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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	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Europe	29,404	53,151	117,372	142,843	142,801	140,292	131,603	133,894
EU countries³	7,967	23,311	43,418	66,944	66,059	64,225	74,155	74,207
Belgium	476	680	923	934	917	957	920	969
Bulgaria	121	183	5,015	12,848	12,794	12,170	10,504	9,544
Denmark	209	372	649	564	568	485	468	449
Estonia	-	-	436	760	780	724	677	624
Finland	800	781	998	917	912	853	713	776
France	2,504	3,716	6,246	6,290	6,074	5,982	5,476	5,988
Greece	5,204	6,465	7,516	6,115	5,850	5,643	5,218	5,182
Ireland	101	286	536	408	435	413	353	386
Italy	1,142	3,267	6,771	6,810	6,701	6,614	6,512	6,863
Croatia	-	-	4,614	4,556	4,414	4,186	3,975	4,004
Latvia	-	-	600	899	918	886	823	751
Lithuania	-	-	959	1,701	1,747	1,667	1,510	1,390
Luxembourg	678	1,107	1,605	2,132	2,242	2,373	2,484	2,641
Malta	4	7	53	41	36	27	21	26
Netherlands	1,434	2,113	1,770	1,570	1,468	1,447	1,429	1,465
Austria	2,437	5,101	6,127	5,770	5,930	6,153	6,018	7,014
Poland	414	2,136	9,328	14,896	15,183	14,493	13,028	12,252
Portugal	239	663	1,527	1,487	1,383	1,341	1,315	1,400
Romania	182	313	2,232	4,271	4,201	4,156	3,636	3,475
Sweden	393	517	881	753	682	700	600	593
Slovakia	-	-	992	1,661	1,649	1,569	1,365	1,238
Slovenia	-	-	510	569	540	524	556	491
Spain	819	2,520	5,588	5,434	5,152	4,799	4,538	4,715
Czech Republic	624	580	1,640	2,356	2,241	2,132	1,965	1,817
Hungary	296	513	2,779	2,804	2,642	2,434	2,167	2,160
Cyprus	318	474	180	204	215	221	208	217
Non-EU countries³	21,437	29,840	73,954	75,899	76,742	76,067	57,448	59,687
Bosnia Herzegovina	-	-	1,889	2,455	2,546	2,603	2,573	2,681
Iceland	115	248	160	133	108	108	87	91
Montenegro	-	-	-	-	-	-	227	170
North Macedonia	-	-	523	1,361	754	835	775	719
Norway	640	846	906	753	659	589	485	492
Russian Federation ⁴	52	395	6,987	11,479	11,953	12,197	11,847	12,378
Switzerland	1,088	1,360	1,763	1,896	1,941	1,994	1,990	2,170
Turkey	6,542	12,962	23,640	22,553	22,419	22,090	21,404	22,335
Ukraine	-	-	3,688	8,066	8,671	8,839	8,408	8,557
United Kingdom	1,423	2,122	2,281	1,869	1,794	1,788	1,651	1,781
Other countries in Europe	1,149	3,424	5,060	5,528	6,282	6,300	5,677	6,090

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	1980/1981	1990/1991	2000/2001	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Africa	3,884	6,441	18,852	22,616	22,883	22,689	21,580	21,736
Egypt	795	942	1,191	1,035	907	920	1,087	1,203
Ethiopia	164	470	588	495	427	418	401	430
Algeria	601	271	346	246	229	222	193	188
Ghana	258	330	374	570	441	375	322	333
Cameroon	114	598	4,141	5,393	5,521	5,503	5,458	5,536
Morocco	151	925	6,204	8,019	8,213	7,931	6,918	6,649
Nigeria	424	245	667	562	541	513	548	555
Tunisia	212	695	1,237	2,023	2,369	2,593	2,681	2,860
Other countries in Africa	1,165	1,965	4,104	4,273	4,235	4,214	3,972	3,982
America	6,572	8,455	9,356	11,467	11,917	12,397	12,372	13,366
Argentina	212	321	419	485	477	456	438	413
Bolivia	160	240	190	221	224	223	198	206
Brazil	490	896	1,432	1,682	1,867	2,018	2,118	2,246
Chile	516	515	459	606	626	607	611	665
Canada	330	392	430	548	577	584	554	615
Colombia	246	407	544	1,090	1,178	1,261	1,356	1,479
Mexico	189	259	502	1,174	1,268	1,394	1,380	1,584
Peru	275	518	797	899	956	974	953	1,019
Venezuela	215	118	274	345	377	351	350	387
United States	3,531	4,207	3,467	3,280	3,195	3,337	3,247	3,513
Other countries in America	408	582	842	1,137	1,172	1,192	1,167	1,239
Asia	16,738	30,051	39,683	67,729	69,107	69,422	66,691	67,640
Afghanistan	548	612	628	670	720	762	745	896
China	317	4,230	9,109	27,129	27,390	27,117	25,479	24,746
India	655	609	1,412	4,249	3,988	3,780	3,527	3,516
Indonesia	3,185	2,125	2,128	2,551	2,570	2,537	2,431	2,400
Iraq	233	375	367	454	510	556	564	599
Iran	5,331	10,485	6,359	4,185	4,067	4,092	3,871	4,182
Israel	461	1,047	876	1,202	1,277	1,304	1,391	1,453
Japan	1,256	1,219	2,182	2,422	2,339	2,339	2,183	2,106
Jordan	711	1,029	1,029	909	867	795	701	756
Lebanon	284	327	487	1,032	1,137	1,240	1,261	1,333
Pakistan	267	186	653	1,239	1,277	1,298	1,318	1,469
South Korea	1,066	4,228	4,853	5,160	5,096	5,076	5,003	5,209
Syria	508	498	922	1,318	1,616	1,790	1,885	2,067
Taiwan	475	942	1,265	1,350	1,302	1,323	1,232	1,222
Thailand	290	227	487	984	966	948	939	993
Vietnam	621	1,147	1,410	2,418	2,982	3,315	3,566	3,671
Other countries in Asia	530	765	5,516	10,457	11,003	11,150	10,595	11,022
Australia/Oceania	135	164	313	382	400	419	417	426
Australia	110	134	255	296	323	341	344	352
New Zealand	25	23	45	65	63	69	63	65
Other countries in Oceania	-	7	13	21	14	9	10	9
Total countries⁵	57,713	99,760	187,027	246,334	248,357	246,369	233,606	239,143

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Europe	137,094	141,553	148,623	156,745	164,660	172,244	178,290	182,734
EU countries³	74,583	76,052	79,088	83,460	91,912	96,367	99,478	101,153
Belgium	1,000	1,109	1,204	1,374	1,410	1,491	1,602	1,659
Bulgaria	8,696	7,997	7,486	7,226	7,223	7,231	7,325	7,311
Denmark	445	505	550	616	635	679	647	662
Estonia	608	616	635	604	562	564	538	505
Finland	818	871	909	914	961	983	1,013	1,072
France	6,206	6,394	6,539	7,000	7,342	8,373	8,453	8,539
Greece	5,307	5,473	5,931	6,533	7,072	7,386	7,540	7,725
Ireland	369	409	475	466	512	559	604	673
Italy	7,469	8,154	8,930	9,934	10,916	12,206	13,256	14,038
Croatia	4,109	4,102	4,197	4,345	4,626	4,677	4,753	4,746
Latvia	790	831	824	917	922	890	889	872
Lithuania	1,274	1,199	1,177	1,182	1,177	1,186	1,178	1,131
Luxembourg	2,803	2,953	3,197	3,364	3,627	3,838	4,124	4,390
Malta	30	32	24	23	33	36	37	39
Netherlands	1,449	1,561	1,723	1,905	2,111	2,405	2,680	2,840
Austria	7,770	8,775	9,695	10,509	11,235	11,832	12,180	12,652
Poland	11,325	10,306	9,852	9,532	9,142	9,104	8,947	8,260
Portugal	1,446	1,618	1,695	1,852	2,118	2,272	2,443	2,588
Romania	3,483	3,457	3,452	3,544	3,461	3,442	3,468	3,401
Sweden	656	665	704	736	801	880	926	867
Slovakia	1,206	1,146	1,109	1,155	1,172	1,239	1,200	1,088
Slovenia	478	471	490	485	577	615	647	639
Spain	4,993	5,491	6,165	6,841	7,058	6,959	7,208	7,516
Czech Republic	1,751	1,667	1,769	1,781	1,791	1,859	1,787	1,676
Hungary	2,106	2,020	2,068	2,147	2,323	2,366	2,468	2,436
Cyprus	231	245	271	320	427	540	639	746
Non-EU countries³	62,511	65,501	69,535	73,285	72,748	75,877	78,812	81,581
Bosnia Herzegovina	2,803	2,859	3,035	3,123	3,164	3,265	3,278	3,351
Iceland	98	116	119	116	136	137	128	127
Montenegro	159	190	215	252	313	339	386	422
North Macedonia	720	742	757	816	914	992	1,071	1,166
Norway	431	411	415	428	437	452	495	497
Russian Federation ⁴	12,652	13,132	13,630	14,199	14,525	14,964	14,909	14,939
Switzerland	2,302	2,487	2,745	2,882	3,028	3,125	3,345	3,463
Turkey	24,170	26,089	28,501	30,645	33,004	34,736	36,530	38,309
Ukraine	8,818	8,830	8,929	9,044	9,212	9,379	9,613	9,638
United Kingdom	1,874	2,087	2,214	2,500	2,678	2,755	2,926	3,082
Other countries in Europe	6,249	6,543	6,992	7,435	8,015	8,488	9,057	9,669

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Number								
Country	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Africa	21,684	21,542	21,469	22,143	23,290	25,141	27,312	29,999
Egypt	1,359	1,423	1,473	1,778	2,057	2,384	2,788	3,328
Ethiopia	442	470	490	526	516	488	498	511
Algeria	186	196	219	230	246	265	295	292
Ghana	370	426	511	582	653	756	875	987
Cameroon	5,550	5,575	5,783	6,016	6,408	6,893	7,336	7,676
Morocco	6,281	5,866	5,461	5,169	5,165	5,314	5,447	5,674
Nigeria	577	607	645	758	942	1,188	1,454	1,667
Tunisia	2,859	2,729	2,552	2,576	2,732	3,101	3,677	4,648
Other countries in Africa	4,060	4,250	4,335	4,508	4,571	4,752	4,942	5,216
America	14,625	15,270	16,553	17,886	19,538	21,712	23,342	23,627
Argentina	434	433	409	416	470	483	551	590
Bolivia	200	225	245	285	301	289	309	304
Brazil	2,467	2,561	2,727	3,310	3,884	4,708	4,811	3,501
Chile	703	760	814	875	888	933	941	1,043
Canada	615	656	757	805	904	1,039	1,100	1,196
Colombia	1,608	1,715	1,871	2,065	2,346	2,599	2,898	3,100
Mexico	1,607	1,749	2,059	2,245	2,425	2,714	2,886	3,050
Peru	1,000	1,044	1,055	1,068	1,112	1,105	1,174	1,230
Venezuela	411	425	439	463	505	555	595	642
United States	3,825	4,242	4,598	4,654	4,855	5,316	5,837	6,521
Other countries in America	1,755	1,460	1,579	1,700	1,848	1,971	2,240	2,450
Asia	69,072	72,326	77,233	84,097	92,548	100,926	109,811	120,506
Afghanistan	987	1,042	1,151	1,118	1,135	1,215	1,256	1,377
China	24,414	24,443	25,521	27,364	30,511	32,460	34,643	37,603
India	4,070	5,038	5,998	7,532	9,619	11,860	13,740	15,529
Indonesia	2,544	2,574	2,646	3,046	3,399	3,811	4,384	4,905
Iraq	678	784	837	915	973	1,105	1,114	1,177
Iran	4,388	4,739	5,361	6,117	6,607	7,033	7,513	8,213
Israel	1,572	1,599	1,643	1,689	1,711	1,689	1,679	1,723
Japan	2,099	2,061	2,138	2,213	2,317	2,255	2,281	2,322
Jordan	839	855	933	999	1,080	1,139	1,263	1,447
Lebanon	1,288	1,271	1,221	1,176	1,163	1,176	1,202	1,266
Pakistan	1,610	1,844	2,141	2,523	3,143	3,655	4,167	4,749
South Korea	5,219	5,280	5,222	5,287	5,518	5,792	6,087	6,527
Syria	2,244	2,329	2,459	2,575	2,646	2,889	3,803	5,469
Taiwan	1,272	1,364	1,409	1,509	919	1,488	1,755	2,013
Thailand	941	949	978	932	930	937	974	1,057
Vietnam	3,870	4,189	4,671	5,155	5,597	5,794	6,356	6,581
Other countries in Asia	11,037	11,965	12,904	13,947	15,280	16,628	17,594	18,548
Australia/Oceania	526	543	645	666	715	814	908	1,020
Australia	419	427	516	525	578	666	755	849
New Zealand	92	98	101	117	118	125	132	155
Other countries in Oceania	15	18	28	24	19	23	21	16
Total countries⁵	244,775	252,032	265,292	282,201	301,350	321,569	340,305	358,895

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Number								
Country	Total institutions						University ¹	University of applied sciences ²
	Winter semester							
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023		
Europe	183,635	184,332	183,293	179,598	186,221	186,855	121,785	65,070
EU countries³	101,324	101,594	101,056	96,459	102,898	102,456	67,069	35,387
Belgium	1,719	1,728	1,771	1,756	1,944	1,826	1,237	589
Bulgaria	6,911	6,692	6,568	6,384	6,260	6,054	4,510	1,544
Denmark	655	639	646	660	689	651	484	167
Estonia	492	455	445	401	397	395	292	103
Finland	966	934	829	683	751	780	487	293
France	8,408	8,278	8,104	7,798	8,350	8,325	6,136	2,189
Greece	7,734	7,662	7,430	7,211	7,054	6,886	4,931	1,955
Ireland	709	713	741	600	898	865	679	186
Italy	14,485	14,922	14,975	14,067	15,154	15,232	10,903	4,329
Croatia	4,686	4,653	4,620	4,624	4,630	4,503	2,330	2,173
Latvia	827	795	753	724	784	790	491	299
Lithuania	1,081	1,084	1,065	1,074	1,072	1,048	734	314
Luxembourg	4,670	4,852	5,022	5,212	5,367	5,275	3,381	1,894
Malta	31	40	38	37	44	43	34	9
Netherlands	2,892	2,889	2,852	2,611	2,861	2,767	1,900	867
Austria	13,194	13,618	14,190	15,774	16,809	16,903	7,534	9,369
Poland	7,773	7,501	7,211	7,010	7,274	7,297	4,885	2,412
Portugal	2,689	2,785	2,793	2,720	2,936	2,934	1,891	1,043
Romania	3,374	3,426	3,545	3,635	4,057	4,217	2,830	1,387
Sweden	793	771	706	591	754	751	567	184
Slovakia	1,037	949	899	885	948	924	676	248
Slovenia	653	637	626	528	573	569	405	164
Spain	7,469	7,647	7,573	6,699	8,297	8,367	5,978	2,389
Czech Republic	1,630	1,610	1,495	1,424	1,470	1,503	1,110	393
Hungary	2,524	2,522	2,643	2,618	2,851	2,908	2,069	839
Cyprus	826	827	804	733	674	643	595	48
Non-EU countries³	82,311	82,738	82,237	83,139	83,323	84,399	54,716	29,683
Bosnia Herzegovina	3,331	3,243	3,180	3,130	3,043	2,948	1,518	1,430
Iceland	126	137	133	131	130	139	85	54
Montenegro	424	433	440	419	441	426	256	170
North Macedonia	1,174	1,230	1,214	1,178	1,182	1,171	715	456
Norway	512	551	540	458	584	571	406	165
Russian Federation ⁴	14,322	13,968	14,073	14,301	14,549	14,282	10,460	3,822
Switzerland	3,601	3,717	3,763	3,879	4,015	4,110	2,235	1,875
Turkey	39,338	39,634	38,902	37,030	36,575	35,495	21,998	13,497
Ukraine	9,388	9,171	8,933	8,687	8,450	11,200	7,924	3,276
United Kingdom	3,096	2,965	2,712	2,492	2,573	2,412	1,943	469
Other countries in Europe	10,095	10,654	11,059	11,434	11,781	11,645	7,176	4,469

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Country	Number							
	Total institutions						University ¹	University of applied sciences ²
	Winter semester							
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023		
Africa	32,496	35,463	38,955	42,085	44,847	45,623	23,883	21,740
Egypt	3,923	4,822	5,639	6,263	7,480	8,083	5,901	2,182
Ethiopia	561	558	565	510	530	563	376	187
Algeria	319	351	411	472	572	628	371	257
Ghana	1,247	1,456	1,567	1,814	2,157	2,371	1,456	915
Cameroon	7,535	7,406	7,844	8,159	7,887	7,537	2,631	4,906
Morocco	5,894	6,133	6,393	6,712	7,037	7,478	2,746	4,732
Nigeria	1,970	2,747	3,766	4,606	4,468	4,281	2,540	1,741
Tunisia	5,595	6,185	6,599	6,848	6,806	6,761	3,652	3,109
Other countries in Africa	5,452	5,805	6,171	6,701	7,910	7,921	4,210	3,711
America	25,004	25,984	26,548	24,700	27,100	28,127	20,741	7,386
Argentina	663	720	699	600	684	786	529	257
Bolivia	321	358	382	411	435	456	293	163
Brazil	3,954	4,203	4,382	4,064	4,274	4,361	3,268	1,093
Chile	1,072	1,097	1,152	1,180	1,284	1,298	1,052	246
Canada	1,220	1,229	1,195	1,018	1,117	1,197	961	236
Colombia	3,280	3,498	3,709	3,848	3,900	3,887	2,891	996
Mexico	3,147	3,287	3,284	2,997	3,393	3,729	2,431	1,298
Peru	1,309	1,378	1,436	1,504	1,668	1,773	1,270	503
Venezuela	686	711	661	653	653	661	437	224
United States	6,851	6,829	6,821	5,486	6,462	6,456	5,320	1,136
Other countries in America	2,501	2,674	2,827	2,939	3,230	3,523	2,289	1,234
Asia	131,447	147,026	160,829	168,353	180,579	195,386	132,105	63,281
Afghanistan	1,361	1,503	1,693	1,943	2,258	2,822	1,457	1,365
China	39,541	42,676	44,490	43,525	43,629	42,541	37,164	5,377
India	17,570	20,810	25,149	28,905	34,134	42,997	24,970	18,027
Indonesia	5,194	5,436	5,471	5,725	5,903	5,836	3,211	2,625
Iraq	1,143	1,204	1,370	1,537	1,780	2,141	1,181	960
Iran	8,525	9,523	10,368	11,573	12,667	14,372	10,347	4,025
Israel	1,731	1,711	1,656	1,547	1,598	1,583	1,230	353
Japan	2,285	2,299	2,358	1,722	1,923	2,276	2,037	239
Jordan	1,767	1,765	1,851	1,887	2,310	2,478	1,184	1,294
Lebanon	1,249	1,307	1,373	1,558	1,733	1,919	1,196	723
Pakistan	5,258	6,093	6,316	6,784	7,513	8,642	5,901	2,741
South Korea	6,835	7,066	7,444	6,466	6,684	7,597	6,604	993
Syria	9,035	13,652	17,181	19,366	20,759	21,393	11,453	9,940
Taiwan	2,390	2,782	3,155	2,862	2,790	2,868	2,380	488
Thailand	1,155	1,154	1,137	1,100	1,131	1,174	716	458
Vietnam	7,060	7,510	7,602	7,566	7,582	7,368	3,827	3,541
Other countries in Asia	19,348	20,535	22,215	24,287	26,185	27,379	17,247	10,132
Australia/Oceania	965	990	991	711	741	820	637	183
Australia	793	820	827	571	580	647	513	134
New Zealand	153	149	144	121	139	149	113	36
Other countries in Oceania	19	21	20	19	22	24	11	13
Total countries⁵	374,583	394,665	411,601	416,437	440,564	458,210	299,843	158,367

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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