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Participation rates in continuing education, by selected categories¹

Category	Share in %				
	2007	2010	2012	2014	2016
Total	44	42	49	51	50
Male	46	43	51	52	49
Female	42	41	47	50	50
Age group					
Aged 18/19 to 24	49	40	49	50	46
Aged 25 to 29	47	40	50	58	48
Aged 30 to 34	47	42	53	58	54
Aged 35 to 39	47	42	50	54	54
Aged 40 to 44	48	46	53	53	54
Aged 45 to 49	47	49	54	51	56
Aged 50 to 54	45	44	49	54	48
Aged 55 to 59	37	40	44	42	49
Aged 60 to 64	18	27	32	36	38
Highest school-leaving qualification²					
Low	29	27	32	36	35
Intermediate	49	45	51	53	52
High	60	57	64	62	60
Highest vocational qualification					
Without any vocational qualification ³	-	33	37	39	34
Training/full-time vocational school	43	38	44	47	46
Meister/trade and technical school ^{4,5}	57	60	65	66	64
Higher education degree ⁴	62	63	68	67	68
Occupational status					
Employed persons	51	49	56	58	56
Unemployed persons	26	28	29	32	27
Persons in school/vocational education	50	44	51	54	42
Other unemployed persons	19	20	24	25	29
Nationality					
Germans, of which	45	44	50	53	51
Without a migrant background ⁶	46	45	52	-	51
With a migrant background ⁶	34	33	33	-	43
Foreigners	33	29	34	32	40

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Participation rates in continuing education, by selected categories¹

Category	Share in %								
	Vocational continuing education in enterprises			Individual vocational continuing education			Non-vocational continuing education		
	2012	2014	2016	2012	2014	2016	2012	2014	2016
Total	35	37	36	9	9	7	13	12	13
Male	39	40	39	8	9	5	10	10	10
Female	31	34	34	10	10	8	15	15	16
Age group									
Aged 18/19 to 24	23	27	22	12	9	9	22	24	22
Aged 25 to 29	36	38	33	8	16	7	15	15	13
Aged 30 to 34	41	43	40	11	12	7	9	11	13
Aged 35 to 39	37	43	39	9	11	10	11	12	10
Aged 40 to 44	41	46	44	9	6	7	12	9	10
Aged 45 to 49	42	41	44	10	5	5	10	10	12
Aged 50 to 54	38	54	41	8	10	6	10	10	9
Aged 55 to 59	34	30	37	8	8	5	10	10	12
Aged 60 to 64	18	20	24	3	7	4	14	13	14
Highest school-leaving qualification²									
Low	23	27	25	5	6	4	8	8	9
Intermediate	40	41	40	8	9	6	11	11	11
High	44	43	43	14	13	10	18	18	17
Highest vocational qualification									
Without any vocational qualification ³	18	22	18	9	7	7	15	15	14
Training/full-time vocational school	33	36	35	7	8	5	10	9	11
Meister/trade and technical school ^{4,5}	53	58	54	9	11	7	15	11	12
Higher education degree ⁴	51	48	52	15	15	11	17	18	17
Occupational status									
Employed persons	46	49	47	8	9	5	10	10	11
Unemployed persons	6	11	5	17	17	16	8	7	8
Persons in school/vocational education	16	17	15	16	14	11	28	31	21
Other unemployed persons	7	5	7	4	5	6	16	16	19
Nationality									
Germans, of which	37	39	38	9	10	6	13	13	13
Without a migrant background ⁶	38	-	39	9	-	6	13	-	13
With a migrant background ⁶	22	-	28	7	-	7	7	-	10
Foreigners	17	20	19	7	6	10	12	11	15

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 school-leaving qualification and (b) did not obtain a school-leaving 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 In 2014 AES, no differentiation between Germans with a migrant background and Germans without a migrant background because of a small number of cases.

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