5.2 Staffing

Because many NRENs contract out part of their work, the staff size in itself is not a reliable measure of the amount of person-power that is available to an NREN. The graph below gives an overview of the staff that is directly employed plus subcontracted staff, in Full-Time Equivalents (FTE). Some organisations that provide NREN functions also carry out other tasks. We have asked organisations to provide the data for the NREN staff only.

The second graph gives the same information, but only for the technical staff.

The tasks performed by individual NRENs are different. This may help to explain some of the differences as seen in the graphs below. Thus, CARNet provides training and user support to individual students and operates 8 branch offices. In other countries, the Universities themselves typically do this.