

# #FeesMustFall 2 - the missing middle and the top 2%

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This vignette provides a breakdown of students in Gauteng by income. It shows that only 2% of students are from households earning above R600 000 a year. About 20% of students belong to the so-called 'missing middle', while three quarters are eligible for NSFAS funding. Whereas the top 2% are generally better off than all other students (e.g. less likely to have debt or be worried), the missing middle have much in common with NSFAS-eligible students. Students from the missing middle are the least likely to have participated in protests.

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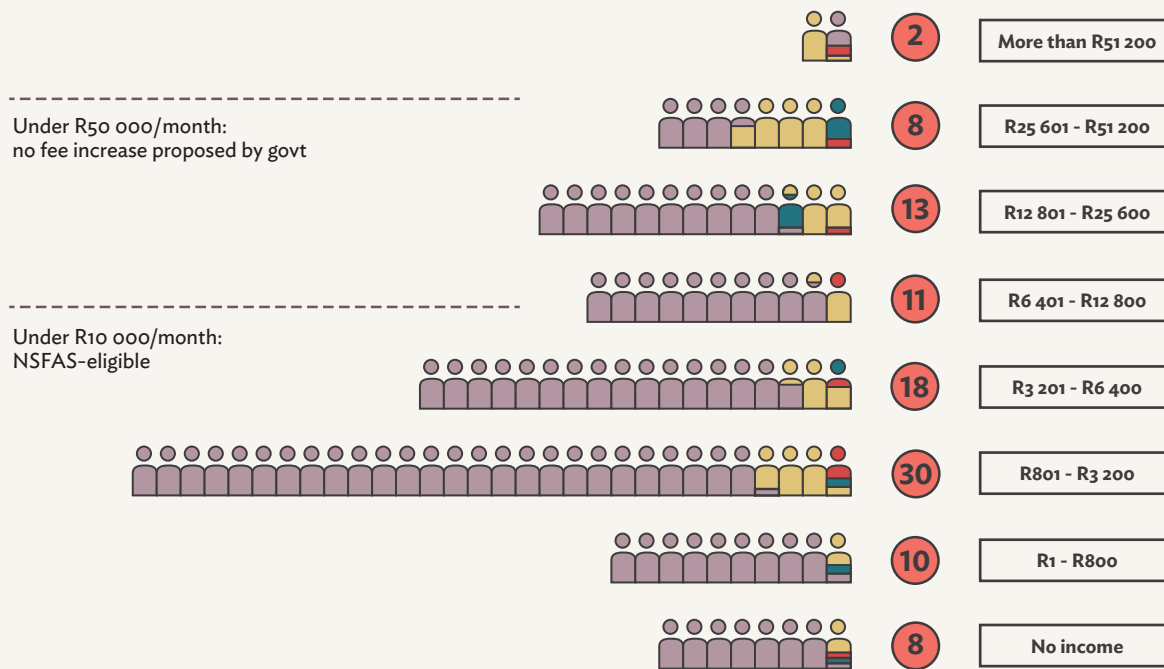
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**Source**

GCRO's 2015 Quality of Life Survey

● White      ● Indian/Asian  
● African      ● Coloured  
 **Missing middle (NSFAS definition)**  
 Household income between R10 000 & R33 333/month

**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD INCOME BAND**



	DOES NOT ACCESS THE INTERNET	DIFFICULT/IMPOSSIBLE TO SAVE MONEY	BELIEVES IT'S HARDER TO FIND A JOB THAN 5 YEARS AGO	HAS DEBT	TAKEN PART IN A SERVICE DELIVERY PROTEST	WASN'T WORRIED YESTERDAY	SATISFIED WITH AVAILABLE MONEY
More than R51 200	0%	40%	35%	5%	21%	40%	43%
R25 601 - R51 200	1%	55%	47%	35%	3%	31%	62%
R12 801 - R25 600	7%	62%	65%	30%	1%	30%	46%
R6 401 - R12 800	15%	72%	65%	19%	10%	26%	43%
R3 201 - R6 400	12%	79%	57%	27%	10%	24%	33%
R801 - R3 200	20%	76%	69%	22%	7%	25%	28%
R1 - R800	15%	78%	60%	19%	10%	26%	26%
No income	7%	81%	67%	14%	4%	38%	35%