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**Total number of students, by types of higher education institution and nationality**

Nationality/regional unit	Winter semester	Number				
		Total institutions	University <sup>1</sup>	College of art and music	University of applied sciences <sup>2</sup>	College of public administration
<b>Germans and foreigners</b>						
Former West Germany <sup>3</sup>	1947/1948	<b>87,644</b>	-	-	-	-
	1950/1951	<b>128,528</b>	-	-	-	-
	1955/1956	<b>150,754</b>	-	-	-	-
	1960/1961	<b>246,939</b>	239,481	7,458	-	-
	1965/1966	<b>308,022</b>	300,035	7,987	-	-
	1970/1971	<b>421,976</b>	411,520	10,456	-	-
	1975/1976	<b>836,002</b>	675,946	15,343	144,713	2,824
	1980/1981	<b>1,036,303</b>	818,458	18,044	199,801	25,499
	1985/1986	<b>1,336,674</b>	1,014,205	21,464	301,005	32,644
Länder, total	1990/1991	<b>1,712,608</b>	1,313,260	28,360	370,988	39,492
	1995/1996	<b>1,857,906</b>	1,380,195	29,150	448,561	49,721
	2000/2001	<b>1,799,338</b>	1,310,990	30,159	458,189	32,604
	2001/2002	<b>1,868,666</b>	1,351,817	30,444	486,405	33,108
	2002/2003	<b>1,939,233</b>	1,391,363	31,325	516,545	36,825
	2003/2004	<b>2,019,831</b>	1,436,679	31,211	551,941	38,458
	2004/2005	<b>1,963,598</b>	1,372,531	30,960	560,107	36,299
	2005/2006	<b>1,986,106</b>	1,386,784	31,593	567,729	32,602
	2006/2007	<b>1,979,445</b>	1,377,444	31,100	570,901	28,977
	2007/2008	<b>1,941,763</b>	1,338,556	30,519	572,688	26,675
	2008/2009	<b>2,025,742</b>	1,365,927	31,565	628,250	27,682
	2009/2010	<b>2,121,190</b>	1,416,379	32,237	672,574	27,796
	2010/2011	<b>2,217,604</b>	1,470,910	32,929	713,765	29,818
	2011/2012	<b>2,380,974</b>	1,571,832	33,569	775,573	32,126
	2012/2013	<b>2,499,409</b>	1,638,956	34,719	825,734	32,897
	2013/2014	<b>2,616,881</b>	1,701,800	35,184	879,897	33,380
	2014/2015	<b>2,698,910</b>	1,733,048	35,326	930,536	34,349
	2015/2016	<b>2,757,799</b>	1,756,452	35,536	965,811	36,570
	2016/2017	<b>2,807,010</b>	1,775,100	35,980	995,930	39,213
	2017/2018	<b>2,844,978</b>	1,782,173	36,086	1,026,719	44,531
2018/2019	<b>2,868,222</b>	1,781,008	36,358	1,050,856	49,306	
2019/2020	<b>2,891,049</b>	1,777,758	36,547	1,076,744	53,598	
2020/2021	<b>2,944,145</b>	1,780,562	37,473	1,126,110	56,115	
2021/2022	<b>2,946,141</b>	1,754,248	37,084	1,154,809	60,332	
2022/2023	<b>2,920,263</b>	1,728,483	36,716	1,155,064	59,639	
2023/2024	<b>2,868,311</b>	1,689,007	37,040	1,142,264	58,696	
2024/2025 <sup>4</sup>	<b>2,868,597</b>	1,678,816	37,312	1,152,469	59,588	

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<b>Germans</b>						
Former West Germany <sup>3</sup>	1960/1961	<b>226,399</b>	219,655	6,744	-	-
	1965/1966	<b>284,182</b>	277,217	6,965	-	-
	1970/1971	<b>397,075</b>	388,042	9,033	-	-
	1975/1976	<b>788,704</b>	638,185	13,094	137,425	2,824
	1980/1981	<b>978,590</b>	772,530	15,719	190,341	25,499
	1985/1986	<b>1,262,099</b>	955,780	19,121	287,198	32,642
Länder, total	1990/1991	<b>1,607,993</b>	1,229,657	25,338	352,998	39,491
	1995/1996	<b>1,711,434</b>	1,265,456	24,306	421,672	49,697
	2000/2001	<b>1,612,311</b>	1,167,760	23,510	421,041	32,528
	2001/2002	<b>1,662,525</b>	1,194,829	23,255	444,441	33,020
	2002/2003	<b>1,712,207</b>	1,219,325	23,539	469,343	36,730
	2003/2004	<b>1,773,695</b>	1,251,676	23,053	498,966	38,334
	2004/2005	<b>1,717,264</b>	1,188,736	22,743	505,785	36,124
	2005/2006	<b>1,737,749</b>	1,203,346	23,212	511,191	32,394
	2006/2007	<b>1,733,076</b>	1,197,930	22,636	512,510	28,769
	2007/2008	<b>1,708,157</b>	1,170,877	22,155	515,125	26,555
	2008/2009	<b>1,786,599</b>	1,198,065	22,913	565,621	27,498
	2009/2010	<b>1,876,414</b>	1,246,030	23,233	607,151	27,704
	2010/2011	<b>1,965,572</b>	1,295,900	23,734	645,938	29,742
	2011/2012	<b>2,115,682</b>	1,388,328	24,155	703,199	32,049
	2012/2013	<b>2,217,208</b>	1,444,644	24,810	747,754	32,787
	2013/2014	<b>2,315,531</b>	1,495,190	24,887	795,454	33,270
	2014/2015	<b>2,377,341</b>	1,514,836	24,753	837,752	34,236
	2015/2016	<b>2,417,494</b>	1,527,389	24,774	865,331	36,460
	2016/2017	<b>2,448,115</b>	1,535,453	24,620	888,042	39,072
	2017/2018	<b>2,470,395</b>	1,534,372	24,426	911,597	44,377
2018/2019	<b>2,473,557</b>	1,521,366	24,313	927,878	49,132	
2019/2020	<b>2,479,448</b>	1,509,714	24,388	945,346	53,400	
2020/2021	<b>2,527,708</b>	1,514,868	25,052	987,788	55,929	
2021/2022	<b>2,505,324</b>	1,475,392	24,828	1,005,104	60,128	
2022/2023	<b>2,462,053</b>	1,441,074	24,282	996,697	59,276	
2023/2024	<b>2,398,826</b>	1,396,182	24,490	978,154	58,302	
2024/2025 <sup>4</sup>	<b>2,376,018</b>	1,374,862	24,475	976,681	59,173	

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<b>Foreigners</b>						
Former West Germany <sup>3</sup>	1960/1961	<b>20,540</b>	19,826	714	-	-
	1965/1966	<b>23,840</b>	22,818	1,022	-	-
	1970/1971	<b>24,901</b>	23,478	1,423	-	-
	1975/1976	<b>47,298</b>	37,761	2,249	7,288	-
	1980/1981	<b>57,713</b>	45,928	2,325	9,460	-
	1985/1986	<b>74,575</b>	58,425	2,343	13,807	2
Länder, total	1990/1991	<b>104,615</b>	83,603	3,022	17,990	1
	1995/1996	<b>146,472</b>	114,739	4,844	26,889	24
	2000/2001	<b>187,027</b>	143,230	6,649	37,148	76
	2001/2002	<b>206,141</b>	156,988	7,189	41,964	88
	2002/2003	<b>227,026</b>	172,038	7,786	47,202	95
	2003/2004	<b>246,136</b>	185,003	8,158	52,975	124
	2004/2005	<b>246,334</b>	183,795	8,217	54,322	175
	2005/2006	<b>248,357</b>	183,438	8,381	56,538	208
	2006/2007	<b>246,369</b>	179,514	8,464	58,391	208
	2007/2008	<b>233,606</b>	167,679	8,364	57,563	120
	2008/2009	<b>239,143</b>	167,862	8,652	62,629	184
	2009/2010	<b>244,776</b>	170,349	9,004	65,423	92
	2010/2011	<b>252,032</b>	175,010	9,195	67,827	76
	2011/2012	<b>265,292</b>	183,504	9,414	72,374	77
	2012/2013	<b>282,201</b>	194,312	9,909	77,980	110
	2013/2014	<b>301,350</b>	206,610	10,297	84,443	110
	2014/2015	<b>321,569</b>	218,212	10,573	92,784	113
	2015/2016	<b>340,305</b>	229,063	10,762	100,480	110
	2016/2017	<b>358,895</b>	239,647	11,360	107,888	141
	2017/2018	<b>374,583</b>	247,801	11,660	115,122	154
2018/2019	<b>394,665</b>	259,642	12,045	122,978	174	
2019/2020	<b>411,601</b>	268,044	12,159	131,398	198	
2020/2021	<b>416,437</b>	265,694	12,421	138,322	186	
2021/2022	<b>440,817</b>	278,856	12,256	149,705	204	
2022/2023	<b>458,210</b>	287,409	12,434	158,367	363	
2023/2024	<b>469,485</b>	292,825	12,550	164,110	394	
2024/2025 <sup>4</sup>	<b>492,579</b>	303,954	12,837	175,788	415	

1 Including college of education, college of theology, and comprehensive university.

2 Including college of public administration.

3 Including Berlin-West.

4 Data are preliminary, source: Studierendestatistik (Statistischer Bericht Vorbericht).

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