Secondary education

Secondary schools and resource centers
beginning of school year 2020/2021

Data in release are related to the number of pupils who enrolled in secondary schools and resource centres at the beginning of school year 2020/2021.

The number of pupils who enrolled secondary education in secondary schools, at the beginning of school year 2020/2021 is 26,816, and in resource centres 139 pupils.

Of the total number of pupils who enrolled secondary school (26,816), 48.5% or 13,015 are female and 51.5% or 13,801 are male.

Graph 1. Pupils who enrolled in secondary schools total and by gender
beginning of school year 2020/2021
The number of pupils enrolled in the I grade is 6,730, 47.2% or 3,176 are female and 52.8% or 3,554 are male. The number of pupils enrolled in the IV grade is 6,481, 49.1% or 3,182 are female and 50.9% or 3,299 are male.

Observing the areas of work, in gymnasium there are 8,281 pupils (30.9%); trade, hotels and restaurants and tourism 4,212 (15.7%); business, administration and law 3,483 (13%); while other areas of work makes 10,840 (40.4%). From total number of pupils, the most number of pupils are in gymnasium, 4,649 are female and 3,632 are male.
The highest number of secondary school pupils is in Podgorica 9 054 which is 33.8% of total number of pupils, while 355 pupils which is 1.3% of total number of pupils are in the four municipalities together: Petnjica, Savnik, Pluzine, and Zabljak. From pupils in Podgorica 49.3% or 4 467 are female and 50.7% or 4 587 are male.
At the beginning school year 2020/2021, Secondary education pupils with special education needs (in regular classes) and resource centres enrolled 418 pupils. Of that number, the female are 169 (40.4%), while 249 male (59.6%).

279 pupils with special educational needs enrolled secondary education in regular classes of secondary schools, while 139 pupils of secondary education enrolled in resource centres.
METHODOLICAL EXPLANATIONS

The data on secondary education in this release refer to the beginning of school year 2020/2021, and they are results of statistical processing of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports database (Montenegrin Education Information System – MEIS).

The statistical survey covered all secondary schools and resource centres that work in accordance with the programme of Ministry of Education.

**Secondary education** provides acquiring knowledge and skills necessary to be included at the labour market or to continue the secondary education. The secondary education is not compulsory education.

**The secondary school** can be gymnasium, art or vocational school.

Gymnasium provides a general education in the area of natural and social sciences aimed at to continue the education. The education in gymnasium lasts for four years.

Art school provides obtaining the fourth level of educational attainment in the area of music and ballet. The education lasts for four years.

Vocational four-year school provides the fourth level of educational attainment, i.e. secondary education for work and further education. Three-year vocational schools provide the third level of educational attainment.

**Children with special educational needs:** children with physical, mental and sensor difficulties behaviour disturbance; severe chronically diseases; emotional disturbances; combined difficulties; long time ill children and other children having difficulties in studying who need education according to educational program with adjusted teaching performance and additional professional assistance or special educational program.

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