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Enrolment at postgraduate studies and doctoral studies

Academic year 2024/2025

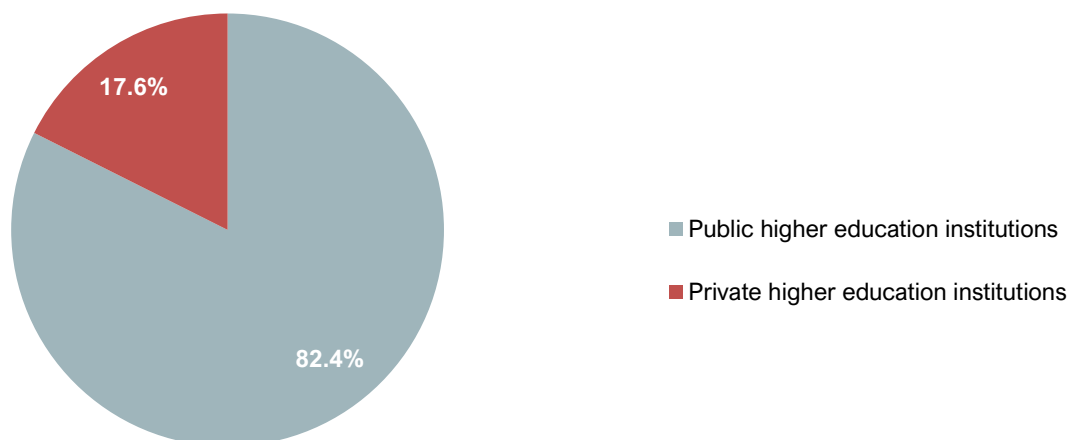
In academic year 2024/2025, at the higher education institutions in Montenegro, there were 4 140 students enrolled at postgraduate studies and doctoral studies.

There were 3 941 students enrolled at postgraduate studies, as follows: 745 at specialist studies, 3 196 at master studies. Among total number of students share of females is 62.5%, and share of males is 37.5%.

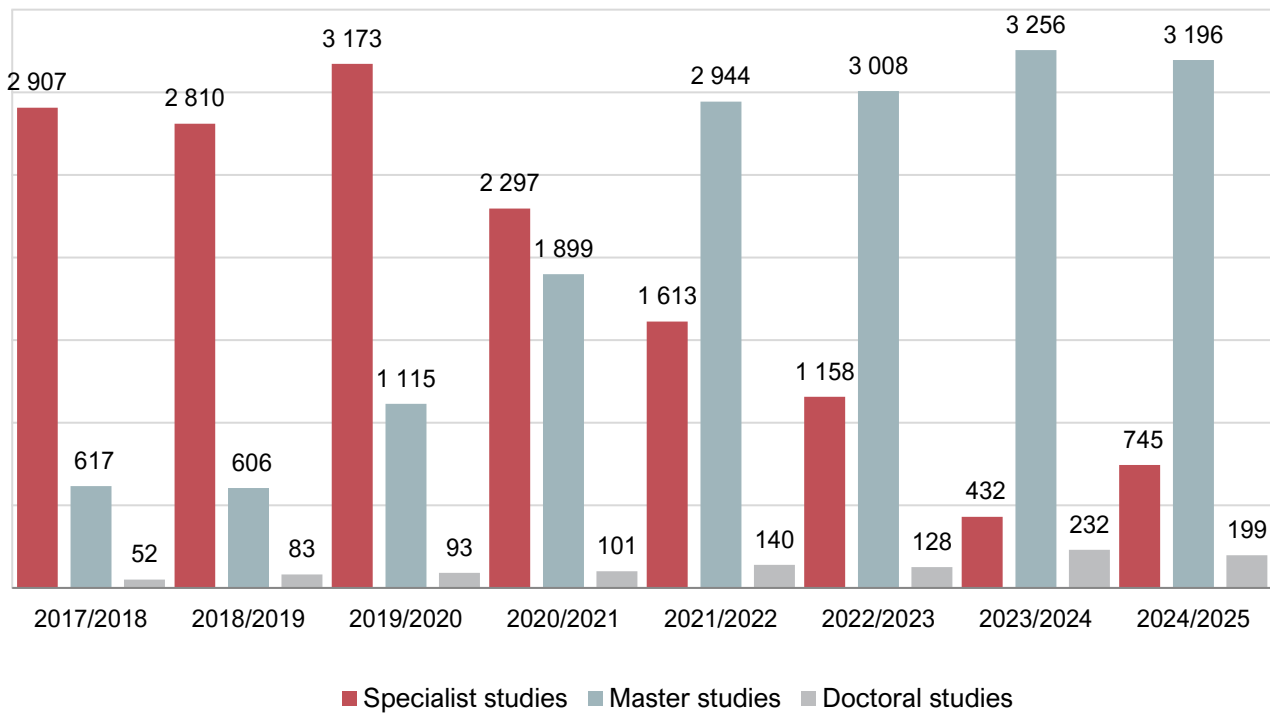
Number of students enrolled at specialist studies increased in comparison with previous academic year is 72.5%. In specialist studies, 58.3% are female, and 41.7% are male.

There are 3 196 students enrolled at master studies which is 1.8% more less than in previous academic year 2023/2024. Of the total number of students enrolled in master studies, 82.4% were in public higher education institutions, while 17.6% were in private higher education institutions. In master's studies 63.5% were females while 36.5% were males.

Graph 1. Students enrolled in master studies, academic year 2024/2025



There were 199 students enrolled at doctoral studies, from which 109 were females while 90 were males.

Graph 2. Enrolled students to specialist, master and doctoral studies, 2017/2018 - 2024/2025¹

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. In the academic year 2024/2025, there is an increase in the number of students enrolled in specialist studies compared to the previous academic year, because higher education institutions are still enrolling students according to the old study model.

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 2024/2025. 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](#)