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**Foreign students in Germany, by types of higher education institution and countries of origin**

Country	Number							
	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	1980/1981	1990/1991	2000/2001	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
<b>Europe</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>53,151</b>	<b>117,372</b>	<b>144,915</b>	<b>142,843</b>	<b>142,801</b>	<b>140,292</b>	<b>131,603</b>
<b>EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	7,967	23,311	43,418	44,158	66,944	66,059	64,225	74,155
Belgium	476	680	923	958	934	917	957	920
Bulgaria	121	183	5,015	12,048	12,848	12,794	12,170	10,504
Denmark	209	372	649	674	564	568	485	468
Estonia	-	-	436	720	760	780	724	677
Finland	800	781	998	1,037	917	912	853	713
France	2,504	3,716	6,246	6,431	6,290	6,074	5,982	5,476
Greece	5,204	6,465	7,516	7,043	6,115	5,850	5,643	5,218
Ireland	101	286	536	479	408	435	413	353
Italy	1,142	3,267	6,771	7,183	6,810	6,701	6,614	6,512
Croatia	-	-	4,614	4,795	4,556	4,414	4,186	3,975
Latvia	-	-	600	891	899	918	886	823
Lithuania	-	-	959	1,667	1,701	1,747	1,667	1,510
Luxembourg	678	1,107	1,605	2,008	2,132	2,242	2,373	2,484
Malta	4	7	53	49	41	36	27	21
Netherlands	1,434	2,113	1,770	1,746	1,570	1,468	1,447	1,429
Austria	2,437	5,101	6,127	6,373	5,770	5,930	6,153	6,018
Poland	414	2,136	9,328	14,350	14,896	15,183	14,493	13,028
Portugal	239	663	1,527	1,639	1,487	1,383	1,341	1,315
Romania	182	313	2,232	3,977	4,271	4,201	4,156	3,636
Sweden	393	517	881	820	753	682	700	600
Slovakia	-	-	992	1,592	1,661	1,649	1,569	1,365
Slovenia	-	-	510	564	569	540	524	556
Spain	819	2,520	5,588	5,739	5,434	5,152	4,799	4,538
Czech Republic	624	580	1,640	2,392	2,356	2,241	2,132	1,965
Hungary	296	513	2,779	3,024	2,804	2,642	2,434	2,167
Cyprus	318	474	180	212	204	215	221	208
<b>Non-EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>21,437</b>	<b>29,840</b>	<b>73,954</b>	<b>100,757</b>	<b>75,899</b>	<b>76,742</b>	<b>76,067</b>	<b>57,448</b>
Bosnia Herzegovina	-	-	1,889	2,388	2,455	2,546	2,603	2,573
Iceland	115	248	160	162	133	108	108	87
Montenegro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	227
North Macedonia	-	-	523	704	1,361	754	835	775
Norway	640	846	906	773	753	659	589	485
Russian Federation	52	395	6,987	10,814	11,479	11,953	12,197	11,847
Switzerland	1,088	1,360	1,763	1,896	1,896	1,941	1,994	1,990
Turkey	6,542	12,962	23,640	24,448	22,553	22,419	22,090	21,404
Ukraine	-	-	3,688	7,238	8,066	8,671	8,839	8,408
United Kingdom	1,423	2,122	2,281	2,028	1,869	1,794	1,788	1,651
Other countries in Europe	1,149	3,424	5,060	6,053	5,528	6,282	6,300	5,677

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	1980/1981	1990/1991	2000/2001	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
<b>Africa</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>18,852</b>	<b>23,056</b>	<b>22,616</b>	<b>22,883</b>	<b>22,689</b>	<b>21,580</b>
Egypt	795	942	1,191	1,192	1,035	907	920	1,087
Ethiopia	164	470	588	523	495	427	418	401
Algeria	601	271	346	288	246	229	222	193
Ghana	258	330	374	698	570	441	375	322
Cameroon	114	598	4,141	5,332	5,393	5,521	5,503	5,458
Morocco	151	925	6,204	8,097	8,019	8,213	7,931	6,918
Nigeria	424	245	667	630	562	541	513	548
Tunisia	212	695	1,237	1,806	2,023	2,369	2,593	2,681
Other countries in Africa	1,165	1,965	4,104	4,490	4,273	4,235	4,214	3,972
<b>America</b>	<b>6,572</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>9,356</b>	<b>11,172</b>	<b>11,467</b>	<b>11,917</b>	<b>12,397</b>	<b>12,372</b>
Argentina	212	321	419	519	485	477	456	438
Bolivia	160	240	190	219	221	224	223	198
Brazil	490	896	1,432	1,698	1,682	1,867	2,018	2,118
Chile	516	515	459	611	606	626	607	611
Canada	330	392	430	535	548	577	584	554
Colombia	246	407	544	988	1,090	1,178	1,261	1,356
Mexico	189	259	502	977	1,174	1,268	1,394	1,380
Peru	275	518	797	902	899	956	974	953
Venezuela	215	118	274	325	345	377	351	350
United States	3,531	4,207	3,467	3,324	3,280	3,195	3,337	3,247
Other countries in America	408	582	842	1,074	1,137	1,172	1,192	1,167
<b>Asia</b>	<b>16,738</b>	<b>30,051</b>	<b>39,683</b>	<b>65,205</b>	<b>67,729</b>	<b>69,107</b>	<b>69,422</b>	<b>66,691</b>
Afghanistan	548	612	628	698	670	720	762	745
China	317	4,230	9,109	25,284	27,129	27,390	27,117	25,479
India	655	609	1,412	4,112	4,249	3,988	3,780	3,527
Indonesia	3,185	2,125	2,128	2,557	2,551	2,570	2,537	2,431
Iraq	233	375	367	428	454	510	556	564
Iran	5,331	10,485	6,359	5,090	4,185	4,067	4,092	3,871
Israel	461	1,047	876	1,082	1,202	1,277	1,304	1,391
Japan	1,256	1,219	2,182	2,495	2,422	2,339	2,339	2,183
Jordan	711	1,029	1,029	986	909	867	795	701
Lebanon	284	327	487	942	1,032	1,137	1,240	1,261
Pakistan	267	186	653	1,163	1,239	1,277	1,298	1,318
South Korea	1,066	4,228	4,853	5,361	5,160	5,096	5,076	5,003
Syria	508	498	922	1,188	1,318	1,616	1,790	1,885
Taiwan	475	942	1,265	1,411	1,350	1,302	1,323	1,232
Thailand	290	227	487	920	984	966	948	939
Vietnam	621	1,147	1,410	1,960	2,418	2,982	3,315	3,566
Other countries in Asia	530	765	5,516	9,528	10,457	11,003	11,150	10,595
<b>Australia/Oceania</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>417</b>
Australia	110	134	255	313	296	323	341	344
New Zealand	25	23	45	67	65	63	69	63
Other countries in Oceania	-	7	13	15	21	14	9	10
<b>Total countries<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>57,713</b>	<b>99,760</b>	<b>187,027</b>	<b>246,136</b>	<b>246,334</b>	<b>248,357</b>	<b>246,369</b>	<b>233,606</b>

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	Total institutions							
	Winter semester							
	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
<b>Europe</b>	<b>133,894</b>	<b>137,094</b>	<b>141,553</b>	<b>148,623</b>	<b>156,745</b>	<b>164,660</b>	<b>172,244</b>	<b>178,290</b>
<b>EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	74,207	74,583	76,052	79,088	83,460	91,912	96,367	99,478
Belgium	969	1,000	1,109	1,204	1,374	1,410	1,491	1,602
Bulgaria	9,544	8,696	7,997	7,486	7,226	7,223	7,231	7,325
Denmark	449	445	505	550	616	635	679	647
Estonia	624	608	616	635	604	562	564	538
Finland	776	818	871	909	914	961	983	1,013
France	5,988	6,206	6,394	6,539	7,000	7,342	8,373	8,453
Greece	5,182	5,307	5,473	5,931	6,533	7,072	7,386	7,540
Ireland	386	369	409	475	466	512	559	604
Italy	6,863	7,469	8,154	8,930	9,934	10,916	12,206	13,256
Croatia	4,004	4,109	4,102	4,197	4,345	4,626	4,677	4,753
Latvia	751	790	831	824	917	922	890	889
Lithuania	1,390	1,274	1,199	1,177	1,182	1,177	1,186	1,178
Luxembourg	2,641	2,803	2,953	3,197	3,364	3,627	3,838	4,124
Malta	26	30	32	24	23	33	36	37
Netherlands	1,465	1,449	1,561	1,723	1,905	2,111	2,405	2,680
Austria	7,014	7,770	8,775	9,695	10,509	11,235	11,832	12,180
Poland	12,252	11,325	10,306	9,852	9,532	9,142	9,104	8,947
Portugal	1,400	1,446	1,618	1,695	1,852	2,118	2,272	2,443
Romania	3,475	3,483	3,457	3,452	3,544	3,461	3,442	3,468
Sweden	593	656	665	704	736	801	880	926
Slovakia	1,238	1,206	1,146	1,109	1,155	1,172	1,239	1,200
Slovenia	491	478	471	490	485	577	615	647
Spain	4,715	4,993	5,491	6,165	6,841	7,058	6,959	7,208
Czech Republic	1,817	1,751	1,667	1,769	1,781	1,791	1,859	1,787
Hungary	2,160	2,106	2,020	2,068	2,147	2,323	2,366	2,468
Cyprus	217	231	245	271	320	427	540	639
<b>Non-EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	59,687	62,511	65,501	69,535	73,285	72,748	75,877	78,812
Bosnia Herzegovina	2,681	2,803	2,859	3,035	3,123	3,164	3,265	3,278
Iceland	91	98	116	119	116	136	137	128
Montenegro	170	159	190	215	252	313	339	386
North Macedonia	719	720	742	757	816	914	992	1,071
Norway	492	431	411	415	428	437	452	495
Russian Federation	12,378	12,652	13,132	13,630	14,199	14,525	14,964	14,909
Switzerland	2,170	2,302	2,487	2,745	2,882	3,028	3,125	3,345
Turkey	22,335	24,170	26,089	28,501	30,645	33,004	34,736	36,530
Ukraine	8,557	8,818	8,830	8,929	9,044	9,212	9,379	9,613
United Kingdom	1,781	1,874	2,087	2,214	2,500	2,678	2,755	2,926
Other countries in Europe	6,090	6,249	6,543	6,992	7,435	8,015	8,488	9,057

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	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
<b>Africa</b>	<b>21,736</b>	<b>21,684</b>	<b>21,542</b>	<b>21,469</b>	<b>22,143</b>	<b>23,290</b>	<b>25,141</b>	<b>27,312</b>
Egypt	1,203	1,359	1,423	1,473	1,778	2,057	2,384	2,788
Ethiopia	430	442	470	490	526	516	488	498
Algeria	188	186	196	219	230	246	265	295
Ghana	333	370	426	511	582	653	756	875
Cameroon	5,536	5,550	5,575	5,783	6,016	6,408	6,893	7,336
Morocco	6,649	6,281	5,866	5,461	5,169	5,165	5,314	5,447
Nigeria	555	577	607	645	758	942	1,188	1,454
Tunisia	2,860	2,859	2,729	2,552	2,576	2,732	3,101	3,677
Other countries in Africa	3,982	4,060	4,250	4,335	4,508	4,571	4,752	4,942
<b>America</b>	<b>13,366</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>15,270</b>	<b>16,553</b>	<b>17,886</b>	<b>19,538</b>	<b>21,712</b>	<b>23,342</b>
Argentina	413	434	433	409	416	470	483	551
Bolivia	206	200	225	245	285	301	289	309
Brazil	2,246	2,467	2,561	2,727	3,310	3,884	4,708	4,811
Chile	665	703	760	814	875	888	933	941
Canada	615	615	656	757	805	904	1,039	1,100
Colombia	1,479	1,608	1,715	1,871	2,065	2,346	2,599	2,898
Mexico	1,584	1,607	1,749	2,059	2,245	2,425	2,714	2,886
Peru	1,019	1,000	1,044	1,055	1,068	1,112	1,105	1,174
Venezuela	387	411	425	439	463	505	555	595
United States	3,513	3,825	4,242	4,598	4,654	4,855	5,316	5,837
Other countries in America	1,239	1,755	1,460	1,579	1,700	1,848	1,971	2,240
<b>Asia</b>	<b>67,640</b>	<b>69,072</b>	<b>72,326</b>	<b>77,233</b>	<b>84,097</b>	<b>92,548</b>	<b>100,926</b>	<b>109,811</b>
Afghanistan	896	987	1,042	1,151	1,118	1,135	1,215	1,256
China	24,746	24,414	24,443	25,521	27,364	30,511	32,460	34,643
India	3,516	4,070	5,038	5,998	7,532	9,619	11,860	13,740
Indonesia	2,400	2,544	2,574	2,646	3,046	3,399	3,811	4,384
Iraq	599	678	784	837	915	973	1,105	1,114
Iran	4,182	4,388	4,739	5,361	6,117	6,607	7,033	7,513
Israel	1,453	1,572	1,599	1,643	1,689	1,711	1,689	1,679
Japan	2,106	2,099	2,061	2,138	2,213	2,317	2,255	2,281
Jordan	756	839	855	933	999	1,080	1,139	1,263
Lebanon	1,333	1,288	1,271	1,221	1,176	1,163	1,176	1,202
Pakistan	1,469	1,610	1,844	2,141	2,523	3,143	3,655	4,167
South Korea	5,209	5,219	5,280	5,222	5,287	5,518	5,792	6,087
Syria	2,067	2,244	2,329	2,459	2,575	2,646	2,889	3,803
Taiwan	1,222	1,272	1,364	1,409	1,509	919	1,488	1,755
Thailand	993	941	949	978	932	930	937	974
Vietnam	3,671	3,870	4,189	4,671	5,155	5,597	5,794	6,356
Other countries in Asia	11,022	11,037	11,965	12,904	13,947	15,280	16,628	17,594
<b>Australia/Oceania</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>908</b>
Australia	352	419	427	516	525	578	666	755
New Zealand	65	92	98	101	117	118	125	132
Other countries in Oceania	9	15	18	28	24	19	23	21
<b>Total countries<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>239,143</b>	<b>244,775</b>	<b>252,032</b>	<b>265,292</b>	<b>282,201</b>	<b>301,350</b>	<b>321,569</b>	<b>340,305</b>

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	Winter semester							
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		
<b>Europe</b>	<b>182,734</b>	<b>183,635</b>	<b>184,332</b>	<b>183,293</b>	<b>179,598</b>	<b>186,221</b>	<b>121,334</b>	<b>64,887</b>
<b>EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	101,153	101,324	101,594	101,056	96,459	102,898	68,198	34,700
Belgium	1,659	1,719	1,728	1,771	1,756	1,944	1,315	629
Bulgaria	7,311	6,911	6,692	6,568	6,384	6,260	4,677	1,583
Denmark	662	655	639	646	660	689	509	180
Estonia	505	492	455	445	401	397	307	90
Finland	1,072	966	934	829	683	751	463	288
France	8,539	8,408	8,278	8,104	7,798	8,350	6,152	2,198
Greece	7,725	7,734	7,662	7,430	7,211	7,054	5,059	1,995
Ireland	673	709	713	741	600	898	688	210
Italy	14,038	14,485	14,922	14,975	14,067	15,154	10,825	4,329
Croatia	4,746	4,686	4,653	4,620	4,624	4,630	2,433	2,197
Latvia	872	827	795	753	724	784	521	263
Lithuania	1,131	1,081	1,084	1,065	1,074	1,072	767	305
Luxembourg	4,390	4,670	4,852	5,022	5,212	5,367	3,527	1,840
Malta	39	31	40	38	37	44	32	12
Netherlands	2,840	2,892	2,889	2,852	2,611	2,861	1,988	873
Austria	12,652	13,194	13,618	14,190	15,774	16,809	7,836	8,973
Poland	8,260	7,773	7,501	7,211	7,010	7,274	4,938	2,336
Portugal	2,588	2,689	2,785	2,793	2,720	2,936	1,891	1,045
Romania	3,401	3,374	3,426	3,545	3,635	4,057	2,788	1,269
Sweden	867	793	771	706	591	754	555	199
Slovakia	1,088	1,037	949	899	885	948	695	253
Slovenia	639	653	637	626	528	573	409	164
Spain	7,516	7,469	7,647	7,573	6,699	8,297	6,022	2,275
Czech Republic	1,676	1,630	1,610	1,495	1,424	1,470	1,105	365
Hungary	2,436	2,524	2,522	2,643	2,618	2,851	2,064	787
Cyprus	746	826	827	804	733	674	632	42
<b>Non-EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	81,581	82,311	82,738	82,237	83,139	83,323	53,136	30,187
Bosnia Herzegovina	3,351	3,331	3,243	3,180	3,130	3,043	1,605	1,438
Iceland	127	126	137	133	131	130	96	34
Montenegro	422	424	433	440	419	441	275	166
North Macedonia	1,166	1,174	1,230	1,214	1,178	1,182	722	460
Norway	497	512	551	540	458	584	427	157
Russian Federation	14,939	14,322	13,968	14,073	14,301	14,549	10,658	3,891
Switzerland	3,463	3,601	3,717	3,763	3,879	4,015	2,245	1,770
Turkey	38,309	39,338	39,634	38,902	37,030	36,575	21,700	14,875
Ukraine	9,638	9,388	9,171	8,933	8,687	8,450	5,951	2,499
United Kingdom	3,082	3,096	2,965	2,712	2,492	2,573	2,069	504
Other countries in Europe	9,669	10,095	10,654	11,059	11,434	11,781	7,388	4,393

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	Winter semester							
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		
<b>Africa</b>	<b>29,999</b>	<b>32,496</b>	<b>35,463</b>	<b>38,955</b>	<b>42,085</b>	<b>44,847</b>	<b>23,272</b>	<b>21,575</b>
Egypt	3,328	3,923	4,822	5,639	6,263	7,480	5,551	1,929
Ethiopia	511	561	558	565	510	530	357	173
Algeria	292	319	351	411	472	572	345	227
Ghana	987	1,247	1,456	1,567	1,814	2,157	1,323	834
Cameroon	7,676	7,535	7,406	7,844	8,159	7,887	2,713	5,174
Morocco	5,674	5,894	6,133	6,393	6,712	7,037	2,459	4,578
Nigeria	1,667	1,970	2,747	3,766	4,606	4,468	2,689	1,779
Tunisia	4,648	5,595	6,185	6,599	6,848	6,806	3,582	3,224
Other countries in Africa	5,216	5,452	5,805	6,171	6,701	7,910	4,253	3,657
<b>America</b>	<b>23,627</b>	<b>25,004</b>	<b>25,984</b>	<b>26,548</b>	<b>24,700</b>	<b>27,100</b>	<b>20,441</b>	<b>6,659</b>
Argentina	590	663	720	699	600	684	476	208
Bolivia	304	321	358	382	411	435	287	148
Brazil	3,501	3,954	4,203	4,382	4,064	4,274	3,273	1,001
Chile	1,043	1,072	1,097	1,152	1,180	1,284	1,058	226
Canada	1,196	1,220	1,229	1,195	1,018	1,117	899	218
Colombia	3,100	3,280	3,498	3,709	3,848	3,900	2,920	980
Mexico	3,050	3,147	3,287	3,284	2,997	3,393	2,343	1,050
Peru	1,230	1,309	1,378	1,436	1,504	1,668	1,206	462
Venezuela	642	686	711	661	653	653	450	203
United States	6,521	6,851	6,829	6,821	5,486	6,462	5,311	1,151
Other countries in America	2,450	2,501	2,674	2,827	2,939	3,230	2,218	1,012
<b>Asia</b>	<b>120,506</b>	<b>131,447</b>	<b>147,026</b>	<b>160,829</b>	<b>168,353</b>	<b>180,579</b>	<b>124,936</b>	<b>55,643</b>
Afghanistan	1,377	1,361	1,503	1,693	1,943	2,258	1,159	1,099
China	37,603	39,541	42,676	44,490	43,525	43,629	37,781	5,848
India	15,529	17,570	20,810	25,149	28,905	34,134	21,006	13,128
Indonesia	4,905	5,194	5,436	5,471	5,725	5,903	3,199	2,704
Iraq	1,177	1,143	1,204	1,370	1,537	1,780	1,035	745
Iran	8,213	8,525	9,523	10,368	11,573	12,667	9,322	3,345
Israel	1,723	1,731	1,711	1,656	1,547	1,598	1,246	352
Japan	2,322	2,285	2,299	2,358	1,722	1,923	1,720	203
Jordan	1,447	1,767	1,765	1,851	1,887	2,310	1,137	1,173
Lebanon	1,266	1,249	1,307	1,373	1,558	1,733	1,075	658
Pakistan	4,749	5,258	6,093	6,316	6,784	7,513	5,143	2,370
South Korea	6,527	6,835	7,066	7,444	6,466	6,684	5,942	742
Syria	5,469	9,035	13,652	17,181	19,366	20,759	11,578	9,181
Taiwan	2,013	2,390	2,782	3,155	2,862	2,790	2,174	616
Thailand	1,057	1,155	1,154	1,137	1,100	1,131	720	411
Vietnam	6,581	7,060	7,510	7,602	7,566	7,582	3,942	3,640
Other countries in Asia	18,548	19,348	20,535	22,215	24,287	26,185	16,757	9,428
<b>Australia/Oceania</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>181</b>
Australia	849	793	820	827	571	580	441	139
New Zealand	155	153	149	144	121	139	110	29
Other countries in Oceania	16	19	21	20	19	22	9	13
<b>Total countries<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>358,895</b>	<b>374,583</b>	<b>394,665</b>	<b>411,601</b>	<b>416,437</b>	<b>440,564</b>	<b>291,112</b>	<b>149,452</b>

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**Foreign students in Germany, by types of higher education institution and countries of origin**

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- 1 Including colleges of education, colleges of theology, colleges of art and music and comprehensive universities.
- 2 Including college of public administration.
- 3 The categories EU countries and Non-EU countries reflect the status of EU membership of the European countries in the respective reference semester (e.g. as of winter semester 2020/2021 EU countries does not include United Kingdom).
- 4 Including the categories "Stateless persons" and "Not stated".

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