

## Number of first-time graduates and subject-structure rate<sup>1)</sup> 2010–2018

First-degree graduates and subject-structure rate: the subject-structure rate indicates the percentage of first-degree graduates who have completed their studies in a particular subject or group of subjects. First-degree graduates are persons who have successfully completed a first degree.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total number of graduates<sup>2)</sup></b>	<b>294,330</b>	<b>307,271</b>	<b>309,621</b>	<b>309,870</b>	<b>313,796</b>	<b>317,102</b>	<b>315,168</b>	<b>311,441</b>	<b>303,155</b>
Percentage of women	52.1	51.4	51.3	51.5	51.2	51.1	52.0	52.6	53.0
Percentage of graduates from universities	62.0	62.1	61.3	59.9	59.0	56.8	54.7	53.9	53.0
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>38,385</b>	<b>39,435</b>	<b>38,444</b>	<b>38,247</b>	<b>38,788</b>	<b>37,135</b>	<b>34,886</b>	<b>32,205</b>	<b>30,491</b>
Percentage of subject group	13.0	12.8	12.4	12.3	12.4	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.1
<b>Legal, economics and social sciences</b>	<b>119,289</b>	<b>122,294</b>	<b>122,239</b>	<b>123,171</b>	<b>125,628</b>		<b>132,737</b>	<b>134,605</b>	<b>131,832</b>
Percentage of subject group	40.5	39.8	39.5	39.7	40.0	40.5	42.1	43.2	43.5
<b>Human medicine, health sciences</b>	<b>15,222</b>	<b>15,686</b>	<b>15,856</b>	<b>16,534</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>17,935</b>	<b>19,521</b>	<b>20,308</b>	<b>20,101</b>
Percentage of subject group	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.5	6.6
<b>Agriculture, forestry, and food sciences, veterinary medicine</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>7,521</b>	<b>7,345</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>7,008</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>6,978</b>	<b>7,148</b>	<b>7,252</b>
Percentage of subject group	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4
<b>Arts, art history</b>	<b>11,820</b>	<b>12,525</b>	<b>12,866</b>	<b>12,542</b>	<b>11,913</b>	<b>11,514</b>	<b>11,268</b>	<b>11,119</b>	<b>10,892</b>
Percentage of subject group	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
<b>Mathematics, natural sciences</b>	<b>32,800</b>	<b>34,096</b>	<b>32,793</b>	<b>31,665</b>	<b>31,635</b>	<b>30,001</b>	<b>28,081</b>	<b>26,261</b>	<b>25,677</b>
Percentage of subject group	11.1	11.1	10.6	10.2	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.4	8.5
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>65,621</b>	<b>71,128</b>	<b>75,697</b>	<b>77,049</b>	<b>78,018</b>	<b>81,300</b>	<b>78,552</b>	<b>76,133</b>	<b>73,849</b>
Percentage of subject group	22.3	23.1	24.4	24.9	24.9	25.6	24.9	24.4	24.4

<sup>1)</sup> The Federal Statistical Office's new subject-group classification has been in use since the 2015/16 winter semester. Apart from minor changes, such as renaming of some study subjects or the merger of veterinary medicine with agriculture, forestry and food sciences, there were two major re-classifications. The subject group legal, economics and social sciences now also includes psychology, education and special needs education, which used to be assigned to language and cultural sciences (now called humanities). Since the changeover, computer science has been counted under engineering and not, as previously, as part of mathematics, natural sciences. Furthermore, a new area of study called materials science and materials engineering was introduced under engineering; materials science and materials engineering were previously assigned to mechanical engineering. All the time series have been retrospectively reclassified to fit the new system of subjects. This avoids breaks in the time series. However, comparisons with the tables in the EFI Reports up until 2017 are now only possible to a limited extent.

<sup>2)</sup> Graduates with first academic degree.

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