In 2019 there were 2,997 graduates at Montenegro Higher Education Institutions, on basic studies, showing an increase of 1.4% compared to the previous year. Of the total number of graduates at basic studies, 56.7% (1,700) were women, and 43.3% (1,297) men.

Graph 1. Graduates - basic studies
2012 - 2019

When using these data please indicate the source.
The majority of students graduated at public higher education institutions 67.2% (2,014), and private higher education institutions, 32.8% (983) of students.

Number of graduate students in public institutions of higher education decrease by 2% and private higher education institutions increase by 9.2% compared to the previous year.

Graph 2. Graduates - basic studies
Public and private higher education institutions

![Graph showing number of graduates by gender and category for 2018 and 2019](image_url)
The data in this release are a result of regular annual statistical survey.

Data on students who have completed basic studies are collected through individual statistical questionnaires for graduate students (form SV-50), except for the University of Montenegro where the data for 2019 are taken from the Central information system based on the signed Agreement on Cooperation.

Statistical activity includes all higher education institutions, both public and private. The data on graduates at basic studies refer to calendar 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: undergraduate studies (basic studies), postgraduate studies, and doctoral studies.

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.