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Participation rates in continuing education, by selected categories¹

Category	Share in %					
	Continuing education, total					
	2007	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Total	44	42	49	51	50	54
Male	46	43	51	52	49	57
Female	42	41	47	50	50	52
Age group						
Aged 18/19 to 24	49	40	49	50	46	55
Aged 25 to 29	47	40	50	58	48	60
Aged 30 to 34	47	42	53	58	54	56
Aged 35 to 39	47	42	50	54	54	60
Aged 40 to 44	48	46	53	53	54	57
Aged 45 to 49	47	49	54	51	56	53
Aged 50 to 54	45	44	49	54	48	57
Aged 55 to 59	37	40	44	42	49	50
Aged 60 to 64	18	27	32	36	38	43
Highest school-leaving qualification²						
Low	29	27	32	36	35	39
Intermediate	49	45	51	53	52	51
High	60	57	64	62	60	69
Highest vocational qualification						
Without any vocational qualification ³	-	33	37	39	34	44
Training/full-time vocational school	43	38	44	47	46	48
Meister/trade and technical school ^{4,5}	57	60	65	66	64	69
Higher education degree ⁴	62	63	68	67	68	71
Occupational status						
Employed persons	51	49	56	58	56	59
Unemployed persons	26	28	29	32	27	49
Persons in school/vocational education	50	44	51	54	42	56
Other unemployed persons	19	20	24	25	29	30
Nationality						
Germans, of which	45	44	50	53	51	53
Foreigners	33	29	34	32	40	49
Migration background						
Without a migration background ⁶	-	-	-	-	52	55
With a migration background (1st generation) ⁷	-	-	-	-	40	52
With a migration background (2nd generation) ⁸	-	-	-	-	48	57

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Category	Share in %											
	Vocational continuing education in enterprises				Individual vocational continuing education				Non-vocational continuing education			
	2012	2014	2016	2018	2012	2014	2016	2018	2012	2014	2016	2018
Total	35	37	36	40	9	9	7	7	13	12	13	13
Male	39	40	39	44	8	9	5	7	10	10	10	11
Female	31	34	34	36	10	10	8	7	15	15	16	15
Age group												
Aged 18/19 to 24	23	27	22	24	12	9	9	12	22	24	22	26
Aged 25 to 29	36	38	33	38	8	16	7	16	15	15	13	14
Aged 30 to 34	41	43	40	44	11	12	7	8	9	11	13	9
Aged 35 to 39	37	43	39	52	9	11	10	6	11	12	10	11
Aged 40 to 44	41	46	44	47	9	6	7	6	12	9	10	13
Aged 45 to 49	42	41	44	45	10	5	5	6	10	10	12	7
Aged 50 to 54	38	54	41	48	8	10	6	4	10	10	9	11
Aged 55 to 59	34	30	37	38	8	8	5	5	10	10	12	11
Aged 60 to 64	18	20	24	28	3	7	4	4	14	13	14	17
Highest school-leaving qualification²												
Low	23	27	25	30	5	6	4	4	8	8	9	7
Intermediate	40	41	40	42	8	9	6	3	11	11	11	11
High	44	43	43	48	14	13	10	14	18	18	17	18
Highest vocational qualification												
Without any vocational qualification ³	18	22	18	17	9	7	7	12	15	15	14	19
Training/full-time vocational school	33	36	35	40	7	8	5	4	10	9	11	9
Meister/trade and technical school ^{4,5}	53	58	54	59	9	11	7	6	15	11	12	11
Higher education degree ⁴	51	48	52	52	15	15	11	12	17	18	17	18
Occupational status												
Employed persons	46	49	47	51	8	9	5	5	10	10	11	10
Unemployed persons	6	11	5	7	17	17	16	36	8	7	8	10
Persons in school/vocational education	16	17	15	17	16	14	11	13	28	31	21	34
Other unemployed persons	7	5	7	9	4	5	6	5	16	16	19	20
Nationality												
Germans, of which	37	39	38	39	9	10	6	6	13	13	13	14
Foreigners	17	20	19	24	7	6	10	15	12	11	15	14
Migration background												
Without a migration background ⁶	-	-	40	43	-	-	6	6	-	-	13	13
With a migration background (1st generation) ⁷	-	-	21	30	-	-	9	13	-	-	13	14
With a migration background (2nd generation) ⁸	-	-	35	42	-	-	6	7	-	-	14	14

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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 school-leaving qualification and (b) did not obtain a school-leaving 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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