4.4 External traffic per student

Where graph 3.6 (Core network size) can be seen as a measure of absolute network size, external traffic per student per year can be seen as a measure of relative network size. One might expect that an NREN in a country with a lower number of inhabitants and a lower number of students would be well-served by a smaller-sized network.

It should be noted that much of the traffic is not generated by students, but for example by research institutions. Also, the traffic is not divided equally over all users. Therefore, this graph does not represent the amount of traffic generated by the average student. It only gives the total amount of external traffic on the NREN (generated by all of the users) divided by the total number of tertiary education students in a country.