



STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY, 2024

A total of **31 237** students completed their university or professional studies in 2024. The share of female students in that number amounted to 19 125, that is, **61.2%**.

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

Out of the total of 31 237 students who completed their university or professional studies, 0.1% completed the study at schools of professional higher education, 16.3% at polytechnics, **81.1%** at faculties (12.5% at professional studies and 68.6% at university studies) and 2.5% at art academies.

The highest share of female students who completed their university or professional studies was recorded at art academies, 69.2%, followed by university studies at faculties, 64.0%, professional studies at faculties, 57.2%, at polytechnics, 51.6%, and 50.0% 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, 31.0% of them, completed a university undergraduate study, followed by 30.0% of them who completed a university graduate study, 20.8% who completed a professional undergraduate study, 10.0% who completed an integrated university undergraduate and graduate study, 8.1% who completed a professional graduate study and less than 0.1% who completed a professional short course. Out of the total number of students, 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 (**43.4%**) and the smallest one in the 37 – 39 age group (**1.8%**). There were 3.2% of students in the up-to-21 age group, 32.7% of students in the 25 – 27 age group, 8.5% in the 28 – 30 age group, 3.4% in the 31 – 33 age group, 2.5% in the 34 – 36 age group and 4.5% in the 40-and-over age group.

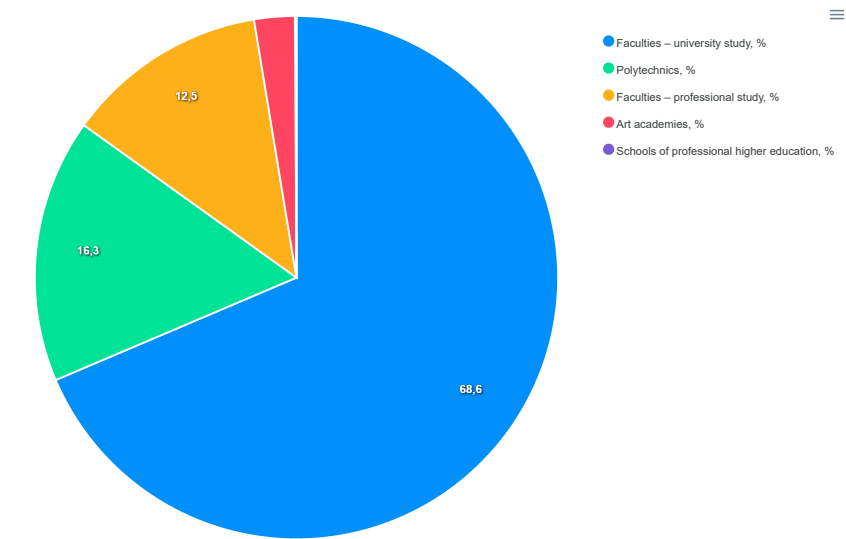
Most students completed their university or professional studies in scientific fields

In 2024, the largest number of students who completed their studies were from the scientific field of study (**97.2%**), followed by the artistic field of study (**2.6%**), and the interdisciplinary field of study (**0.2%**).

1 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, TYPE OF STUDY AND SEX, 2024

	Sex	Total	Schools of professional higher education	Polytechnics	Faculties			Art academies
					Total	Professional study	University study	
Institutions of higher education	All	31 237	2	5 115	25 353	3 916	21 437	767
	Male	12 112	1	2 475	9 400	1 676	7 724	236
	Female	19 125	1	2 640	15 953	2 240	13 713	531
According to pre-Bologna programme	All	37	-	-	37	-	37	-
	Male	33	-	-	33	-	33	-
	Female	4	-	-	4	-	4	-
Undergraduate university study	All	37	-	-	37	-	37	-
	Male	33	-	-	33	-	33	-
	Female	4	-	-	4	-	4	-
According to Bologna programme	All	31 200	2	5 115	25 316	3 916	21 400	767
	Male	12 079	1	2 475	9 367	1 676	7 691	236
	Female	19 121	1	2 640	15 949	2 240	13 709	531
Short professional study	All	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	Male	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional undergraduate study	All	6 486	2	3 677	2 807	2 807	-	-
	Male	3 026	1	1 739	1 286	1 286	-	-
	Female	3 460	1	1 938	1 521	1 521	-	-
Professional graduate study	All	2 546	-	1 438	1 108	1 108	-	-
	Male	1 125	-	736	389	389	-	-
	Female	1 421	-	702	719	719	-	-
University undergraduate study	All	9 679	-	-	9 338	-	9 338	341
	Male	3 623	-	-	3 526	-	3 526	97
	Female	6 056	-	-	5 812	-	5 812	244
University graduate study	All	9 362	-	-	9 049	-	9 049	313
	Male	3 326	-	-	3 233	-	3 233	93
	Female	6 036	-	-	5 816	-	5 816	220
University integrated undergraduate and graduate study	All	3 126	-	-	3 013	-	3 013	113
	Male	978	-	-	932	-	932	46
	Female	2 148	-	-	2 081	-	2 081	67

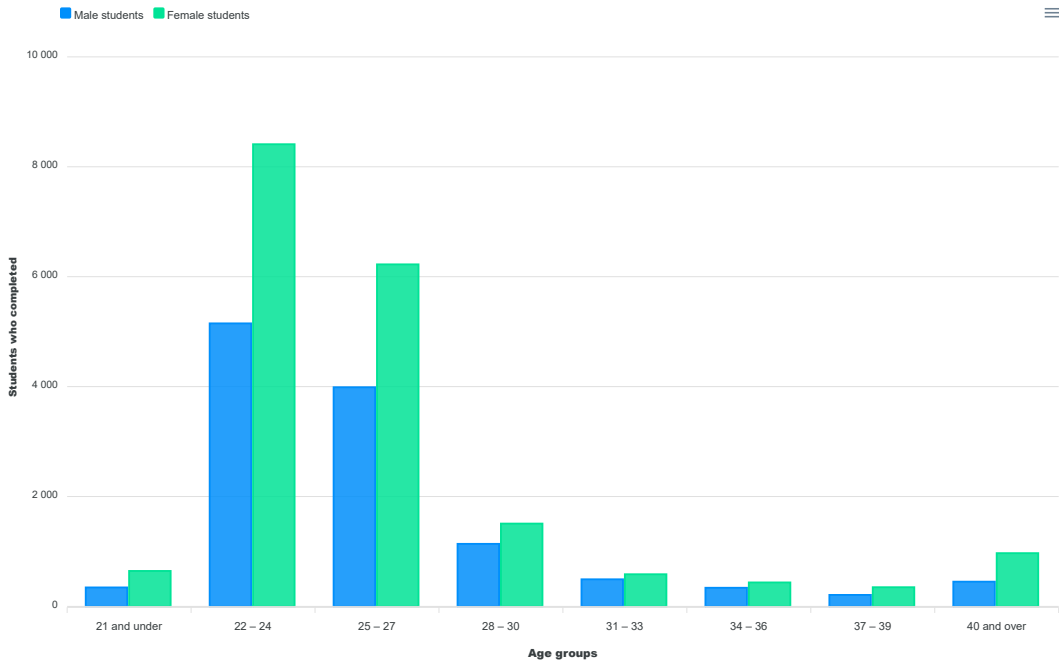
G-1 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, 2024



2 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, AGE GROUPS AND SEX, 2024

		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	31 237	990	13 560	10 212	2 645	1 078	775	558	1 419
	Male students	12 112	345	5 150	3 988	1 138	493	339	209	450
	Female students	19 125	645	8 410	6 224	1 507	585	436	349	969
Schools of professional higher education	Total	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Male students	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Female students	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Polytechnics	Total	5 115	137	1 985	1 182	522	286	272	210	521
	Male students	2 475	53	903	619	276	174	135	109	206
	Female students	2 640	84	1 082	563	246	112	137	101	315
Faculties	Total	25 353	836	11 204	8 772	2 062	761	499	339	880
	Male students	9 400	289	4 146	3 286	835	308	203	95	238
	Female students	15 953	547	7 058	5 486	1 227	453	296	244	642
Professional study	Total	3 916	99	1 601	1 059	425	217	158	84	273
	Male students	1 676	33	659	472	203	104	86	31	88
	Female students	2 240	66	942	587	222	113	72	53	185
University study	Total	21 437	737	9 603	7 713	1 637	544	341	255	607
	Male students	7 724	256	3 487	2 814	632	204	117	64	150
	Female students	13 713	481	6 116	4 899	1 005	340	224	191	457
Art academies	Total	767	17	371	258	61	30	4	9	17
	Male students	236	3	101	83	27	11	1	5	5
	Female students	531	14	270	175	34	19	3	4	12

G-2 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY AGE AND SEX, 2024



3 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS BY TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS, MODE OF STUDY AND SEX, 2024

	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	31 237	12 112	19 125	22 225	8 646	13 579	9 012	3 466	5 546
Schools of professional higher education	2	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-
Polytechnics	5 115	2 475	2 640	2 331	1 175	1 156	2 784	1 300	1 484
Faculties	25 353	9 400	15 953	19 198	7 255	11 943	6 155	2 145	4 010
Professional study	3 916	1 676	2 240	1 955	819	1 136	1 961	857	1 104
University study	21 437	7 724	13 713	17 243	6 436	10 807	4 194	1 288	2 906
Art academies	767	236	531	694	215	479	73	21	52

4 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY, 2024

	Total	Scientific and interdisciplinary 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	31 237	1 274	8 024	4 118	1 340	11 507	1 955	2 147	54
Schools of professional higher education	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Polytechnics	5 115	-	1 601	1 316	134	1 846	-	218	-
Faculties	25 353	1 274	6 423	2 802	1 206	9 604	1 941	1 868	10
Professional study	3 916	-	843	458	80	2 460	-	6	-
University study	21 437	1 274	5 580	2 344	1 126	7 144	1 941	1 862	10
Art academies	767	-	-	-	-	57	12	61	44

4 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY, 2024

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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	60	57	143	220	113	4	103	118
Schools of professional higher education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polytechnics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faculties	-	-	18	14	65	-	83	45
Professional study	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	33
University study	-	-	18	14	65	-	47	12
Art academies	60	57	125	206	48	4	20	73

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 2024. They are collected, either on paper or electronically, through the questionnaire entitled Statistical Sheet for Students Who Completed University or Professional Study in 2024 (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 to 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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