In 2023, there were 3,084 graduates at Montenegro higher education institutions, on basic studies, showing an increase of 26.9% compared to the previous year. Out of the total number of graduates at basic studies, 61.8% (1,906) were women, and 38.2% (1,178) men.
The majority of students graduated at public higher education institutions 69.9% (2,156), and private higher education institutions, 30.1% (928) of students. Number of graduate students in public institutions of higher education increased by 48.1%, and private higher education institutions decreased by 4.7% compared to the previous year.

**Graph 2. Graduates - basic studies, public, and private higher education institutions**
METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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 "Questionnaire for graduate students" (form SV-50), except for the University of Montenegro where the data for 2023 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 the 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