

**Fig. 61 Participation rates in continuing education, by age groups, highest school-leaving qualification and highest vocational qualification (2012/2014)**

Resident population aged 18 to 64	Participation rate (in %)							
	Continuing education, total		Vocational continuing education in enterprises		Individual vocational continuing education		Non-vocational continuing education	
	2012	2014	2012	2014	2012	2014	2012	2014
<b>Age group</b>								
Age from ... up to under ... years								
18 - 25	49	50	23	27	12	9	22	24
25 - 35	51	58	38	40	10	14	12	13
35 - 45	52	53	40	45	9	9	11	10
45 - 55	51	53	40	42	9	7	10	10
55 - 65	38	39	27	25	6	8	12	12
<b>Highest school-leaving qualification<sup>1</sup></b>								
Secondary general school certificate or below	32	36	23	27	5	6	8	8
Intermediate school certificate	51	53	40	41	8	9	11	11
Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences or higher	64	62	44	43	14	13	18	18
<b>Highest vocational qualification</b>								
Without any vocational qualification	37	39	18	22	9	7	15	15
Training / full-time vocational school	44	47	33	36	7	8	10	9
Meister / trade and technical school	65	66	53	58	9	11	15	11
Higher education degree	68	67	51	48	15	15	17	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>

1) The groups by highest school-leaving qualifications are summed up on the base of the very differentiated AES questionnaire. 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.

Source: TNS Infratest Sozialforschung, Adult Education Survey 2014

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