

■ Table 2.5.90

Drop-out rates of German first-degree students, by types of higher education institution and selected degree types¹

| Target degree/ Type of higher education institution | Share in % | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Graduate year group | | | | | | | |
| | 2006 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2020 |
| Diplom/Magister² | | | | | | | | |
| Total institutions | 26 | 27 | 23 | - | - | - | - | - |
| University | 29 | - | 24 | 27 | - | - | - | - |
| University of applied sciences | 21 | - | 21 | 22 | - | - | - | - |
| Bachelor's degree | | | | | | | | |
| Total institutions | 30 | 25 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 28 |
| University | 25 | - | 35 | 33 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 35 |
| University of applied sciences | 39 | - | 19 | 23 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 20 |
| Master's degree³ | | | | | | | | |
| Total institutions | - | - | - | - | 17 | 19 | 17 | 21 |
| University | - | - | - | 11 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 20 |
| University of applied sciences | - | - | - | 7 | 19 | 19 | 13 | 23 |
| State examination⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| Total institutions | 7 | 10 | 11 | 13 | - | - | - | - |

1 The drop-outs of the different degree programmes relate to different years of first-year students. Due to the fact that the study situation has changed significantly due to the corona pandemic, students in later semesters who could have obtained their degree in the 2020 summer semester can be expected to stay longer. These longer periods of study were taken into account when calculating the dropout rates for the 2020 graduate year group. For further information see source (German language only).

2 Due to the changes in the higher education structures, the Diplom/Magister drop-out rates of the separate graduate year groups are comparable only to a very limited extend among each other as well as with the drop-out rates of the other degree programmes. No data available for graduate year groups 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020 because of low case numbers. For further information see source (German language only).

3 Excluding teacher's master degree.

4 For graduate year groups 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020 there were no calculations for the total of state examinations, but for law (2014 = 24%; 2016 = 28%; 2018 = 32%; 2020 = 35%), medicine (2014 = 11%; 2016 = 6%; 2018 = 10%; 2020 = 6%) and teaching (2014 = 13%; 2016 = 14%; 2018 = 14%; 2020 = 10%). In medicine as well as in teaching, there are no longer periods of study for the 2020 graduate year group; for law, the longer periods of study in 2020 have been taken into account.

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