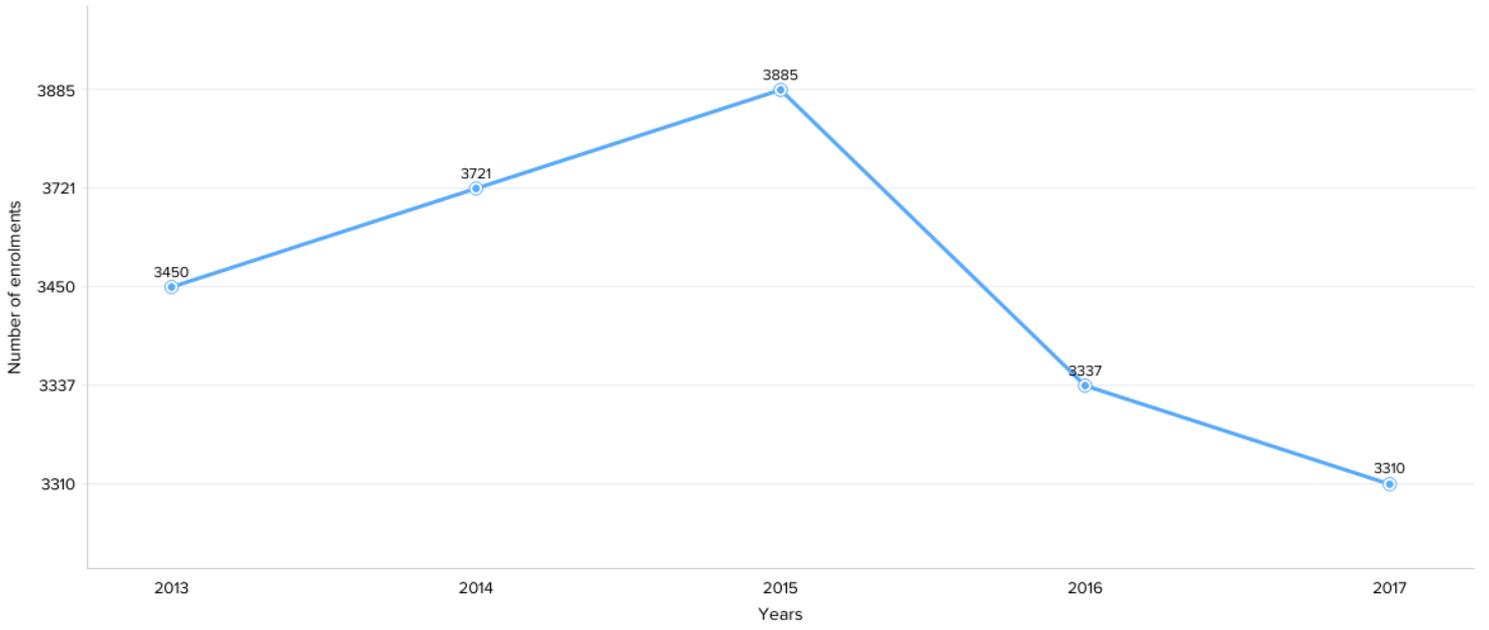
Total UG Students

**3036**

Total PG Students

**274**

## Social Work Programme Enrolment Trend: 2013-2017



## Student Enrolments

In 2017 there were 3,310 students reported to be enrolled in SWRB recognised social work programmes. This was down by 575, or 15% lower than the recent high point for enrolments in 2015. As in previous years, the majority of 2017 students were female (84%), under 30 (47%) and studying full-time (75%) in undergraduate programmes (92%).

In terms of student ethnic identity 45% of students identified as European, 30% as Māori, 17% as Pacific peoples, 5% as Asian and 4% as other. It is important to note that, following the practice of Stats NZ, students are permitted to select up to three different ethnic identities so the numbers do not represent individual students. The proportion of social work students identifying as Māori and Pacific peoples is twice the proportion of people so identifying in the general population (based on the 2013 census: Māori 15% and Pacific peoples 7%).

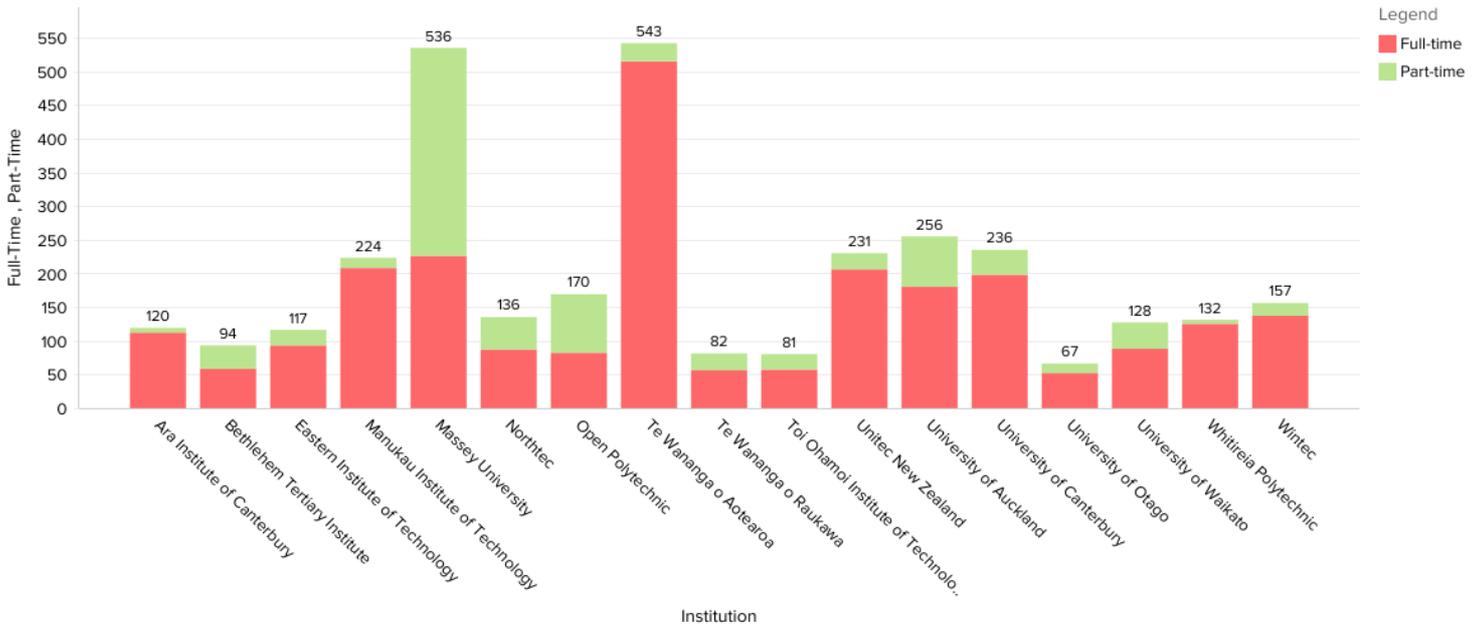
In 2017, 691 students (or 21% of total enrolments) were eligible to graduate. In some programmes the numbers eligible to graduate are low because of the transition from a three-year to a four-year programme, the transition should be complete by 2018.

Te Wananga o Aotearoa reported the highest overall number of enrolments with 543 students (or 16% of total enrolments) closely followed by Massey University with 536 enrolments (also 16% of the total). Both Te Wananga o Aotearoa and Massey University reported more than twice the number of enrolments of any other provider. Auckland University came in third place with 256 (or 8%) of reported enrolments.

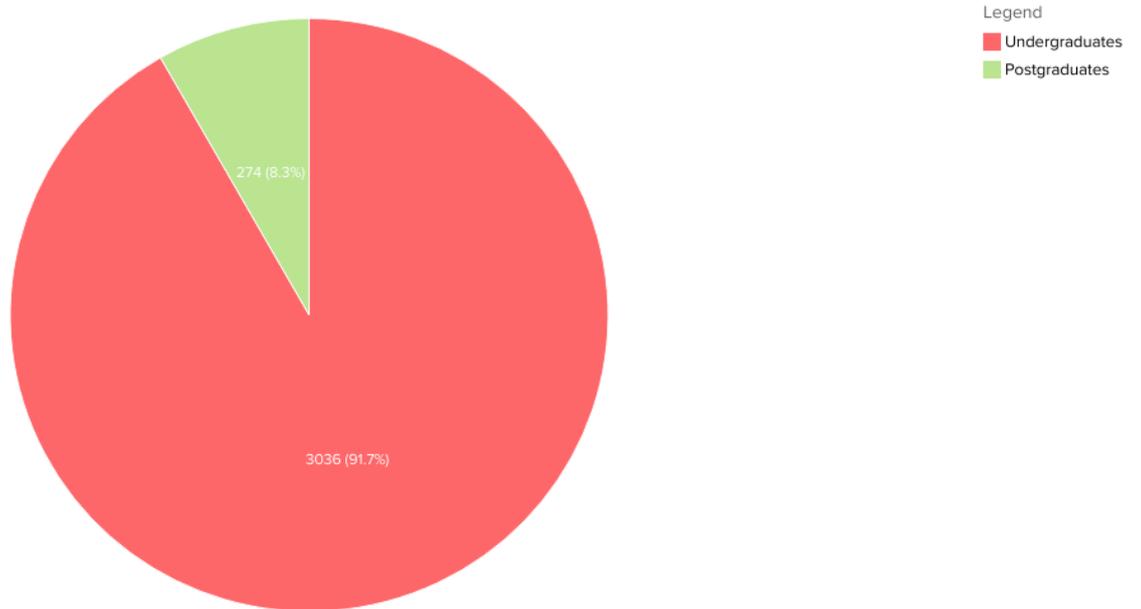
Two factors distinguish the student enrolments at Te Wananga o Aotearoa from Massey University. Firstly, Massey University has the highest number of part-time student enrolments forming 58% (n=309) of total Massey enrolments, and 38% of all part-time social work students in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Conversely, full-time students form 95% (n=516) of the student population at Te Wananga o Aotearoa, and account for 21% of all full-time social work students. In fact, Te Wananga o Aotearoa has more than twice the number of full-time students than any other provider including Massey University.

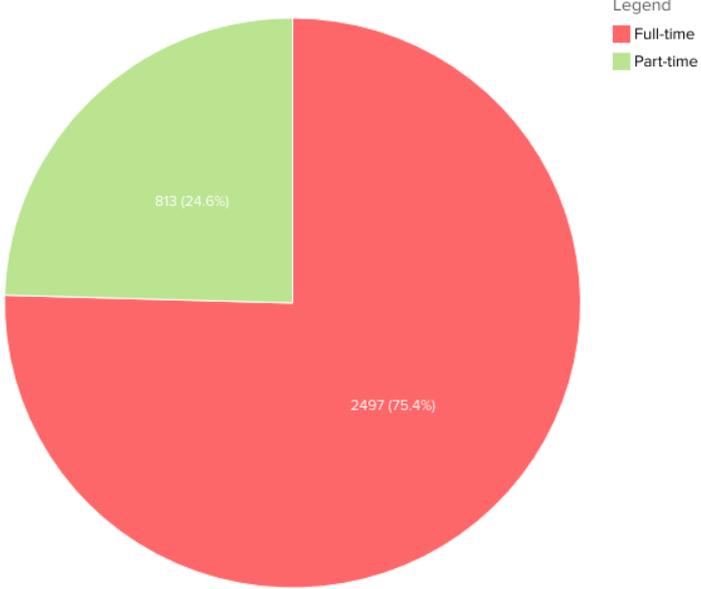
## Enrolments by Institution (FT & PT) 2017



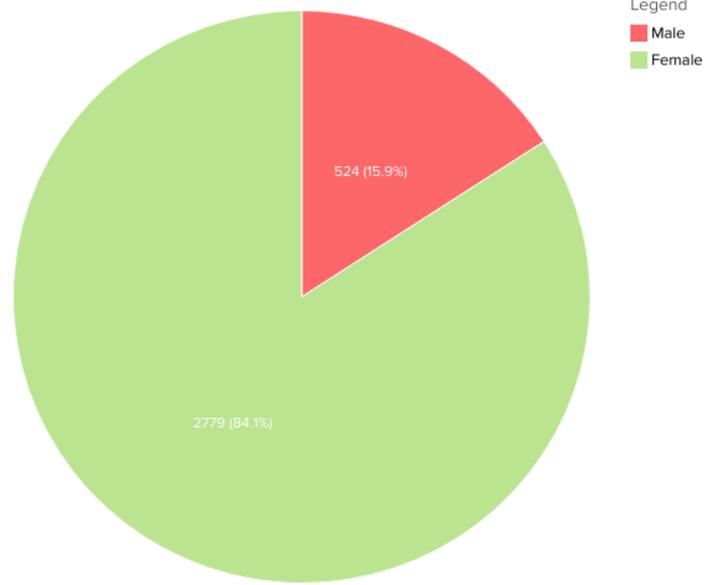
## Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student Numbers 2017



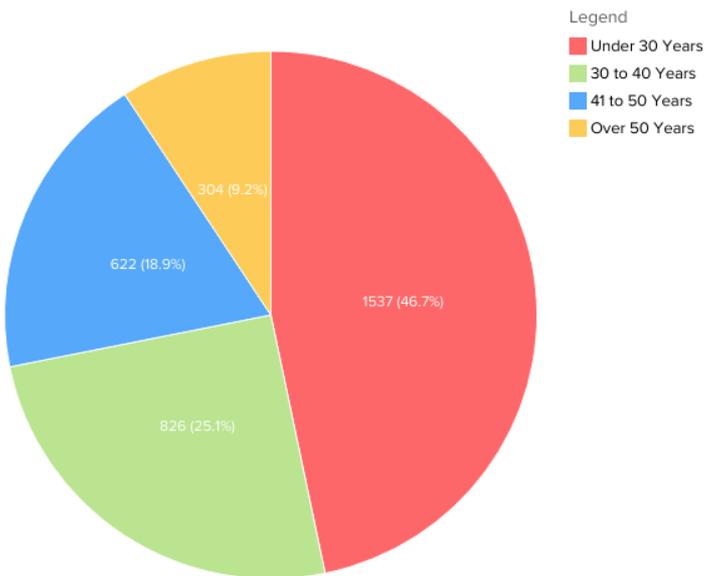
## Full-Time & Part-Time Student Numbers 2017



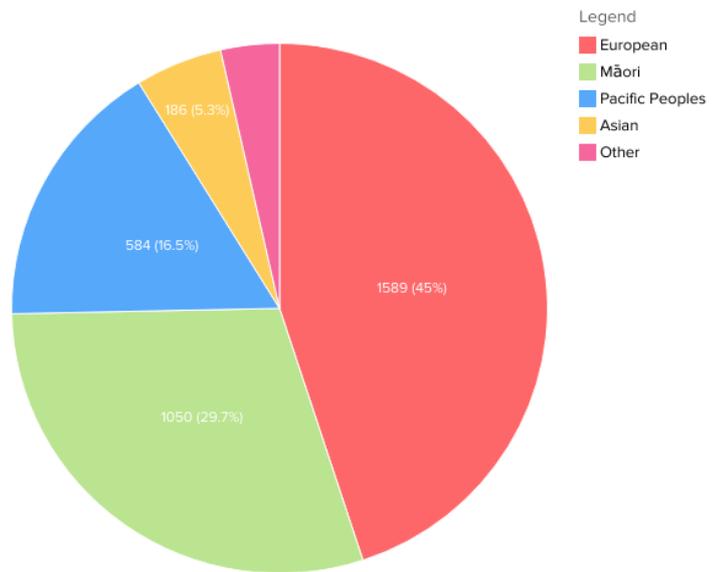
## Student Gender 2017



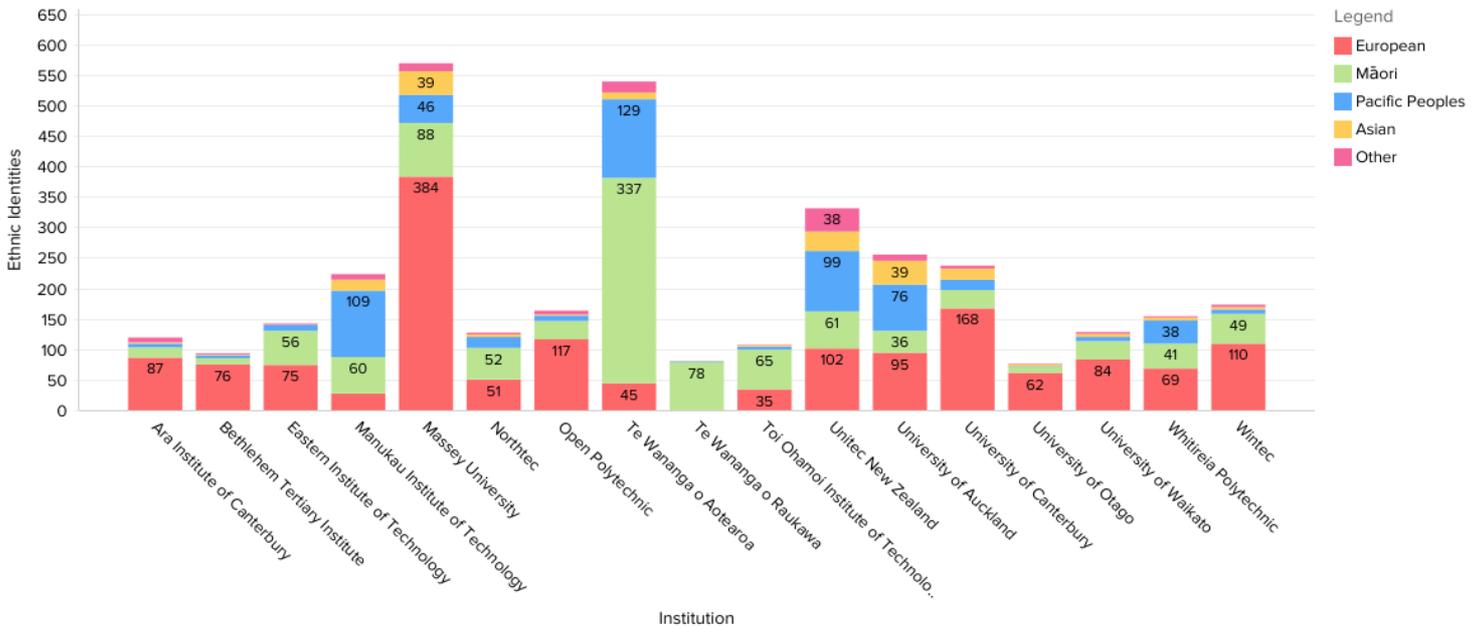
## Student Age Range 2017



## Student Ethnic Identity 2017



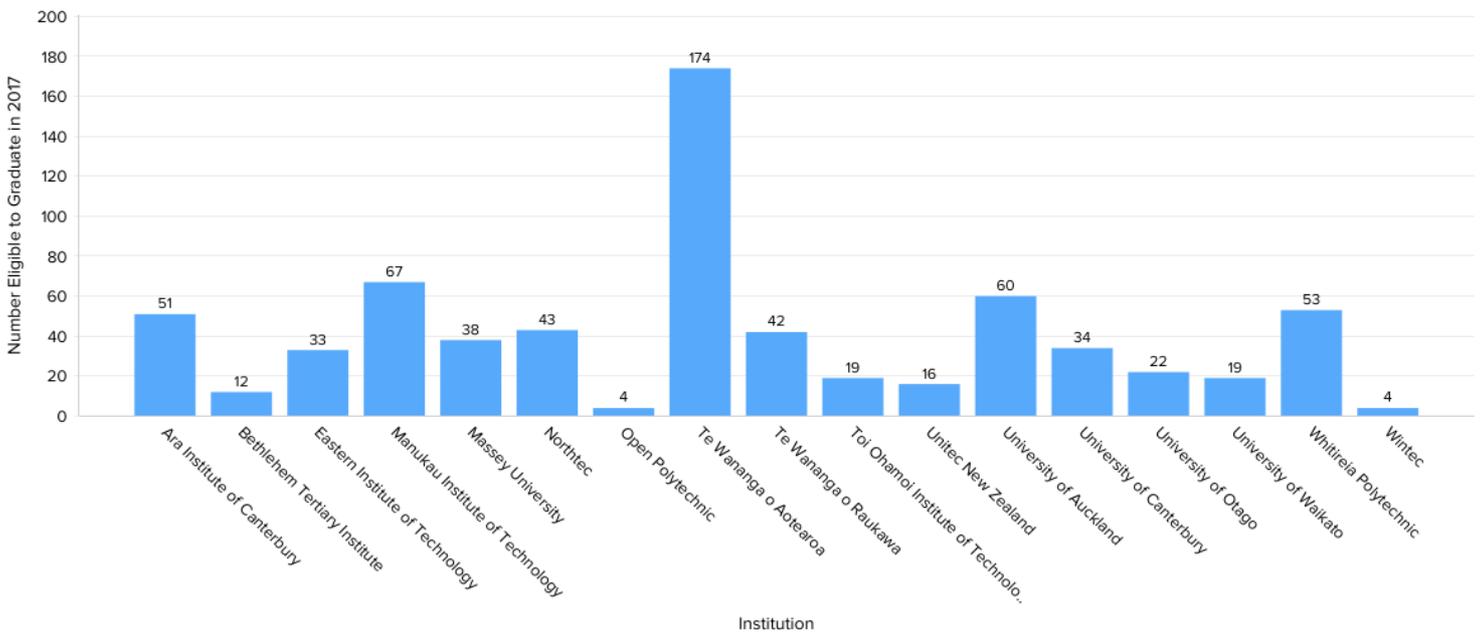
## Student Ethnic Identity by Institution 2017



Total Eligible to Graduate in 2017

691

## Students Eligible to Graduate in 2017



Total Students in Placement 2017

1272

## Placement Information

In 2017 a total of 1,272 students were on placement: 388 fewer than in 2016; and 504, or 28%

less, than in 2015.

## **Government and NGO placement settings**

Almost three quarters of all placements (70%) were with non-government agencies, and only 30% with government agencies. The proportion of placements in government and non-government agencies in 2017 varied between institutions with four institutions providing over 90% of placements in NGOs (NorthTec, Wintec, Unitec and Te Wananga o Raukawa) and three institutions providing between 50% and 60% of placements in government agency settings (EIT, University of Auckland and the University of Canterbury). One hundred and twenty six (or 15%) of the NGO placements were in Māori/Iwi agency settings.

## **Type of government settings**

Of the government agencies providing placements 40% (n=144) were with District Health Boards, and 40% (n=142) with Oranga Tamariki. Corrections provided 12% of placements (n=42), local and regional government just 4 (1%) and 27 (7%) were in other government agency settings. The other government settings included schools, Police and the Ministry of Education.

## **Placement locations**

Placements were located across Aotearoa but the top five locations were Auckland (34%), Northland (12%), Canterbury (10%), Wellington (9%) and Waikato (8%).

## **Placement supervisors**

### ***Government agencies***

Since the overall number of government agency primary supervisors reported (n=471) does not concur with the number of government agency placements reported (n=358) this data should be interpreted with care.

In 2017 providers reported using 471 government agency primary supervisors (11 more than in 2016) and 78 secondary supervisors (82 fewer than in 2016). Overall, providers reported that 90% of primary supervisors were RSWs (the same proportion as in 2016).

Providers reported using 78 government agency secondary supervisors in 2017, 82 fewer than in 2017. Overall, providers reported that 94% of secondary supervisors were RSWs (19% higher than in 2016).

### ***Non-government agencies***

Since the overall number of non-government agency primary supervisors reported (n=869) does not concur with the number of non-government agency placements reported (n=830) this data should be interpreted with care.

In 2017 providers reported using 869 non-government agency primary supervisors (111 fewer than in 2016). Overall, 77% of NGO primary supervisors were reported to be RSWs (1% higher than in 2016).

Providers reported using 193 non-government agency secondary supervisors in 2017, 115 fewer than in 2017. Overall, providers reported that 85% of secondary supervisors were RSWs (22% higher than in 2016).

## **Placement non-completion or fail grade**

### ***Non-completion of a placement***

In 2017, fifty-one students failed to complete their placement for a number of different reasons (this is 49% higher than the 2016 number). The primary reasons offered for placement non-completion were:

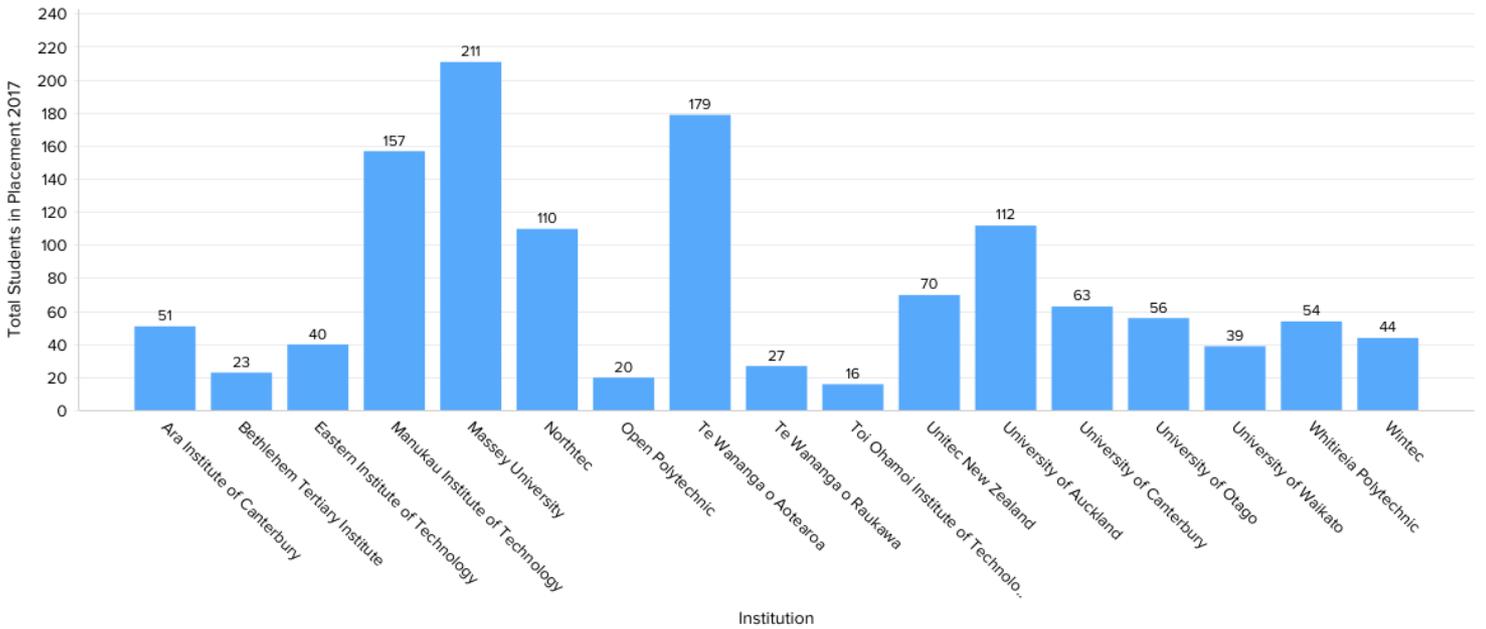
- Placement delayed due to problems confirming host agency
- Incomplete work
- Personal circumstances
- Inappropriate behaviour
- Poor performance
- Withdrew from programme
- Health issues
- Conflict between student and supervisor
- Placement not meeting student needs
- Placement agency withdrew offer
- Maternity leave

### ***Placement fail grade***

In 2017, twenty-two students received a fail grade for their placement (three fewer than in 2016). The primary reasons offered for placement fail grades were:

- Incomplete work
- Failed to meet professional and/or ethical practice standards
- Personal circumstances
- Absent from placement
- Conflict between student and supervisor
- Health issues
- Failed academic assessment task
- Significant performance issues

## Number of Students on Placement in 2017



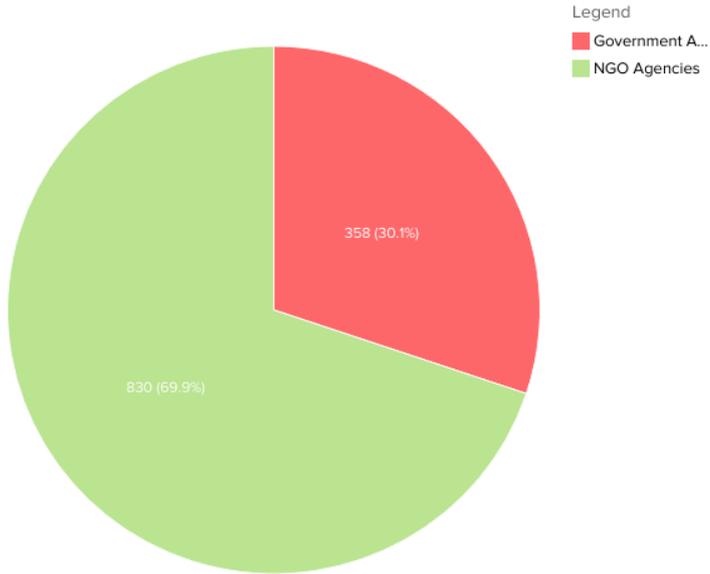
## Where Institutions Placed Students 2017

Where Institutions Report Placing Students

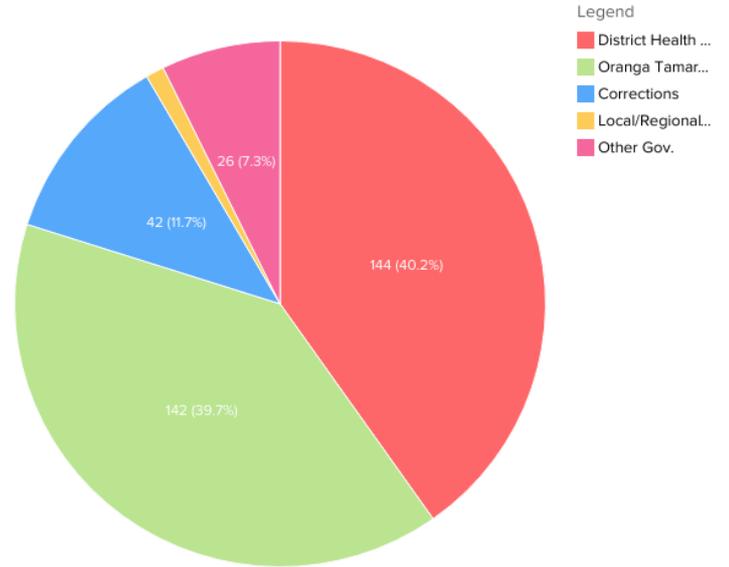
Institution	Northernland	Auckland	Waikato	Bay of Plenty	Gisborne	Hawke's Bay	Taranaki	Manawatu-Wanganui	Wellington	Tasman	Nelson	Marlborough	West Coast	Canterbury	Otago	Southland	Chatham Islands	Overseas
Ara Institute of Canterbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	46	1	0	0	0
Bethlehem Tertiary Institute	1	2	3	8	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Eastern Institute of Technology	0	0	0	0	14	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manukau Institute of Technology	21	133	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massey University	5	78	12	9	3	6	10	41	31	0	2	2	4	6	2	1	0	1
Northtec	109	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Polytechnic	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	6	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0

Te Wana nga o Aotea roa	0	0	44	2	18	3	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Te Wana nga o Rauk awa	7	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toi Oha moi Instit ute of Tech nolog y	0	0	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unite c New Zeala nd	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unive rsity of Auckl and	0	107	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unive rsity of Cant erbur y	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	53	2	0	0	1
Unive rsity of Otag o	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	43	3	0	0
Unive rsity of Waik ato	1	0	2	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitir eia Polyt echni c	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winte c	0	0	22	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gran d Summary :</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

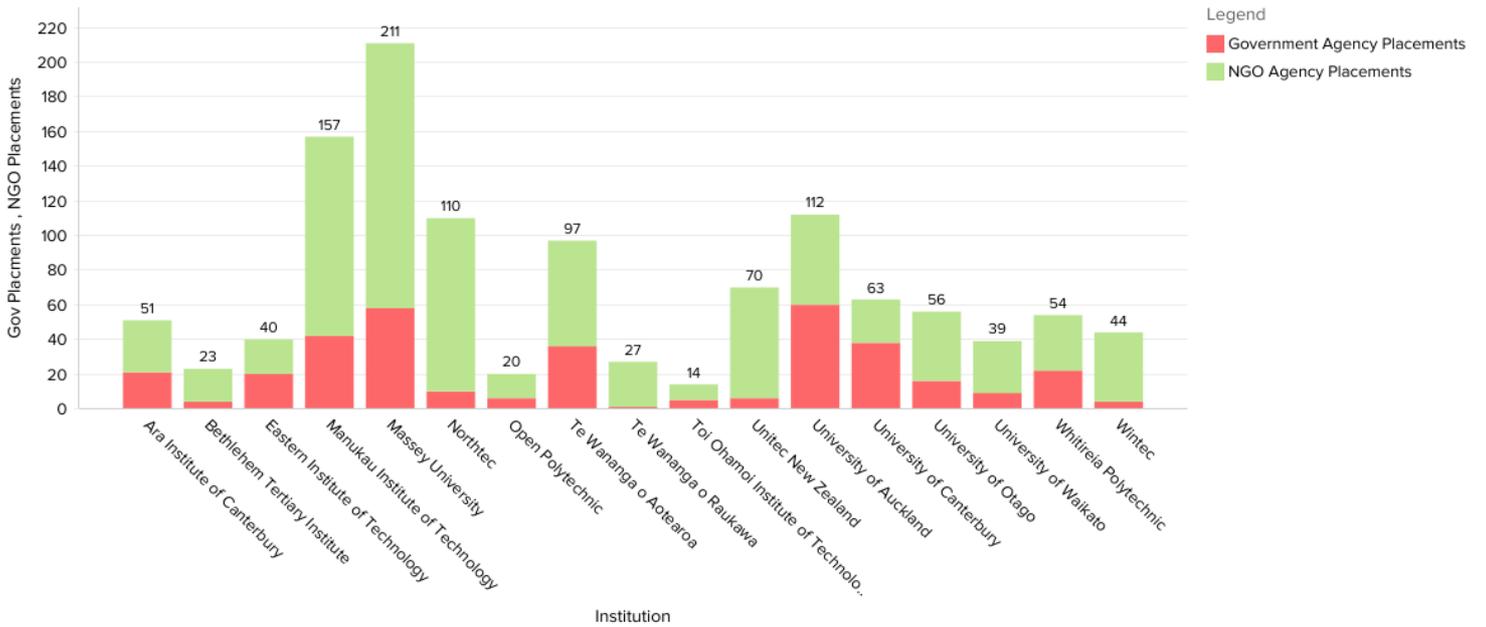
## Government & NGO Placements 2017



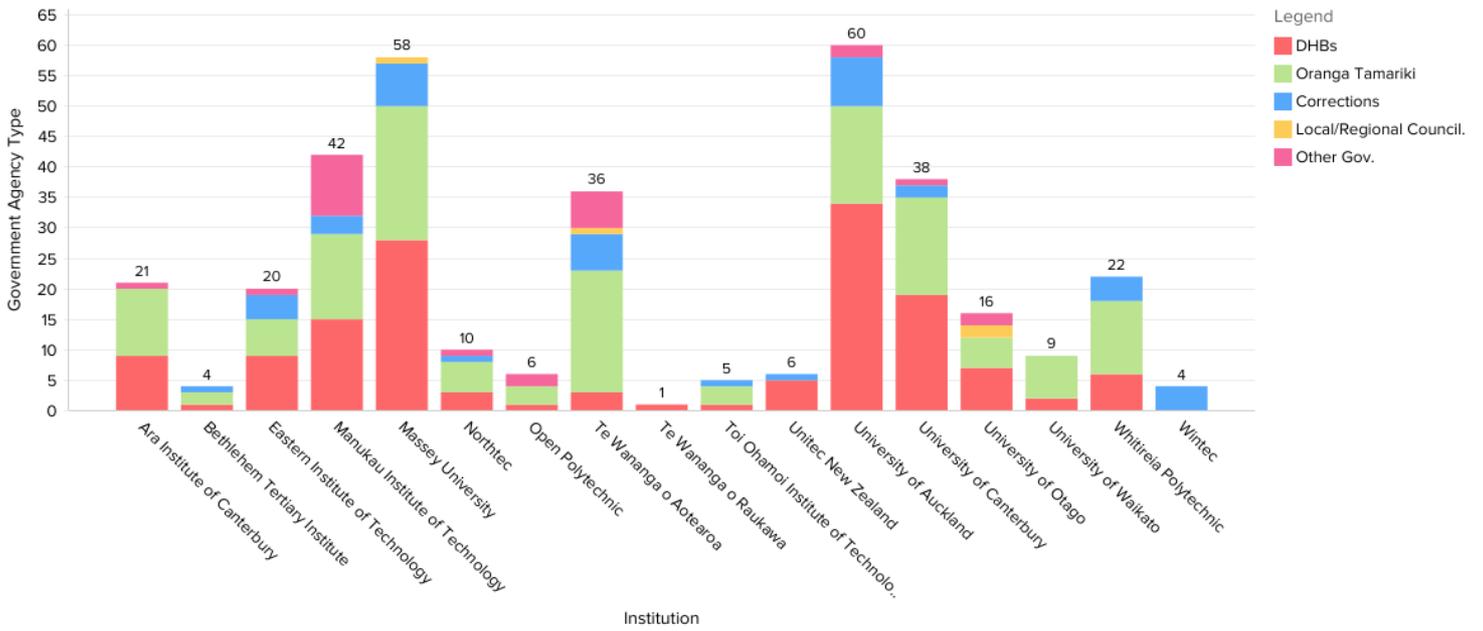
## Government Placement Agencies 2017



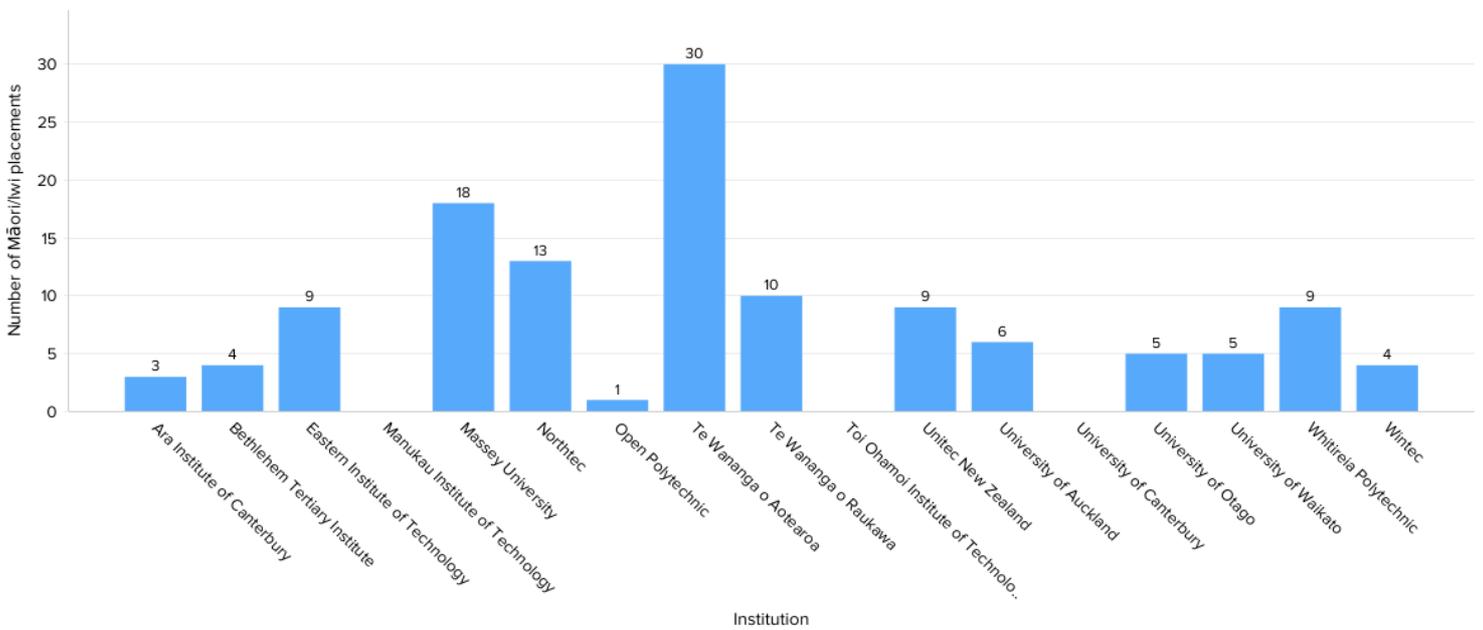
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## Government Agency Placements 2017

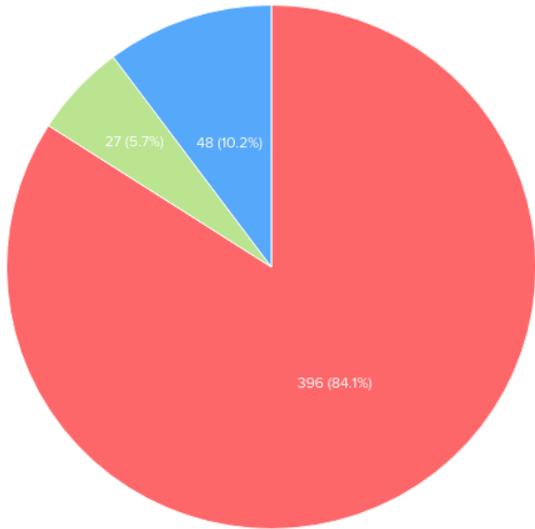


## Number of Māori/Iwi Placements 2017



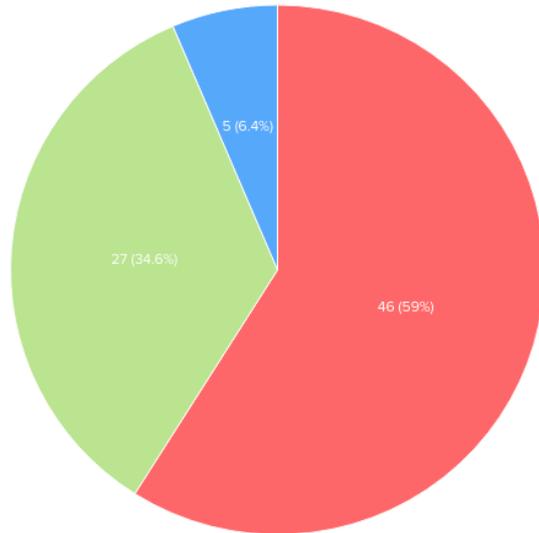
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■ On site/ RSW  
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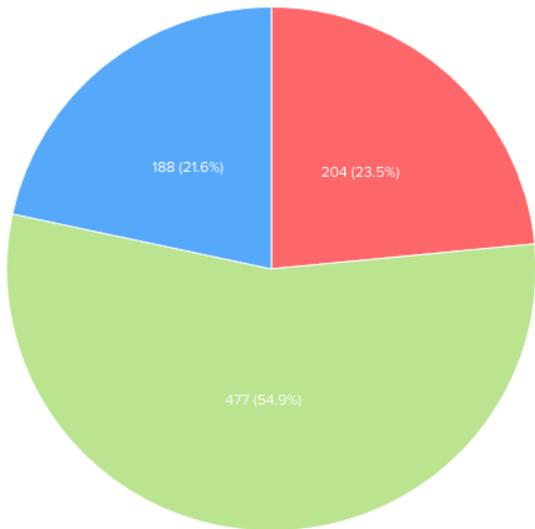
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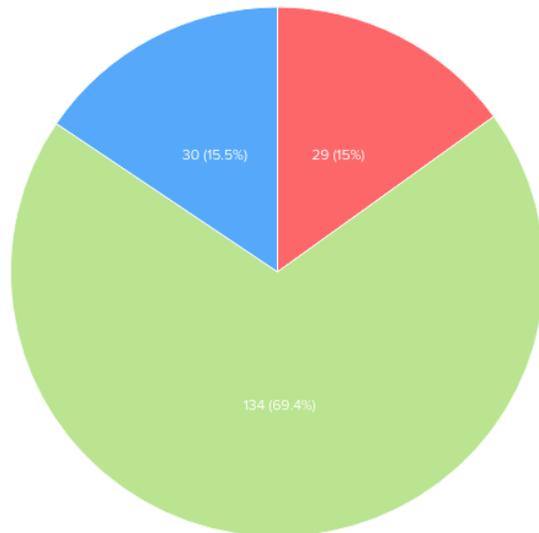
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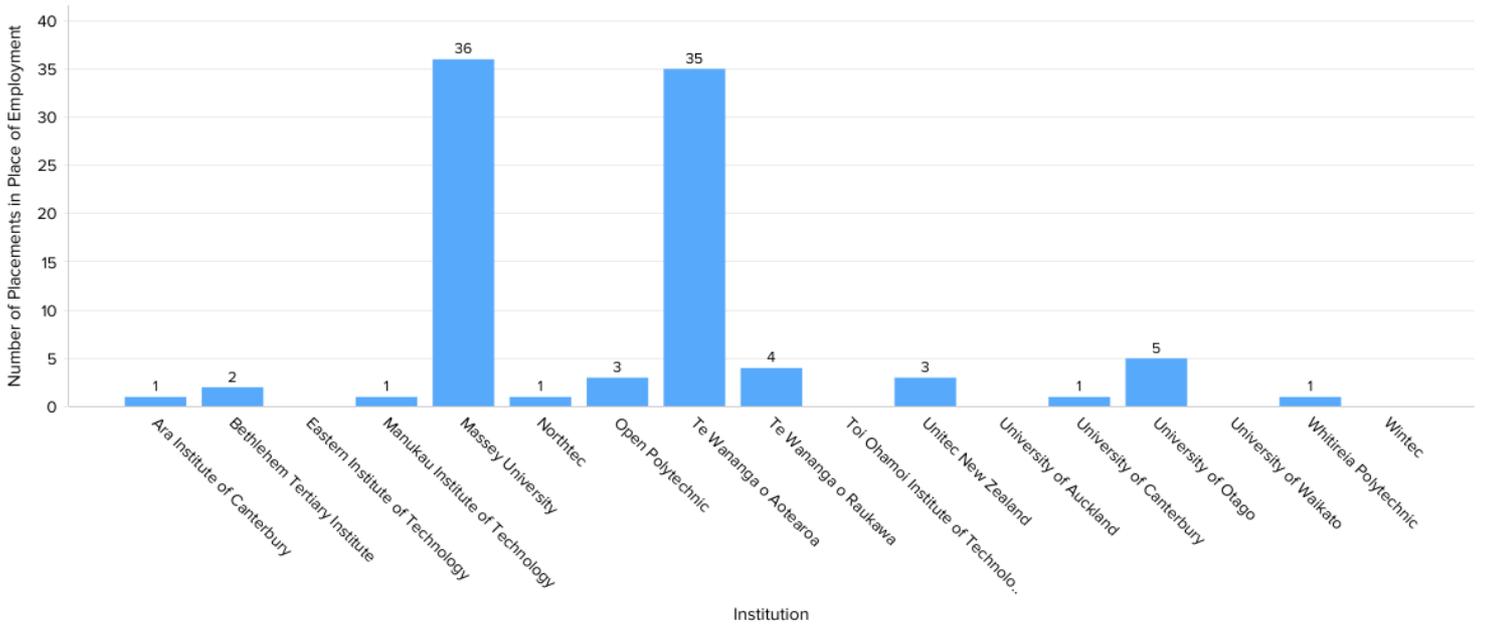


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## Placements in Place of Employment 2017



## Incomplete & Fail Grade Placements 2017

