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Enrolment at postgraduate studies and doctoral studies

Academic year 2025/2026

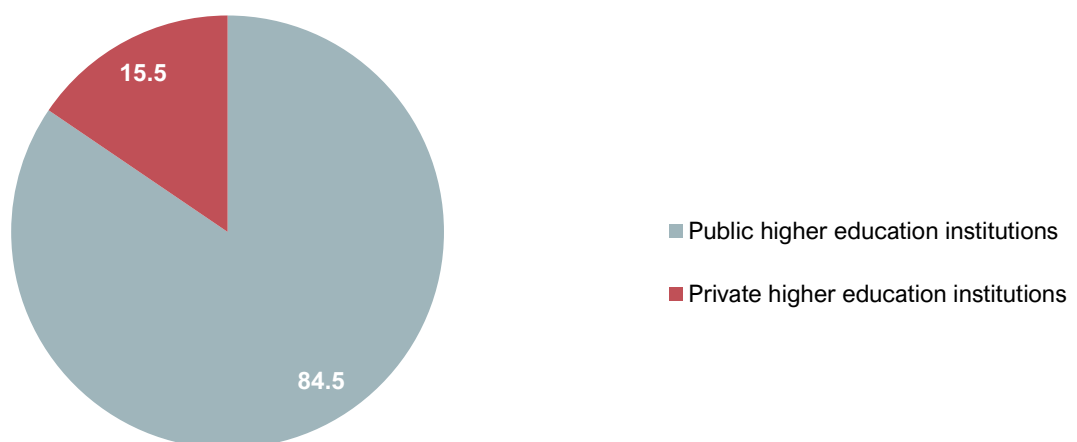
In the academic year 2025/2026, at the higher education institutions in Montenegro, there were 4 071 students enrolled at postgraduate studies and doctoral studies.

There were 3 840 students enrolled at postgraduate studies, as follows: 758 at specialist studies, 3 082 at master studies. Among the total number of students, the share of females is 62%, and the share of males is 38%.

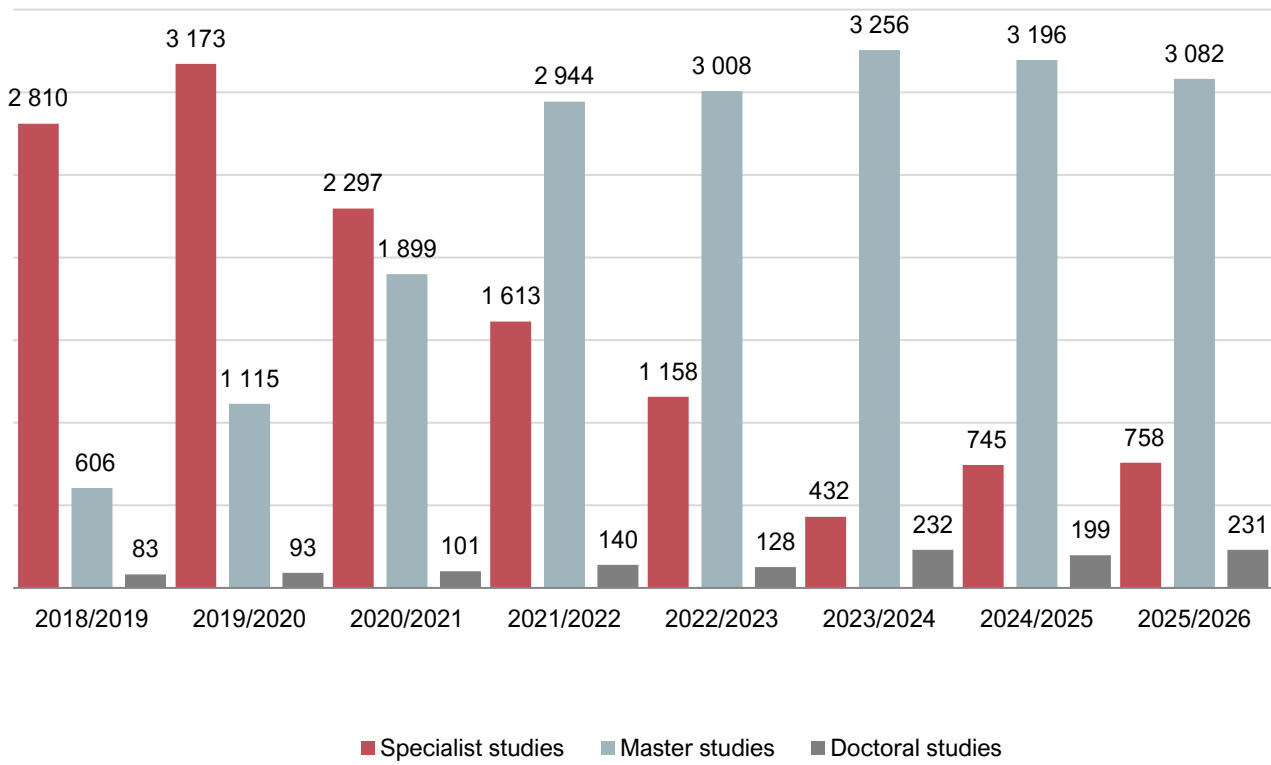
The number of students enrolled at specialist studies increased by 1.7% compared to the previous academic year. In specialist studies, 57.1% are female, and 42.9% are male.

There are 3 082 students enrolled at master studies which is 3.6% less than in previous academic year 2024/2025. Of the total number of students enrolled in master studies, 84.5% were in public higher education institutions, while 15.5% were in private higher education institutions. In master's studies 63.2% were females while 36.8% were males.

Graph 1. Students enrolled in master studies, academic year 2025/2026, in %



There were 231 students enrolled at doctoral studies, from which 133 were females, while 98 were males.

Graph 2. Enrolled students to specialist, master and doctoral studies, 2018/2019 - 2025/2026

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The data in this release are a result of regular annual statistical survey.

Data on students enrolled on postgraduate and doctoral studies are collected through the questionnaire "Questionnaire on enrolment in postgraduate and doctoral studies" (SV-23), completed by all higher education institutions that are established or teaching in Montenegro, except for the University of Montenegro where the data for the academic 2025/2026. taken from the Centre information system based on the signed Agreement on Cooperation.

Statistical activity includes all higher education institutions, both public and private. The data on students enrolled at postgraduate (specialist studies and master studies) and doctoral studies refer to academic year.

Pursuant to the Law on Higher Education, there are three levels of higher education: undergraduate studies (basic studies), postgraduate studies, and doctoral studies.

Postgraduate studies may be organised as: specialist studies and master studies.

Postgraduate specialist studies run for one study year, i.e. two semesters.

Postgraduate master studies usually run two study years, i.e. four semesters after basic, i.e. a year after specialist studies. Persons having previously finished basic studies have the right to enrol postgraduate studies.

Doctoral studies are realised in duration of three study years, i.e. six semesters. Qualification for the enrolment at doctoral studies is master studies previously finished.

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More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [Higher Education](#)