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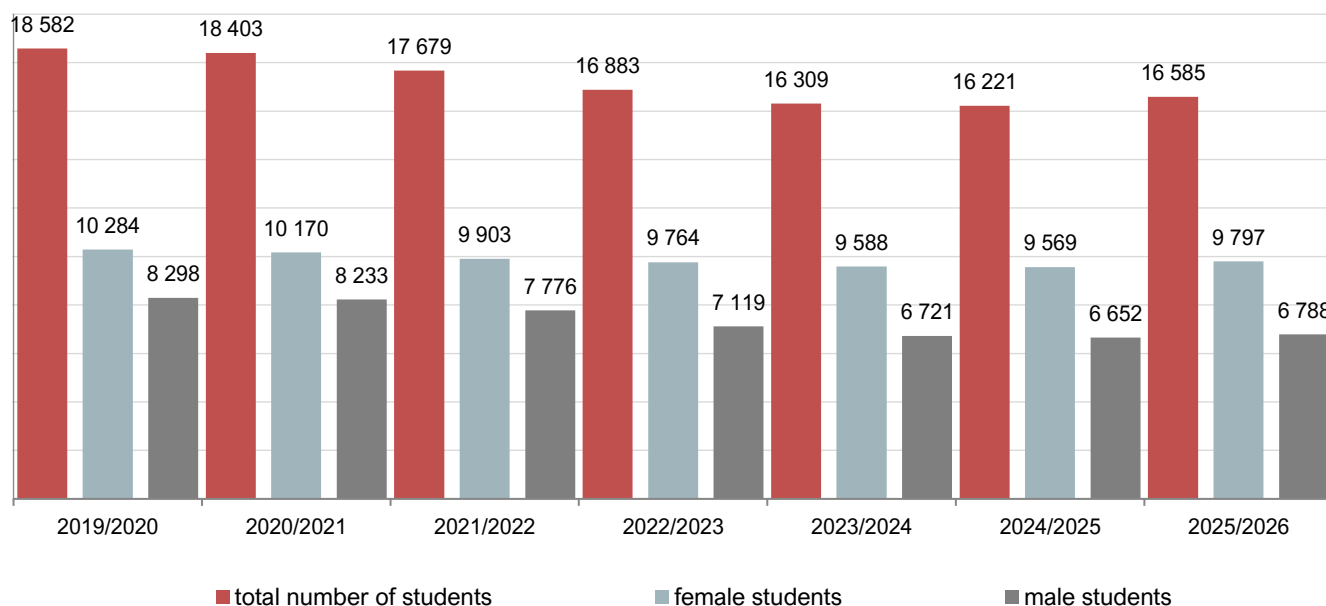
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## Enrolled students – basic studies

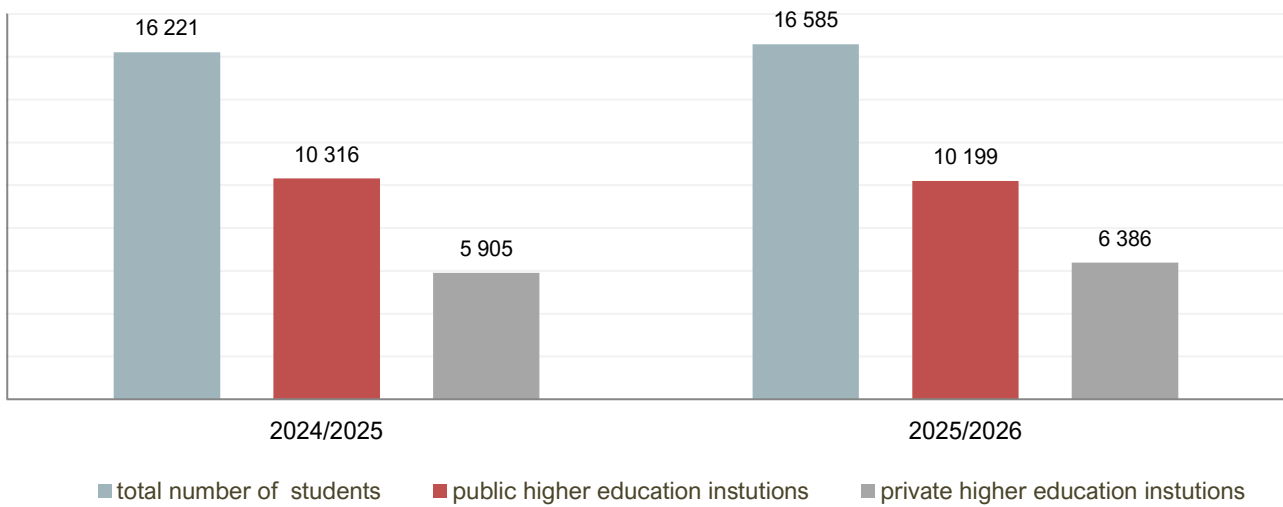
### Academic year 2025/2026

In the winter semester 2025/2026, at the basic level, was enrolled 16 585, students, which is 2.2% more than in the winter semester of the previous academic year. The share of female was 59.1% (9 797), and 40.9% (6 788) of male students.

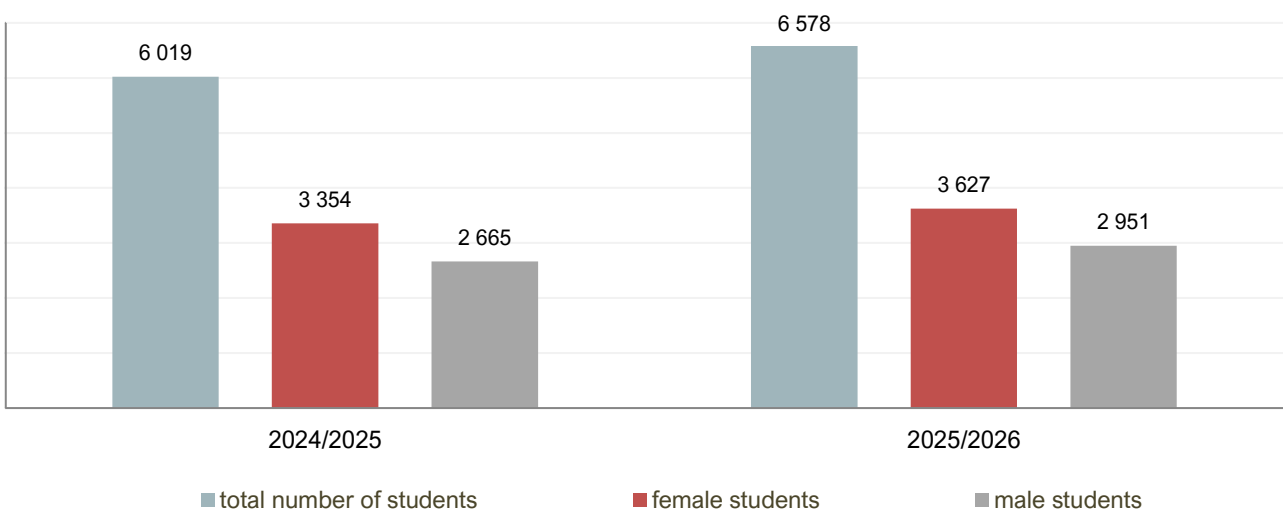
Graph 1. Enrolled students - basic studies, academic year 2019/2020 - 2025/2026



From total number of enrolled students, 10 199 or 61.5% was enrolled in public higher education institutions, and 6 386 or 38.5% in private higher education Institutions. The number of enrolled students is lower compared to the previous academic year, by 1.1% at public higher education institutions and by while in private higher education institutions it increased by 8.1%

**Graph 2.** Enrolled students - basic studies, public and private higher education institutions

In the first year of study, academic year 2025/2026 were enrolled 6 578 students or 39.7% (here are included students who repeatedly enrolled the first year). Number of students enrolled in the first year increased by 9.3% compared to the previous academic year. Of all the students of the first year of study, participation of female is 55.1% (3 627), and 44.9% (2 951) of male students.

**Graph 3.** Enrolled students - basic studies, the students of the first year of study

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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

Data on students enrolled at basic studies are collected through individual statistical questionnaires "Application form for enrolment of students" (form SV-20), except for the University of Montenegro where the data for the academic 2025/2026 year are taken from the Central information system based on the signed Agreement on Cooperation.

Statistical activity includes all higher education institutions in Montenegro, both public and private. The data on students enrolled at basic studies refer to academic year.

The study programmes are divided in study years and semesters. The study year is organised in two semesters: winter and summer.

First year of studies can be enrolled by the candidates with appropriate secondary education. The status of student can be either budget financed or self-financed.

Pursuant to the Law on Higher Education, there are three levels of higher education: basic studies, postgraduate studies, and doctoral studies. Basic and postgraduate study programs can be accredited as academic and applied.

Basic studies can be academic or applied. On the academic degree programs last at least three school years, while undergraduate studies at the applied degree programs to graduate applied basic studies last three school years.

When using the data, state:

"Data source: Statistical Office - MONSTAT

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