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First-year students (first enrolment), by types of higher education institution, Länder and sex

Land	Year ¹	Number						
		Total						
		Total institutions	University	College of education	College of theology	College of art and music	University of applied sciences	College of public administration
Baden-Württemberg	2020	67,344	27,813	3,983	-	677	32,781	2,090
	2021	64,918	27,528	3,855	-	637	31,074	1,824
	2022	67,174	29,471	3,775	-	665	31,267	1,996
	2023	68,364	29,611	3,747	-	681	32,051	2,274
	2024	69,170	30,031	3,830	-	689	32,391	2,229
Bavaria	2020	73,951	42,752	-	90	394	29,123	1,592
	2021	72,951	43,530	-	68	400	27,627	1,326
	2022	74,771	43,666	-	78	426	29,169	1,432
	2023	77,998	45,553	-	66	459	30,532	1,388
	2024	80,511	46,217	-	67	490	32,166	1,571
Berlin	2020	32,569	18,198	-	-	743	13,293	335
	2021	34,741	19,497	-	-	750	14,129	365
	2022	36,620	21,087	-	-	814	14,305	414
	2023	36,180	20,322	-	-	889	14,539	430
	2024	36,337	19,691	-	-	867	15,350	429
Brandenburg	2020	8,224	5,459	-	-	-	2,254	511
	2021	7,934	5,037	-	-	-	2,361	536
	2022	8,986	5,199	-	-	-	3,198	589
	2023	9,583	5,300	-	-	-	3,780	503
	2024	10,788	5,833	-	-	-	4,368	587
Bremen	2020	6,688	3,226	-	-	133	3,188	141
	2021	5,877	2,719	-	-	113	2,867	178
	2022	6,632	3,209	-	-	127	3,102	194
	2023	6,336	3,315	-	-	120	2,706	195
	2024	7,241	3,768	-	-	127	3,148	198
Hamburg	2020	18,350	7,851	-	-	241	9,942	316
	2021	18,500	7,719	-	-	264	10,207	310
	2022	18,189	8,028	-	-	325	9,530	306
	2023	18,784	8,605	-	-	261	9,536	382
	2024	19,677	8,715	-	-	248	10,230	484
Hesse	2020	41,766	22,621	-	103	167	16,921	1,954
	2021	37,469	19,981	-	78	176	15,355	1,879
	2022	37,682	21,038	-	86	181	14,772	1,605
	2023	40,291	22,962	-	89	214	15,341	1,685
	2024	42,705	24,491	-	94	226	16,105	1,789
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	2020	6,837	3,823	-	-	82	2,718	214
	2021	6,388	3,577	-	-	82	2,577	152
	2022	5,829	3,295	-	-	53	2,322	159
	2023	5,622	3,278	-	-	100	2,088	156
	2024	5,557	3,303	-	-	87	1,984	183
Lower Saxony	2020	30,612	18,230	-	-	259	11,484	639
	2021	29,840	18,535	-	-	225	10,552	528
	2022	30,254	19,066	-	-	291	10,393	504
	2023	30,546	19,351	-	-	282	10,441	472
	2024	32,055	19,603	-	-	262	11,716	474

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Number								
Land	Year ¹	Total						
		Total institutions	University	College of education	College of theology	College of art and music	University of applied sciences	College of public administration
North Rhine-Westphalia	2020	112,869	62,200	-	33	1,007	42,553	7,076
	2021	104,114	57,055	-	51	998	38,610	7,400
	2022	103,637	57,505	-	30	1,023	38,097	6,982
	2023	105,947	59,370	-	23	995	37,722	7,837
	2024	106,028	58,955	-	43	1,060	38,466	7,504
Rhineland-Palatinate	2020	20,789	11,639	-	38	-	7,998	1,114
	2021	18,835	10,551	-	39	-	7,150	1,095
	2022	18,081	9,943	-	39	-	7,045	1,054
	2023	18,453	10,293	-	49	-	7,090	1,021
	2024	18,501	10,609	-	72	-	6,788	1,032
Saarland	2020	5,855	2,720	-	-	103	2,875	157
	2021	5,372	2,581	-	-	99	2,551	141
	2022	5,704	2,856	-	-	110	2,597	141
	2023	5,530	2,928	-	-	90	2,358	154
	2024	5,649	2,961	-	-	137	2,389	162
Saxony	2020	18,758	11,895	-	-	393	5,968	502
	2021	17,328	10,979	-	-	421	5,463	465
	2022	17,652	11,346	-	-	490	5,344	472
	2023	18,922	12,337	-	-	455	5,582	548
	2024	19,110	12,540	-	-	510	5,539	521
Saxony-Anhalt	2020	8,746	5,124	-	26	138	3,247	211
	2021	8,403	4,552	-	49	149	3,435	218
	2022	8,069	4,241	-	54	142	3,491	141
	2023	8,460	4,404	-	44	125	3,623	264
	2024	8,740	4,668	-	38	150	3,721	163
Schleswig-Holstein	2020	11,793	6,503	-	-	144	4,023	1,123
	2021	10,387	5,512	-	-	139	3,392	1,344
	2022	10,167	5,290	-	-	137	3,756	984
	2023	10,435	5,251	-	-	163	3,829	1,192
	2024	10,331	5,199	-	-	165	3,854	1,113
Thuringia	2020	25,204	5,723	-	-	101	19,189	191
	2021	29,297	5,069	-	-	111	23,917	200
	2022	24,218	5,082	-	-	114	18,710	312
	2023	20,511	5,248	-	-	140	14,978	145
	2024	19,003	5,014	-	-	160	13,624	205
Länder, total	2020	490,355	255,777	3,983	290	4,582	207,557	18,166
	2021	472,354	244,422	3,855	285	4,564	201,267	17,961
	2022	473,665	250,322	3,775	287	4,898	197,098	17,285
	2023	481,962	258,128	3,747	271	4,974	196,196	18,646
	2024	491,403	261,598	3,830	314	5,178	201,839	18,644

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Land	Year ¹	Number						
		Total institutions	University	Male				
				College of education	College of theology	College of art and music	University of applied sciences	College of public administration
Baden-Württemberg	2020	33,298	13,507	729	-	287	18,132	643
	2021	31,977	13,148	719	-	270	17,235	605
	2022	32,966	14,137	741	-	255	17,165	668
	2023	33,714	14,304	731	-	322	17,376	981
	2024	33,911	14,428	735	-	314	17,467	967
Bavaria	2020	36,224	19,191	-	47	177	16,012	797
	2021	36,602	20,305	-	37	177	15,466	617
	2022	37,796	20,559	-	33	169	16,390	645
	2023	38,782	21,016	-	33	199	16,870	664
	2024	40,110	21,252	-	34	229	17,801	794
Berlin	2020	15,347	8,255	-	-	318	6,640	134
	2021	16,135	8,670	-	-	288	7,051	126
	2022	17,176	9,480	-	-	319	7,231	146
	2023	16,794	9,079	-	-	338	7,224	153
	2024	17,257	8,691	-	-	358	8,044	164
Brandenburg	2020	3,909	2,396	-	-	-	1,245	268
	2021	3,846	2,170	-	-	-	1,347	329
	2022	4,497	2,224	-	-	-	1,938	335
	2023	4,750	2,387	-	-	-	2,078	285
	2024	5,672	2,579	-	-	-	2,738	355
Bremen	2020	3,279	1,567	-	-	54	1,574	84
	2021	2,835	1,289	-	-	37	1,394	115
	2022	3,218	1,505	-	-	59	1,525	129
	2023	3,044	1,593	-	-	43	1,285	123
	2024	3,528	1,863	-	-	46	1,483	136
Hamburg	2020	8,386	3,897	-	-	100	4,236	153
	2021	8,384	3,893	-	-	112	4,210	169
	2022	8,185	3,846	-	-	131	4,047	161
	2023	8,362	4,189	-	-	103	3,885	185
	2024	8,915	4,266	-	-	101	4,326	222
Hesse	2020	19,750	10,255	-	49	74	8,427	945
	2021	17,703	9,103	-	43	69	7,565	923
	2022	17,659	9,473	-	46	68	7,311	761
	2023	18,999	10,454	-	50	91	7,565	839
	2024	20,146	11,201	-	52	98	7,901	894
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	2020	3,044	1,637	-	-	35	1,260	112
	2021	2,817	1,500	-	-	48	1,196	73
	2022	2,554	1,375	-	-	25	1,074	80
	2023	2,382	1,318	-	-	43	936	85
	2024	2,410	1,345	-	-	40	941	84
Lower Saxony	2020	14,215	7,932	-	-	90	5,961	232
	2021	14,266	8,420	-	-	88	5,601	157
	2022	14,136	8,443	-	-	111	5,423	159
	2023	14,140	8,486	-	-	92	5,418	144
	2024	14,917	8,769	-	-	102	5,905	141

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Land	Year ¹	Number						
		Total institutions	University	Male				
				College of education	College of theology	College of art and music	University of applied sciences	College of public administration
North Rhine-Westphalia	2020	54,750	28,731	-	18	403	22,266	3,332
	2021	50,348	26,396	-	27	390	20,023	3,512
	2022	49,832	26,358	-	17	398	19,662	3,397
	2023	50,591	27,226	-	15	378	19,122	3,850
	2024	50,479	26,922	-	32	429	19,397	3,699
Rhineland-Palatinate	2020	9,472	4,775	-	10	-	4,136	551
	2021	8,643	4,298	-	15	-	3,772	558
	2022	8,226	4,087	-	19	-	3,603	517
	2023	8,349	4,131	-	16	-	3,696	506
	2024	8,494	4,497	-	25	-	3,432	540
Saarland	2020	3,008	1,288	-	-	42	1,596	82
	2021	2,721	1,174	-	-	43	1,431	73
	2022	2,840	1,276	-	-	45	1,433	86
	2023	2,798	1,383	-	-	41	1,298	76
	2024	2,791	1,396	-	-	47	1,252	96
Saxony	2020	9,316	5,591	-	-	157	3,317	251
	2021	8,577	5,032	-	-	156	3,154	235
	2022	8,457	5,140	-	-	180	2,910	227
	2023	9,362	5,769	-	-	163	3,161	269
	2024	9,462	5,995	-	-	205	3,033	229
Saxony-Anhalt	2020	4,268	2,434	-	18	38	1,637	141
	2021	4,050	2,053	-	29	44	1,767	157
	2022	3,888	1,958	-	39	50	1,749	92
	2023	4,112	2,065	-	29	38	1,794	186
	2024	4,321	2,282	-	24	40	1,866	109
Schleswig-Holstein	2020	5,958	2,595	-	-	47	2,575	741
	2021	5,294	2,246	-	-	49	2,153	846
	2022	5,226	2,206	-	-	55	2,391	574
	2023	5,165	2,058	-	-	60	2,311	736
	2024	5,263	2,092	-	-	65	2,422	684
Thuringia	2020	8,915	2,434	-	-	49	6,324	108
	2021	10,851	2,140	-	-	55	8,539	117
	2022	9,382	2,126	-	-	62	6,999	195
	2023	7,868	2,136	-	-	73	5,590	69
	2024	8,033	2,161	-	-	80	5,675	117
Länder, total	2020	233,139	116,485	729	142	1,871	105,338	8,574
	2021	225,049	111,837	719	151	1,826	101,904	8,612
	2022	226,038	114,193	741	154	1,927	100,851	8,172
	2023	229,212	117,594	731	143	1,984	99,609	9,151
	2024	235,709	119,739	735	167	2,154	103,683	9,231

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					College of theology	College of art and music	University of applied sciences	College of public administration
Baden-Württemberg	2020	34,046	14,306	3,254	-	390	14,649	1,447
	2021	32,941	14,380	3,136	-	367	13,839	1,219
	2022	34,208	15,334	3,034	-	410	14,102	1,328
	2023	34,650	15,307	3,016	-	359	14,675	1,293
	2024	35,259	15,603	3,095	-	375	14,924	1,262
Bavaria	2020	37,727	23,561	-	43	217	13,111	795
	2021	36,349	23,225	-	31	223	12,161	709
	2022	36,975	23,107	-	45	257	12,779	787
	2023	39,216	24,537	-	33	260	13,662	724
	2024	40,401	24,965	-	33	261	14,365	777
Berlin	2020	17,222	9,943	-	-	425	6,653	201
	2021	18,606	10,827	-	-	462	7,078	239
	2022	19,444	11,607	-	-	495	7,074	268
	2023	19,386	11,243	-	-	551	7,315	277
	2024	19,080	11,000	-	-	509	7,306	265
Brandenburg	2020	4,315	3,063	-	-	-	1,009	243
	2021	4,088	2,867	-	-	-	1,014	207
	2022	4,489	2,975	-	-	-	1,260	254
	2023	4,833	2,913	-	-	-	1,702	218
	2024	5,116	3,254	-	-	-	1,630	232
Bremen	2020	3,409	1,659	-	-	79	1,614	57
	2021	3,042	1,430	-	-	76	1,473	63
	2022	3,414	1,704	-	-	68	1,577	65
	2023	3,292	1,722	-	-	77	1,421	72
	2024	3,713	1,905	-	-	81	1,665	62
Hamburg	2020	9,964	3,954	-	-	141	5,706	163
	2021	10,116	3,826	-	-	152	5,997	141
	2022	10,004	4,182	-	-	194	5,483	145
	2023	10,422	4,416	-	-	158	5,651	197
	2024	10,762	4,449	-	-	147	5,904	262
Hesse	2020	22,016	12,366	-	54	93	8,494	1,009
	2021	19,766	10,878	-	35	107	7,790	956
	2022	20,023	11,565	-	40	113	7,461	844
	2023	21,292	12,508	-	39	123	7,776	846
	2024	22,559	13,290	-	42	128	8,204	895
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	2020	3,793	2,186	-	-	47	1,458	102
	2021	3,571	2,077	-	-	34	1,381	79
	2022	3,275	1,920	-	-	28	1,248	79
	2023	3,240	1,960	-	-	57	1,152	71
	2024	3,147	1,958	-	-	47	1,043	99
Lower Saxony	2020	16,397	10,298	-	-	169	5,523	407
	2021	15,574	10,115	-	-	137	4,951	371
	2022	16,118	10,623	-	-	180	4,970	345
	2023	16,406	10,865	-	-	190	5,023	328
	2024	17,138	10,834	-	-	160	5,811	333

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Land	Year ¹	Number						
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				College of education	College of theology	College of art and music	University of applied sciences	College of public administration
North Rhine-Westphalia	2020	58,119	33,469	-	15	604	20,287	3,744
	2021	53,766	30,659	-	24	608	18,587	3,888
	2022	53,805	31,147	-	13	625	18,435	3,585
	2023	55,356	32,144	-	8	617	18,600	3,987
	2024	55,549	32,033	-	11	631	19,069	3,805
Rhineland-Palatinate	2020	11,317	6,864	-	28	-	3,862	563
	2021	10,192	6,253	-	24	-	3,378	537
	2022	9,855	5,856	-	20	-	3,442	537
	2023	10,104	6,162	-	33	-	3,394	515
	2024	10,007	6,112	-	47	-	3,356	492
Saarland	2020	2,847	1,432	-	-	61	1,279	75
	2021	2,651	1,407	-	-	56	1,120	68
	2022	2,864	1,580	-	-	65	1,164	55
	2023	2,732	1,545	-	-	49	1,060	78
	2024	2,858	1,565	-	-	90	1,137	66
Saxony	2020	9,442	6,304	-	-	236	2,651	251
	2021	8,751	5,947	-	-	265	2,309	230
	2022	9,195	6,206	-	-	310	2,434	245
	2023	9,560	6,568	-	-	292	2,421	279
	2024	9,648	6,545	-	-	305	2,506	292
Saxony-Anhalt	2020	4,478	2,690	-	8	100	1,610	70
	2021	4,353	2,499	-	20	105	1,668	61
	2022	4,181	2,283	-	15	92	1,742	49
	2023	4,348	2,339	-	15	87	1,829	78
	2024	4,419	2,386	-	14	110	1,855	54
Schleswig-Holstein	2020	5,835	3,908	-	-	97	1,448	382
	2021	5,093	3,266	-	-	90	1,239	498
	2022	4,941	3,084	-	-	82	1,365	410
	2023	5,270	3,193	-	-	103	1,518	456
	2024	5,068	3,107	-	-	100	1,432	429
Thuringia	2020	16,289	3,289	-	-	52	12,865	83
	2021	18,446	2,929	-	-	56	15,378	83
	2022	14,836	2,956	-	-	52	11,711	117
	2023	12,643	3,112	-	-	67	9,388	76
	2024	10,970	2,853	-	-	80	7,949	88
Länder, total	2020	257,216	139,292	3,254	148	2,711	102,219	9,592
	2021	247,305	132,585	3,136	134	2,738	99,363	9,349
	2022	247,627	136,129	3,034	133	2,971	96,247	9,113
	2023	252,750	140,534	3,016	128	2,990	96,587	9,495
	2024	255,694	141,859	3,095	147	3,024	98,156	9,413

¹ Summer semester and following winter semester (e.g. 2024 = SS 2024 and WS 2024/2025). In 2024, data are preliminary, source: Studierendenstatistik (Statistischer Bericht Vorbericht).

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