

**Fig. 50 Duration of studies with successful final examination, by examination types and sex (2011-2015)**

| Examination type                                      |               | 2011        |            | 2012        |            | 2013        |            | 2014        |            | 2015        |            |
|---|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|   |               | SH          | SS         | SH          | SS         | SH          | SS         | SH          | SS         | SH          | SS         |
| Bachelor's degree <sup>1</sup>                        | Male          | 8.1         | 7.3        | 8.4         | 7.5        | 8.6         | 7.6        | 8.6         | 7.7        | 8.7         | 7.9        |
|   | Female        | 7.6         | 6.9        | 7.8         | 7.1        | 8.0         | 7.2        | 8.1         | 7.3        | 8.2         | 7.5        |
|   | Total         | 7.9         | 7.1        | 8.1         | 7.3        | 8.3         | 7.4        | 8.3         | 7.5        | 8.5         | 7.7        |
| Master's degree <sup>1</sup>                          | Male          | 11.1        | 4.7        | 11.5        | 4.8        | 11.6        | 4.9        | 11.9        | 5.0        | 12.1        | 5.2        |
|   | Female        | 11.0        | 4.7        | 11.1        | 4.8        | 11.4        | 4.9        | 11.5        | 5.0        | 11.8        | 5.2        |
|   | Total         | 11.1        | 4.7        | 11.3        | 4.8        | 11.5        | 4.9        | 11.7        | 5.0        | 11.9        | 5.2        |
| University degree <sup>1,2</sup>                      | Male          | 14.0        | 12.7       | 14.4        | 13.2       | 15.1        | 13.8       | 15.8        | 14.5       | 15.5        | 14.2       |
|   | Female        | 13.6        | 12.3       | 14.0        | 12.6       | 14.4        | 13.0       | 14.8        | 13.4       | 14.4        | 13.1       |
|   | Total         | 13.8        | 12.5       | 14.2        | 12.9       | 14.7        | 13.4       | 15.3        | 13.9       | 14.9        | 13.6       |
| Degree at university of applied sciences <sup>2</sup> | Male          | 11.1        | 10.1       | 11.4        | 10.3       | 10.7        | 9.8        | 10.1        | 9.4        | 9.4         | 8.7        |
|   | Female        | 10.3        | 9.4        | 10.5        | 9.5        | 9.7         | 8.9        | 9.1         | 8.3        | 8.2         | 7.4        |
|   | Total         | 10.8        | 9.8        | 11.0        | 10.0       | 10.3        | 9.4        | 9.7         | 8.9        | 9.0         | 8.2        |
| Teacher's degree <sup>3</sup>                         | Male          | 13.0        | 9.7        | 13.0        | 9.3        | 13.0        | 9.0        | 12.8        | 8.7        | 12.8        | 8.6        |
|   | Female        | 11.3        | 8.5        | 11.3        | 8.1        | 11.3        | 7.9        | 11.2        | 7.8        | 11.3        | 7.7        |
|   | Total         | 11.8        | 8.8        | 11.7        | 8.4        | 11.7        | 8.2        | 11.6        | 8.0        | 11.7        | 7.9        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>Male</b>   | <b>10.8</b> | <b>8.7</b> | <b>10.7</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>10.7</b> | <b>8.0</b> | <b>10.6</b> | <b>7.8</b> | <b>10.6</b> | <b>7.6</b> |
|   | <b>Female</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>10.3</b> | <b>8.1</b> | <b>10.2</b> | <b>7.8</b> | <b>10.2</b> | <b>7.6</b> | <b>10.2</b> | <b>7.4</b> |
|   | <b>Total</b>  | <b>10.6</b> | <b>8.5</b> | <b>10.5</b> | <b>8.2</b> | <b>10.5</b> | <b>7.9</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>7.7</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>7.5</b> |

**Explanation of abbreviations/symbols:** SH = duration of studies by semesters in higher education; SS = duration of studies by subject-related semesters.

1) Excluding teacher's degree.

2) Excluding bachelor's degree and master's degree.

3) Including teacher's bachelor degree and teacher's master degree.

**Source:** Federal Statistical Office, special evaluation

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