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Total number of students, by types of higher education institution and nationality

Number						
Nationality/regional unit	Winter semester	Total institutions	University ¹	College of art and music	University of applied sciences ²	College of public administration
Germans and foreigners						
Former West Germany ³	1947/1948	87,644	-	-	-	-
	1950/1951	128,528	-	-	-	-
	1955/1956	150,754	-	-	-	-
	1960/1961	246,939	239,481	7,458	-	-
	1965/1966	308,022	300,035	7,987	-	-
	1970/1971	421,976	411,520	10,456	-	-
	1975/1976	836,002	675,946	15,343	144,713	2,824
	1980/1981	1,036,303	818,458	18,044	199,801	25,499
	1985/1986	1,336,674	1,014,205	21,464	301,005	32,644
Länder, total	1990/1991	1,712,608	1,313,260	28,360	370,988	39,492
	1995/1996	1,857,906	1,380,195	29,150	448,561	49,721
	2000/2001	1,799,338	1,310,990	30,159	458,189	32,604
	2001/2002	1,868,666	1,351,817	30,444	486,405	33,108
	2002/2003	1,939,233	1,391,363	31,325	516,545	36,825
	2003/2004	2,019,831	1,436,679	31,211	551,941	38,458
	2004/2005	1,963,598	1,372,531	30,960	560,107	36,299
	2005/2006	1,986,106	1,386,784	31,593	567,729	32,602
	2006/2007	1,979,445	1,377,444	31,100	570,901	28,977
	2007/2008	1,941,763	1,338,556	30,519	572,688	26,675
	2008/2009	2,025,742	1,365,927	31,565	628,250	27,682
	2009/2010	2,121,190	1,416,379	32,237	672,574	27,796
	2010/2011	2,217,604	1,470,910	32,929	713,765	29,818
	2011/2012	2,380,974	1,571,832	33,569	775,573	32,126
	2012/2013	2,499,409	1,638,956	34,719	825,734	32,897
	2013/2014	2,616,881	1,701,800	35,184	879,897	33,380
	2014/2015	2,698,910	1,733,048	35,326	930,536	34,349
	2015/2016	2,757,799	1,756,452	35,536	965,811	36,570
	2016/2017	2,807,010	1,775,100	35,980	995,930	39,213
	2017/2018	2,844,978	1,782,173	36,086	1,026,719	44,531
	2018/2019	2,868,222	1,781,008	36,358	1,050,856	49,306
	2019/2020	2,891,049	1,777,758	36,547	1,076,744	53,598
	2020/2021	2,944,145	1,780,562	37,473	1,126,110	56,115
	2021/2022	2,946,141	1,754,248	37,084	1,154,809	60,332
	2022/2023	2,920,263	1,728,483	36,716	1,155,064	59,639
	2023/2024	2,868,311	1,689,007	37,040	1,142,264	58,696
	2024/2025	2,864,122	1,677,956	37,269	1,148,897	58,884

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Germans						
Former West Germany ³	1960/1961	226,399	219,655	6,744	-	-
	1965/1966	284,182	277,217	6,965	-	-
	1970/1971	397,075	388,042	9,033	-	-
	1975/1976	788,704	638,185	13,094	137,425	2,824
	1980/1981	978,590	772,530	15,719	190,341	25,499
	1985/1986	1,262,099	955,780	19,121	287,198	32,642
Länder, total	1990/1991	1,607,993	1,229,657	25,338	352,998	39,491
	1995/1996	1,711,434	1,265,456	24,306	421,672	49,697
	2000/2001	1,612,311	1,167,760	23,510	421,041	32,528
	2001/2002	1,662,525	1,194,829	23,255	444,441	33,020
	2002/2003	1,712,207	1,219,325	23,539	469,343	36,730
	2003/2004	1,773,695	1,251,676	23,053	498,966	38,334
	2004/2005	1,717,264	1,188,736	22,743	505,785	36,124
	2005/2006	1,737,749	1,203,346	23,212	511,191	32,394
	2006/2007	1,733,076	1,197,930	22,636	512,510	28,769
	2007/2008	1,708,157	1,170,877	22,155	515,125	26,555
	2008/2009	1,786,599	1,198,065	22,913	565,621	27,498
	2009/2010	1,876,414	1,246,030	23,233	607,151	27,704
	2010/2011	1,965,572	1,295,900	23,734	645,938	29,742
	2011/2012	2,115,682	1,388,328	24,155	703,199	32,049
	2012/2013	2,217,208	1,444,644	24,810	747,754	32,787
	2013/2014	2,315,531	1,495,190	24,887	795,454	33,270
	2014/2015	2,377,341	1,514,836	24,753	837,752	34,236
	2015/2016	2,417,494	1,527,389	24,774	865,331	36,460
	2016/2017	2,448,115	1,535,453	24,620	888,042	39,072
	2017/2018	2,470,395	1,534,372	24,426	911,597	44,377
	2018/2019	2,473,557	1,521,366	24,313	927,878	49,132
	2019/2020	2,479,448	1,509,714	24,388	945,346	53,400
	2020/2021	2,527,708	1,514,868	25,052	987,788	55,929
	2021/2022	2,505,324	1,475,392	24,828	1,005,104	60,128
	2022/2023	2,462,053	1,441,074	24,282	996,697	59,276
	2023/2024	2,398,826	1,396,182	24,490	978,154	58,302
	2024/2025	2,372,035	1,373,354	24,491	974,190	58,456

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Foreigners						
Former West Germany ³	1960/1961	20,540	19,826	714	-	-
	1965/1966	23,840	22,818	1,022	-	-
	1970/1971	24,901	23,478	1,423	-	-
	1975/1976	47,298	37,761	2,249	7,288	-
	1980/1981	57,713	45,928	2,325	9,460	-
	1985/1986	74,575	58,425	2,343	13,807	2
Länder, total	1990/1991	104,615	83,603	3,022	17,990	1
	1995/1996	146,472	114,739	4,844	26,889	24
	2000/2001	187,027	143,230	6,649	37,148	76
	2001/2002	206,141	156,988	7,189	41,964	88
	2002/2003	227,026	172,038	7,786	47,202	95
	2003/2004	246,136	185,003	8,158	52,975	124
	2004/2005	246,334	183,795	8,217	54,322	175
	2005/2006	248,357	183,438	8,381	56,538	208
	2006/2007	246,369	179,514	8,464	58,391	208
	2007/2008	233,606	167,679	8,364	57,563	120
	2008/2009	239,143	167,862	8,652	62,629	184
	2009/2010	244,776	170,349	9,004	65,423	92
	2010/2011	252,032	175,010	9,195	67,827	76
	2011/2012	265,292	183,504	9,414	72,374	77
	2012/2013	282,201	194,312	9,909	77,980	110
	2013/2014	301,350	206,610	10,297	84,443	110
	2014/2015	321,569	218,212	10,573	92,784	113
	2015/2016	340,305	229,063	10,762	100,480	110
	2016/2017	358,895	239,647	11,360	107,888	141
	2017/2018	374,583	247,801	11,660	115,122	154
	2018/2019	394,665	259,642	12,045	122,978	174
	2019/2020	411,601	268,044	12,159	131,398	198
	2020/2021	416,437	265,694	12,421	138,322	186
	2021/2022	440,817	278,856	12,256	149,705	204
	2022/2023	458,210	287,409	12,434	158,367	363
	2023/2024	469,485	292,825	12,550	164,110	394
	2024/2025	492,087	304,602	12,778	174,707	428

¹ Including college of education, college of theology, and comprehensive university.

² Including college of public administration.

³ Including Berlin-West.

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