■ **Table 1.9.6**

Basic data of the educational system

		Educational participation in national demarcation				
	Dimension	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**
1.	**Apprentices**					
	Total	Number	1,323,894	1,330,764	1,328,964	1,288,962	1,255,440
2.	**People qualified to enter higher education** [1]					
2.1	Absolute	Number	440,803	432,414	422,784	381,582	393,267
2.2	Share in the age-specific population [2]	in %	51.0	50.6	50.6	46.8	48.4
3.	**First-year students** [3]					
3.1	Absolute	Number	513,166	511,997	508,689	490,355	472,354
3.2	Share in the age-specific population [2]	in %	57.0	57.3	57.6	56.6	55.5
4.	**Students (in winter semester)**					
	Total	Number	2,844,978	2,868,222	2,891,049	2,944,145	2,946,141
5.	**Examinations**					
5.1	University diploma [4]	Number	32,145	29,953	30,294	28,777	30,494
5.2	Teacher's degree	Number	44,248	45,460	46,090	43,248	48,415
5.3	Diploma at university of applied sciences	Number	8,194	7,217	6,716	7,664	8,384
5.4	Bachelor's degree	Number	252,286	247,247	252,216	236,472	257,716
5.5	Master's degree	Number	136,457	140,960	144,649	134,532	144,782
5.1-5.5 Total of successful exmaniations at higher education institutions		Number	473,330	470,837	479,965	450,693	489,791
5.6	Doctorate	Number	28,404	27,838	28,280	26,220	28,153
5.7	Habilitation	Number	1,586	1,529	1,518	1,533	1,621

1 Graduates qualified to enter higher education at general schools (without externals) and vocational schools.

2 Population: survey reference day is 31 December of the previous year. Until 2010, population data are based on past censuses. As of 2017, population data are based on 2011 Census. The 2010 figures are adjusted considering the double Abitur graduation classes.

3 Year in national demarcation (e.g. year 2021 = summer semester 2021 and winter semester 2021/2022).

4 Including Magister Artium, state examination (Staatsexamen) excluding teacher's degree, ecclesiastical examination.

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