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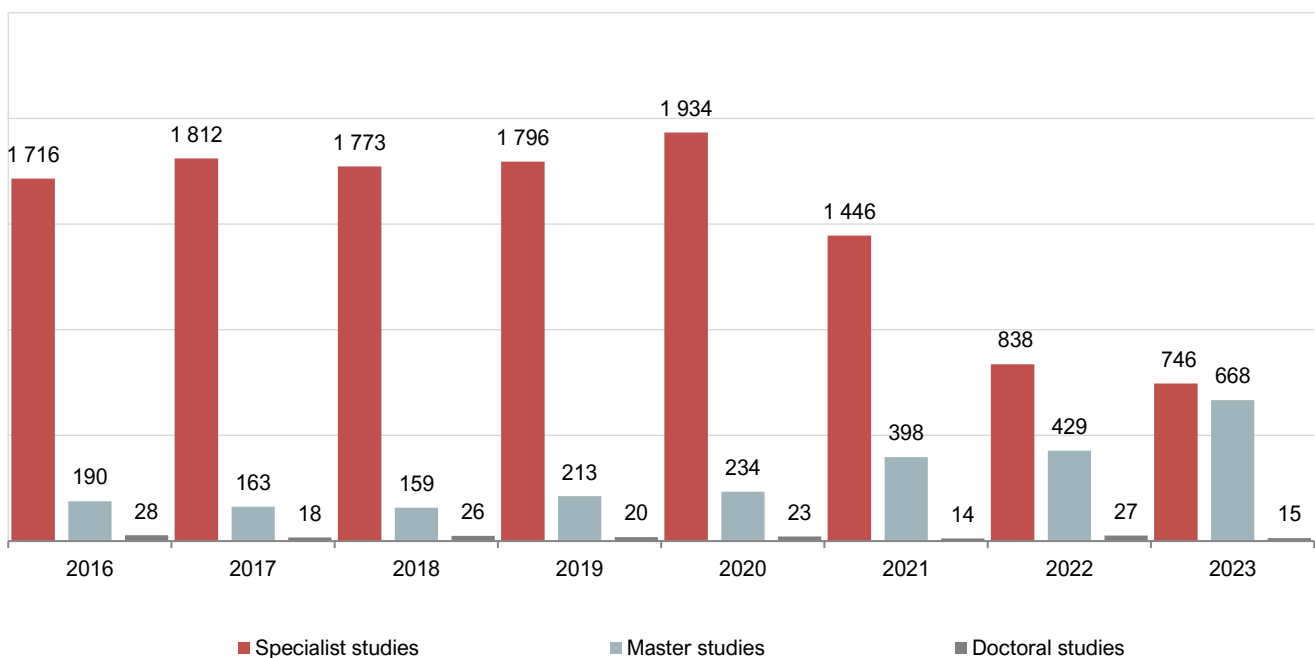
## Specialists, masters and doctors of science

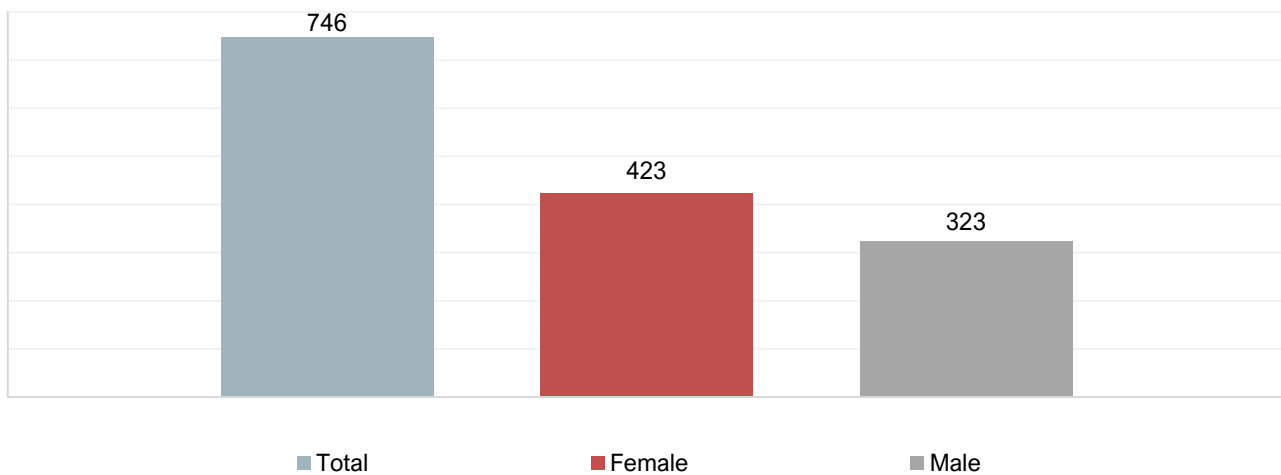
**2023**

In 2023 there were 1 429 students who finished postgraduate and doctoral studies.

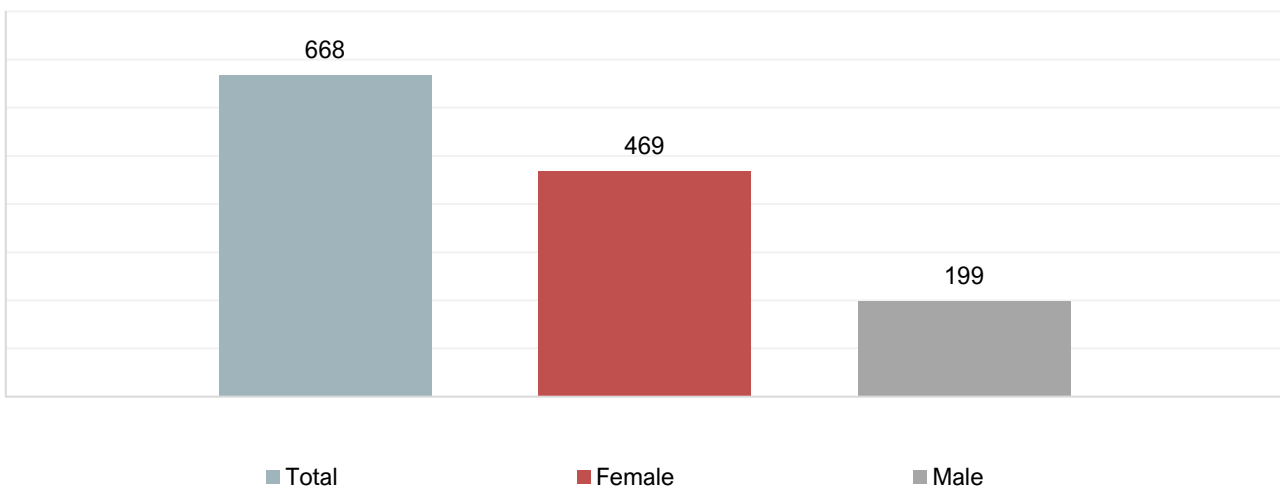
Postgraduate studies were finished by 1 414 students, of which: specialist studies 746 (52.8%), and master studies 668 (47.2%).

**Graph 1. Specialists, masters and doctors of science, 2016 - 2023**



**Graph 2.** Specialists, by total and sex, 2023

From the total number of students who finished specialist studies, 378 or 50.7% were in public higher education institutions, while 368 or 49.3% finished private higher education institutions. The specialist studies, during 2023, were completed 56.7% (423) of female students and 43.3% (323) of male students.

**Graph 3.** Masters, by total and sex, 2023

From the total number of students who finished master studies, 560 or 83.8% were in public higher education institutions, while 108 or 16.2% finished private higher education institutions. Master studies were finished by 70.2% (469) female and 29.8% (199) male students.

Doctor of science degree in 2023 were obtained by 15 persons. Of this number of doctor of science, the female are 60% (9) and male 40% (6).

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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

Data on students who have completed postgraduate studies are collected through individual statistical questionnaires "Statistical paper for magistrates of science and specialists" (SV-80), data on doctors of science are collected through individual statistical questionnaires "Statistical paper for doctors of science" (SV-70), except for the University of Montenegro where the data for 2023 is 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, four semesters after basic, i.e. a year after specialist studies.

Doctoral studies are realised in duration of three study years, i.e. six semesters.

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](#)*