

# Semigration - Cape Town universities and industry focus is helping to drive the Western Cape economy

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SA [Furniture Removals](#), who operate several regional moving companies, are relocating 100's of families every month from Johannesburg, Pretoria, Mpumalanga, KZN and other provinces to Cape Town and the Western Cape.



We use these insights to monitor semigration trends and we try to understand what is driving these trends. We also recently commented on how Eskom has been one of the top influencers for semigration in previous articles which can be found on our blog [Moving Company News](#)

## Cape Town universities

There are several university ranking bodies that consistently ranks 3 of Cape Town's universities in the Top 8 including 2 within the Top 3 out of 26 South African universities.

Although UCT, Stellenbosch and University of The Western Cape rank 1, 2nd and 8th respectively it must be said that their rank isn't necessarily the biggest influencing factor on why Cape Town's Universities are in high demand. We do believe there are other influences, and an obvious influence is that of parents seeking better, safer, and more professional opportunities for their children post-graduation. Parents are rightfully using their influence to try to navigate their youth to better opportunities and a safer productive environment.

It's no secret that The Western Cape has initiated a forward-thinking program to enhance infrastructure, communities, industry, and particularly green energy and technology initiatives. Universities play a crucial role in directly supporting and upskilling these industries.



The Western Cape's aspiring objectives are based on better governance, better understanding of industry strengths and its forward planning to nurture and progressively and aggressively grow these key industries that will ultimately drive the Western Cape's economy.

Overall, top universities in Cape Town have a positive impact on the economy by fostering innovation, creating jobs, promoting entrepreneurship, attracting investment, and developing a skilled workforce. Their contributions extend beyond the confines of the campus and play a vital role in the economic development of the region.



**Top universities in Cape Town play a crucial role in contributing to the economy in several ways. Here are some ways in which they help boost the local economy:**

1. **Job creation:** The universities in Cape Town, such as the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Stellenbosch University, employ many staff members, including professors, researchers, administrators, and support staff. These institutions create a significant number of jobs both directly and indirectly, providing employment opportunities for local residents.
2. **Research and Innovation:** Top universities are centers of research and innovation. They attract talented researchers, scientists, and scholars who conduct cutting-edge research in various fields. This research often leads to discoveries, inventions, and technological advancements that have economic implications. Universities collaborate with industries, government agencies, and businesses to transfer knowledge and technology, fostering innovation and driving economic growth.
3. **Industry collaboration:** Universities in Cape Town collaborate closely with local industries, businesses, and organizations. They provide consultancy services, training programs, and access to specialised facilities and equipment. These collaborations enhance the competitiveness of local businesses, improve productivity, and support the development of new industries and sectors.
4. **Entrepreneurship and startups:** Many universities have entrepreneurship programs and incubators that support the development of startups and new ventures. They provide mentorship, business support, and access to funding, enabling students and researchers to transform their ideas into viable businesses. These startups and entrepreneurial activities contribute to job creation, attract investment, and stimulate economic activity in the region.
5. **Knowledge transfer and skills development:** Through their education and training programs, universities equip students with valuable skills and knowledge. Graduates from top universities in Cape Town enter the workforce with high-quality education and specialized expertise, making them valuable assets for local businesses and industries. The availability of a skilled workforce attracts investment and encourages the establishment of new businesses in the area.
6. **Tourism and conference industry:** Cape Town's top universities often host international conferences, seminars, and academic events. These events bring in researchers, academics, and professionals from around the world, promoting tourism and boosting the local hospitality industry. Visitors to the conferences contribute to the local economy by spending on accommodations, dining, transportation, and other services.
7. **Cultural and social impact:** Universities contribute to the overall cultural and social vibrancy of the city. They organise public lectures, exhibitions, performances, and community engagement programs that attract locals and visitors alike. These events contribute to the cultural fabric of the city, attracting tourists and enhancing the quality of life for residents. The cultural and social activities associated with universities have indirect economic benefits, such as increased spending in local businesses and the creation of job opportunities in the creative and cultural sectors.

### **Cape Town's Top 5 main industries**

According to Investcapetown.com, [Cape Town's thriving economy](#) is driven by five main sectors, namely, the manufacturing industry, financial and business services, tourism, agriculture and agro-processing, and construction.

### **Cape Town growth industries include:**

Green technology, information technology, telecommunications, medical and research equipment and other hi-tech processes are on the rise, further broadening the ever-growing industrial core of the province. There's a strong IT talent pool, helped by major investments by multinationals including Amazon and Microsoft.

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Here are some typical moving costs when Semigrating to Cape Town and the Western Cape

### [Average moving costs of moving from Pretoria and Johannesburg to Cape Town](#)

Average costs of moving from Johannesburg/ Pretoria to Cape Town

1 Bedroom Home	R 5 300 – R8 800
2 Bedroom Home	R 7 900 – R12 900
3 Bedroom Home	R 12 900 – R16 950
4 Bedroom Home	R 17 850 – R24 450
Small Load Removal / Minimum Price	R2 850

### [Average moving costs of moving from Pretoria and Johannesburg to Knysna and Garden Route towns](#)

Average costs of moving from Johannesburg and Pretoria to Knysna

1 Bedroom House / Dwelling	R 5000 to R9 450
2 Bedroom House / Dwelling	R 7450 to R 10 900
3 Bedroom House / Dwelling	R 12 000 to R18 000

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