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Foreign students in Germany, by types of higher education institution and countries of origin

Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	1980/1981	1990/1991	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Europe	29,404	53,151	117,372	142,801	140,292	131,603	133,894	137,094
EU countries³	7,967	23,311	43,418	66,059	64,225	74,155	74,207	74,583
Belgium	476	680	923	917	957	920	969	1,000
Bulgaria	121	183	5,015	12,794	12,170	10,504	9,544	8,696
Denmark	209	372	649	568	485	468	449	445
Estonia	-	-	436	780	724	677	624	608
Finland	800	781	998	912	853	713	776	818
France	2,504	3,716	6,246	6,074	5,982	5,476	5,988	6,206
Greece	5,204	6,465	7,516	5,850	5,643	5,218	5,182	5,307
Ireland	101	286	536	435	413	353	386	369
Italy	1,142	3,267	6,771	6,701	6,614	6,512	6,863	7,469
Croatia	-	-	4,614	4,414	4,186	3,975	4,004	4,109
Latvia	-	-	600	918	886	823	751	790
Lithuania	-	-	959	1,747	1,667	1,510	1,390	1,274
Luxembourg	678	1,107	1,605	2,242	2,373	2,484	2,641	2,803
Malta	4	7	53	36	27	21	26	30
Netherlands	1,434	2,113	1,770	1,468	1,447	1,429	1,465	1,449
Austria	2,437	5,101	6,127	5,930	6,153	6,018	7,014	7,770
Poland	414	2,136	9,328	15,183	14,493	13,028	12,252	11,325
Portugal	239	663	1,527	1,383	1,341	1,315	1,400	1,446
Romania	182	313	2,232	4,201	4,156	3,636	3,475	3,483
Sweden	393	517	881	682	700	600	593	656
Slovakia	-	-	992	1,649	1,569	1,365	1,238	1,206
Slovenia	-	-	510	540	524	556	491	478
Spain	819	2,520	5,588	5,152	4,799	4,538	4,715	4,993
Czech Republic	624	580	1,640	2,241	2,132	1,965	1,817	1,751
Hungary	296	513	2,779	2,642	2,434	2,167	2,160	2,106
Cyprus	318	474	180	215	221	208	217	231
Non-EU countries³	21,437	29,840	73,954	76,742	76,067	57,448	59,687	62,511
Bosnia Herzegovina	-	-	1,889	2,546	2,603	2,573	2,681	2,803
Iceland	115	248	160	108	108	87	91	98
Montenegro	-	-	-	-	-	227	170	159
North Macedonia	-	-	523	754	835	775	719	720
Norway	640	846	906	659	589	485	492	431
Russian Federation ⁴	52	395	6,987	11,953	12,197	11,847	12,378	12,652
Switzerland	1,088	1,360	1,763	1,941	1,994	1,990	2,170	2,302
Turkey	6,542	12,962	23,640	22,419	22,090	21,404	22,335	24,170
Ukraine	-	-	3,688	8,671	8,839	8,408	8,557	8,818
United Kingdom	1,423	2,122	2,281	1,794	1,788	1,651	1,781	1,874
Other countries in Europe	1,149	3,424	5,060	6,282	6,300	5,677	6,090	6,249

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	1980/1981	1990/1991	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Africa	3,884	6,441	18,852	22,883	22,689	21,580	21,736	21,684
Egypt	795	942	1,191	907	920	1,087	1,203	1,359
Ethiopia	164	470	588	427	418	401	430	442
Algeria	601	271	346	229	222	193	188	186
Ghana	258	330	374	441	375	322	333	370
Cameroon	114	598	4,141	5,521	5,503	5,458	5,536	5,550
Morocco	151	925	6,204	8,213	7,931	6,918	6,649	6,281
Nigeria	424	245	667	541	513	548	555	577
Tunisia	212	695	1,237	2,369	2,593	2,681	2,860	2,859
Other countries in Africa	1,165	1,965	4,104	4,235	4,214	3,972	3,982	4,060
America	6,572	8,455	9,356	11,917	12,397	12,372	13,366	14,625
Argentina	212	321	419	477	456	438	413	434
Bolivia	160	240	190	224	223	198	206	200
Brazil	490	896	1,432	1,867	2,018	2,118	2,246	2,467
Chile	516	515	459	626	607	611	665	703
Canada	330	392	430	577	584	554	615	615
Colombia	246	407	544	1,178	1,261	1,356	1,479	1,608
Mexico	189	259	502	1,268	1,394	1,380	1,584	1,607
Peru	275	518	797	956	974	953	1,019	1,000
Venezuela	215	118	274	377	351	350	387	411
United States	3,531	4,207	3,467	3,195	3,337	3,247	3,513	3,825
Other countries in America	408	582	842	1,172	1,192	1,167	1,239	1,755
Asia	16,738	30,051	39,683	69,107	69,422	66,691	67,640	69,072
Afghanistan	548	612	628	720	762	745	896	987
China	317	4,230	9,109	27,390	27,117	25,479	24,746	24,414
India	655	609	1,412	3,988	3,780	3,527	3,516	4,070
Indonesia	3,185	2,125	2,128	2,570	2,537	2,431	2,400	2,544
Iraq	233	375	367	510	556	564	599	678
Iran	5,331	10,485	6,359	4,067	4,092	3,871	4,182	4,388
Israel	461	1,047	876	1,277	1,304	1,391	1,453	1,572
Japan	1,256	1,219	2,182	2,339	2,339	2,183	2,106	2,099
Jordan	711	1,029	1,029	867	795	701	756	839
Lebanon	284	327	487	1,137	1,240	1,261	1,333	1,288
Pakistan	267	186	653	1,277	1,298	1,318	1,469	1,610
South Korea	1,066	4,228	4,853	5,096	5,076	5,003	5,209	5,219
Syria	508	498	922	1,616	1,790	1,885	2,067	2,244
Taiwan	475	942	1,265	1,302	1,323	1,232	1,222	1,272
Thailand	290	227	487	966	948	939	993	941
Vietnam	621	1,147	1,410	2,982	3,315	3,566	3,671	3,870
Other countries in Asia	530	765	5,516	11,003	11,150	10,595	11,022	11,037
Australia/Oceania	135	164	313	400	419	417	426	526
Australia	110	134	255	323	341	344	352	419
New Zealand	25	23	45	63	69	63	65	92
Other countries in Oceania	-	7	13	14	9	10	9	15
Total countries⁵	57,713	99,760	187,027	248,357	246,369	233,606	239,143	244,775

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Europe	141,553	148,623	156,745	164,660	172,244	178,290	182,734	183,635
EU countries³	76,052	79,088	83,460	91,912	96,367	99,478	101,153	101,324
Belgium	1,109	1,204	1,374	1,410	1,491	1,602	1,659	1,719
Bulgaria	7,997	7,486	7,226	7,223	7,231	7,325	7,311	6,911
Denmark	505	550	616	635	679	647	662	655
Estonia	616	635	604	562	564	538	505	492
Finland	871	909	914	961	983	1,013	1,072	966
France	6,394	6,539	7,000	7,342	8,373	8,453	8,539	8,408
Greece	5,473	5,931	6,533	7,072	7,386	7,540	7,725	7,734
Ireland	409	475	466	512	559	604	673	709
Italy	8,154	8,930	9,934	10,916	12,206	13,256	14,038	14,485
Croatia	4,102	4,197	4,345	4,626	4,677	4,753	4,746	4,686
Latvia	831	824	917	922	890	889	872	827
Lithuania	1,199	1,177	1,182	1,177	1,186	1,178	1,131	1,081
Luxembourg	2,953	3,197	3,364	3,627	3,838	4,124	4,390	4,670
Malta	32	24	23	33	36	37	39	31
Netherlands	1,561	1,723	1,905	2,111	2,405	2,680	2,840	2,892
Austria	8,775	9,695	10,509	11,235	11,832	12,180	12,652	13,194
Poland	10,306	9,852	9,532	9,142	9,104	8,947	8,260	7,773
Portugal	1,618	1,695	1,852	2,118	2,272	2,443	2,588	2,689
Romania	3,457	3,452	3,544	3,461	3,442	3,468	3,401	3,374
Sweden	665	704	736	801	880	926	867	793
Slovakia	1,146	1,109	1,155	1,172	1,239	1,200	1,088	1,037
Slovenia	471	490	485	577	615	647	639	653
Spain	5,491	6,165	6,841	7,058	6,959	7,208	7,516	7,469
Czech Republic	1,667	1,769	1,781	1,791	1,859	1,787	1,676	1,630
Hungary	2,020	2,068	2,147	2,323	2,366	2,468	2,436	2,524
Cyprus	245	271	320	427	540	639	746	826
Non-EU countries³	65,501	69,535	73,285	72,748	75,877	78,812	81,581	82,311
Bosnia Herzegovina	2,859	3,035	3,123	3,164	3,265	3,278	3,351	3,331
Iceland	116	119	116	136	137	128	127	126
Montenegro	190	215	252	313	339	386	422	424
North Macedonia	742	757	816	914	992	1,071	1,166	1,174
Norway	411	415	428	437	452	495	497	512
Russian Federation ⁴	13,132	13,630	14,199	14,525	14,964	14,909	14,939	14,322
Switzerland	2,487	2,745	2,882	3,028	3,125	3,345	3,463	3,601
Turkey	26,089	28,501	30,645	33,004	34,736	36,530	38,309	39,338
Ukraine	8,830	8,929	9,044	9,212	9,379	9,613	9,638	9,388
United Kingdom	2,087	2,214	2,500	2,678	2,755	2,926	3,082	3,096
Other countries in Europe	6,543	6,992	7,435	8,015	8,488	9,057	9,669	10,095

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Africa	21,542	21,469	22,143	23,290	25,141	27,312	29,999	32,496
Egypt	1,423	1,473	1,778	2,057	2,384	2,788	3,328	3,923
Ethiopia	470	490	526	516	488	498	511	561
Algeria	196	219	230	246	265	295	292	319
Ghana	426	511	582	653	756	875	987	1,247
Cameroon	5,575	5,783	6,016	6,408	6,893	7,336	7,676	7,535
Morocco	5,866	5,461	5,169	5,165	5,314	5,447	5,674	5,894
Nigeria	607	645	758	942	1,188	1,454	1,667	1,970
Tunisia	2,729	2,552	2,576	2,732	3,101	3,677	4,648	5,595
Other countries in Africa	4,250	4,335	4,508	4,571	4,752	4,942	5,216	5,452
America	15,270	16,553	17,886	19,538	21,712	23,342	23,627	25,004
Argentina	433	409	416	470	483	551	590	663
Bolivia	225	245	285	301	289	309	304	321
Brazil	2,561	2,727	3,310	3,884	4,708	4,811	3,501	3,954
Chile	760	814	875	888	933	941	1,043	1,072
Canada	656	757	805	904	1,039	1,100	1,196	1,220
Colombia	1,715	1,871	2,065	2,346	2,599	2,898	3,100	3,280
Mexico	1,749	2,059	2,245	2,425	2,714	2,886	3,050	3,147
Peru	1,044	1,055	1,068	1,112	1,105	1,174	1,230	1,309
Venezuela	425	439	463	505	555	595	642	686
United States	4,242	4,598	4,654	4,855	5,316	5,837	6,521	6,851
Other countries in America	1,460	1,579	1,700	1,848	1,971	2,240	2,450	2,501
Asia	72,326	77,233	84,097	92,548	100,926	109,811	120,506	131,447
Afghanistan	1,042	1,151	1,118	1,135	1,215	1,256	1,377	1,361
China	24,443	25,521	27,364	30,511	32,460	34,643	37,603	39,541
India	5,038	5,998	7,532	9,619	11,860	13,740	15,529	17,570
Indonesia	2,574	2,646	3,046	3,399	3,811	4,384	4,905	5,194
Iraq	784	837	915	973	1,105	1,114	1,177	1,143
Iran	4,739	5,361	6,117	6,607	7,033	7,513	8,213	8,525
Israel	1,599	1,643	1,689	1,711	1,689	1,679	1,723	1,731
Japan	2,061	2,138	2,213	2,317	2,255	2,281	2,322	2,285
Jordan	855	933	999	1,080	1,139	1,263	1,447	1,767
Lebanon	1,271	1,221	1,176	1,163	1,176	1,202	1,266	1,249
Pakistan	1,844	2,141	2,523	3,143	3,655	4,167	4,749	5,258
South Korea	5,280	5,222	5,287	5,518	5,792	6,087	6,527	6,835
Syria	2,329	2,459	2,575	2,646	2,889	3,803	5,469	9,035
Taiwan	1,364	1,409	1,509	919	1,488	1,755	2,013	2,390
Thailand	949	978	932	930	937	974	1,057	1,155
Vietnam	4,189	4,671	5,155	5,597	5,794	6,356	6,581	7,060
Other countries in Asia	11,965	12,904	13,947	15,280	16,628	17,594	18,548	19,348
Australia/Oceania	543	645	666	715	814	908	1,020	965
Australia	427	516	525	578	666	755	849	793
New Zealand	98	101	117	118	125	132	155	153
Other countries in Oceania	18	28	24	19	23	21	16	19
Total countries⁵	252,032	265,292	282,201	301,350	321,569	340,305	358,895	374,583

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Number								
Country	Total institutions						University ¹	University of applied sciences ²
	Winter semester							
	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024		
Europe	184,332	183,293	179,598	186,221	186,855	186,742	122,497	64,245
EU countries³	101,594	101,056	96,459	102,898	102,456	102,192	66,390	35,802
Belgium	1,728	1,771	1,756	1,944	1,826	1,804	1,186	618
Bulgaria	6,692	6,568	6,384	6,260	6,054	5,879	4,315	1,564
Denmark	639	646	660	689	651	624	472	152
Estonia	455	445	401	397	395	420	310	110
Finland	934	829	683	751	780	801	499	302
France	8,278	8,104	7,798	8,350	8,325	8,090	6,055	2,035
Greece	7,662	7,430	7,211	7,054	6,886	6,509	4,719	1,790
Ireland	713	741	600	898	865	829	635	194
Italy	14,922	14,975	14,067	15,154	15,232	14,869	10,714	4,155
Croatia	4,653	4,620	4,624	4,630	4,503	4,402	2,226	2,176
Latvia	795	753	724	784	790	808	503	305
Lithuania	1,084	1,065	1,074	1,072	1,048	1,062	712	350
Luxembourg	4,852	5,022	5,212	5,367	5,275	5,376	3,432	1,944
Malta	40	38	37	44	43	43	31	12
Netherlands	2,889	2,852	2,611	2,861	2,767	2,739	1,884	855
Austria	13,618	14,190	15,774	16,809	16,903	17,474	7,743	9,731
Poland	7,501	7,211	7,010	7,274	7,297	7,498	4,958	2,540
Portugal	2,785	2,793	2,720	2,936	2,934	2,852	1,845	1,007
Romania	3,426	3,545	3,635	4,057	4,217	4,533	2,960	1,573
Sweden	771	706	591	754	751	727	532	195
Slovakia	949	899	885	948	924	976	702	274
Slovenia	637	626	528	573	569	585	412	173
Spain	7,647	7,573	6,699	8,297	8,367	8,154	5,736	2,418
Czech Republic	1,610	1,495	1,424	1,470	1,503	1,578	1,164	414
Hungary	2,522	2,643	2,618	2,851	2,908	2,986	2,114	872
Cyprus	827	804	733	674	643	574	531	43
Non-EU countries³	82,738	82,237	83,139	83,323	84,399	84,550	56,107	28,443
Bosnia Herzegovina	3,243	3,180	3,130	3,043	2,948	2,839	1,443	1,396
Iceland	137	133	131	130	139	119	67	52
Montenegro	433	440	419	441	426	402	239	163
North Macedonia	1,230	1,214	1,178	1,182	1,171	1,110	668	442
Norway	551	540	458	584	571	506	372	134
Russian Federation ⁴	13,968	14,073	14,301	14,549	14,282	14,401	10,391	4,010
Switzerland	3,717	3,763	3,879	4,015	4,110	3,993	2,050	1,943
Turkey	39,634	38,902	37,030	36,575	35,495	35,559	23,243	12,316
Ukraine	9,171	8,933	8,687	8,450	11,200	11,961	8,884	3,077
United Kingdom	2,965	2,712	2,492	2,573	2,412	2,190	1,764	426
Other countries in Europe	10,654	11,059	11,434	11,781	11,645	11,470	6,986	4,484

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions						University ¹	University of applied sciences ²
	Winter semester							
	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024		
Africa	35,463	38,955	42,085	44,847	45,623	46,612	23,950	22,662
Egypt	4,822	5,639	6,263	7,480	8,083	8,395	5,961	2,434
Ethiopia	558	565	510	530	563	674	446	228
Algeria	351	411	472	572	628	686	381	305
Ghana	1,456	1,567	1,814	2,157	2,371	2,771	1,587	1,184
Cameroon	7,406	7,844	8,159	7,887	7,537	6,982	2,333	4,649
Morocco	6,133	6,393	6,712	7,037	7,478	7,788	2,949	4,839
Nigeria	2,747	3,766	4,606	4,468	4,281	4,002	2,217	1,785
Tunisia	6,185	6,599	6,848	6,806	6,761	6,952	3,796	3,156
Other countries in Africa	5,805	6,171	6,701	7,910	7,921	8,362	4,280	4,082
America	25,984	26,548	24,700	27,100	28,127	27,550	19,982	7,568
Argentina	720	699	600	684	786	735	499	236
Bolivia	358	382	411	435	456	433	284	149
Brazil	4,203	4,382	4,064	4,274	4,361	4,255	3,142	1,113
Chile	1,097	1,152	1,180	1,284	1,298	1,252	1,009	243
Canada	1,229	1,195	1,018	1,117	1,197	1,157	929	228
Colombia	3,498	3,709	3,848	3,900	3,887	3,732	2,724	1,008
Mexico	3,287	3,284	2,997	3,393	3,729	3,806	2,456	1,350
Peru	1,378	1,436	1,504	1,668	1,773	1,802	1,284	518
Venezuela	711	661	653	653	661	645	417	228
United States	6,829	6,821	5,486	6,462	6,456	6,152	5,029	1,123
Other countries in America	2,674	2,827	2,939	3,230	3,523	3,581	2,209	1,372
Asia	147,026	160,829	168,353	180,579	195,386	206,207	137,566	68,641
Afghanistan	1,503	1,693	1,943	2,258	2,822	3,364	1,715	1,649
China	42,676	44,490	43,525	43,629	42,541	42,190	37,422	4,768
India	20,810	25,149	28,905	34,134	42,997	49,483	27,802	21,681
Indonesia	5,436	5,471	5,725	5,903	5,836	5,730	3,224	2,506
Iraq	1,204	1,370	1,537	1,780	2,141	2,372	1,256	1,116
Iran	9,523	10,368	11,573	12,667	14,372	16,307	11,555	4,752
Israel	1,711	1,656	1,547	1,598	1,583	1,674	1,286	388
Japan	2,299	2,358	1,722	1,923	2,276	2,323	2,029	294
Jordan	1,765	1,851	1,887	2,310	2,478	2,424	1,206	1,218
Lebanon	1,307	1,373	1,558	1,733	1,919	2,009	1,258	751
Pakistan	6,093	6,316	6,784	7,513	8,642	10,332	6,958	3,374
South Korea	7,066	7,444	6,466	6,684	7,597	7,721	6,736	985
Syria	13,652	17,181	19,366	20,759	21,393	20,710	10,712	9,998
Taiwan	2,782	3,155	2,862	2,790	2,868	2,932	2,398	534
Thailand	1,154	1,137	1,100	1,131	1,174	1,139	695	444
Vietnam	7,510	7,602	7,566	7,582	7,368	7,069	3,785	3,284
Other countries in Asia	20,535	22,215	24,287	26,185	27,379	28,428	17,529	10,899
Australia/Oceania	990	991	711	741	820	870	698	172
Australia	820	827	571	580	647	710	581	129
New Zealand	149	144	121	139	149	144	110	34
Other countries in Oceania	21	20	19	22	24	16	7	9
Total countries⁵	394,665	411,601	416,437	440,564	458,210	469,485	305,375	164,110

Foreign students in Germany, by types of higher education institution and countries of origin

- 1 Including colleges of education, colleges of theology, colleges of art and music and comprehensive universities.
- 2 Including college of public administration.
- 3 The categories EU countries and Non-EU countries reflect the status of EU membership of the European countries in the respective reference semester (e.g. as of winter semester 2020/2021 EU countries does not include United Kingdom).
- 4 Until 1991, Soviet Union.
- 5 Including the categories "Stateless persons" and "Not stated".

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