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BOARDING HOMES FOR PUPILS AND STUDENTS, 2025/2026 SCHOOL/ACADEMIC YEAR

Boarding homes for pupils

In the 2025/2026 school year, there were 60 active boarding homes for pupils that accommodated **7 352** beneficiaries.

Out of the total number of beneficiaries placed in boarding homes, 94.2% attended upper secondary schools and 5.8% institutions of higher education. The share of female pupils and students was 62.3%.

Out of the total number of persons in employment, 28.8% were educational teachers, 7.9% medical and other professional staff, and 63.3% administrative and other staff. The share of women was 73.4%.

Boarding homes for students

In the 2025/2026 academic year, there were 24 active students' boarding homes.

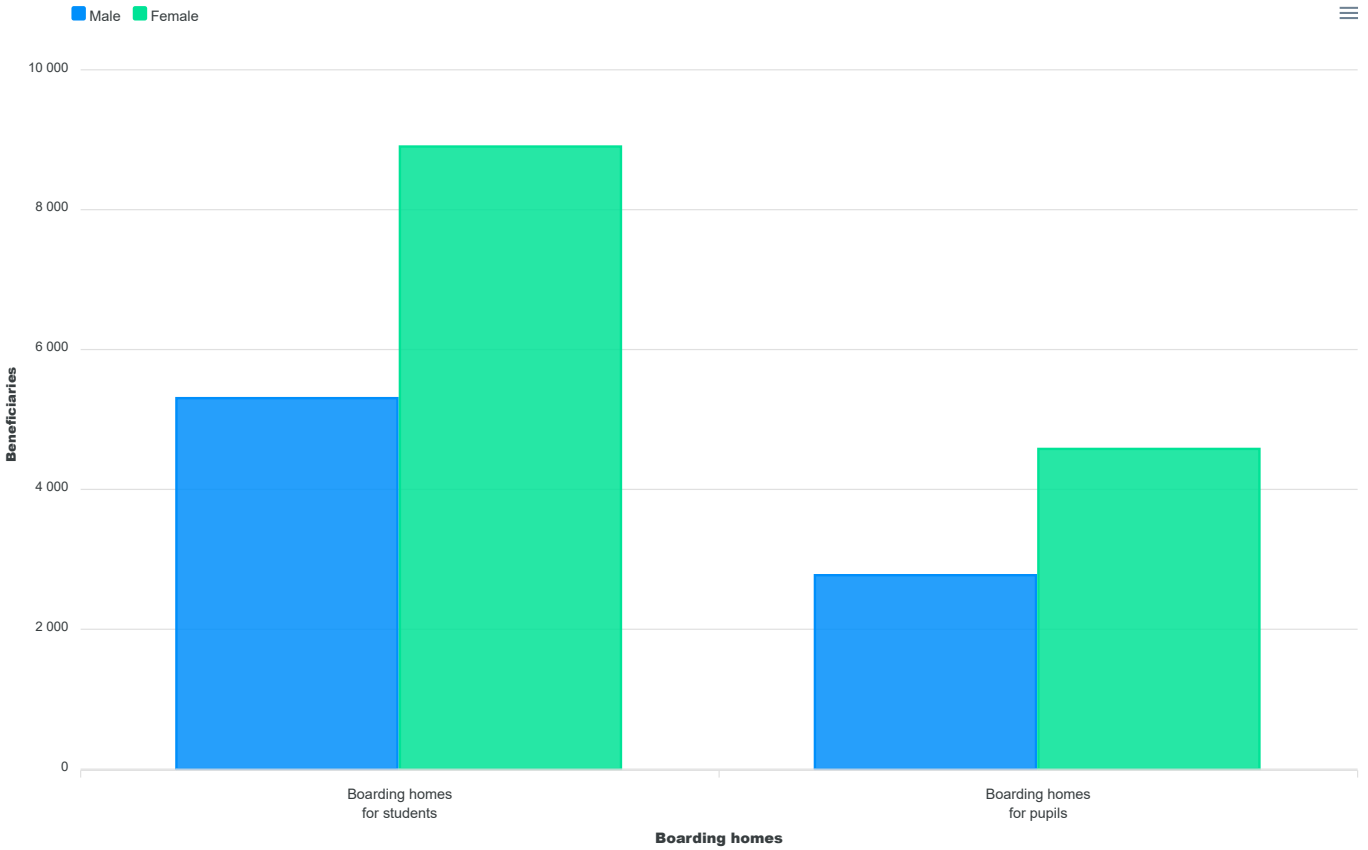
In the 2025/2026 academic year, there were **14 208** students placed in students' boarding homes, while the number of students who were not admitted due to full capacity amounted to 5 015. The share of female students was 62.7%.

In the 2025/2026 academic year, 670 persons were employed in students' boarding homes. The share of women was 68.5%.

1 PUPILS AND STUDENTS, BENEFICIARIES OF PUPILS'/STUDENTS' BOARDING HOMES, BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THEY ATTENDED AND BY SEX, 2025/2026 SCHOOL/ACADEMIC YEAR

	Beneficiaries			Institution they attended		Number of pupils/students not placed to a boarding home due to full occupancy
	Total	Male	Female	Upper secondary school	Institution of higher education	
Total	21 560	8 078	13 482	6 928	14 632	5 570
Boarding homes for pupils	7 352	2 773	4 579	6 928	424	555
Boarding homes for students	14 208	5 305	8 903	-	14 208	5 015

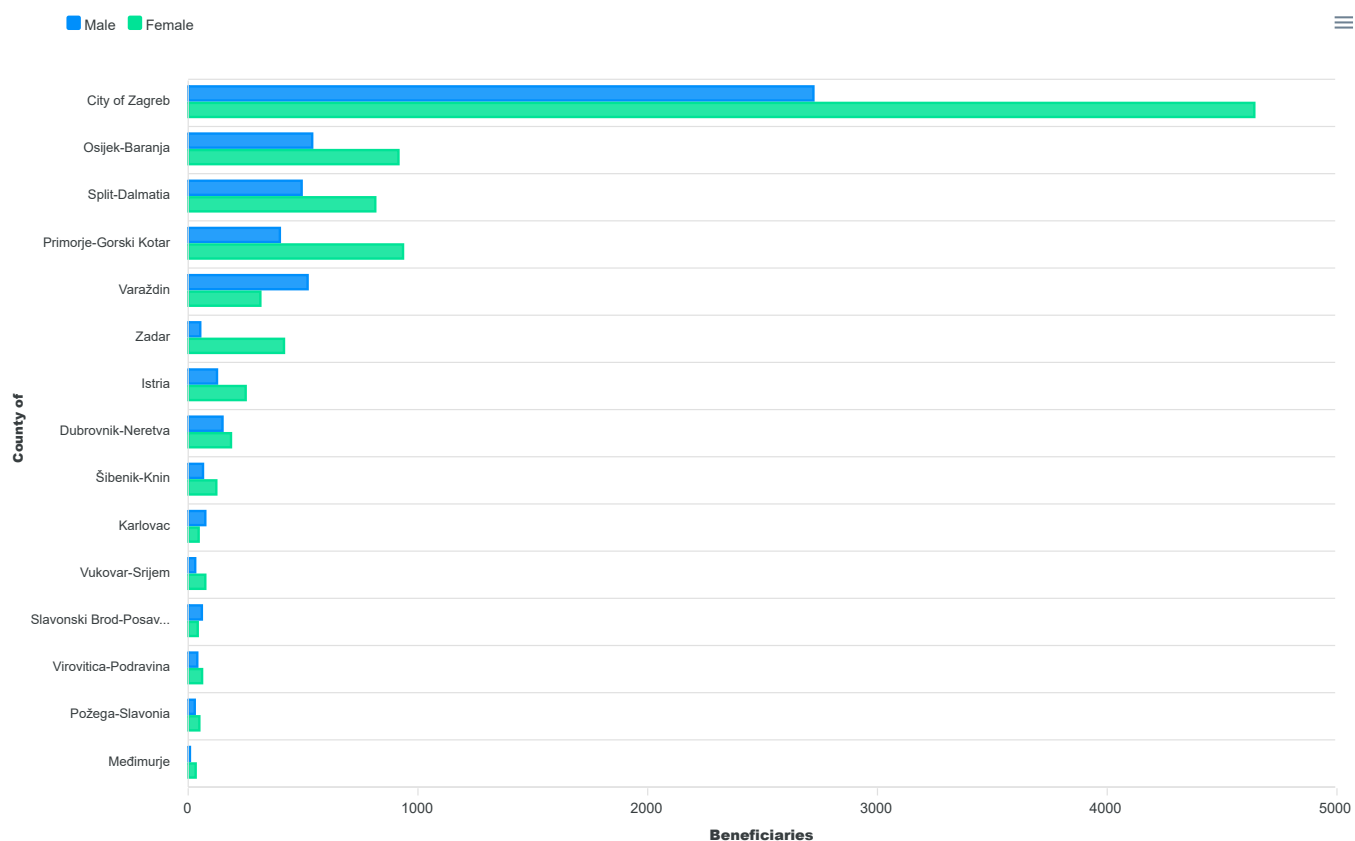
G-1 PUPILS/STUDENTS PLACED IN BOARDING HOMES, BY SEX, 2025/2026 SCHOOL/ACADEMIC YEAR



2 STUDENTS' BOARDING HOMES, BENEFICIARIES AND PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, BY COUNTIES AND BY SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Boarding homes	Beneficiaries			Persons in employment		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Republic of Croatia	24	14 208	5 305	8 903	670	211	459
Karlovac	1	119	74	45	10	4	6
Varaždin	1	834	520	314	19	6	13
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	2	1 335	399	936	19	-	19
Virovitica-Podravina	1	99	39	60	3	2	1
Požega-Slavonia	1	76	28	48	8	3	5
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1	100	59	41	12	4	8
Zadar	1	469	52	417	27	14	13
Osijek-Baranja	3	1 456	540	916	30	12	18
Šibenik-Knin	2	186	64	122	41	7	34
Vukovar-Srijem	1	104	30	74	2	2	-
Split-Dalmatia	3	1 309	494	815	236	77	159
Dubrovnik-Neretva	1	335	149	186	87	32	55
Istria	1	375	125	250	8	4	4
Međimurje	1	39	7	32	2	-	2
City of Zagreb	4	7 372	2 725	4 647	166	44	122

G-2 STUDENTS PLACED IN BOARDING HOMES FOR STUDENTS, BY COUNTIES AND BY SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

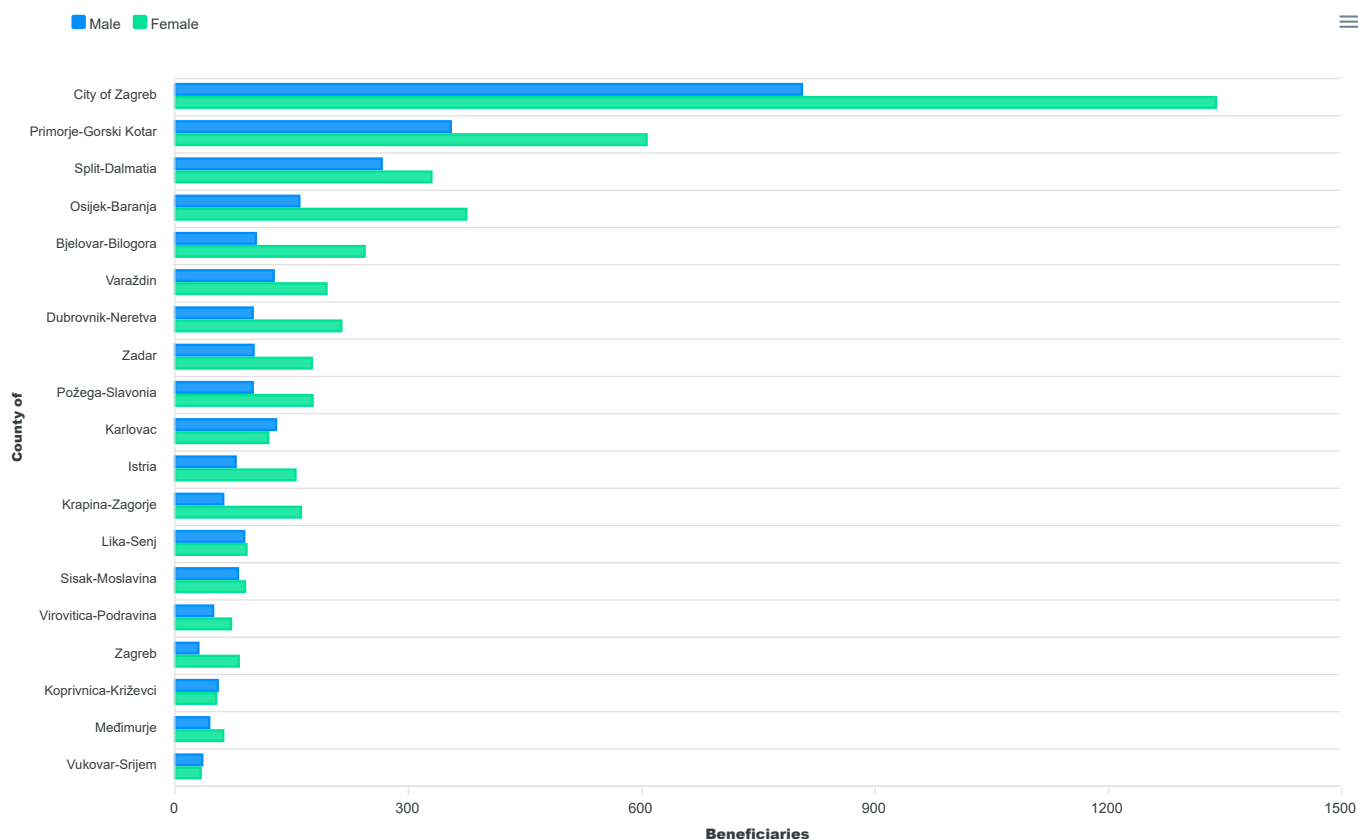


3 PUPILS' BOARDING HOMES, BENEFICIARIES (PUPILS/STUDENTS) AND PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, BY COUNTIES AND BY SEX, 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

	Boarding homes	Beneficiaries			Persons in employment					
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Women	Educational teachers	Medical staff	Other professional staff ¹⁾	Administrative and other staff
Republic of Croatia	60	7 352	2 773	4 579	1 491	1 095	429	31	87	944
Zagreb	1	112	30	82	22	18	6	-	1	15
Krapina-Zagorje	2	224	62	162	46	37	16	1	3	26
Sisak-Moslavina	2	171	81	90	43	31	10	1	3	29
Karlovac	3	250	130	120	62	43	14	-	4	44
Varaždin	2	322	127	195	57	37	20	1	4	32
Koprivnica-Križevci	1	108	55	53	26	17	6	1	1	18
Bjelovar-Bilogora	2	348	104	244	59	44	19	1	3	36
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	7	962	355	607	191	145	56	4	10	121
Lika-Senj	3	181	89	92	45	35	18	-	2	25
Virovitica-Podravina	1	121	49	72	30	20	9	1	2	18
Požega-Slavonia	2	277	100	177	45	32	13	1	3	28
Zadar	1	277	101	176	44	28	14	1	1	28
Osijek-Baranja	5	535	160	375	98	70	28	1	6	63
Vukovar-Srijem	1	68	35	33	22	17	5	-	1	16
Split-Dalmatia	5	596	266	330	125	93	44	2	5	74
Istria	2	233	78	155	52	40	14	2	5	31
Dubrovnik-Neretva	3	314	100	214	80	59	20	1	7	52
Međimurje	2	106	44	62	35	26	8	1	2	24
City of Zagreb	15	2 147	807	1 340	409	303	109	12	24	264

1) Pedagogue, psychologist, special education teacher and social worker.

G-3 PUPILS/STUDENTS PLACED IN BOARDING HOMES, BY COUNTIES AND BY SEX, 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Data are the result of the annual processing of data collected on the Annual Report on Boarding Homes for Pupils and Students (ŠD form), which are filled in by boarding homes for pupils and students according to the situation as on 31 March of the current school/academic year.

Coverage and comparability

The statistical survey covers boarding homes for pupils and students located on the territory of the Republic of Croatia. Data are comparable to the data from previous years.

Definitions and explanations

Pupils' boarding homes are institutions that provide food and lodging for pupils during their study and organise educational work, cultural and other pupils' activities.

As a rule, only regular pupils are entitled to food and lodging and they can get it based on their previous education achievements and the economic situation of pupils and their parents, guardians etc.

Vacancies in boarding homes may also be filled with students from institutions of higher education and pupils from other schools, seminars and courses, as long as this does not interfere with regular educational work and life in a boarding home.

Students' boarding homes are institutions that provide lodging for students during their study. Besides accommodation, meals can be provided.

Tables 2 and 3 present only counties in which there are boarding homes for students or pupils.

Territorial constitution

Data by counties are presented according to the Act on the 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 on 31 December 2024.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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