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**R&D personnel, by personnel groups and sectors of employment<sup>1</sup>**

Full-time equivalents					
Sector (OECD definition)	Year (ACTUAL)	Total	of which,		
			Researchers	Technicians	Others
1. Business enterprise sector <sup>2</sup>	1995	283,316	129,370	78,155	75,791
	2010	337,211	185,815	89,251	62,145
	2017	436,571	252,759	132,794	51,017
	2018	451,057	261,634	136,611	52,813
	2019	475,676	276,964	143,513	55,199
	2020	467,444	272,171	141,029	54,244
	2021	478,129	277,043	146,198	54,887
2. Government sector <sup>3 4</sup>	1995	75,148	37,324	20,380	17,444
	2010	90,531	51,783	12,565	26,182
	2017	106,025	54,715	21,902	29,408
	2018	109,487	57,183	22,310	29,994
	2019	112,593	59,221	22,274	31,097
	2020	114,695	60,988	22,472	31,235
	2021	119,268	63,701	22,786	32,781
3. Higher education sector <sup>5</sup>	1995	100,674	64,434	13,636	22,604
	2010	120,981	90,398	11,395	19,188
	2017	143,753	112,143	11,171	20,439
	2018	147,160	114,868	11,492	20,801
	2019	147,316	114,512	10,990	21,814
	2020	151,692	117,638	11,387	22,668
	2021	156,543	120,901	10,853	24,789
4. Total	1995	459,138	231,128	112,171	115,839
	2010	548,723	327,996	113,211	107,515
	2017	686,349	419,617	165,867	100,864
	2018	707,704	433,685	170,413	103,608
	2019	735,584	450,697	176,777	108,110
	2020	733,831	450,796	174,888	108,147
	2021	753,940	461,645	179,838	112,457
of which:					
Eastern German Länder					
and Berlin					
1. Business enterprise sector <sup>6</sup>	1995	32,611	19,768	5,402	7,443
	2010	33,662	19,661	8,764	5,236
	2017	41,680	24,553	13,478	3,649
	2018	43,099	25,392	13,911	3,795
	2019	45,054	26,551	14,595	3,909
	2020	44,274	26,091	14,342	3,841
	2021	-	-	-	-

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2. Government sector <sup>3 4</sup>	1995	20,782	11,481	4,894	4,407
	2010	27,560	16,458	3,475	7,628
	2017	31,346	16,935	6,739	7,672
	2018	32,547	17,859	6,907	7,781
	2019	33,452	18,582	6,855	8,015
	2020	34,225	19,036	6,999	8,190
	2021	-	-	-	-
3. Higher education sector <sup>5</sup>	1995	24,601	15,484	3,214	5,901
	2010	27,687	20,883	2,372	4,432
	2017	30,519	23,937	2,136	4,445
	2018	30,908	24,240	2,086	4,582
	2019	30,923	24,129	2,061	4,733
	2020	32,128	24,996	2,213	4,918
	2021	-	-	-	-
4. Total	1995	77,994	46,733	13,510	17,751
	2010	88,910	57,002	14,611	17,296
	2017	103,545	65,425	22,353	15,766
	2018	106,554	67,491	22,904	16,158
	2019	109,428	69,261	23,511	16,657
	2020	110,627	70,123	23,555	16,949
	2021	-	-	-	-

1 Includes personnel (FTE) which can not be distributed to Länder.

2 In even-numbered years, the distribution to personnel groups is estimated, among other things, on the basis of the previous year. Rounding differences.

3 Government institutions and private non-profit organisations financed primarily by the government.

4 As of 2010: the definition between technicians and other personnel has been modified for methodical reasons. Limited comparability with previous years.

5 Figures for the higher education sector refer to full-time staff of private and state universities (ACTUAL), calculated in accordance with the procedure agreed on by the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK), the German Council of Science and Humanities, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Statistical Office.

6 Estimated in even years on the basis of the previous year.

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