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Total students and foreign students, by types of higher education institution, subject groups and sex

Nationality/Subject group/ Sex	Number					
	Winter semester 2021/2022			Winter semester 2022/2023		
	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	2,941,915	1,791,332	1,090,251	2,920,263	1,765,199	1,095,425
Male	1,466,282	853,337	583,772	1,444,125	836,280	579,267
Female	1,475,633	937,995	506,479	1,476,138	928,919	516,158
Humanities	316,442	307,571	8,871	310,473	301,627	8,846
Male	103,345	100,730	2,615	102,069	99,247	2,822
Female	213,097	206,841	6,256	208,404	202,380	6,024
Sports	31,157	28,967	2,190	30,777	28,351	2,426
Male	18,894	17,627	1,267	18,758	17,355	1,403
Female	12,263	11,340	923	12,019	10,996	1,023
Law, economics, social sciences	1,138,785	568,507	509,988	1,132,153	552,235	520,335
Male	475,288	239,563	206,574	469,554	231,448	209,560
Female	663,497	328,944	303,414	662,599	320,787	310,775
Mathematics, natural sciences	314,060	291,926	22,106	314,071	292,485	21,555
Male	157,150	145,923	11,213	155,624	144,864	10,743
Female	156,910	146,003	10,893	158,447	147,621	10,812
Human medicine, health sciences	196,239	135,202	61,037	200,906	137,381	63,525
Male	61,353	46,578	14,775	61,924	46,508	15,416
Female	134,886	88,624	46,262	138,982	90,873	48,109
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	64,024	37,752	26,272	62,660	36,912	25,748
Male	25,598	13,489	12,109	24,766	12,996	11,770
Female	38,426	24,263	14,163	37,894	23,916	13,978
Engineering	776,744	353,696	423,034	763,971	349,213	414,733
Male	586,459	264,422	322,029	573,192	259,303	313,874
Female	190,285	89,274	101,005	190,779	89,910	100,859
Art, art theory	100,364	64,163	36,201	101,101	63,593	37,508
Male	36,303	23,327	12,976	36,494	23,129	13,365
Female	64,061	40,836	23,225	64,607	40,464	24,143
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	440,564	291,112	149,248	458,210	299,843	158,004
Humanities	40,655	39,524	1,131	40,610	39,449	1,161
Sports	1,631	1,486	145	1,724	1,570	154
Law, economics, social sciences	120,674	66,040	54,430	126,192	67,179	58,650
Mathematics, natural sciences	47,750	42,907	4,843	50,808	45,903	4,905
Human medicine, health sciences	21,313	17,418	3,895	21,862	17,684	4,178
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	8,305	5,836	2,469	8,694	5,991	2,703
Engineering	177,580	100,797	76,783	184,787	104,775	80,012
Art, art theory	20,972	15,757	5,215	21,786	15,965	5,821

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	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	2,868,311	1,726,047	1,083,568	2,868,597	1,716,128	1,092,881
Male	1,407,830	812,848	566,430	1,402,076	805,835	567,070
Female	1,460,481	913,199	517,138	1,466,521	910,293	525,811
Humanities	297,498	289,311	8,187	292,590	284,585	8,005
Male	97,078	94,683	2,395	96,070	93,746	2,324
Female	200,420	194,628	5,792	196,520	190,839	5,681
Sports	31,247	28,350	2,897	31,523	28,972	2,551
Male	19,070	17,365	1,705	19,101	17,565	1,536
Female	12,177	10,985	1,192	12,422	11,407	1,015
Law, economics, social sciences	1,116,622	543,396	514,599	1,108,941	537,109	514,312
Male	459,425	226,389	204,524	453,404	222,749	202,970
Female	657,197	317,007	310,075	655,537	314,360	311,342
Mathematics, natural sciences	301,197	280,103	21,062	298,538	277,422	21,071
Male	148,208	137,874	10,316	146,240	136,013	10,199
Female	152,989	142,229	10,746	152,298	141,409	10,872
Human medicine, health sciences	207,034	142,346	64,688	219,588	146,536	73,052
Male	63,288	47,776	15,512	66,855	48,488	18,367
Female	143,746	94,570	49,176	152,733	98,048	54,685
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	60,366	35,851	24,515	58,375	34,560	23,815
Male	23,691	12,485	11,206	22,870	11,895	10,975
Female	36,675	23,366	13,309	35,505	22,665	12,840
Engineering	748,705	340,433	408,235	748,125	337,905	410,187
Male	559,316	252,169	307,125	556,521	249,582	306,916
Female	189,389	88,264	101,110	191,604	88,323	103,271
Art, art theory	101,062	62,811	38,251	101,393	62,689	38,704
Male	35,889	22,707	13,182	36,130	22,864	13,266
Female	65,173	40,104	25,069	65,263	39,825	25,438
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	469,485	305,375	163,716	492,579	316,791	175,373
Humanities	39,730	38,611	1,119	39,778	38,655	1,123
Sports	1,813	1,632	181	1,899	1,708	191
Law, economics, social sciences	129,048	67,898	60,756	133,714	69,249	64,050
Mathematics, natural sciences	52,450	47,254	5,196	55,155	49,537	5,618
Human medicine, health sciences	22,702	18,349	4,353	23,562	18,382	5,180
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	8,740	6,023	2,717	8,965	6,101	2,864
Engineering	191,372	108,469	82,903	203,333	113,918	89,415
Art, art theory	21,920	15,983	5,937	22,394	16,053	6,341

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- 1 Data are preliminary, source: Studierendenstatistik (Statistischer Bericht Vorbericht).
- 2 Including colleges of public administration.
- 3 Including colleges of education, colleges of theology, colleges of art and music.
- 4 Excluding colleges of public administration.
- 5 Including other studies and unclear.

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Source: Federal Statistical Office (Statistischer Bericht Studierendenstatistik, Fachserie 11 Reihe 4.1)

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