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# STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY, 2025

A total of **31 435** students completed their university or professional studies in 2025. The share of female students in that number amounted to 19 414, that is, **61.8%**.

## More female students among students who completed their university or professional studies

Out of the total of 31 435 students who completed their university or professional studies, fewer than 0.1% of students completed the study at schools of professional higher education, 15.7% at polytechnics, **82.1%** at faculties (13.2% at professional studies and 68.9% at university studies) and 2.1% at art academies.

The highest share of female students who completed their university or professional studies was recorded at art academies, 69.8%, followed by university studies at faculties, 64.8%, professional studies at faculties, 58.5%, at polytechnics, 49.9%, while there was not a single female student who completed studies at schools of professional higher education.

## The largest number of students completed university undergraduate studies

According to the Bologna programme, the largest number of students, 32.1% of them, completed a university undergraduate study, followed by 28.9% of them who completed a university graduate study, 19.9% who completed a professional undergraduate study, 10.0% who completed an integrated university undergraduate and graduate study, 8.9% who completed a professional graduate study and fewer than 0.1% who completed a professional short course. Out of the total number of students, fewer than 0.1% of them completed the study according to the pre-Bologna programme.

## The largest number of students who completed university or professional studies were in the 22 to 24 age group

Regarding age, the largest number of students who completed their university or professional studies was classified in the 22 – 24 age group (**43.7%**) and the smallest one in the 37 – 39 age group (**2.0%**). There were 3.3% of students in the up-to-21 age group, 32.0% of students in the 25 – 27 age group, 8.3% in the 28 – 30 age group, 3.6% in the 31 – 33 age group, 2.2% in the 34 – 36 age group and 4.9% in the 40-and-over age group.

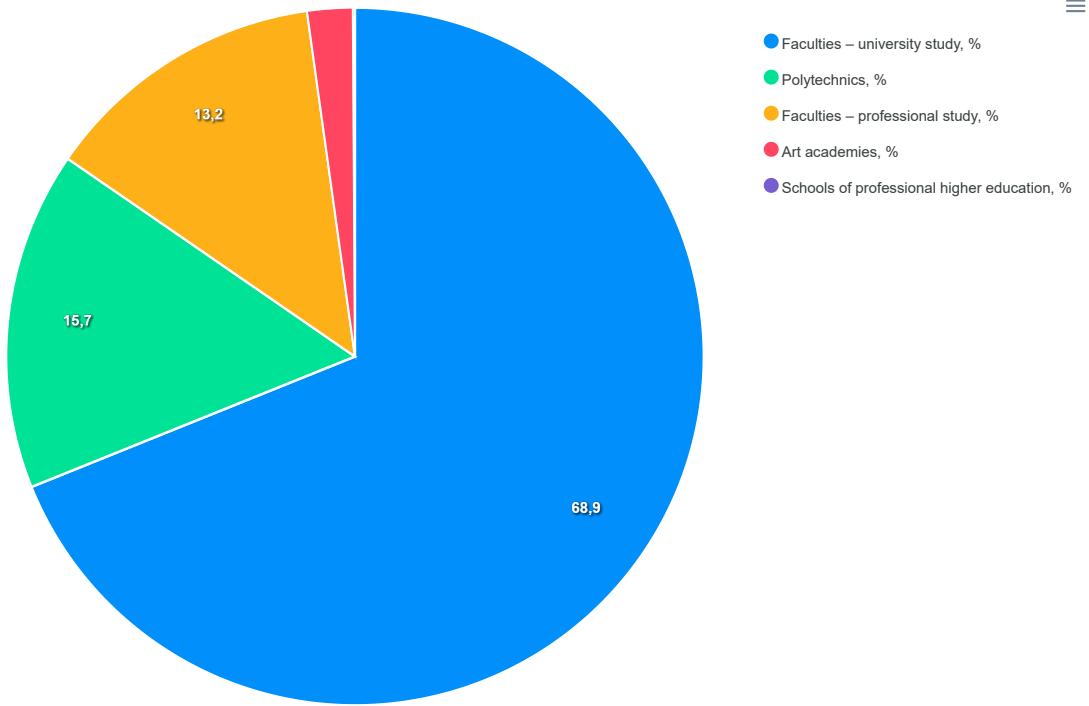
## **Most students completed their university or professional studies in scientific fields**

In 2025, the largest number of students who completed their studies were from the scientific field of study (**91.1%**), followed by the interdisciplinary field of study (**6.5%**), and the artistic field of study (**2.4%**).

1 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, TYPE OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025

	Sex	Total	Schools of professional higher education	Polytechnics	Faculties			Art academies
					Total	Professional study	University study	
Institutions of higher education	All	31 435	3	4 951	25 818	4 139	21 679	663
	Male	12 021	3	2 480	9 338	1 718	7 620	200
	Female	19 414	-	2 471	16 480	2 421	14 059	463
According to pre-Bologna programme	All	14	-	-	14	-	14	-
	Male	12	-	-	12	-	12	-
	Female	2	-	-	2	-	2	-
Undergraduate university study	All	14	-	-	14	-	14	-
	Male	12	-	-	12	-	12	-
	Female	2	-	-	2	-	2	-
According to Bologna programme	All	31 421	3	4 951	25 804	4 139	21 665	663
	Male	12 009	3	2 480	9 326	1 718	7 608	200
	Female	19 412	-	2 471	16 478	2 421	14 057	463
Short professional study	All	4	-	-	4	4	-	-
	Male	2	-	-	2	2	-	-
	Female	2	-	-	2	2	-	-
Professional undergraduate study	All	6 272	3	3 342	2 927	2 927	-	-
	Male	2 915	3	1 641	1 271	1 271	-	-
	Female	3 357	-	1 701	1 656	1 656	-	-
Professional graduate study	All	2 817	-	1 609	1 208	1 208	-	-
	Male	1 284	-	839	445	445	-	-
	Female	1 533	-	770	763	763	-	-
University undergraduate study	All	10 086	-	-	9 748	-	9 748	338
	Male	3 599	-	-	3 505	-	3 505	94
	Female	6 487	-	-	6 243	-	6 243	244
University graduate study	All	9 082	-	-	8 855	-	8 855	227
	Male	3 214	-	-	3 146	-	3 146	68
	Female	5 868	-	-	5 709	-	5 709	159
University integrated undergraduate and graduate study	All	3 160	-	-	3 062	-	3 062	98
	Male	995	-	-	957	-	957	38
	Female	2 165	-	-	2 105	-	2 105	60

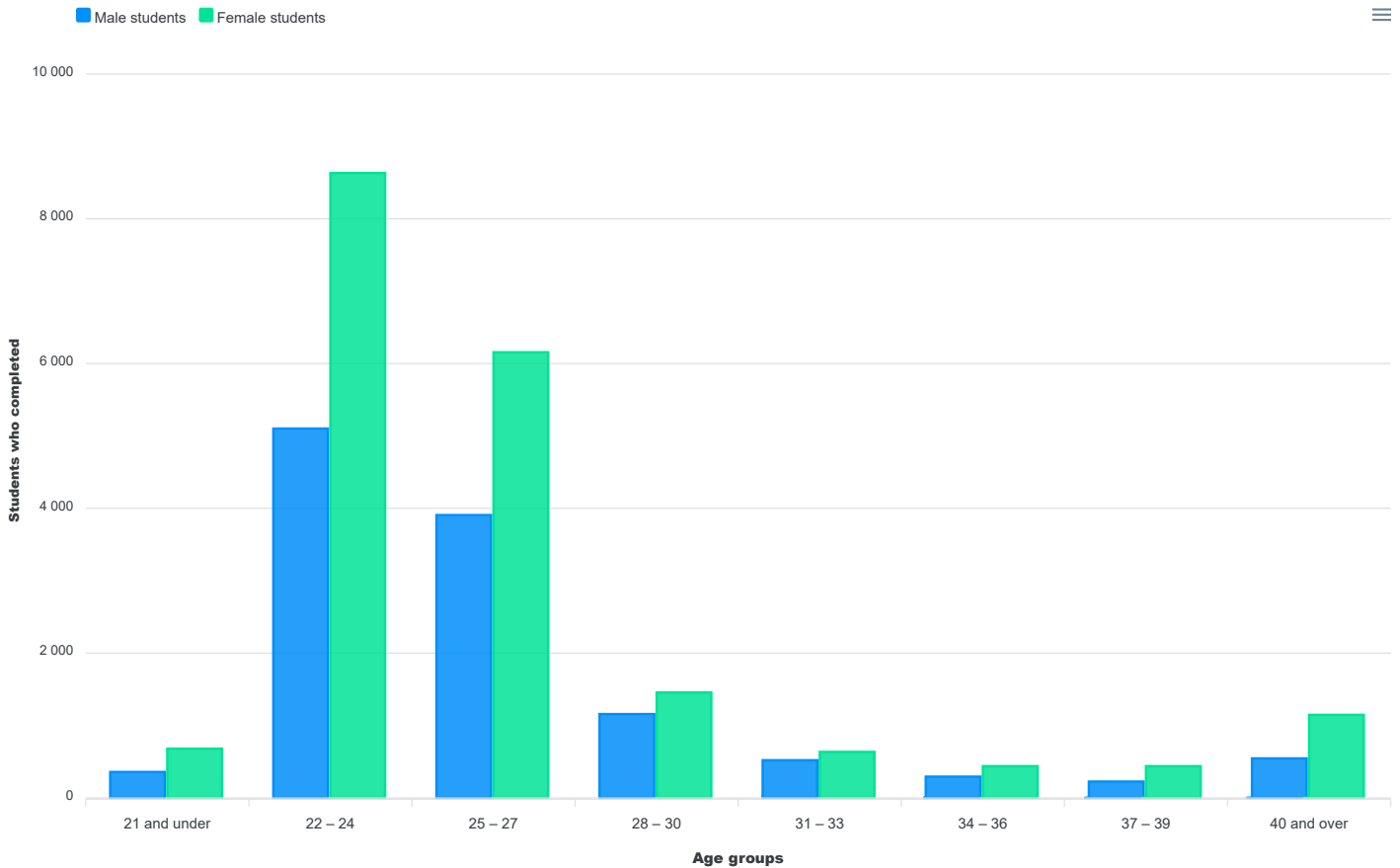
**G-1 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, 2025**



2 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, AGE GROUPS AND SEX, 2025

		Total	Age groups							
			21 and under	22 – 24	25 – 27	28 – 30	31 – 33	34 – 36	37 – 39	40 and over
Institutions of higher education	Total	31 435	1 038	13 733	10 063	2 614	1 135	698	615	1 539
	Male students	12 021	358	5 102	3 907	1 158	511	280	209	496
	Female students	19 414	680	8 631	6 156	1 456	624	418	406	1 043
Schools of professional higher education	Total	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Male students	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Female students	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polytechnics	Total	4 951	131	1 898	1 093	489	312	243	227	558
	Male students	2 480	51	917	613	280	164	121	109	225
	Female students	2 471	80	981	480	209	148	122	118	333
Faculties	Total	25 818	879	11 491	8 759	2 087	796	450	381	975
	Male students	9 338	302	4 090	3 229	863	331	157	96	270
	Female students	16 480	577	7 401	5 530	1 224	465	293	285	705
Professional study	Total	4 139	150	1 635	1 132	392	255	140	111	324
	Male students	1 718	51	636	494	190	123	67	42	115
	Female students	2 421	99	999	638	202	132	73	69	209
University study	Total	21 679	729	9 856	7 627	1 695	541	310	270	651
	Male students	7 620	251	3 454	2 735	673	208	90	54	155
	Female students	14 059	478	6 402	4 892	1 022	333	220	216	496
Art academies	Total	663	28	342	210	38	27	5	7	6
	Male students	200	5	93	64	15	16	2	4	1
	Female students	463	23	249	146	23	11	3	3	5

## G-2 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY AGE AND SEX, 2025



## 3 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS BY TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS, MODE OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025

	Total			Mode of study					
				Full-time			Part-time		
	All	Male students	Female students	All	Male students	Female students	All	Male students	Female students
Institutions of higher education	31 435	12 021	19 414	22 466	8 619	13 847	8 969	3 402	5 567
Schools of professional higher education	3	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Polytechnics	4 951	2 480	2 471	2 184	1 162	1 022	2 767	1 318	1 449
Faculties	25 818	9 338	16 480	19 673	7 270	12 403	6 145	2 068	4 077
Professional study	4 139	1 718	2 421	2 124	878	1 246	2 015	840	1 175
University study	21 679	7 620	14 059	17 549	6 392	11 157	4 130	1 228	2 902
Art academies	663	200	463	606	184	422	57	16	41

#### 4 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY, 2025

	Total	Scientific fields of study						Interdisciplinary fields of science and arts	
		Natural sciences	Engineering	Biomedicine and health	Biotechnical sciences	Social sciences	Humanities	Interdisciplinary scientific field	Artistic and interdisciplinary fields within science and arts
Total	31 435	1 326	8 098	4 205	1 305	11 849	1 854	2 003	41
Schools of professional higher education	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Polytechnics	4 951	-	1 626	1 245	93	1 781	9	197	-
Faculties	25 818	1 326	6 472	2 960	1 212	10 024	1 834	1 745	12
Professional study	4 139	-	868	415	94	2 682	-	-	2
University study	21 679	1 326	5 604	2 545	1 118	7 342	1 834	1 745	10
Art academies	663	-	-	-	-	44	8	61	29

#### 4 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY, 2025

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	Artistic fields of study							
	Theatre arts	Film arts	Music arts	Visual arts	Applied arts	Dance arts and movement arts	Design	Interdisciplinary artistic field
Total	49	38	166	173	31	14	188	95
Schools of professional higher education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polytechnics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faculties	-	-	24	8	-	-	152	49
Professional study	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	39
University study	-	-	24	8	-	-	113	10
Art academies	49	38	142	165	31	14	36	46

# NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

## Sources and methods of data collection

The data are the result of the annual data processing on students who completed their university or professional studies at institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia in 2025. They are collected, either on paper or electronically, through the questionnaire entitled Statistical Sheet for Students Who Completed University or Professional Study in 2025 (ŠV-50 form).

## Coverage and comparability

The statistical survey covers students who completed their university or professional studies at institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia. It includes both students who completed their university or professional studies according to the pre-Bologna programme and those who completed them according to the Bologna programme. Data are comparable to those from previous years.

## Definitions and explanations

**Higher (tertiary) education** is carried out through university and professional studies.

**Students** are persons enrolled in institutions of higher education. There are full-time and part-time students. Full-time students are those who study according to a programme based on a full-time teaching schedule. Part-time students are those who participate in the educational programme based on a full-time or a specific teaching schedule.

Upon the completion of the university undergraduate, graduate or integrated undergraduate and graduate studies, candidates are awarded an academic title with an indication of the profession, while upon the completion of a professional undergraduate or professional graduate study, candidates are awarded a professional title with an indication of the profession in accordance with the Act on Academic and Professional Titles and Academic Degree (NN, No. 123/23).

**Institutions of higher education** are university as well as faculty, art academy and polytechnic.

Institutions of higher education can be public and private.

**University** is an institution that establishes and conducts university and interdisciplinary studies in at least two areas of scientific or artistic activity in a number of fields, as an autonomous and integrated process, directly or through its faculties, art academies and departments.

University comprises the following: faculties, art academies, departments and institutes and other units in accordance with the law.

Professional courses can also be taught at universities and their units.

**Faculty** is an institution of higher education, a component part of a university, where university studies are organised and conducted, and where scientific and professional work in one or more scientific or professional fields are developed. Professional studies can also be conducted there.

**Art academy** is an institution of higher education, a component part of a university, where artistic studies are organised and conducted, and where top artistic endeavours and scientific activity in the field of arts are nourished. Professional studies can also be conducted there.

**University department** is a component part of a university where university courses are taught and where scientific, artistic or professional work in a particular field of science or an interdisciplinary scientific area is developed. It participates in the conducting of a study.

**Polytechnic** is an institution that establishes and conducts professional studies.

**University studies** prepare students for performing work in science, arts and higher education, in business, public sector and society in general and they also prepare them for the development and application of scientific, artistic and professional achievements. University studies are organised and conducted at universities.

University education encompasses university undergraduate study, university graduate study, university specialist study and doctoral study. In accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), 60 ECTS credits measure the workload of a full-time student during one academic year. Study programmes may also be carried out as a university integrated undergraduate and graduate study, whose completion brings at least 300 ECTS credits.

**Professional studies** provide students with an adequate level of knowledge and skills that enable the performance of professional occupations and prepare them for direct entry into the labour market. Professional studies are conducted at a polytechnic, but they can also be conducted at a university in accordance with the Scientific Activity and Higher Education Act (NN, No. 119/22).

Professional education includes a professional short study, a professional undergraduate study and a professional graduate study. Professional studies last two to three years and are completed upon passing all the examinations. Passing the final examination and/or producing the final paper may also be required according to the study programme. Upon completion of the study, students acquire 120 to 180 ECTS credits. Exceptionally, a professional study may last up to four years, whereby students earn up to 240 ECTS credits.

Polytechnics can organise a professional graduate study lasting one to two years for persons who completed a professional study or a university undergraduate study.

The completion of a professional graduate study lasting one to two years, passing all the examinations, producing a final paper and passing of the final examination brings students 60 to 120 ECTS credits.

## Abbreviations

ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

## Symbols

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