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Participation rates in continuing education, by selected categories¹

Category	Share in %						
	Continuing education, total						
	2007	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Total	44	42	49	51	50	54	60
Male	46	43	51	52	49	57	60
Female	42	41	47	50	50	52	60
Age from ... up to under ... years							
18/19 to 25	49	40	49	50	46	55	64
25 to 35	47	41	51	58	51	58	65
35 to 45	49	47	52	54	54	59	61
45 to 55	46	47	51	53	52	55	62
55 to 65	27	34	38	39	44	47	51
65 to 70	-	-	-	-	21	28	25
Highest school-leaving qualification²							
Low	29	27	32	36	35	39	44
Intermediate	49	45	51	53	52	51	60
High	60	57	64	62	60	69	71
Highest vocational qualification							
Without any vocational qualification ³	-	33	37	39	34	44	47
Training/full-time vocational school	43	38	44	47	46	48	57
Meister/trade and technical school ^{4,5}	57	60	65	66	64	69	71
Higher education degree ⁴	62	63	68	67	68	71	77
Occupational status							
Employed persons	51	49	56	58	56	59	67
Unemployed persons	26	28	29	32	27	49	34
Persons in school/vocational education	50	44	51	54	42	56	60
Other unemployed persons	19	20	24	25	29	30	30
Nationality							
Germans, of which	45	44	50	53	51	53	62
Foreigners	33	29	34	32	40	49	51
Migration background							
Without a migration background ⁶	-	-	-	-	52	55	63
With a migration background (1st generation) ⁷	-	-	-	-	40	52	49
With a migration background (2nd generation) ⁸	-	-	-	-	48	57	59

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Category	Share in %														
	Vocational continuing education in enterprises					Individual vocational continuing education					Non-vocational continuing education				
	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Total	35	37	36	40	48	9	9	7	7	9	13	12	13	13	18
Male	39	40	39	44	50	8	9	5	7	8	10	10	10	11	15
Female	31	34	34	36	46	10	10	8	7	10	15	15	16	15	20
Age from ... up to under ... years															
18/19 to 25	23	27	22	24	40	12	9	9	12	12	22	24	22	26	29
25 to 35	38	41	37	41	50	10	14	7	12	11	12	13	13	12	22
35 to 45	40	45	42	49	51	9	9	8	6	10	11	10	10	12	13
45 to 55	40	42	42	47	54	9	7	6	5	8	10	10	10	9	15
55 to 65	27	25	31	33	42	6	8	4	5	5	12	12	13	14	14
65 to 70	-	-	4	4	11	-	-	2	1	4	-	-	16	23	14
Highest school-leaving qualification²															
Low	23	27	25	30	34	5	6	4	4	7	8	8	9	7	11
Intermediate	40	41	40	42	53	8	9	6	3	5	11	11	11	11	14
High	44	43	43	48	55	14	13	10	14	13	18	18	17	18	24
Highest vocational qualification															
Without any vocational qualification ³	18	22	18	17	26	9	7	7	12	11	15	15	14	19	20
Training/full-time vocational school	33	36	35	40	49	7	8	5	4	5	10	9	11	9	13
Meister/trade and technical school ^{4,5}	53	58	54	59	62	9	11	7	6	10	15	11	12	11	17
Higher education degree ⁴	51	48	52	52	65	15	15	11	12	15	17	18	17	18	24
Occupational status															
Employed persons	46	49	47	51	60	8	9	5	5	8	10	10	11	10	16
Unemployed persons	6	11	5	7	7	17	17	16	36	18	8	7	8	10	14
Persons in school/vocational education	16	17	15	17	29	16	14	11	13	18	28	31	21	34	32
Other unemployed persons	7	5	7	9	12	4	5	6	5	6	16	16	19	20	17
Nationality															
Germans, of which	37	39	38	39	51	9	10	6	6	8	13	13	13	14	17
Foreigners	17	20	19	24	32	7	6	10	15	13	12	11	15	14	18
Migration background															
Without a migration background ⁶	-	-	40	43	53	-	-	6	6	8	-	-	13	13	17
With a migration background (1st generation) ⁷	-	-	21	30	32	-	-	9	13	12	-	-	13	14	18
With a migration background (2nd generation) ⁸	-	-	35	42	45	-	-	6	7	8	-	-	14	14	19

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- 1 Basis until 2007: persons aged 19 to 64. Basis as of 2010: persons aged 18 to 64. Quite uncertain extrapolated data for the year 2014 because of low case numbers (see source).
- 2 The highest school-leaving qualifications are summarised as follows: low = secondary general school certificate or below, intermediate = intermediate school certificate, high = entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences or higher. Due to the weak database, the following groups are not listed: the groups that (a) did not state a schoolleaving qualification and (b) did not obtain a schoolleaving qualification because they still attend school.
- 3 In AES 2007, the category "Without any vocational qualification" is based on a differing definition than in the following surveys, so trend comparisons are not possible.
- 4 Up to 2014 AES, studies at a vocational academy (Berufsakademie) had been attributed to category Meister/trade and technical school; as of 2016 AES, they are attributed to category Higher education degree.
- 5 As of 2016 AES, including trade and technical schools of the German Democratic Republic and training facilities/schools for educators.
- 6 People without a migration background: people who themselves and both of their parents were born in Germany.
- 7 People with a migration background and their own immigration experience (first generation): People who were not born in Germany themselves and of whom at least one parent was not born in Germany.
- 8 People with a migration background without their own migration experience (second generation): People who were born in Germany themselves and of whom at least one parent was not born in Germany.

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