

First-time graduates and subject-structure rate 2015–2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total number of graduates	317,102	315,168	311,441	303,155	310,747
Percentage of women	51.1	52.0	52.6	53.0	53.6
Percentage of graduates from universities	56.8	54.7	53.9	53.0	52.8
Humanities	37,135	34,886	32,205	30,491	30,660
Percentage of subject group	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.1	9.9
Legal, economics and social sciences	128,273	132,737	134,605	131,832	135,165
Share subject group in percent	40.5	42.1	43.2	43.5	43.5
Human medicine, health sciences	17,935	19,521	20,308	20,101	21,957
Percentage of subject group	5.7	6.2	6.5	6.6	7.1
Agriculture, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	7,442	6,978	7,148	7,252	7,226
Percentage of subject group	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3
Art, art history	11,514	11,268	11,119	10,892	10,905
Percentage of subject group	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5
Mathematics, natural sciences	30,001	28,081	26,261	25,677	26,765
Share subject group in percent	9.5	8.9	8.4	8.5	8.6
Engineering	81,300	78,552	76,133	73,849	74,868
Share subject group in percent	25.6	24.9	24.4	24.4	24.1

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

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