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Participation rates in continuing education, by selected categories<sup>1</sup>

Category	Share in %						
	Continuing education, total						
	2007	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>
Male	46	43	51	52	49	57	60
Female	42	41	47	50	50	52	60
<b>Age group</b>							
Aged 18/19 to 24	49	40	49	50	46	55	64
Aged 25 to 29	47	40	50	58	48	60	65
Aged 30 to 34	47	42	53	58	54	56	64
Aged 35 to 39	47	42	50	54	54	60	62
Aged 40 to 44	48	46	53	53	54	57	60
Aged 45 to 49	47	49	54	51	56	53	65
Aged 50 to 54	45	44	49	54	48	57	60
Aged 55 to 59	37	40	44	42	49	50	58
Aged 60 to 64	18	27	32	36	38	43	42
<b>Highest school-leaving qualification<sup>2</sup></b>							
Low	29	27	32	36	35	39	44
Intermediate	49	45	51	53	52	51	60
High	60	57	64	62	60	69	71
<b>Highest vocational qualification</b>							
Without any vocational qualification <sup>3</sup>	-	33	37	39	34	44	47
Training/full-time vocational school	43	38	44	47	46	48	57
Meister/trade and technical school <sup>4,5</sup>	57	60	65	66	64	69	71
Higher education degree <sup>4</sup>	62	63	68	67	68	71	77
<b>Occupational status</b>							
Employed persons	51	49	56	58	56	59	67
Unemployed persons	26	28	29	32	27	49	34
Persons in school/vocational education	50	44	51	54	42	56	60
Other unemployed persons	19	20	24	25	29	30	30
<b>Nationality</b>							
Germans, of which	45	44	50	53	51	53	62
Foreigners	33	29	34	32	40	49	51
<b>Migration background</b>							
Without a migration background <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	52	55	63
With a migration background (1st generation) <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	40	52	49
With a migration background (2nd generation) <sup>8</sup>	-	-	-	-	48	57	59

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Category	Share in %														
	Vocational continuing education in enterprises					Individual vocational continuing education					Non-vocational continuing education				
	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>
Male	39	40	39	44	50	8	9	5	7	8	10	10	10	11	15
Female	31	34	34	36	46	10	10	8	7	10	15	15	16	15	20
<b>Age group</b>															
Aged 18/19 to 24	23	27	22	24	39	12	9	9	12	12	22	24	22	26	29
Aged 25 to 29	36	38	33	38	49	8	16	7	16	14	15	15	13	14	22
Aged 30 to 34	41	43	40	44	52	11	12	7	8	9	9	11	13	9	21
Aged 35 to 39	37	43	39	52	52	9	11	10	6	10	11	12	10	11	13
Aged 40 to 44	41	46	44	47	50	9	6	7	6	9	12	9	10	13	14
Aged 45 to 49	42	41	44	45	56	10	5	5	6	10	10	10	12	7	15
Aged 50 to 54	38	54	41	48	53	8	10	6	4	7	10	10	9	11	15
Aged 55 to 59	34	30	37	38	50	8	8	5	5	6	10	10	12	11	16
Aged 60 to 64	18	20	24	28	32	3	7	4	4	5	14	13	14	17	13
<b>Highest school-leaving qualification<sup>2</sup></b>															
Low	23	27	25	30	34	5	6	4	4	7	8	8	9	7	11
Intermediate	40	41	40	42	53	8	9	6	3	5	11	11	11	11	14
High	44	43	43	48	55	14	13	10	14	13	18	18	17	18	24
<b>Highest vocational qualification</b>															
Without any vocational qualification <sup>3</sup>	18	22	18	17	26	9	7	7	12	11	15	15	14	19	20
Training/full-time vocational school	33	36	35	40	49	7	8	5	4	5	10	9	11	9	13
Meister/trade and technical school <sup>4,5</sup>	53	58	54	59	62	9	11	7	6	10	15	11	12	11	17
Higher education degree <sup>4</sup>	51	48	52	52	65	15	15	11	12	15	17	18	17	18	24
<b>Occupational status</b>															
Employed persons	46	49	47	51	60	8	9	5	5	8	10	10	11	10	16
Unemployed persons	6	11	5	7	7	17	17	16	36	18	8	7	8	10	14
Persons in school/vocational education	16	17	15	17	29	16	14	11	13	18	28	31	21	34	32
Other unemployed persons	7	5	7	9	12	4	5	6	5	6	16	16	19	20	17
<b>Nationality</b>															
Germans, of which	37	39	38	39	51	9	10	6	6	8	13	13	13	14	17
Foreigners	17	20	19	24	32	7	6	10	15	13	12	11	15	14	18
<b>Migration background</b>															
Without a migration background <sup>6</sup>	-	-	40	43	53	-	-	6	6	8	-	-	13	13	17
With a migration background (1st generation) <sup>7</sup>	-	-	21	30	32	-	-	9	13	12	-	-	13	14	18
With a migration background (2nd generation) <sup>8</sup>	-	-	35	42	45	-	-	6	7	8	-	-	14	14	19

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- 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 schoolleaving qualification and (b) did not obtain a schoolleaving 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 People without a migration background: people who themselves and both of their parents were born in Germany.
- 7 People with a migration background and their own immigration experience (first generation): People who were not born in Germany themselves and of whom at least one parent was not born in Germany.
- 8 People with a migration background without their own migration experience (second generation): People who were born in Germany themselves and of whom at least one parent was not born in Germany.

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