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Enrolment at postgraduate studies and doctoral studies

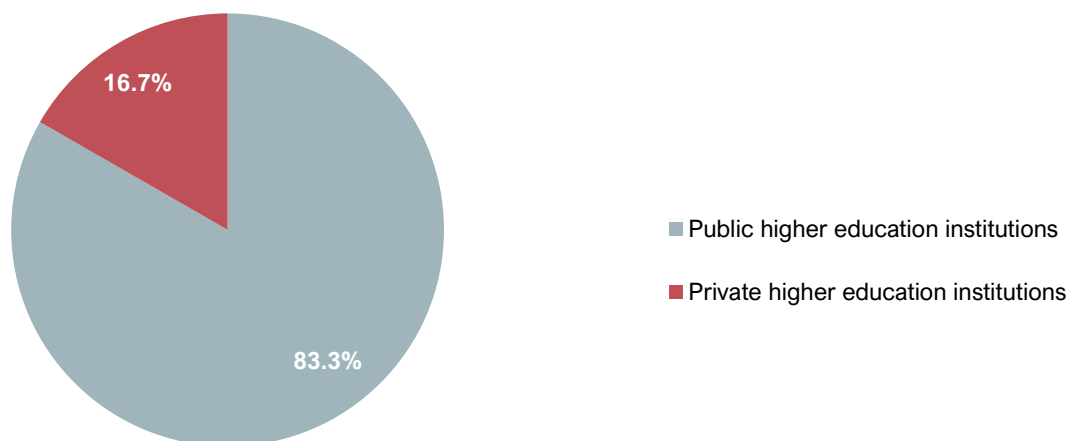
Academic year 2023/2024

In academic year 2023/2024, at the higher education institutions in Montenegro, there were 3 920 students enrolled at postgraduate studies and doctoral studies.

There were 3 688 students enrolled at postgraduate studies, as follows: 432 at specialist studies, 3 256 at master studies. Among total number of students share of females is 62.4% and share of males is 37.6%.

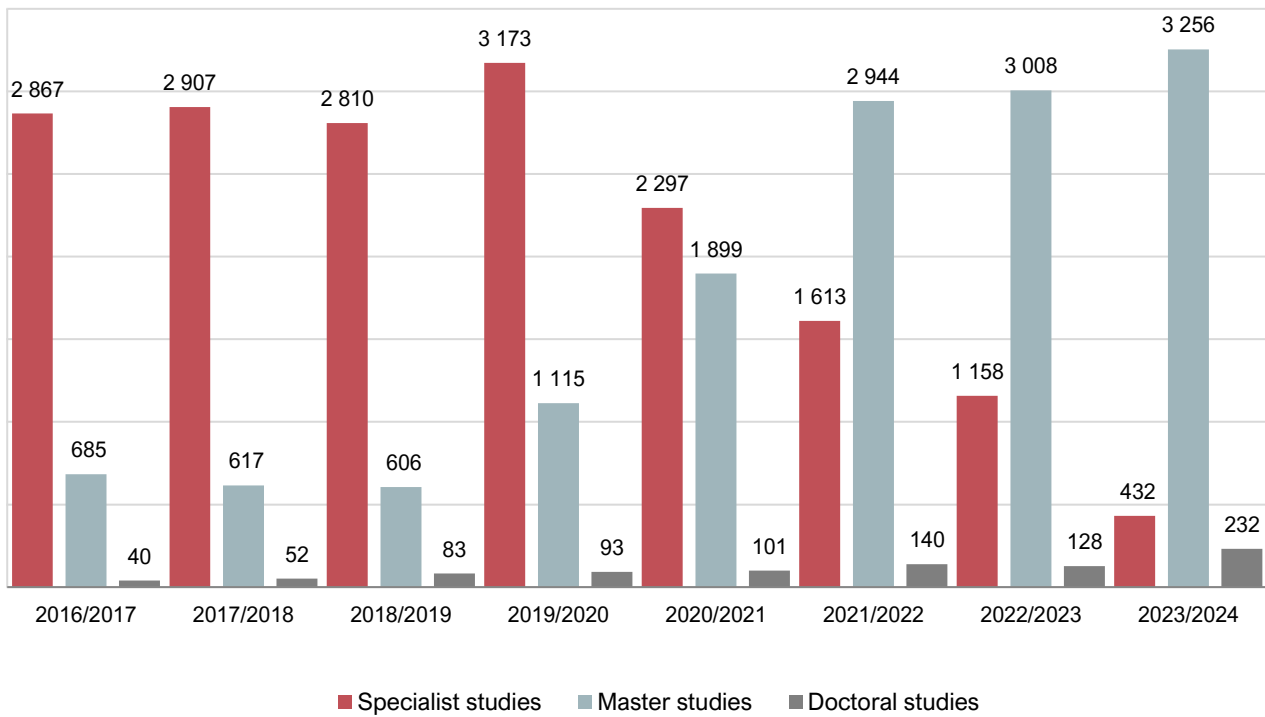
Number of students enrolled at specialist studies decreased in comparison with previous academic year is 62.7%. In specialist studies, 55.6% are female, and 44.4% are male.

Graph 1. Students enrolled in master studies, Academic year 2023/2024



There are 3 256 students enrolled at master studies which is 8.2% more than in previous academic year 2022/2023. Of the total number of students enrolled in master studies, 83.3% were in public higher education institutions, while 16.7% were in private higher education institutions. In master's studies 63.3% were females while 36.7% were males.

There were 232 students enrolled at doctoral studies, from which 127 were females while 105 were males.

Graph 2. Enrolled students to specialist, master and doctoral studies, 2016/2017 - 2023/2024¹

¹ Due to the application of the study model 3 + 2 + 3 (basic, master, doctoral), instead of 3 + 1 + 1 + 3 (basic, specialist, master's, doctoral) there is a decrease in the number of students enrolled on specialist studies and an increase in the number of enrolled students in master's master studies. Higher education institutions can still enroll students according to the old model of study.

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 enrollment 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 2023/2024. 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 runs for one study year, i.e. two semesters.

Postgraduate master studies usually runs 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.

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](#)