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Higher education staff, by subject groups and sex¹²

		Number					
Staff group/ Sex/Year	Subject groups, total	Humanities	Sports	Law, economics, social sciences	Mathematics, natural sciences	Human medicine, health sciences	
Total staff							
Total							
	2000	488,660	38,902	2,724	41,090	63,532	148,240
	2010	601,682	49,038	3,496	67,529	81,228	162,537
	2018	719,310	38,668	4,340	102,533	73,494	178,310
	2019	737,762	38,603	4,445	103,929	73,999	183,836
	2020	759,065	38,606	4,354	104,985	73,494	188,567
	2021	781,182	39,096	4,681	110,288	73,704	192,619
	2022	787,537	38,148	4,624	110,651	72,913	196,241
	2023	792,305	37,287	4,417	108,153	72,572	200,773
	2024	805,680	36,369	4,329	108,388	72,037	205,783
Male							
	2000	240,485	20,272	1,736	26,885	43,347	43,702
	2010	290,844	21,979	2,052	41,934	53,035	48,139
	2018	338,168	17,239	2,449	56,325	44,792	54,490
	2019	342,654	17,106	2,463	56,877	44,810	55,886
	2020	348,040	16,809	2,376	56,653	44,322	58,176
	2021	355,285	16,748	2,559	58,523	44,223	59,734
	2022	355,537	16,282	2,540	58,381	43,379	60,844
	2023	355,151	15,964	2,418	56,742	42,811	62,247
	2024	357,454	15,478	2,349	56,456	42,132	63,600
Female							
	2000	248,175	18,630	988	14,205	20,185	104,538
	2010	310,838	27,059	1,444	25,595	28,193	114,398
	2018	381,142	21,429	1,891	46,208	28,702	123,820
	2019	395,108	21,497	1,982	47,052	29,189	127,950
	2020	411,025	21,797	1,978	48,332	29,172	130,391
	2021	425,897	22,348	2,122	51,765	29,481	132,885
	2022	432,000	21,866	2,084	52,270	29,534	135,397
	2023	437,154	21,323	1,999	51,411	29,761	138,526
	2024	448,226	20,891	1,980	51,932	29,905	142,183

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Number							
Staff group/ Sex/Year	Subject groups, total	Humanities	Sports	Law, economics, social sciences	Mathematics, natural sciences	Human medicine, health sciences	
Academic and creative arts staff							
Total							
2000	219,296	32,363	2,083	34,584	42,432	42,564	
2010	324,367	43,784	2,965	60,134	62,087	58,189	
2018	402,152	34,694	3,743	92,964	57,313	72,844	
2019	406,659	34,565	3,851	94,427	57,937	74,936	
2020	414,832	34,604	3,749	95,445	57,503	79,405	
2021	427,698	35,123	4,108	100,282	57,823	81,816	
2022	428,457	34,123	4,049	100,387	57,304	83,962	
2023	425,751	33,278	3,863	97,860	57,108	86,110	
2024	426,208	32,306	3,767	97,802	56,635	88,225	
Male							
2000	159,640	19,210	1,441	25,442	34,500	28,484	
2010	208,268	21,204	1,844	40,168	45,392	32,272	
2018	244,250	16,617	2,221	54,253	38,873	37,273	
2019	245,452	16,461	2,225	54,845	38,955	38,048	
2020	247,720	16,183	2,134	54,666	38,515	39,721	
2021	252,026	16,114	2,340	56,451	38,431	40,292	
2022	250,296	15,607	2,324	56,190	37,706	40,908	
2023	247,421	15,283	2,197	54,553	37,187	41,556	
2024	246,020	14,767	2,130	54,179	36,529	42,305	
Female							
2000	59,656	13,153	642	9,142	7,932	14,080	
2010	116,099	22,580	1,121	19,966	16,695	25,917	
2018	157,902	18,077	1,522	38,711	18,440	35,571	
2019	161,207	18,104	1,626	39,582	18,982	36,888	
2020	167,112	18,421	1,615	40,779	18,988	39,684	
2021	175,672	19,009	1,768	43,831	19,392	41,524	
2022	178,161	18,516	1,725	44,197	19,598	43,054	
2023	178,330	17,995	1,666	43,307	19,921	44,554	
2024	180,188	17,539	1,637	43,623	20,106	45,920	

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		Number					
Staff group/ Sex/Year	Subject groups, total	Humanities	Sports	Law, economics, social sciences	Mathematics, natural sciences	Human medicine, health sciences	
Administrative, technical and other staff							
Total							
	2000	269,364	6,539	641	6,506	21,100	105,676
	2010	277,315	5,254	531	7,395	19,141	104,348
	2018	317,158	3,974	597	9,569	16,181	105,466
	2019	331,103	4,038	594	9,502	16,062	108,900
	2020	344,233	4,002	605	9,540	15,991	109,162
	2021	353,484	3,973	573	10,006	15,881	110,803
	2022	359,080	4,025	575	10,264	15,609	112,279
	2023	366,554	4,009	554	10,293	15,464	114,663
	2024	379,472	4,063	562	10,586	15,402	117,558
Male							
	2000	80,845	1,062	295	1,443	8,847	15,218
	2010	82,576	775	208	1,766	7,643	15,867
	2018	93,918	622	228	2,072	5,919	17,217
	2019	97,202	645	238	2,032	5,855	17,838
	2020	100,320	626	242	1,987	5,807	18,455
	2021	103,259	634	219	2,072	5,792	19,442
	2022	105,241	675	216	2,191	5,673	19,936
	2023	107,730	681	221	2,189	5,624	20,691
	2024	111,434	711	219	2,277	5,603	21,295
Female							
	2000	188,519	5,477	346	5,063	12,253	90,458
	2010	194,739	4,479	323	5,629	11,498	88,481
	2018	223,240	3,352	369	7,497	10,262	88,249
	2019	233,901	3,393	356	7,470	10,207	91,062
	2020	243,913	3,376	363	7,553	10,184	90,707
	2021	250,225	3,339	354	7,934	10,089	91,361
	2022	253,839	3,350	359	8,073	9,936	92,343
	2023	258,824	3,328	333	8,104	9,840	93,972
	2024	268,038	3,352	343	8,309	9,799	96,263

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Staff group/ Sex/Year	Number				
	Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	Engineering	Art, art theory	Central facilities ³	Central facilities of university clinics ⁴
Total staff					
Total					
2000	12,695	52,076	14,822	68,673	45,906
2010	12,267	66,117	18,393	95,820	45,257
2018	13,922	98,568	21,474	124,004	63,997
2019	13,873	99,408	21,437	127,231	71,001
2020	13,984	101,524	21,893	128,817	82,841
2021	14,201	102,951	22,391	133,371	87,880
2022	14,192	102,980	22,528	135,966	89,294
2023	14,224	102,188	22,331	137,081	93,279
2024	13,912	103,272	21,745	139,699	100,146
Male					
2000	6,524	41,083	9,706	31,800	15,430
2010	5,796	50,951	11,109	41,158	14,691
2018	6,272	74,636	12,033	50,815	19,117
2019	6,209	74,899	11,920	51,766	20,718
2020	6,166	75,900	12,152	52,442	23,044
2021	6,294	76,546	12,205	54,175	24,278
2022	6,200	75,959	12,188	54,816	24,948
2023	6,153	75,072	12,062	55,514	26,168
2024	5,940	75,248	11,568	56,423	28,260
Female					
2000	6,171	10,993	5,116	36,873	30,476
2010	6,471	15,166	7,284	54,662	30,566
2018	7,650	23,932	9,441	73,189	44,880
2019	7,664	24,509	9,517	75,465	50,283
2020	7,818	25,624	9,741	76,375	59,797
2021	7,907	26,405	10,186	79,196	63,602
2022	7,992	27,021	10,340	81,150	64,346
2023	8,071	27,116	10,269	81,567	67,111
2024	7,972	28,024	10,177	83,276	71,886

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Staff group/ Sex/Year	Number				
	Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	Engineering	Art, art theory	Central facilities ³	Central facilities of university clinics ⁴
Academic and creative arts staff					
Total					
2000	6,619	35,036	13,725	8,804	1,086
2010	7,747	50,222	17,165	21,134	940
2018	9,346	80,573	20,136	28,837	1,702
2019	9,299	81,528	20,091	28,263	1,762
2020	9,372	83,506	20,586	28,564	2,098
2021	9,655	85,051	21,056	29,883	2,901
2022	9,601	85,122	21,172	29,849	2,888
2023	9,624	84,368	20,958	29,389	3,193
2024	9,362	85,240	20,338	28,982	3,551
Male					
2000	4,505	30,659	9,243	5,530	626
2010	4,266	41,124	10,600	10,954	444
2018	4,826	64,511	11,507	13,468	701
2019	4,753	64,879	11,403	13,145	738
2020	4,733	65,816	11,646	13,459	847
2021	4,828	66,585	11,700	14,038	1,247
2022	4,761	66,136	11,665	13,789	1,210
2023	4,707	65,323	11,539	13,722	1,354
2024	4,551	65,442	11,025	13,619	1,473
Female					
2000	2,114	4,377	4,482	3,274	460
2010	3,481	9,098	6,565	10,180	496
2018	4,520	16,062	8,629	15,369	1,001
2019	4,546	16,649	8,688	15,118	1,024
2020	4,639	17,690	8,940	15,105	1,251
2021	4,827	18,466	9,356	15,845	1,654
2022	4,840	18,986	9,507	16,060	1,678
2023	4,917	19,045	9,419	15,667	1,839
2024	4,811	19,798	9,313	15,363	2,078

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Staff group/ Sex/Year	Number				
	Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	Engineering	Art, art theory	Central facilities ³	Central facilities of university clinics ⁴
Administrative, technical and other staff					
Total					
2000	6,076	17,040	1,097	59,869	44,820
2010	4,520	15,895	1,228	74,686	44,317
2018	4,576	17,995	1,338	95,167	62,295
2019	4,574	17,880	1,346	98,968	69,239
2020	4,612	18,018	1,307	100,253	80,743
2021	4,546	17,900	1,335	103,488	84,979
2022	4,591	17,858	1,356	106,117	86,406
2023	4,600	17,820	1,373	107,692	90,086
2024	4,550	18,032	1,407	110,717	96,595
Male					
2000	2,019	10,424	463	26,270	14,804
2010	1,530	9,827	509	30,204	14,247
2018	1,446	10,125	526	37,347	18,416
2019	1,456	10,020	517	38,621	19,980
2020	1,433	10,084	506	38,983	22,197
2021	1,466	9,961	505	40,137	23,031
2022	1,439	9,823	523	41,027	23,738
2023	1,446	9,749	523	41,792	24,814
2024	1,389	9,806	543	42,804	26,787
Female					
2000	4,057	6,616	634	33,599	30,016
2010	2,990	6,068	719	44,482	30,070
2018	3,130	7,870	812	57,820	43,879
2019	3,118	7,860	829	60,347	49,259
2020	3,179	7,934	801	61,270	58,546
2021	3,080	7,939	830	63,351	61,948
2022	3,152	8,035	833	65,090	62,668
2023	3,154	8,071	850	65,900	65,272
2024	3,161	8,226	864	67,913	69,808

1 According to the allocation to subjects.

2 As of 2018, there has been a change in the subject classification, so parts of the data are of limited comparability with the previous years. For more information see source. Subject group “Languages, cultural studies” has been renamed “Humanities”. Former group “Veterinary medicine” has been added to group “Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine”; the values have been retrospectively adjusted to all years presented. The change in the subject classification from 2020 will only have a minor impact on comparability with previous years (see source).

3 Excluding clinic specific facilities.

4 Only human medicine.

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