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First-year students (first enrolment) and percentage of first-year students, by sex and Land in which the higher education entrance qualification has been acquired

Land in which the higher education entrance qualification has been acquired/Sex	First-year students (first enrolment) 1									
	1997	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Baden-Württemberg	30,414	59,024	58,614	59,987	53,633	51,682	53,235	-		
Male	16,867	28,760	28,270	28,163	25,253	24,629	25,047	-		
Female	13,547	30,264	30,344	31,824	28,380	27,053	28,188	-		
Bavaria	29,091	59,087	58,270	58,202	52,807	53,004	53,395	-		
Male	15,818	28,345	27,551	27,312	25,012	25,031	24,919	-		
Female	13,273	30,742	30,719	30,890	27,795	27,973	28,476	-		
Berlin	10,772	18,250	17,579	17,788	16,752	16,872	17,723	-		
Male	5,182	8,656	8,291	8,307	7,911	7,913	8,400	-		
Female	5,590	9,594	9,288	9,481	8,841	8,959	9,323	_		
Brandenburg	6,560	9,102	9,144	9,457	9,090	8,757	9,241	_		
Male	3,042	4,244	4,283	4,344	4,101	4,102	4,258	_		
Female	3,518	4,858	4,861	5,113	4,989	4,655	4,983	_		
Bremen	2,490	3,483	3,547	3,631	3,249	3,247	3,111			
Male	1,279	1,693	1,606	1,699	1,500	1,539	1,514			
Female	1,279	1,790	1,941	1,932	1,749	1,708	1,514			
	6,638									
Hamburg	· ·	10,878	10,835	11,521	10,758	9,935	10,406	-		
Male	3,516	5,348	5,165	5,339	4,885	4,546	4,688	-		
Female	3,122	5,530	5,670	6,182	5,873	5,389	5,718	-		
Hesse	19,174	34,356	33,665	34,162	28,768	27,330	29,045	-		
Male	10,263	16,523	15,911	16,155	13,706	12,768	13,725	-		
Female	8,911	17,833	17,754	18,007	15,062	14,562	15,320	-		
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	5,007	5,038	5,019	5,306	4,790	4,700	4,665	-		
Male	2,271	2,399	2,306	2,431	2,207	2,065	2,003	-		
Female	2,736	2,639	2,713	2,875	2,583	2,635	2,662	-		
Lower Saxony	22,881	37,004	36,497	31,037	30,877	32,057	32,152	-		
Male	12,250	17,450	17,294	13,745	14,698	14,911	14,557	-		
Female	10,631	19,554	19,203	17,292	16,179	17,146	17,595	-		
North Rhine-Westphalia	54,346	98,405	97,836	101,546	91,834	88,359	89,000	-		
Male	28,471	47,209	46,307	47,335	42,892	41,150	41,074	-		
Female	25,875	51,196	51,529	54,211	48,942	47,209	47,926	-		
Rhineland-Palatinate	10,067	19,999	19,471	20,098	18,364	17,412	17,377	-		
Male	5,313	9,558	9,165	9,269	8,510	7,975	7,992	-		
Female	4,754	10,441	10,306	10,829	9,854	9,437	9,385	-		
Saarland	2,856	4,828	4,463	4,591	4,278	4,297	3,962	-		
Male	1,523	2,287	2,104	2,162	2,032	2,050	1,872	-		
Female	1,333	2,541	2,359	2,429	2,246	2,247	2,090	-		
Saxony	12,147	13,062	13,142	13,668	12,569	12,782	12,816	_		
Male	5,830	6,115	6,159	6,356	5,716	5,677	5,783	_		
Female	6,317	6,947	6,983	7,312	6,853	7,105	7,033	-		
Saxony-Anhalt	7,215	7,000	6,871	7,120	6,615	6,210	6,546	_		
Male	3,357	3,419	3,355	3,461	3,062	2,923	3,102	_		
Female	3,858	3,581	3,516	3,659	3,553	3,287	3,444			
Schleswig-Holstein	7,193	13,876	13,634	14,348	12,649	11,841	12,002			
Male	4,066	6,703	6,509	6,745	5,957	5,679	5,496			
Female	3,127	7,173	7,125	7,603	6,692	6,162	6,506			
Thuringia	7,113	6,864	7,123	9,456	9,756	8,010				
							7,683			
Male	3,283	3,164	3,251	3,903	4,002	3,480	3,209			
Female	3,830	3,700	3,865	5,553	5,754	4,530	4,474	-		
Länder, total ³	267,228	511,997	508,689	490,204	471,964	473,665	481,962	490,304		
Male	137,296	249,284	245,267	233,049	224,879	226,038	229,212	234,748		
Female		262,713	263,422	257,155	247,085	247,627	252,750	255,556		

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Land in which the higher education entrance qualification has been acquired/Sex								
	1997	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baden-Württemberg	25.8	46.3	47.0	49.5	45.5	44.7	45.6	-
Male	27.8	42.7	43.1	44.4	41.0	40.8	41.2	-
Female	23.8	50.4	51.3	55.0	50.4	48.9	50.4	-
Bavaria	22.0	41.4	41.8	42.9	40.0	40.7	41.8	-
Male	23.3	37.7	37.6	38.4	36.3	37.0	37.5	-
Female	20.7	45.6	46.4	47.7	43.9	44.7	46.3	-
Berlin	27.8	53.4	51.9	52.9	50.8	51.0	53.6	-
Male	26.3	49.3	47.8	48.5	47.0	46.9	50.0	-
Female	29.4	57.7	56.2	57.6	54.8	55.1	57.2	-
Brandenburg	20.8	44.6	44.6	46.2	44.0	41.8	43.5	-
Male	18.9	39.4	39.7	40.4	37.9	37.4	38.4	-
Female	22.8	50.6	50.0	52.6	50.8	46.5	49.2	-
Bremen	31.6	43.7	44.7	47.1	43.7	45.2	41.8	-
Male	31.6	40.1	38.2	41.8	38.8	41.3	39.3	_
Female	31.7	47.9	52.0	53.1	49.0	49.5	44.4	-
Hamburg	33.0	54.8	55.0	60.2	56.6	53.2	56.0	
Male	33.3	51.9	51.0	54.6	50.6	48.0	50.2	
Female	32.6	58.0	59.3	66.0	62.7	58.4	61.9	
Hesse	29.0	50.2	50.0	52.0	44.6	42.9	46.3	
Male	30.4	45.9	45.1	47.0	40.7	38.4	42.3	
Female	27.6	55.1	55.3	57.3	48.8	47.7	50.6	
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	20.4	37.9	37.0	39.3	35.6	34.4	35.0	
Male		34.2						
	17.9		32.3	34.5	31.5	29.3	29.5	
Female	23.0	42.0	42.2	44.6	39.9	40.0	40.7	-
Lower Saxony	25.8	40.8	40.7	34.9	35.8	38.0	39.6	
Male	26.9	36.6	36.7	29.4	32.6	34.0	34.8	
Female	24.7	45.4	45.1	40.8	39.1	42.2	44.6	
North Rhine-Westphalia	27.7	49.1	49.6	52.8	49.1	48.1	49.1	-
Male	28.3	45.0	45.0	47.2	44.1	43.1	43.7	-
Female	27.1	53.6	54.7	58.8	54.4	53.5	54.7	-
Rhineland-Palatinate	23.4	44.3	43.9	46.6	44.3	43.0	43.6	-
Male	23.9	40.6	39.7	41.4	39.5	38.0	38.7	-
Female	23.0	48.3	48.4	52.3	49.4	48.4	48.9	-
Saarland	25.8	47.7	45.5	48.3	46.4	47.7	42.7	-
Male	26.7	42.8	40.8	43.3	42.0	43.4	38.8	-
Female	24.8	53.1	50.5	53.8	51.1	52.4	46.9	-
Saxony	21.5	38.3	37.8	39.4	36.4	36.5	35.6	-
Male	19.9	34.2	33.9	35.3	32.1	31.6	31.2	-
Female	23.1	42.7	42.0	44.0	40.9	41.7	40.2	-
Saxony-Anhalt	21.7	38.6	37.6	39.4	37.0	34.8	36.4	-
Male	19.5	35.1	34.4	36.0	32.5	31.2	33.0	-
Female	24.1	42.6	41.4	43.1	42.0	38.8	40.1	-
Schleswig-Holstein	23.6	43.6	43.2	46.6	42.3	40.5	41.5	-
Male	25.4	40.3	39.6	42.1	38.3	37.4	36.9	-
Female	21.8	47.2	47.1	51.4	46.4	43.7	46.3	
Thuringia	22.5	38.9	39.6	51.1	52.9	44.0	41.2	-
Male	20.2	33.7	34.3	40.6	41.8	36.7	33.1	-
Female	24.8	44.9	45.5	62.8	65.1	52.0	49.9	-
Länder, total ³	28.8	57.3	57.6	56.6	55.5	56.4	58.0	_
Male	28.7	53.1	52.9	51.4	50.7	51.7	53.1	
Female	28.9	62.0	62.6	62.2	60.6	61.5	63.1	

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- 1 Summer semester and following winter semester (e.g. 2024 = SS 2024 and WS 2024/2025).
- 2 Share of students in their first semester (first enrolment) in the age-specific population. Quotas are calculated for single years of birth, and afterwards they are added up. In 1997, population data are based on past censuses; 2018 to 2022, population data are based on 2011 Census; as of 2023, population data are based on 2022 Census. In Lower Saxony, the G8 school leavers were eliminated as of the 2020 reporting year. Suspension of compulsory military service on 01 July 2011.
- 3 Including the categories "Higher education entrance qualification obtained outside of Germany" and "Not stated".

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