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Introduction

According to the New Age Newspaper, 19 September 2014 (page 8) KwaZulu-Natal province has the highest number of full-time matric candidates with 150 000 sitting.

Background

In 2013 the individuals that obtained matric was 9 293 954 in South Africa, with 78.2% pass rate the highest since the dawn of democracy. Free State occupied first spot with 87.4%, followed by North West with 87.2% and Gauteng with 87%. This report entails to analyse whether individuals attend university after achieving their matric.

According to Quarterly Labour Force Survey 2014, Quarter 2:

Figure 1: Percentage of people with matric by province

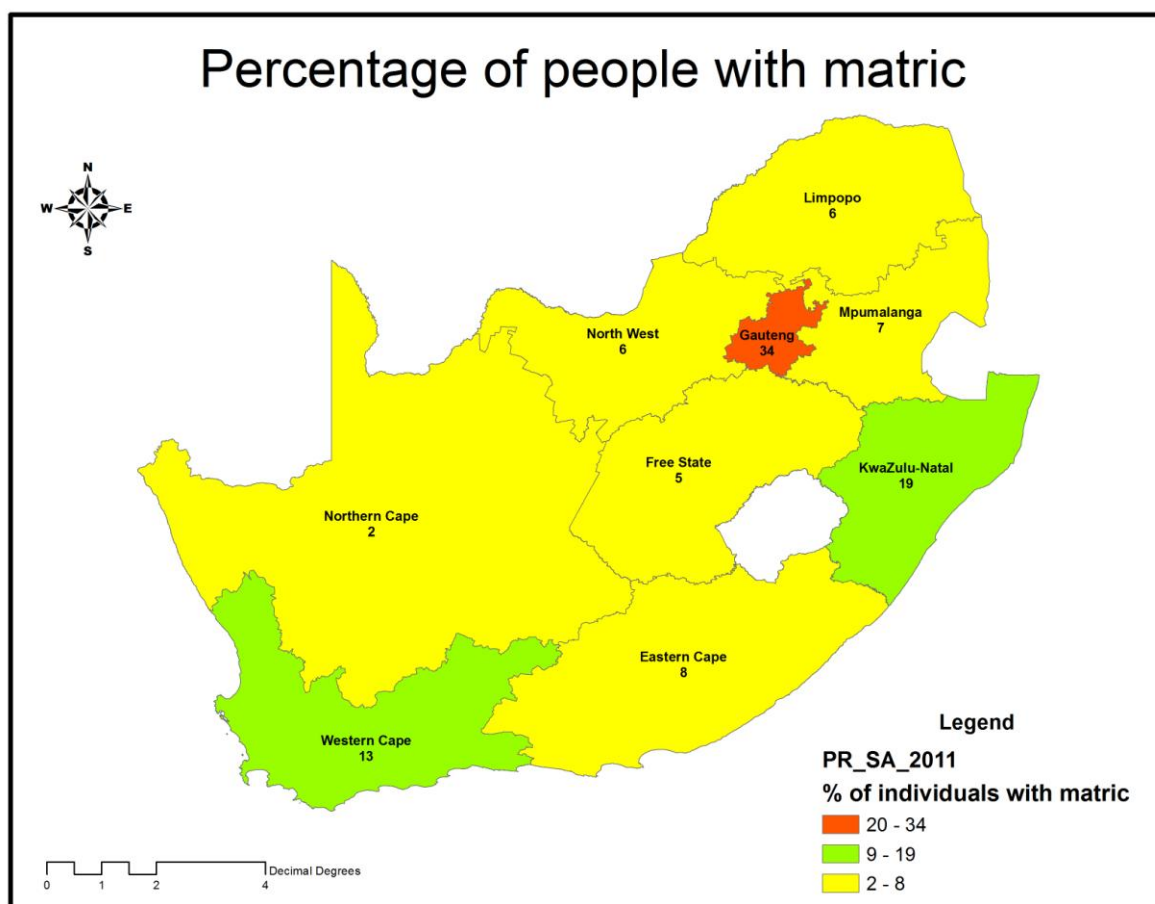


Figure 1 indicates that Gauteng has a high percentage of individuals that obtained matric with 34% follow by KwaZulu-Natal with 19% and Western Cape with 13%. The two least

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provinces with matric attainment are Free State and Northern Cape with 5% and 2% respectively.

Fig 2: Percentage of persons that have obtained matric and currently attending educational institution

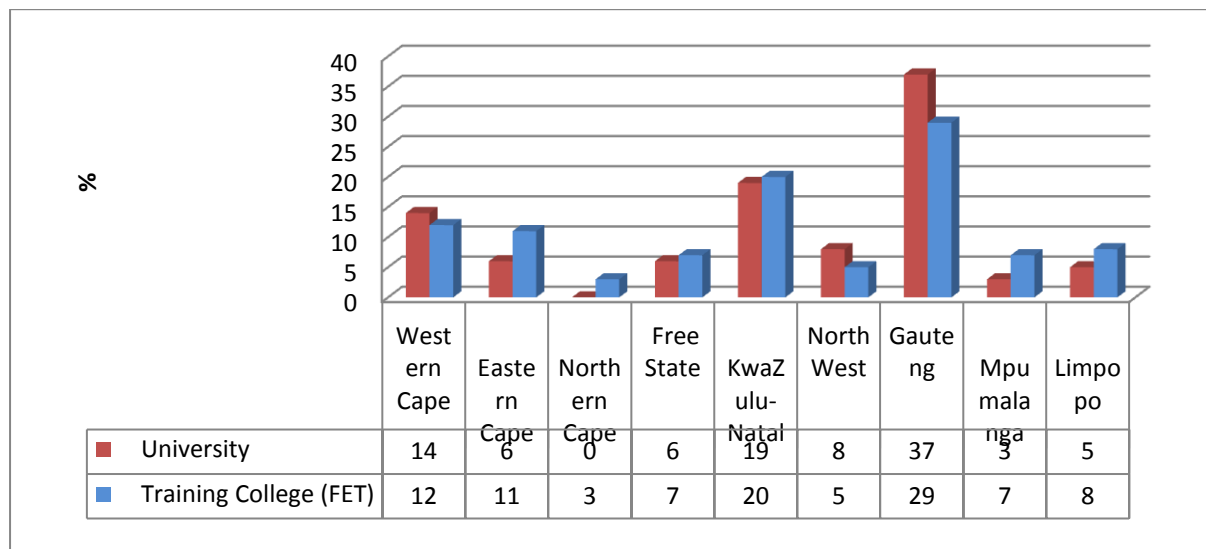


Figure 1 illustrates the percentage of individual aged 20 years and older that have obtained matric and currently attending an educational institution. Gauteng has a higher proportion of individuals that are both attending university 37% and training college 29%. KwaZulu-Natal is the second highest province to have individuals attending university 19% and training college 20%, followed by Western Cape with a percentage off 14% attending university and 12% attending training college.

Table 1: Individuals at provincial level that obtained matric by gender

Province	Male	Female	Grand Total
1 Western Cape	6	7	13
2 Eastern Cape	4	5	8
3 Northern Cape	1	1	2
4 Free State	3	2	5
5 KwaZulu-Natal	9	10	19
6 North West	3	3	6
7 Gauteng	17	17	34
8 Mpumalanga	4	3	7
9 Limpopo	3	3	6
Grand Total	48	52	100

Table 1 above indicates that majority of females acquire matric in comparison to males. In Gauteng, North West, Northern Cape and Limpopo the proportion are equally distributed among both genders.

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Fig 3: Percentage of individuals looking for work after attaining matric

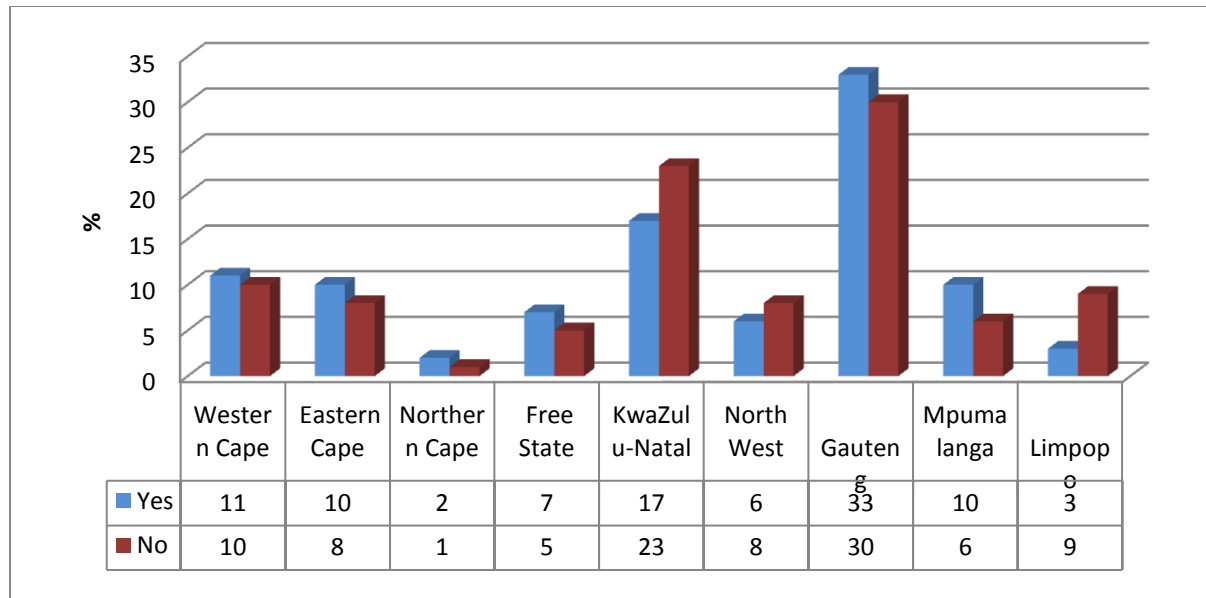


Figure 3 illustrates a high proportion of individuals looking for work after obtaining matric in Gauteng with 33%, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 17% and Western Cape with 11%.

Conclusion

The data reported that Gauteng has a high proportion of persons that have obtained matric and currently attending educational institution. This is due to the fact that Gauteng has a large population size of 12 272 262 and it has several numbers of high educational institutions. Free State has 6% of individuals that attend University while it had the highest matric pass rate in 2013; this is due to the few universities in the province.