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Total students and foreign students, by types of higher education institution, subject groups and sex

Nationality/Subject group/ Sex	Number					
	Winter semester 2021/2022			Winter semester 2022/2023		
	Higher education institutions, total ¹	University ²	University of applied sciences ³	Higher education institutions, total ¹	University ²	University of applied sciences ³
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁴	2,941,915	1,791,332	1,090,251	2,920,263	1,765,199	1,095,425
Male	1,466,282	853,337	583,772	1,444,125	836,280	579,267
Female	1,475,633	937,995	506,479	1,476,138	928,919	516,158
Humanities	316,442	307,571	8,871	310,473	301,627	8,846
Male	103,345	100,730	2,615	102,069	99,247	2,822
Female	213,097	206,841	6,256	208,404	202,380	6,024
Sports	31,157	28,967	2,190	30,777	28,351	2,426
Male	18,894	17,627	1,267	18,758	17,355	1,403
Female	12,263	11,340	923	12,019	10,996	1,023
Law, economics, social sciences	1,138,785	568,507	509,988	1,132,153	552,235	520,335
Male	475,288	239,563	206,574	469,554	231,448	209,560
Female	663,497	328,944	303,414	662,599	320,787	310,775
Mathematics, natural sciences	314,060	291,926	22,106	314,071	292,485	21,555
Male	157,150	145,923	11,213	155,624	144,864	10,743
Female	156,910	146,003	10,893	158,447	147,621	10,812
Human medicine, health sciences	196,239	135,202	61,037	200,906	137,381	63,525
Male	61,353	46,578	14,775	61,924	46,508	15,416
Female	134,886	88,624	46,262	138,982	90,873	48,109
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	64,024	37,752	26,272	62,660	36,912	25,748
Male	25,598	13,489	12,109	24,766	12,996	11,770
Female	38,426	24,263	14,163	37,894	23,916	13,978
Engineering	776,744	353,696	423,034	763,971	349,213	414,733
Male	586,459	264,422	322,029	573,192	259,303	313,874
Female	190,285	89,274	101,005	190,779	89,910	100,859
Art, art theory	100,364	64,163	36,201	101,101	63,593	37,508
Male	36,303	23,327	12,976	36,494	23,129	13,365
Female	64,061	40,836	23,225	64,607	40,464	24,143
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁴	440,564	291,112	149,248	458,210	299,843	158,004
Humanities	40,655	39,524	1,131	40,610	39,449	1,161
Sports	1,631	1,486	145	1,724	1,570	154
Law, economics, social sciences	120,674	66,040	54,430	126,192	67,179	58,650
Mathematics, natural sciences	47,750	42,907	4,843	50,808	45,903	4,905
Human medicine, health sciences	21,313	17,418	3,895	21,862	17,684	4,178
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	8,305	5,836	2,469	8,694	5,991	2,703
Engineering	177,580	100,797	76,783	184,787	104,775	80,012
Art, art theory	20,972	15,757	5,215	21,786	15,965	5,821

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	Higher education institutions, total ¹	University ²	University of applied sciences ³	Higher education institutions, total ¹	University ²	University of applied sciences ³
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁴	2,868,311	1,726,047	1,083,568	2,864,122	1,715,225	1,090,013
Male	1,407,830	812,848	566,430	1,398,631	804,171	565,658
Female	1,460,481	913,199	517,138	1,465,491	911,054	524,355
Humanities	297,498	289,311	8,187	290,804	283,053	7,751
Male	97,078	94,683	2,395	95,318	93,053	2,265
Female	200,420	194,628	5,792	195,486	190,000	5,486
Sports	31,247	28,350	2,897	32,436	29,126	3,310
Male	19,070	17,365	1,705	19,560	17,639	1,921
Female	12,177	10,985	1,192	12,876	11,487	1,389
Law, economics, social sciences	1,116,622	543,396	514,599	1,117,272	540,901	517,565
Male	459,425	226,389	204,524	457,122	223,931	204,440
Female	657,197	317,007	310,075	660,150	316,970	313,125
Mathematics, natural sciences	301,197	280,103	21,062	297,937	276,679	21,213
Male	148,208	137,874	10,316	145,729	135,418	10,283
Female	152,989	142,229	10,746	152,208	141,261	10,930
Human medicine, health sciences	207,034	142,346	64,688	212,689	146,212	66,477
Male	63,288	47,776	15,512	64,431	48,539	15,892
Female	143,746	94,570	49,176	148,258	97,673	50,585
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	60,366	35,851	24,515	58,416	34,495	23,921
Male	23,691	12,485	11,206	22,780	11,808	10,972
Female	36,675	23,366	13,309	35,636	22,687	12,949
Engineering	748,705	340,433	408,235	748,619	338,244	410,342
Male	559,316	252,169	307,125	556,050	249,601	306,426
Female	189,389	88,264	101,110	192,569	88,643	103,916
Art, art theory	101,062	62,811	38,251	101,209	62,796	38,413
Male	35,889	22,707	13,182	35,648	22,629	13,019
Female	65,173	40,104	25,069	65,561	40,167	25,394
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁴	469,485	305,375	163,716	492,087	317,380	174,279
Humanities	39,730	38,611	1,119	39,626	38,478	1,148
Sports	1,813	1,632	181	1,921	1,712	209
Law, economics, social sciences	129,048	67,898	60,756	133,960	70,155	63,377
Mathematics, natural sciences	52,450	47,254	5,196	55,564	50,008	5,556
Human medicine, health sciences	22,702	18,349	4,353	23,556	18,760	4,796
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	8,740	6,023	2,717	9,016	6,146	2,870
Engineering	191,372	108,469	82,903	204,049	114,666	89,383
Art, art theory	21,920	15,983	5,937	22,654	16,258	6,396

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- 1 Including colleges of public administration.
- 2 Including colleges of education, colleges of theology, colleges of art and music.
- 3 Excluding colleges of public administration.
- 4 Including other studies and unclear.

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