



UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

1 Upper secondary schools – end of 2021/2022 school year

At the end of the 2021/2022 school year, there were 443 active upper secondary schools on the territory of the Republic of Croatia which, according to the methodology of statistical data collection, included 758 school units of various kinds, depending on the educational plan and programme.

The share of students in regular schools was largest in technical and related schools, 47.4%, in grammar schools, 30.3%, and in industrial and crafts schools, 19.0%, while the smallest share, 3.3%, was recorded in secondary art schools.

The largest share of students who passed the grade was recorded in grammar schools, 99.5%, and the smallest one in industrial and crafts schools, 96.2%.

Art schools had the highest number of female students, while industrial and crafts schools had the lowest number of female students

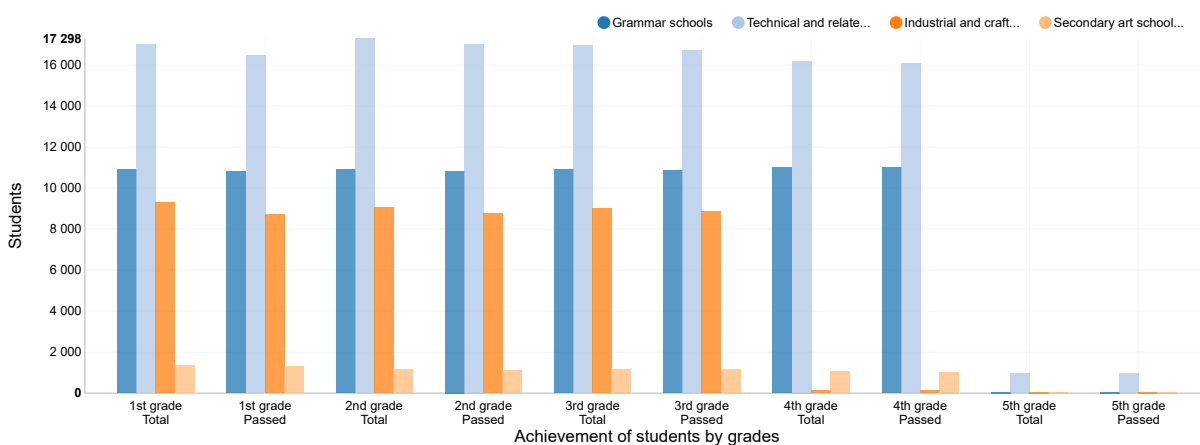
At the end of the 2021/2022 school year, the number of students decreased by 0.6% compared to the end of the 2020/2021 school year. The share of female students was 50.1%, although their number was not equally distributed in different types of schools. Thus, there were 74.4% of female students in secondary art schools, 63.3% in grammar schools, 48.1% in technical and related schools and only 30.3% in industrial and crafts schools. There were 36 949 students who completed the upper secondary education, out of which female students accounted for 48.7%.

English and German – two most often learned languages in upper secondary schools

Students enrolled in upper secondary schools learn one, two or three foreign languages, providing that at least one foreign language is obligatory for all students. Out of the total number of students, English was learned by 92.9% of students, German by 32.6%, Italian by 13.0% and French by 3.6% students, while Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, Arabic and other languages were learned by only 2.0% of students.

The share of female teachers was largest in grammar schools, 74.6%, while it was lowest in industrial and crafts schools, 62.6%.

G-1 ACHIEVEMENT OF UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, BY GRADES, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR



1.1 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CLASS UNITS AND STUDENTS, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Schools ¹⁾			Class units	Students		Graduated students	
	Total	Self-contained	School/class units		Total	Female students	Total	Female students
Upper secondary schools - total	758	227	531	7 700	145 288	72 829	36 949	17 984
State	699	189	510	7 364	139 440	69 499	35 582	17 168
Private	40	24	16	179	2 684	1 221	622	293
Religious community	19	14	5	157	3 164	2 109	745	523
Secondary schools - regular	713	211	502	7 464	144 313	72 412	36 656	17 854
Grammar schools	192	96	96	2 036	43 727	27 671	11 084	6 994
State	153	64	89	1 809	39 266	25 011	10 026	6 336
Private	23	18	5	101	1 751	859	416	213
Religious community	16	14	2	126	2 710	1 801	642	445
Technical and related schools	269	57	212	3 415	68 419	32 908	15 884	7 519
State	257	56	201	3 339	67 145	32 286	15 609	7 378
Private	10	1	9	56	838	330	180	69
Religious community	2	-	2	20	436	292	95	72
Secondary art schools	54	45	9	354	4 726	3 517	997	728
State	49	40	9	337	4 687	3 498	989	722
Private	5	5	-	17	39	19	8	6
Industrial and crafts schools	198	13	185	1 659	27 441	8 316	8 691	2 613
State	195	13	182	1 643	27 367	8 287	8 665	2 602
Private	2	-	2	5	56	13	18	5
Religious community	1	-	1	11	18	16	8	6
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	45	16	29	236	975	417	293	130
State	45	16	29	236	975	417	293	130
Education of adults ²⁾	59	8	51	349	2 772	1 042	1 224	456
State	40	1	39	161	1 679	663	600	220
Private	19	7	12	188	1 093	379	624	236

1) See Notes on Methodology.

2) Not included in "Upper secondary schools - total".

1.2 ACHIEVEMENT OF UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, BY GRADES, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students											
	Total		1 st grade		2 nd grade		3 rd grade		4 th grade		5 th grade	
	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed
Upper secondary schools – regular	144 313	141 799	38 522	37 297	38 413	37 735	38 024	37 580	28 385	28 220	969	967
State	138 465	136 011	37 032	35 827	36 963	36 303	36 517	36 092	27 032	26 870	921	919
Private	2 684	2 659	713	704	640	632	718	712	613	611	-	-
Religious community	3 164	3 129	777	766	810	800	789	776	740	739	48	48
Grammar schools	43 727	43 526	10 893	10 815	10 903	10 840	10 921	10 875	11 010	10 996	-	-
State	39 266	39 111	9 748	9 686	9 766	9 716	9 810	9 780	9 942	9 929	-	-
Private	1 751	1 735	470	465	416	411	442	436	423	423	-	-
Religious community	2 710	2 680	675	664	721	713	669	659	645	644	-	-
Technical and related schools	68 419	67 282	17 007	16 480	17 298	17 036	16 945	16 719	16 200	16 080	969	967
State	67 145	66 018	16 706	16 180	17 013	16 756	16 581	16 358	15 924	15 805	921	919
Private	838	833	207	206	198	195	252	252	181	180	-	-
Religious community	436	431	94	94	87	85	112	109	95	95	48	48
Secondary art schools	4 726	4 580	1 337	1 297	1 157	1 113	1 169	1 136	1 063	1 034	-	-
State	4 687	4 542	1 319	1 279	1 151	1 107	1 163	1 130	1 054	1 026	-	-
Private	39	38	18	18	6	6	6	6	9	8	-	-
Music schools	2 032	1 932	603	578	479	450	476	453	474	451	-	-
Dance schools	233	223	66	62	56	54	79	75	32	32	-	-
Fine arts and design	2 461	2 425	668	657	622	609	614	608	557	551	-	-
Industrial and crafts schools	27 441	26 411	9 285	8 705	9 055	8 746	8 989	8 850	112	110	-	-
State	27 367	26 340	9 259	8 682	9 033	8 724	8 963	8 824	112	110	-	-
Private	56	53	18	15	20	20	18	18	-	-	-	-
Religious community	18	18	8	8	2	2	8	8	-	-	-	-
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	975	947	329	311	308	301	290	287	48	48	-	-
State	975	947	329	311	308	301	290	287	48	48	-	-

1.3 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY COUNTIES, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

County of	Schools ¹⁾	Class units	Students		Graduated students		Teachers ¹⁾
			All	Female students	All	Female students	
Republic of Croatia	758	7 700	145 288	72 829	36 949	17 984	27 524
Zagreb	33	320	6 265	2 797	1 628	690	1 155
Krapina-Zagorje	23	223	4 259	2 160	1 133	536	865
Sisak-Moslavina	29	248	3 922	1 909	1 023	455	856
Karlovac	28	222	3 789	1 907	1 018	471	974
Varaždin	39	367	6 806	3 497	1 746	858	1 832
Koprivnica-Križevci	18	191	3 554	1 705	874	420	692
Bjelovar-Bilogora	27	231	4 209	2 089	1 080	536	865
Primorje-Gorski kotar	58	471	9 194	4 566	2 237	1 147	1 758
Lika-Senj	11	72	1 116	534	292	124	391
Virovitica-Podravina	17	149	2 541	1 313	618	307	569
Požega-Slavonia	15	143	2 520	1 295	680	354	588
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	17	279	4 591	2 273	1 260	591	773
Zadar	36	327	6 414	3 273	1 606	822	1 168
Osijek-Baranja	52	553	9 971	5 030	2 592	1 252	1 893
Šibenik-Knin	23	184	3 286	1 655	874	422	755
Vukovar-Sirmium	30	362	5 631	2 802	1 573	797	1 231
Split-Dalmatia	91	891	17 752	8 957	4 594	2 215	3 119
Istria	42	350	6 389	3 141	1 449	700	1 403
Dubrovnik-Neretva	29	249	4 322	2 132	1 021	487	930
Međimurje	22	207	3 535	1 744	916	419	916
City of Zagreb	118	1 661	35 222	18 050	8 735	4 381	4 791

1) See Notes on Methodology.

1.4 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO LEARN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students attending						Teachers ¹⁾
	Total	Grammar schools	Technical and related schools	Art schools	Industrial and crafts schools	Secondary schools for disabled youth	
English	135 066	43 615	62 917	2 906	25 429	199	2 026
German	47 360	26 341	15 273	173	5 521	52	1 199
Italian	18 950	9 881	7 278	402	1 379	10	368
French	5 214	2 177	1 338	-	1 696	3	141
Spanish	2 535	2 111	423	-	1	-	64
Russian	235	208	27	-	-	-	11
Arabic	59	59	-	-	-	-	1
Portuguese	24	24	-	-	-	-	2
Other languages	81	64	4	-	13	-	10

1) See Notes on Methodology.

1.5 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS, BY SEX AND WORKING TIME¹⁾, END OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Teachers						Teachers, FTE		Assistants, FTE	
	All	Women	Full-time		Part-time		All	Women	All	Women
			All	Women	All	Women				
Upper secondary schools – regular	26 813	18 237	13 821	9 536	12 992	8 701	18 776,70	12 822,94	1 125,60	993,99
State	25 620	17 380	13 294	9 135	12 326	8 245	18 003,03	12 251,68	1 067,83	949,70
Private	707	477	281	202	426	275	428,20	301,02	30,87	19,39
Religious community	486	380	246	199	240	181	345,47	270,24	26,90	24,90
Grammar schools	6 344	4 733	3 376	2 612	2 968	2 121	4 555,29	3 471,65	348,15	301,38
State	5 530	4 136	3 033	2 343	2 497	1 793	4 018,06	3 070,63	302,59	265,80
Private	437	307	175	135	262	172	278,02	202,11	21,67	13,19
Religious community	377	290	168	134	209	156	259,21	198,91	23,89	22,39
Technical and related schools	11 378	7 717	5 883	4 041	5 495	3 676	8 150,21	5 542,70	456,50	408,52
State	11 092	7 510	5 738	3 934	5 354	3 576	7 963,87	5 403,80	446,86	402,38
Private	198	136	86	59	112	77	119,88	85,37	7,65	4,65
Religious community	88	71	59	48	29	23	66,46	53,53	1,99	1,49
Secondary art schools	2 146	1 440	1 564	1 067	582	373	1 740,79	1 181,43	38,14	35,09
State	2 096	1 419	1 545	1 060	551	359	1 717,36	1 171,67	37,14	34,09
Private	50	21	19	7	31	14	23,43	9,76	1,00	1,00
Industrial and crafts schools	6 945	4 347	2 998	1 816	3 947	2 531	4 330,41	2 627,16	282,81	249,00
State	6 902	4 315	2 978	1 798	3 924	2 517	4 303,74	2 605,58	281,24	247,43
Private	22	13	1	1	21	12	6,87	3,78	0,55	0,55
Religious community	21	19	19	17	2	2	19,80	17,80	1,02	1,02
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	711	520	343	259	368	261	453,27	332,96	64,48	52,74
State	711	520	343	259	368	261	453,27	332,96	64,48	52,74
Education of adults	1 461	863	128	77	1 333	786	428,71	250,03	-	-
State	934	561	79	51	855	510	259,89	155,28	-	-
Private	527	302	49	26	478	276	168,82	94,75	-	-

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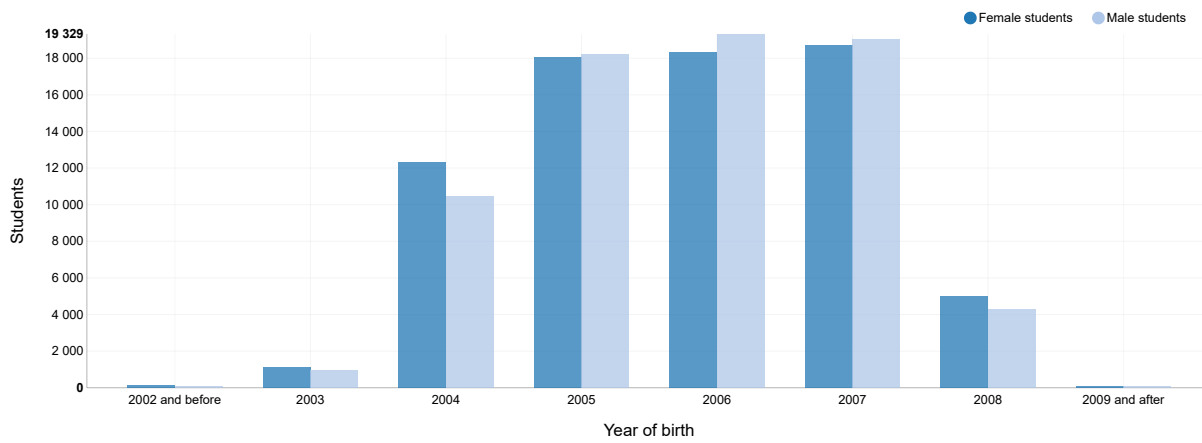
2. Upper secondary schools – beginning of 2022/2023 school year

At the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year, there were 441 active upper secondary schools on the territory of the Republic of Croatia. According to the methodology of statistical data collection, they included 743 school units of various kinds, depending on the educational plan and programme. The number of school units, as compared to the end of the 2021/2022 school year, decreased mainly due to termination of the experimental programme of vocational grammar schools, with the last year of enrolment in these programmes was the school year 2018/2019.

At the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year, the number of students increased by 0.3% compared to the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year. The share of female students was 50.4%. Out of the total number of students in regular education, there were only 1.0% of repeaters, as follows: 1.8% in the 1st grade, 1.0% in the 2nd grade, 0.7% in the 3rd grade, 0.3% in the 4th grade and 0.1% in the 5th grade.

By year of birth, there were 98.4% of students in regular upper secondary schools in the age group from 14 to 18, which is the age appropriate for upper secondary education. There were only 1.4% of students older than 18 and 0.2% of students younger than 14 that mostly attended secondary art schools (music and dance ones).

G-2 STUDENTS IN REGULAR UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY YEAR OF BIRTH AND SEX, BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR



2.1 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CLASS UNITS AND STUDENTS, BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

	Schools ¹⁾			Class units	Students		Repeaters	
	Total	Self-contained	School/class units		Total	Female students	Total	Female students
Upper secondary schools - total	743	225	518	7 753	147 126	74 120	1 491	624
State	686	189	497	7 413	141 026	70 694	1 452	603
Private	38	22	16	193	2 936	1 345	17	8
Religious community	19	14	5	147	3 164	2 081	22	13
Secondary schools - regular	700	209	491	7 522	146 082	73 673	1 473	620
Grammar schools	180	95	85	2 088	43 727	27 766	112	68
State	142	64	78	1 855	39 128	25 055	86	51
Private	22	17	5	107	1 876	926	8	5
Religious community	16	14	2	126	2 723	1 785	18	12
Technical and related schools	269	57	212	3 437	69 410	33 767	619	278
State	257	56	201	3 357	68 033	33 101	611	276
Private	10	1	9	62	955	387	4	1
Religious community	2	-	2	18	422	279	4	1
Secondary art schools	53	44	9	357	4 813	3 624	62	41
State	49	40	9	338	4 769	3 605	60	39
Private	4	4	-	19	44	19	2	2
Industrial and crafts schools	198	13	185	1 640	28 132	8 516	680	233
State	195	13	182	1 632	28 052	8 486	677	233
Private	2	-	2	5	61	13	3	-
Religious community	1	-	1	3	19	17	-	-
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	43	16	27	231	1 044	447	18	4
State	43	16	27	231	1 044	447	18	4
Education of adults ²⁾	50	6	44	260	2 146	920	-	-
State	14	5	9	152	1 609	665	-	-
Private	36	1	35	108	537	255	-	-

1) See Notes on Methodology.

2) Not included in "Upper secondary schools - total."

2.2 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (INCLUDING REPEATERS), BY GRADES AND SEX, BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students											
	Total		1 st grade		2 nd grade		3 rd grade		4 th grade		5 th grade	
	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters
Upper secondary schools - regular	146 082	1 473	40 274	710	37 781	398	37 872	267	29 128	97	1 027	1
Female students	73 673	620	19 848	293	18 333	169	18 632	107	16 079	50	781	1
Grammar schools - total	43 727	112	11 224	37	10 802	38	10 816	24	10 885	13	-	-
Female students	27 766	68	7 192	20	6 660	27	6 990	13	6 924	8	-	-
State	39 128	86	10 005	26	9 667	29	9 676	18	9 780	13	-	-
Private	1 876	8	506	4	480	3	439	1	451	-	-	-
Religious community	2 723	18	713	7	655	6	701	5	654	-	-	-
Technical and related schools - total	69 410	619	17 657	238	16 694	148	17 131	175	16 901	57	1 027	1
Female students	33 767	278	8 589	124	8 095	60	8 197	67	8 105	26	781	1
State	68 033	611	17 281	236	16 384	145	16 846	173	16 540	56	982	1
Private	955	4	282	2	217	1	199	-	257	1	-	-
Religious community	422	4	94	-	93	2	86	2	104	-	45	-
Secondary art schools - total	4 813	62	1 275	8	1 260	14	1 122	13	1 156	27	-	-
Female students	3 624	41	950	7	974	8	831	10	869	16	-	-
State	4 769	60	1 262	8	1 242	14	1 116	13	1 149	25	-	-
Private	44	2	13	-	18	-	6	-	7	2	-	-
Music schools	2 028	42	572	1	532	5	455	11	469	25	-	-
Dance schools	259	-	67	-	62	-	55	-	75	-	-	-
Fine arts and design	2 526	20	636	7	666	9	612	2	612	2	-	-
Industrial and crafts schools - total	28 132	680	10 118	427	9 025	198	8 803	55	186	-	-	-
Female students	8 516	233	3 117	142	2 604	74	2 614	17	181	-	-	-
State	28 052	677	10 085	426	8 999	196	8 782	55	186	-	-	-
Private	61	3	24	1	18	2	19	-	-	-	-	-
Religious community	19	-	9	-	8	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	1 044	18	389	13	315	3	296	2	44	-	-	-
Female students	447	4	168	3	131	-	131	1	17	-	-	-
State	1 044	18	389	13	315	3	296	2	44	-	-	-

2.3 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY COUNTIES, BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

County of	Schools ¹⁾	Class units	Students		Teachers ¹⁾	
			All	Female students	All	Women
Republic of Croatia	743	7 753	147 126	74 120	27 423	18 690
Zagreb	33	319	6 394	2 908	1 170	827
Krapina-Zagorje	23	223	4 284	2 186	847	567
Sisak-Moslavina	29	250	4 010	1 989	858	557
Karlovac	28	228	3 807	1 927	991	634
Varaždin	35	352	6 789	3 499	1 756	1 220
Koprivnica-Križevci	18	197	3 641	1 752	698	410
Bjelovar-Bilogora	27	254	4 265	2 112	893	600
Primorje-Gorski kotar	56	464	9 258	4 714	1 736	1 191
Lika-Senj	11	71	1 128	529	383	243
Virovitica-Podravina	17	191	2 541	1 289	552	342
Požega-Slavonia	15	139	2 478	1 248	579	373
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	17	279	4 659	2 281	767	479
Zadar	35	329	6 553	3 324	1 185	831
Osijek-Baranja	51	547	9 942	5 050	1 901	1 215
Šibenik-Knin	23	180	3 223	1 606	753	491
Vukovar-Sirmium	28	366	5 621	2 797	1 242	859
Split-Dalmatia	89	885	17 890	9 065	3 193	2 304
Istria	43	353	6 674	3 303	1 423	1 009
Dubrovnik-Neretva	28	251	4 442	2 183	862	619
Međimurje	21	201	3 654	1 837	911	600
City of Zagreb	116	1 674	35 873	18 521	4 723	3 319

1) See Notes on Methodology.

2.4 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, BY GRADES, SEX AND YEAR OF BIRTH, BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students											
	Total		1 st grade		2 nd grade		3 rd grade		4 th grade		5 th grade	
	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students
Upper secondary schools – regular	146 082	73 673	40 274	19 848	37 781	18 333	37 872	18 632	29 128	16 079	1 027	781
2009 and after	157	91	148	84	8	6	1	1	-	-	-	-
2008	9 281	4 972	8 950	4 795	320	167	5	5	6	5	-	-
2007	37 731	18 697	29 072	14 154	8 369	4 404	281	131	9	8	-	-
2006	37 646	18 317	1 912	731	26 955	12 906	8 442	4 502	327	178	10	-
2005	36 264	18 061	158	64	1 943	766	27 167	13 282	6 983	3 936	13	13
2004	22 761	12 305	20	10	154	62	1 781	641	20 543	11 388	263	204
2003	2 037	1 106	8	5	19	13	160	51	1 155	507	695	530
2002 and before	205	124	6	5	13	9	35	19	105	57	46	34
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	1 044	447	389	168	315	131	296	131	44	17	-	-
2008 and after	32	20	32	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2007	176	90	163	81	13	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
2006	319	129	165	60	141	62	13	7	-	-	-	-
2005	316	132	25	6	140	52	148	72	3	2	-	-
2004	163	67	4	1	21	8	115	47	23	11	-	-
2003	28	7	-	-	-	-	18	5	10	2	-	-
2002	8	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	2	-	-
2001 and before	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-

2.5 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS, BY SEX AND WORKING TIME¹⁾, BEGINNING OF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

	Teachers						Teachers, FTE		Assistants, FTE	
	Total	Women	Full-time		Part-time		All	Women	All	Women
			All	Women	All	Women				
Upper secondary schools – regular	26 731	18 173	13 793	9 410	12 938	8 763	18 707,90	12 659,52	1 132,41	1 014,02
State	25 519	17 313	13 225	8 989	12 294	8 324	17 894,47	12 072,78	1 070,95	960,60
Private	709	472	312	217	397	255	459,22	314,25	31,56	25,02
Religious community	503	388	256	204	247	184	354,21	272,49	29,90	28,40
Grammar schools	6 102	4 579	3 218	2 500	2 884	2 079	4 369,66	3 327,36	333,88	295,58
State	5 279	3 982	2 846	2 217	2 433	1 765	3 801,69	2 911,57	285,30	252,91
Private	436	300	192	140	244	160	297,57	210,34	21,69	16,78
Religious community	387	297	180	143	207	154	270,40	205,45	26,89	25,89
Technical and related schools	11 518	7 790	6 064	4 103	5 454	3 687	8 269,23	5 576,27	459,67	415,86
State	11 225	7 586	5 908	3 990	5 317	3 596	8 074,44	5 437,34	449,90	408,22
Private	200	132	99	67	101	65	130,60	87,51	7,78	6,15
Religious community	93	72	57	46	36	26	64,19	51,42	1,99	1,49
Secondary art schools	2 133	1 430	1 490	1 017	643	413	1 710,77	1 147,01	42,06	38,65
State	2 083	1 408	1 470	1 008	613	400	1 685,75	1 135,25	41,06	37,65
Private	50	22	20	9	30	13	25,02	11,76	1,00	1,00
Industrial and crafts schools	6 978	4 374	3 021	1 790	3 957	2 584	4 358,24	2 608,88	296,80	263,93
State	6 932	4 337	3 001	1 774	3 931	2 563	4 332,59	2 588,62	294,69	261,82
Private	23	18	1	1	22	17	6,03	4,64	1,09	1,09
Religious community	23	19	19	15	4	4	19,62	15,62	1,02	1,02
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	692	517	341	258	351	259	444,24	329,56	65,37	53,57
State	692	517	341	258	351	259	444,24	329,56	65,37	53,57
Education of adults	1 247	747	120	71	1 127	676	392,23	231,57	-	-
State	833	504	61	42	772	462	231,23	141,22	-	-
Private	414	243	59	29	355	214	161,00	90,35	-	-

1) See Notes on Methodology.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Presented data are the result of the statistical analysis of annual reports filled in by upper secondary schools at the beginning and at the end of a school year.

Schools and educational institutions fill in the following forms for this statistical survey: the Statistical Report on Upper Secondary Schools – Grammar Schools, Technical and Related Schools, Industrial and Crafts Schools, Art Schools and Departments of Fine Arts and Design as well as Departments for Disabled Youth (Š-S/KP form) and the Statistical Report on Upper Secondary Schools for Adults (Š-S-OD/KP form).

Coverage and comparability

The statistical survey cover upper secondary schools located on the territory of the Republic of Croatia and data are comparable with data from previous school years.

Definitions and explanations

In the educational system of the Republic of Croatia upper secondary education is organised either as regular or special.

Regular education includes the upper secondary education according to regular educational programmes.

Special education includes the education of adults.

Upper secondary education may last from 1 to 5 years. It offers education and skills that are necessary either to enter the labour market or to continue education. It is not compulsory.

School is considered a group of students following classes of a particular type and stage according to the same educational plan and programme at a particular location.

The number of upper secondary schools presented in tables 1.1, 1.3, 2.1 and 2.3 is larger than the actual number of upper secondary schools. If a single secondary school embraces several school units of different types, e.g. grammar school, technical, industrial and crafts school, each unit is then considered a separate school and is presented as such (see column "School/class units" in tables 1.1 and 2.1). The number of upper secondary schools in which lessons are organised only for one type of a programme (e.g. grammar school, technical, industrial and crafts school) is presented in the column "Self-contained" schools.

Upper secondary education of disabled youth is organised in a way that enables an individual approach in specific class units or specific educational institutions.

The number of upper secondary schools for disabled youth is equal to the number of institutions for education of disabled youth enlarged by a number of upper secondary schools that contain class units for disabled students.

Education of adults is aimed to provide education to adult persons who did not complete a regular upper secondary education. The upper secondary education of adults is carried out in upper secondary schools and other competent institutions. Adult persons can complete this education either by attending lessons or by taking examinations.

Data on students who learn foreign languages are given for all students who learn a particular foreign language, irrespective of whether they learn it as the first, second or third foreign language.

Data on upper secondary school teachers include **the number of teachers** who teach in a particular type of school. Considering that a teacher may teach in several types of schools, e.g. in a grammar school, technical, industrial and crafts school as well as in an upper secondary school for adults, the given number of teachers does not refer to the number of physical persons employed in upper secondary schools. The number of teachers and assistants shown through the full-time equivalent would correspond to the actual number of physical persons.

Data on teachers and assistants cover persons employed on contractual agreement, persons employed on work contract and persons employed on author's contract.

Assistants are psychologists, pedagogues, social workers and librarians.

Data by counties are presented according to the Act on Territories of Counties, Towns and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (NN, Nos 86/06, 125/06, 16/07, 95/08, 46/10, 145/10, 37/13, 44/13, 45/13 and 110/15), with the situation as of 31 December 2021.

The constitution and activity of the upper secondary education is based on the Primary and Secondary School Education Act (NN, Nos 87/08, 86/09, 92/10, 105/10, 90/11, 5/12, 16/12, 86/12, 126/12, 94/13, 152/14, 7/17, 68/18, 98/18 and 64/20) and Vocational Education Act (NN, Nos 30/09, 24/10, 22/13, 25/18 and 69/22).

Abbreviations

FTE full-time equivalent
NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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