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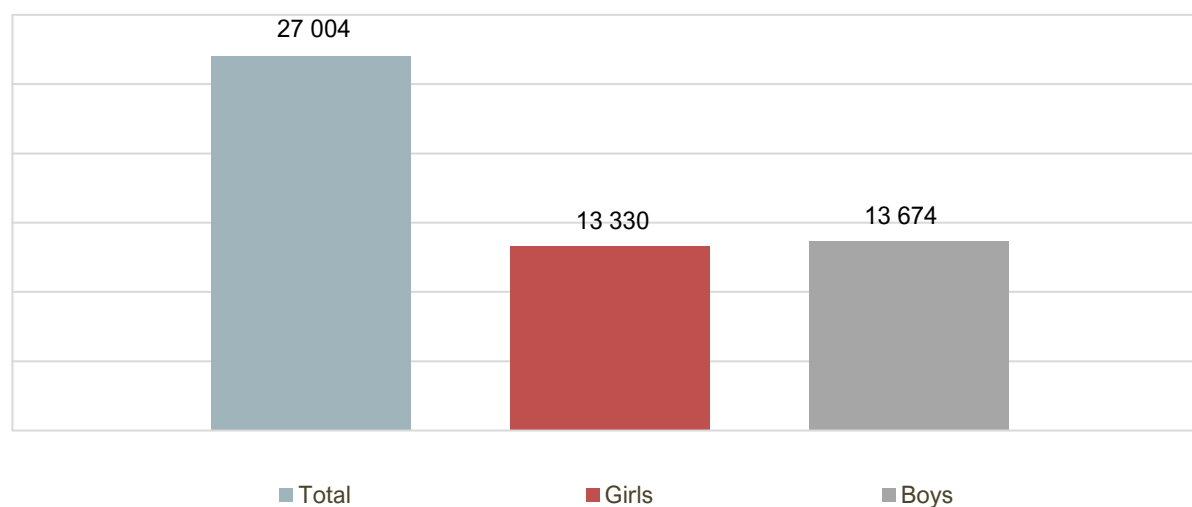
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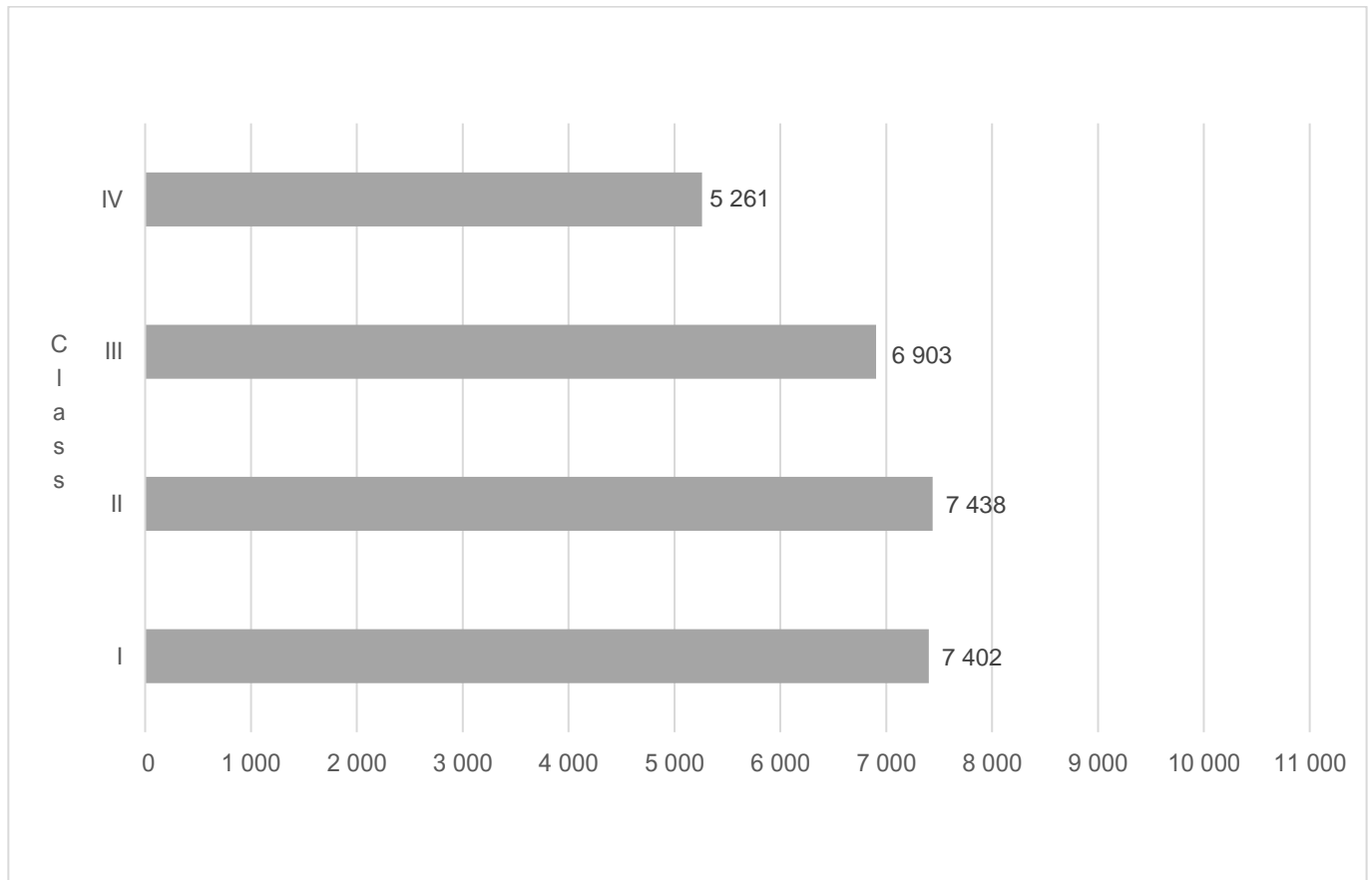
Data in release are related to the number of pupils who enrolled in secondary schools and resource centres at the beginning of school year 2025/2026.

The number of pupils who enrolled secondary education in secondary schools, at the beginning of school year 2025/2026 is 27 004, and in resource centres 178 pupils.

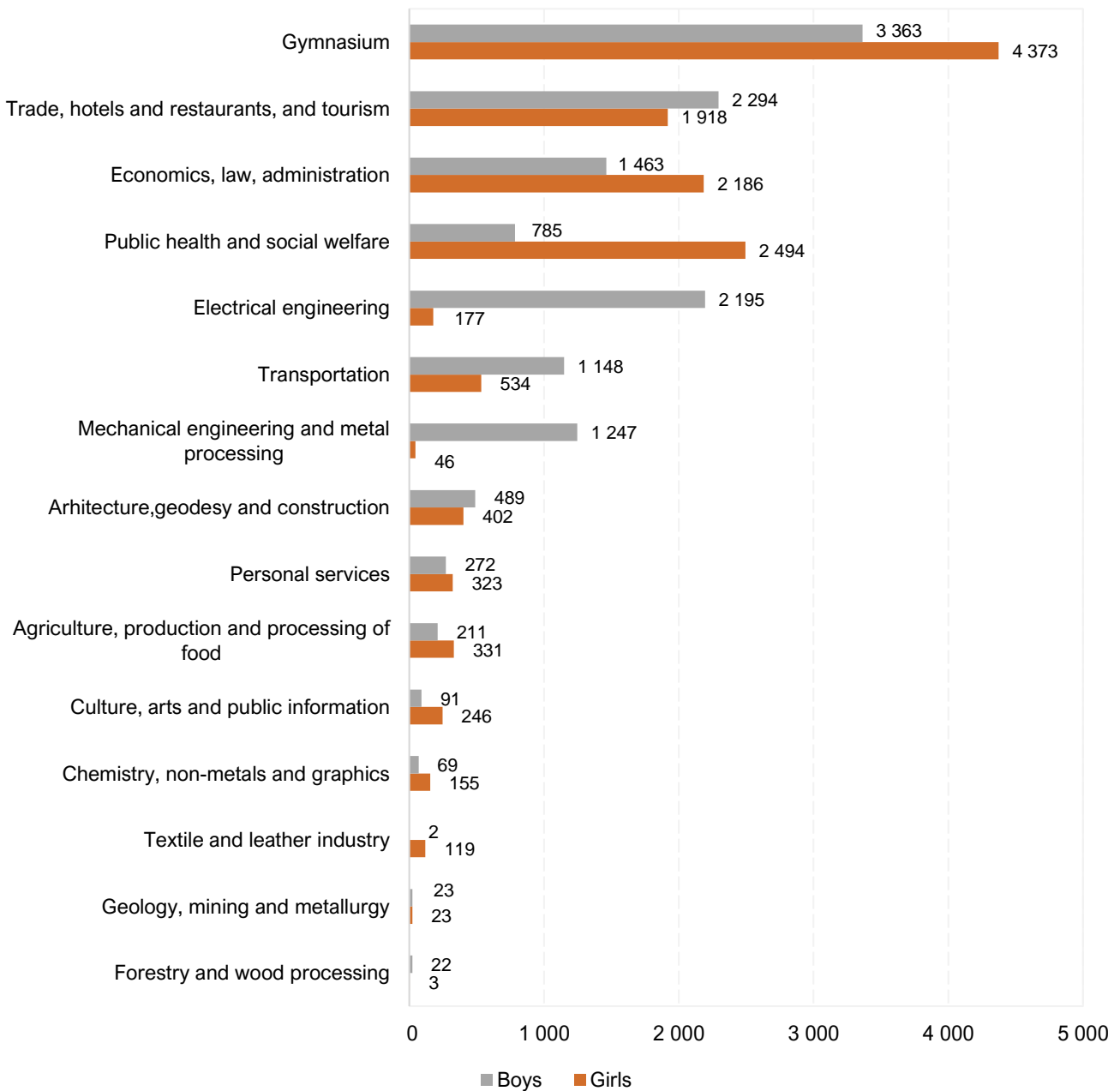
Of the total number of pupils who enrolled secondary school (27 004), 49.4% or 13 330 are female and 50.6% or 13 674 are male.

Graph 1. Pupils who enrolled in secondary schools total and by gender - *beginning of school year 2025/2026*

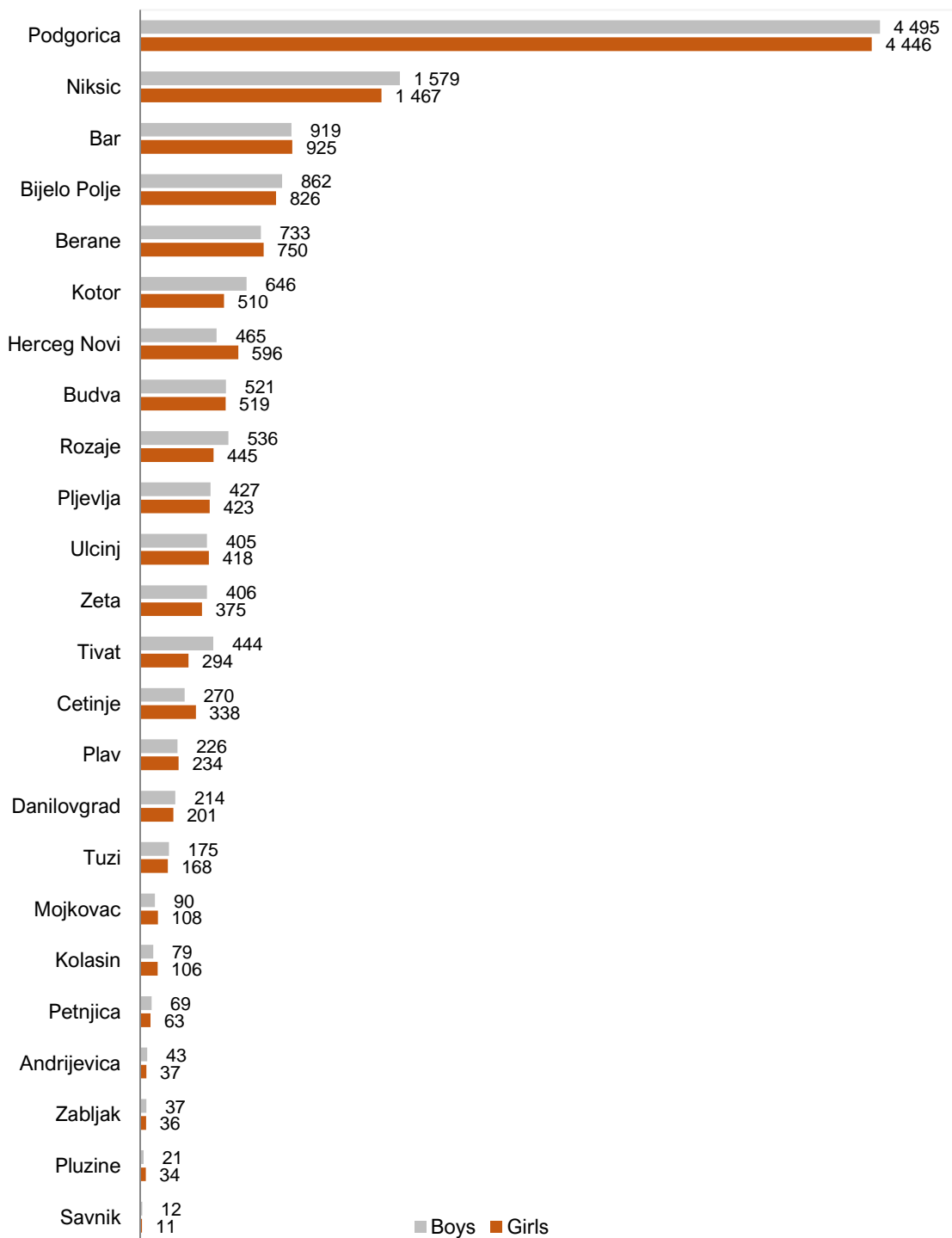


Graph 2. Pupils in secondary schools by classes - *beginning of school year 2025/2026*

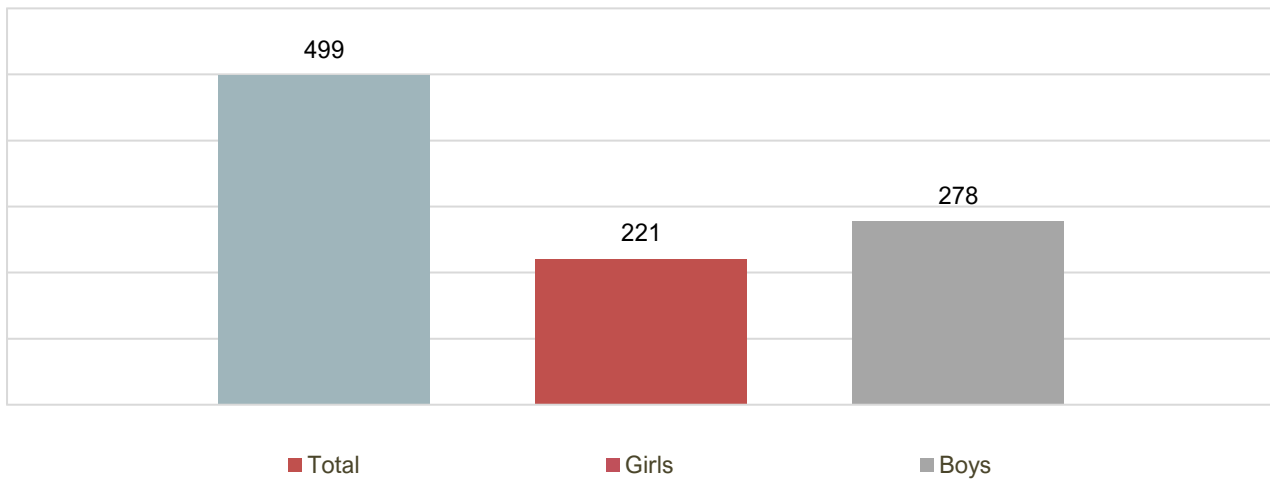
The number of pupils enrolled in the I grade is 7 402, 48.7% or 3 608 are female, and 51.3% or 3 794 are male. The number of pupils enrolled in the IV grade is 5 261, 53.6% or 2 818 are female and 46.4% or 2 443 are male.

Graph 3. Pupils in secondary schools by areas of work and gender - beginning of school year 2025/2026

Observing the areas of work, in gymnasium there are 7 736 pupils (28.6%); trade, hotels and restaurants and tourism 4 212 (15.6%); business, administration and law 3 649 (13.5%); while other areas of work makes 11 407 (42.3%). From total number of pupils, the most number of pupils are in gymnasium, 4 373 are female and 3 363 are male.

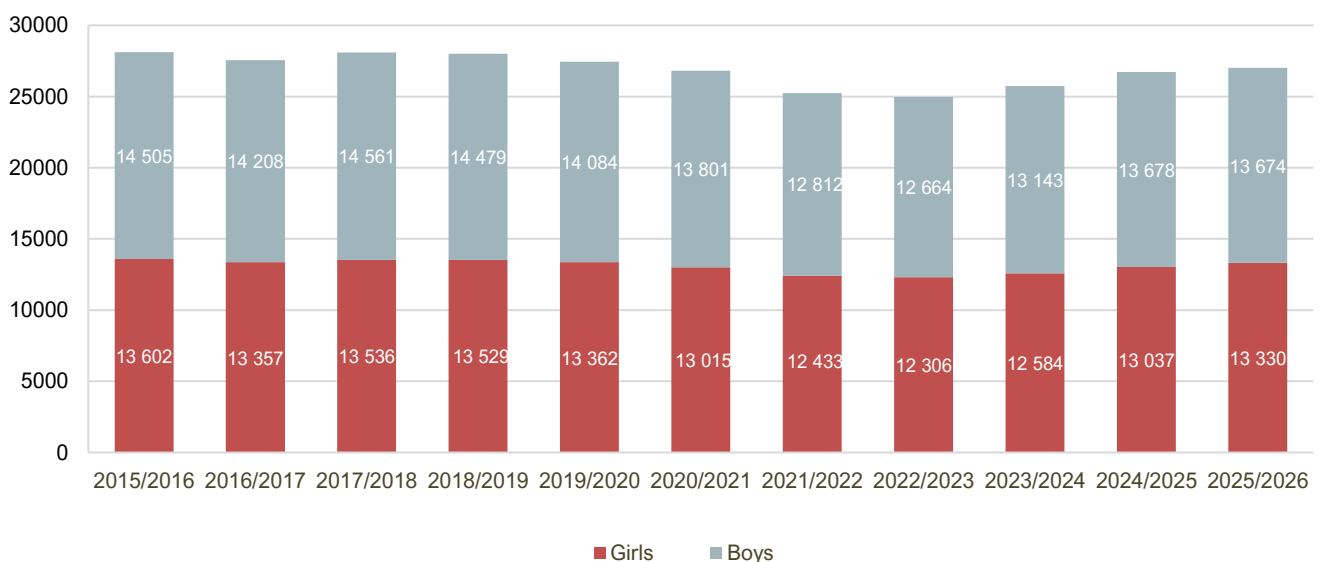
Graph 4. Pupils in secondary schools by gender and municipalities - beginning of school year 2025/2026

The highest number of secondary school pupils is in Podgorica 8 941 which is 33.1% of total number of pupils, while 231 pupils which is less than 1% of total number of pupils are in four municipalities together: Andrijevica, Savnik, Pluzine, and Zabljak. From pupils in Podgorica 49.7% or 4 446 are female, and 50.3% or 4 495 are male.

Graph 5. Pupils with special educational needs - beginning of school year 2025/2026

At the beginning school year 2025/2026, secondary education pupils with special education needs (in regular classes) and resource centres enrolled 499 pupils. Of that number, the female are 221 (44.3%), while 278 male (55.7%).

321 pupils with special educational needs enrolled secondary education in regular classes of secondary schools, while 178 pupils of secondary education enrolled in resource centres.

Graph 6. Total number of students by gender who enrolled in regular secondary education

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The data on secondary education in this release refer to the beginning of school year 2025/2026, and they are results of statistical processing of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation 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.

When using the data, state: "Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT"

More information, as well as detailed methodological explanations can be found in the section: [Secondary education](#)