

# NZFC Feature Films Funded Information on Gender over five years 2014 -2019

This paper includes gender information based on feature films with financing offers of discretionary equity investment from the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) between 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019.

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#### **NZFC Production Funding Information: Summary**

Overall, increased applications with female key creatives	<ul> <li>Overall, the trend in NZFC production funding for female key creative roles is positive.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The target for directors for feature films funded is 50% by 2020.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>For the 2018/19 financial year, there is an increase from both the previous year, and against the five year average, for funding for feature films with female key creatives attached.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In 2018/219 the NZFC launched the 125 Fund which had a criteria of 2 out of 3 female represented in the key creative roles of director, producer and writer. Three films were funded under this fund.</li> </ul>
Stronger representation of female directors in 2018/2019	Excluding films that did not specify a director or disclose the director's gender:
	<ul> <li>In the 2018/19 financial year at least one female director is named in 57% of all feature films funded.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>This is a strong increase from the five year benchmark average of 38%.</li> </ul>
Female producers representation strong growth	Excluding applications that did not specify a producer or disclose the producer's gender:
	<ul> <li>In the 2018/19 financial year at least one female producer is named in 93% of all feature film production funding applications.</li> </ul>
	This is a climb from the five year average of 69%.
Representation of female writers slowly trending upwards over time	Excluding applications that did not specify a writer or disclose a writer's gender:
	<ul> <li>62% of all feature film production funding applications in the 2018/19 year had at least one female writer attached.</li> </ul>
	The five year average is 50%.

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## All Feature Films Funded: Gender of Director

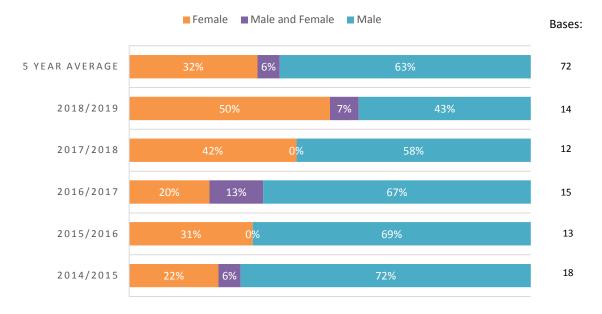




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Calculations based on all 72 feature films that **received funding** over the past five financial years:

- 38% had at least one or more female director
- 32% had one sole female director
- 6% named a directing team with at least one female and one male director



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**DIRECTORS 2014-2019** 

Base of calculations: Films receiving initial Production Financing in the past 5 years (72)

## All Feature Films Funded: Gender of Producer

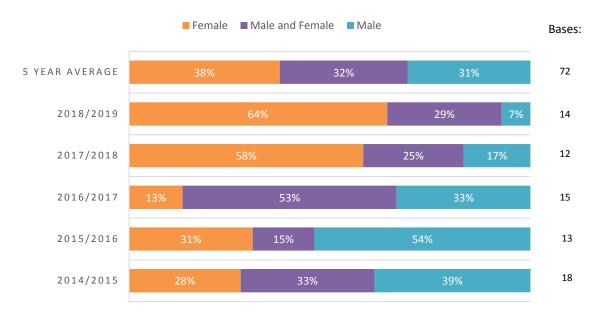




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Calculations based on all 72 feature films that **received funding** over the past five financial years:

- **69%** had at least one or more female producer.
- 38% had one sole female producer.
- **32%** named a producing team with at least one female and one male producer.



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PRODUCER 2014-2019

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#### All Feature Films Funded: Gender of Writer



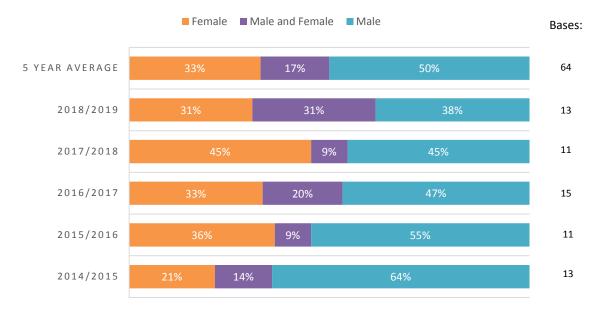


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72 feature films **received funding** over the past five financial years. Calculations below are based on 64 films and have excluded the eight films where the writer has not been specified:

- 50% had at least one or more female writer.
- 33% had one sole female writer.
- 17% named a writing team with at least one female and one male writer.

Note: unscripted or observational style documentaries commonly do not have a credited writer.



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WRITER 2014-2019

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