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Average age¹ at habilitation, by subject group

Year	Total	Male	Female	Years								
				Of which in subject group ²								
				Humanities	Law and administrative sciences	Economics	Social and behavioral sciences, sports	Mathematics, natural sciences	Human medicine, health sciences	Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	Engineering	Art, art theory
2005	40.5	40.4	40.9	42.0	38.5	38.4	42.1	39.3	40.2	43.2	39.9	42.4
2006	40.5	40.4	40.9	42.1	39.1	38.1	42.6	39.5	40.2	41.1	40.8	43.0
2007	40.6	40.4	41.1	41.9	39.9	38.5	41.7	40.0	40.3	42.0	40.4	42.6
2008	40.7	40.7	41.0	42.1	40.0	37.8	41.6	40.3	40.5	41.9	41.0	42.3
2009	40.7	40.5	41.5	42.6	37.5	37.9	41.8	40.3	40.3	42.7	40.6	44.8
2010	40.8	40.8	41.0	42.5	38.4	39.0	42.3	40.1	40.3	42.4	41.1	46.1
2011	41.0	40.9	41.1	43.6	39.3	37.2	40.9	40.7	40.2	42.0	43.9	45.4
2012	40.9	40.8	41.2	42.3	38.1	37.9	41.9	40.2	40.8	41.3	41.1	45.1
2013	41.1	41.0	41.3	43.6	38.1	37.4	41.3	41.4	40.7	41.2	41.9	45.1
2014	40.9	40.7	41.4	43.1	39.6	38.7	40.4	40.7	40.2	44.2	42.2	43.3
2015	41.2	41.0	41.7	43.4	39.1	37.5	41.5	41.3	40.6	43.5	41.7	44.4
2016	41.2	40.9	41.7	43.7	40.0	37.4	42.1	40.8	40.6	41.3	41.6	44.6
2017	41.3	41.0	41.9	43.4	38.7	39.0	41.9	41.5	40.8	41.8	41.2	45.2
2018	41.6	41.4	42.0	43.6	40.6	38.1	41.8	41.0	41.2	43.4	42.1	44.5
2019	41.6	41.4	42.0	43.7	40.7	39.3	42.0	41.9	40.9	43.4	42.5	48.1
2020	41.3	41.1	41.6	43.9	38.9	40.3	41.5	41.7	40.5	42.4	42.9	45.0
2021	41.7	41.6	41.8	43.9	40.4	39.8	43.9	42.1	40.8	42.3	42.1	44.6
2022	41.6	41.7	41.5	43.8	38.5	40.3	42.1	41.5	40.9	43.9	43.3	47.0
2023	41.6	41.0	42.5	44.9	40.2	39.6	42.8	42.1	40.6	44.3	42.1	46.5
2024	41.7	41.5	41.9	44.6	40.7	41.1	43.3	42.3	40.7	42.1	42.8	43.3
2025	41.9	41.5	42.5	44.4	39.9	40.9	43.1	43.1	40.9	43.3	43.0	45.5

1 Arithmetic mean.

2 As of 2025, the subject group classification used for the habilitation statistics has undergone a comprehensive revision. This has resulted in a restructuring of individual subject groups and, in some cases, the reassignment of fields of study and research to different subject groups. The former subject group "Law, economics and social sciences" has been divided into three separate subject groups: "Law and administrative sciences", "Economics" and "Social and behavioural sciences, sports". The previously separate subject group "Sports" has been integrated into the new subject group "Social and behavioural sciences". The changes have been applied to the entire time series, and the results have been recalculated retrospectively according to the current classification.

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