



UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEGINNING OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

1 Upper secondary schools – end of 2020/2021 school year

At the end of the 2020/2021 school year, there were 438 active upper secondary schools on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, which, according to the methodology of statistical data collection, included 742 school units of various kinds, depending on the educational plan and programme.

The share of students in regular schools was largest in technical and related schools, 47.6%, in grammar schools, 30.6%, and in industrial and crafts schools, 18.6%, while the lowest share, 3.2%, was recorded in secondary art schools.

The largest share of students who passed the grade was recorded in grammar schools, 99.6%, and the lowest one in secondary art schools, 96.4%.

Art schools had the highest number of female students, while industrial and crafts schools had the lowest number of female students.

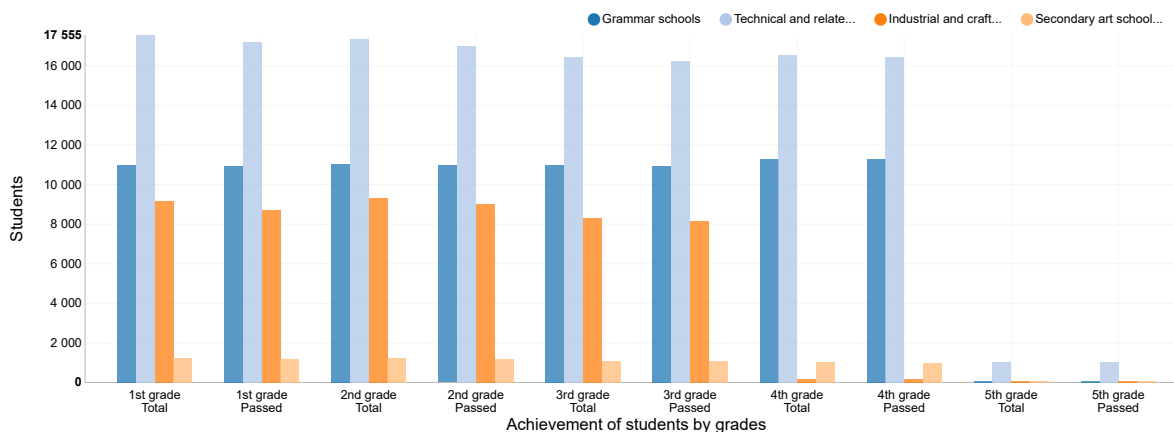
At the end of the 2020/2021 school year, the number of students increased by 0.5% compared to the end of the 2019/2020 school year. The share of female students was 50.0%, although their number was not equally distributed in different types of schools. Thus, there were 71.9% of female students in secondary art schools, 63.6% in grammar schools, 47.1% in technical and related schools and only 31.9% in industrial and crafts schools. There were 36 797 students who completed the upper secondary education, out of which female students accounted for 48.8%.

English and German – two most often learned languages in upper secondary schools

Students enrolled in upper secondary schools learn one, two or three foreign languages, providing that at least one foreign language is obligatory for all students. Out of the total number of students, English was learned by 93.0% of students, German by 34.3%, Italian by 12.9% and French by 3.6% of them, while Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, Arabic, Czech, Slovak, Serbian, Croatian (for foreign citizens) and Modern Greek were learned by only 2.1% of students.

The share of female teachers was the largest in grammar schools, 73.9%, while it was the lowest in industrial and crafts schools, 61.6%.

G-1 ACHIEVEMENT OF UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, BY GRADES, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR



1.1 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CLASS UNITS AND STUDENTS, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

	Schools ¹⁾			Class units	Students		Graduated students	
	Total	Self-contained	School/class units		Total	Female students	Total	Female students
Upper secondary schools – total	742	242	500	7 666	146 143	73 081	36 797	17 952
State	689	204	485	7 347	140 521	69 791	35 506	17 200
Private	35	24	11	172	2 462	1 142	563	257
Religious community	18	14	4	147	3 160	2 148	728	495
Secondary schools – regular	695	226	469	7 426	144 812	72 544	36 405	17 785
Grammar schools	190	94	96	2 042	44 308	28 177	11 212	7 128
State	154	64	90	1 825	40 058	25 572	10 234	6 539
Private	20	16	4	91	1 555	794	356	175
Religious community	16	14	2	126	2 695	1 811	622	414
Technical and related schools	260	66	194	3 406	68 923	32 444	16 282	7 502
State	249	63	186	3 328	67 647	31 793	15 997	7 347
Private	9	3	6	57	811	314	179	74
Religious community	2	-	2	21	465	337	106	81
Secondary art schools	53	44	9	345	4 617	3 321	968	674
State	48	39	9	324	4 578	3 298	960	671
Private	5	5	-	21	39	23	8	3
Industrial and crafts schools	192	22	170	1 633	26 964	8 602	7 943	2 481
State	191	22	169	1 630	26 907	8 591	7 923	2 476
Private	1	-	1	3	57	11	20	5
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	47	16	31	240	1 331	537	392	167
State	47	16	31	240	1 331	537	392	167
Education of adults ²⁾	63	11	52	345	2 968	1 143	1 333	499
State	39	1	38	185	1 714	683	674	245
Private	24	10	14	160	1 254	460	659	254

1) See Notes on Methodology.

2) Not included in "Upper secondary schools – total".

1.2 ACHIEVEMENT OF UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, BY GRADES, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students											
	Total		1 st grade		2 nd grade		3 rd grade		4 th grade		5 th grade	
	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed	All	Passed
Upper secondary schools – regular	144 812	142 520	38 954	38 031	38 938	38 139	36 812	36 398	29 055	28 900	1 053	1 052
State	139 190	136 956	37 539	36 640	37 412	36 630	35 470	35 064	27 767	27 621	1 002	1 001
Private	2 462	2 442	596	589	715	712	590	585	561	556	-	-
Religious community	3 160	3 122	819	802	811	797	752	749	727	723	51	51
Grammar schools	44 308	44 126	11 000	10 941	11 034	10 962	10 979	10 944	11 295	11 279	-	-
State	40 058	39 926	9 897	9 861	9 936	9 879	9 929	9 901	10 296	10 285	-	-
Private	1 555	1 542	376	370	412	410	397	393	370	369	-	-
Religious community	2 695	2 658	727	710	686	673	653	650	629	625	-	-
Technical and related schools	68 923	67 900	17 555	17 189	17 340	16 986	16 434	16 229	16 541	16 444	1 053	1 052
State	67 647	66 632	17 273	16 908	16 940	16 588	16 172	15 968	16 260	16 167	1 002	1 001
Private	811	804	190	189	275	274	163	162	183	179	-	-
Religious community	465	464	92	92	125	124	99	99	98	98	51	51
Secondary art schools	4 617	4 453	1 240	1 188	1 229	1 191	1 104	1 070	1 044	1 004	-	-
State	4 578	4 414	1 229	1 177	1 219	1 181	1 094	1 060	1 036	996	-	-
Private	39	39	11	11	10	10	10	10	8	8	-	-
Music schools	1 987	1 874	573	537	520	497	473	450	421	390	-	-
Dance schools	237	227	62	59	82	79	41	39	52	50	-	-
Fine arts and design	2 393	2 352	605	592	627	615	590	581	571	564	-	-
Industrial and crafts schools	26 964	26 041	9 159	8 713	9 335	9 000	8 295	8 155	175	173	-	-
State	26 907	25 984	9 140	8 694	9 317	8 982	8 275	8 135	175	173	-	-
Private	57	57	19	19	18	18	20	20	-	-	-	-
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	1 331	1 277	434	407	441	424	405	396	51	50	-	-
State	1 331	1 277	434	407	441	424	405	396	51	50	-	-

1.3 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY COUNTIES, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

County of	Schools ¹⁾	Class units	Students		Graduated students		Teachers ¹⁾
			All	Female students	All	Female students	
Republic of Croatia	742	7 666	146 143	73 081	36 797	17 952	25 859
Zagreb	33	317	6 275	2 775	1 548	675	922
Krapina-Zagorje	23	222	4 295	2 154	1 164	551	805
Sisak-Moslavina	29	253	4 020	1 943	1 037	477	812
Karlovac	28	223	3 846	1 920	1 018	487	874
Varaždin	40	357	6 928	3 641	1 854	980	1 619
Koprivnica-Križevci	18	192	3 659	1 778	965	461	682
Bjelovar-Bilogora	27	236	4 168	2 085	1 116	557	873
Primorje-Gorski kotar	57	467	9 188	4 664	2 098	1 046	1 708
Lika-Senj	11	71	1 149	544	269	120	292
Virovitica-Podravina	17	149	2 585	1 316	708	336	478
Požega-Slavonia	15	144	2 543	1 278	610	286	568
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	14	264	4 668	2 290	1 270	611	639
Zadar	35	323	6 388	3 310	1 599	833	1 153
Osijek-Baranja	52	554	10 114	5 046	2 580	1 242	1 946
Šibenik-Knin	21	203	3 612	1 743	961	433	694
Vukovar-Sirmium	30	369	5 830	2 895	1 516	755	1 239
Split-Dalmatia	90	889	17 774	8 863	4 461	2 131	3 074
Istria	42	339	6 230	3 078	1 489	712	1 418
Dubrovnik-Neretva	29	237	4 210	2 061	1 073	521	850
Međimurje	21	198	3 574	1 768	962	448	836
City of Zagreb	110	1 659	35 087	17 929	8 499	4 290	4 377

1) See Notes on Methodology.

1.4 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO LEARN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students attending						Teachers ¹⁾
	Total	Grammar schools	Technical and related schools	Art schools	Industrial and crafts schools	Secondary schools for disabled youth	
English	135 936	44 238	63 554	2 926	24 696	522	1 942
German	50 155	27 445	16 052	212	6 280	166	1 134
Italian	18 880	9 371	7 484	465	1 548	12	353
French	5 309	2 109	1 432	-	1 768	-	136
Spanish	2 623	2 150	470	-	3	-	60
Russian	203	164	39	-	-	-	11
Portuguese	100	100	-	-	-	-	4
Arabic	59	59	-	-	-	-	1
Czech	20	20	-	-	-	-	1
Slovak	12	12	-	-	-	-	1
Other languages	24	22	2	-	-	-	6

1) See Notes on Methodology.

1.5 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS, BY SEX AND WORKING TIME¹⁾, END OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

	Teachers						Teachers, FTE		Assistants, FTE	
	All	Women	Full-time		Part-time		All	Women	All	Women
			All	Women	All	Women				
Upper secondary schools – regular	25 213	17 048	12 836	8 762	12 377	8 286	17 709,71	11 981,87	1 148,11	1 011,65
State	24 070	16 243	12 339	8 399	11 731	7 844	16 997,59	11 474,56	1 088,58	959,72
Private	658	440	242	155	416	285	374,62	246,20	21,69	17,09
Religious community	485	365	255	208	230	157	337,50	261,11	37,84	34,84
Grammar schools	6 047	4 470	3 189	2 471	2 858	1 999	4 273,19	3 225,34	336,29	301,73
State	5 259	3 915	2 858	2 237	2 401	1 678	3 775,76	2 881,12	292,02	261,96
Private	403	267	150	87	253	180	235,99	146,17	12,03	9,73
Religious community	385	288	181	147	204	141	261,44	198,05	32,24	30,04
Technical and related schools	10 922	7 468	5 715	3 940	5 207	3 528	7 925,84	5 433,10	479,23	420,10
State	10 630	7 251	5 557	3 815	5 073	3 436	7 736,64	5 284,60	466,06	410,03
Private	192	140	84	64	108	76	113,14	85,44	7,57	5,27
Religious community	100	77	74	61	26	16	76,06	63,06	5,60	4,80
Secondary art schools	2 040	1 290	1 385	874	655	416	1 629,86	1 021,70	37,24	33,61
State	1 995	1 271	1 378	871	617	400	1 612,89	1 013,84	35,24	31,61
Private	45	19	7	3	38	16	16,97	7,86	2,00	2,00
Industrial and crafts schools	6 204	3 820	2 547	1 477	3 657	2 343	3 880,82	2 301,73	295,35	256,21
State	6 186	3 806	2 546	1 476	3 640	2 330	3 872,30	2 295,00	295,26	256,12
Private	18	14	1	1	17	13	8,52	6,73	0,09	0,09
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	646	452	260	186	386	266	355,60	246,76	55,03	42,20
State	646	452	260	186	386	266	355,60	246,76	55,03	42,20
Education of adults	1 591	921	148	85	1 443	836	437,00	249,21	-	-
State	979	571	105	65	874	506	262,30	149,88	-	-
Private	612	350	43	20	569	330	174,70	99,33	-	-

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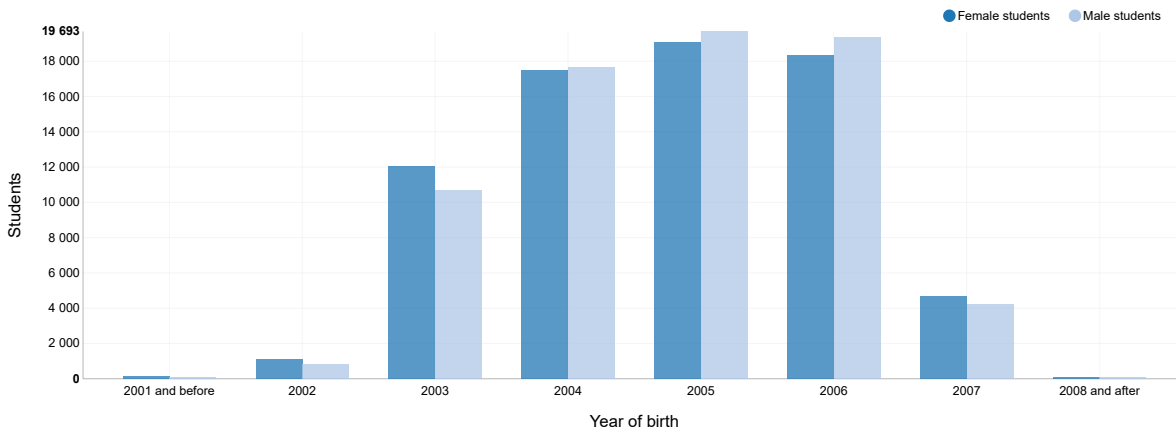
2 Upper secondary schools – beginning of 2021/2022 school year

At the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year, there were 441 active upper secondary schools on the territory of the Republic of Croatia. According to the methodology of statistical data collection, they included 741 school units of various kinds, depending on the educational plan and programme.

At the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year, the number of students increased by 0.01% compared to the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year. The share of female students was 50.0%. Out of the total number of students in regular education, there were only 0.9% of repeaters, as follows: 1.3% in the 1st grade, 1.3% in the 2nd grade, 0.6% in the 3rd grade and 0.2% in the 4th grade, while there were no repeaters in the 5th grade.

By year of birth, there were 98.5% of students in regular upper secondary schools in the age group from 14 to 18, which is the age appropriate for upper secondary education. There were only 1.5% of students older than 18 and 0.02% of students younger than 14, who mostly attended secondary art schools (music and dance ones).

G-2 STUDENTS IN REGULAR UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY YEAR OF BIRTH AND SEX, BEGINNING OF 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR



2.1 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CLASS UNITS AND STUDENTS, BEGINNING OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Schools ¹⁾			Class units	Students		Repeaters	
	Total	Self-contained	School/class units		Total	Female students	Total	Female students
Upper secondary schools – total	741	245	496	7 683	146 687	73 382	1 331	485
State	686	205	481	7 353	140 906	70 061	1 298	468
Private	37	26	11	182	2 604	1 183	15	6
Religious community	18	14	4	148	3 177	2 138	18	11
Secondary schools – regular	696	229	467	7 449	145 390	72 887	1 304	479
Grammar schools	191	96	95	2 032	43 790	27 676	66	41
State	153	64	89	1 803	39 375	25 027	46	29
Private	22	18	4	102	1 687	828	5	3
Religious community	16	14	2	127	2 728	1 821	15	9
Technical and related schools	260	66	194	3 437	69 135	32 904	593	208
State	249	63	186	3 359	67 866	32 268	580	203
Private	9	3	6	57	820	319	10	3
Religious community	2	-	2	21	449	317	3	2
Secondary art schools	54	45	9	349	4 796	3 572	59	37
State	49	40	9	329	4 752	3 549	59	37
Private	5	5	-	20	44	23	-	-
Industrial and crafts schools	191	22	169	1 631	27 669	8 735	586	193
State	190	22	168	1 628	27 616	8 722	586	193
Private	1	-	1	3	53	13	-	-
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	45	16	29	234	1 297	495	27	6
State	45	16	29	234	1 297	495	27	6
Education of adults ²⁾	58	11	47	306	2 297	887	-	-
State	38	1	37	167	1 570	599	-	-
Private	20	10	10	139	727	288	-	-

1) See Notes on Methodology.

2) Not included in "Upper secondary schools – total."

2.2 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (INCLUDING REPEATERS), BY GRADES AND SEX, BEGINNING OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students											
	Total		1 st grade		2 nd grade		3 rd grade		4 th grade		5 th grade	
	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters	All	Repeaters
Upper secondary schools – regular	145 390	1 304	39 120	499	38 670	501	38 175	240	28 457	64	968	-
Female students	72 887	479	18 922	191	18 881	185	18 812	78	15 515	25	757	-
Grammar schools – total	43 790	66	10 928	18	10 938	26	10 953	19	10 971	3	-	-
Female students	27 676	41	6 747	12	7 007	17	6 943	10	6 979	2	-	-
State	39 375	46	9 781	13	9 818	17	9 860	13	9 916	3	-	-
Private	1 687	5	458	1	399	2	420	2	410	-	-	-
Religious community	2 728	15	689	4	721	7	673	4	645	-	-	-
Technical and related schools – total	69 135	593	17 430	192	17 501	225	17 042	137	16 194	39	968	-
Female students	32 904	208	8 252	73	8 243	81	8 107	41	7 545	13	757	-
State	67 866	580	17 140	189	17 215	219	16 672	135	15 919	37	920	-
Private	820	10	189	2	194	4	254	2	183	2	-	-
Religious community	449	3	101	1	92	2	116	-	92	-	48	-
Secondary art schools – total	4 796	59	1 346	11	1 178	13	1 182	14	1 090	21	-	-
Female students	3 572	37	1 041	9	851	8	891	11	789	9	-	-
State	4 752	59	1 330	11	1 170	13	1 173	14	1 079	21	-	-
Private	44	-	16	-	8	-	9	-	11	-	-	-
Music schools	2 038	37	607	9	488	2	472	9	471	17	-	-
Dance schools	259	2	73	1	62	1	84	-	40	-	-	-
Fine arts and design	2 499	20	666	1	628	10	626	5	579	4	-	-
Industrial and crafts schools – total	27 669	586	9 416	278	9 053	237	8 998	70	202	1	-	-
Female students	8 735	193	2 882	97	2 780	79	2 871	16	202	1	-	-
State	27 616	586	9 399	278	9 034	237	8 981	70	202	1	-	-
Private	53	-	17	-	19	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	1 297	27	414	15	419	9	416	3	48	-	-	-
Female students	495	6	152	4	160	1	158	1	25	-	-	-
State	1 297	27	414	15	419	9	416	3	48	-	-	-

2.3 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY COUNTIES, BEGINNING OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

County of	Schools ¹⁾	Class units	Students		Teachers ¹⁾	
			All	Female students	All	Women
Republic of Croatia	741	7 683	146 687	73 382	26 137	17 733
Zagreb	33	315	6 344	2 832	944	645
Krapina-Zagorje	23	221	4 285	2 164	811	537
Sisak-Moslavina	29	254	3 980	1 928	856	558
Karlovac	28	223	3 830	1 912	888	605
Varaždin	39	363	6 914	3 595	1 606	1 052
Koprivnica-Križevci	18	200	3 591	1 714	702	429
Bjelovar-Bilogora	27	232	4 259	2 113	912	609
Primorje-Gorski kotar	55	465	9 186	4 592	1 721	1 188
Lika-Senj	11	72	1 122	531	295	181
Virovitica-Podravina	16	150	2 580	1 309	480	301
Požega-Slavonia	15	143	2 529	1 297	582	364
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	14	264	4 635	2 261	632	415
Zadar	35	326	6 438	3 311	1 156	796
Osijek-Baranja	52	554	10 070	5 094	1 989	1 305
Šibenik-Knin	21	198	3 535	1 714	730	476
Vukovar-Sirmium	30	359	5 649	2 812	1 216	818
Split-Dalmatia	91	899	17 886	8 909	3 048	2 191
Istria	42	340	6 442	3 168	1 428	997
Dubrovnik-Neretva	29	239	4 238	2 068	863	586
Međimurje	21	200	3 563	1 759	803	524
City of Zagreb	112	1 666	35 611	18 299	4 475	3 156

1) See Notes on Methodology.

2.4 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, BY GRADES, SEX AND YEAR OF BIRTH, BEGINNING OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Students											
	Total		1 st grade		2 nd grade		3 rd grade		4 th grade		5 th grade	
	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students	All	Female students
Upper secondary schools – regular	145 390	72 887	39 120	18 922	38 670	18 881	38 175	18 812	28 457	15 515	968	757
2008 and after	30	24	27	21	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
2007	8 905	4 690	8 532	4 503	365	180	8	7	-	-	-	-
2006	37 696	18 318	28 645	13 662	8 594	4 448	457	208	-	-	-	-
2005	38 755	19 062	1 727	653	27 957	13 633	8 778	4 614	293	162	-	-
2004	35 110	17 479	151	56	1 560	542	26 887	13 144	6 475	3 710	37	27
2003	22 769	12 060	23	16	149	58	1 855	743	20 521	11 067	221	176
2002	1 929	1 128	3	2	25	11	138	55	1 078	527	685	533
2001 and before	196	126	12	9	19	8	50	39	90	49	25	21
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	1 297	495	414	152	419	160	416	158	48	25	-	-
2007 and after	33	18	33	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2006	236	88	208	74	28	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005	404	154	152	53	232	88	20	13	-	-	-	-
2004	391	146	20	7	132	51	236	86	3	2	-	-
2003	190	70	1	-	25	7	140	52	24	11	-	-
2002	37	18	-	-	1	-	17	6	19	12	-	-
2001	5	1	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	-	-
2000 and before	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

2.5 UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS, BY SEX AND WORKING TIME¹⁾, BEGINNING OF 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

	Teachers						Teachers, FTE		Assistants, FTE	
	Total	Women	Full-time		Part-time		All	Women	All	Women
			All	Women	All	Women				
Upper secondary schools – regular	25 492	17 283	12 833	8 790	12 659	8 493	17 807,76	12 079,56	1 164,07	1 031,89
State	24 329	16 424	12 352	8 406	11 977	8 018	17 096,76	11 530,26	1 101,39	976,46
Private	670	481	224	172	446	309	366,48	277,15	22,64	18,89
Religious community	493	378	257	212	236	166	344,52	272,15	40,04	36,54
Grammar schools	6 067	4 518	3 147	2 450	2 920	2 068	4 287,24	3 262,72	352,70	314,24
State	5 237	3 898	2 809	2 176	2 428	1 722	3 768,34	2 862,76	305,73	273,52
Private	434	316	153	121	281	195	248,28	188,31	13,43	10,68
Religious community	396	304	185	153	211	151	270,62	211,65	33,54	30,04
Technical and related schools	11 078	7 545	5 718	3 924	5 360	3 621	8 018,29	5 461,13	480,32	426,89
State	10 805	7 337	5 582	3 817	5 223	3 520	7 845,58	5 322,47	466,66	414,23
Private	176	134	64	48	112	86	98,81	78,16	7,16	6,16
Religious community	97	74	72	59	25	15	73,90	60,50	6,50	6,50
Secondary art schools	2 069	1 342	1 451	941	618	401	1 682,65	1 087,71	36,86	32,78
State	2 025	1 324	1 445	939	580	385	1 667,82	1 080,81	34,86	30,78
Private	44	18	6	2	38	16	14,83	6,90	2,00	2,00
Industrial and crafts schools	6 278	3 878	2 517	1 475	3 761	2 403	3 819,58	2 268,00	294,19	257,98
State	6 262	3 865	2 516	1 474	3 746	2 391	3 815,02	2 264,22	294,14	257,93
Private	16	13	1	1	15	12	4,56	3,78	0,05	0,05
Upper secondary schools for disabled youth	645	450	251	177	394	273	350,82	236,24	56,24	44,41
State	645	450	251	177	394	273	350,82	236,24	56,24	44,41
Education of adults	1 382	820	160	90	1 222	730	396,85	229,35	-	-
State	863	514	104	64	759	450	224,04	131,25	-	-
Private	519	306	56	26	463	280	172,81	98,10	-	-

1) See Notes on Methodology.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Presented data are the result of the statistical analysis of annual reports filled in by upper secondary schools at the beginning and at the end of a school year.

Schools and educational institutions fill in the following forms for this statistical survey: the Statistical Report on Upper Secondary Schools – Grammar Schools, Technical and Related Schools, Industrial and Crafts Schools, Art Schools and Departments of Fine Arts and Design as well as Departments for Disabled Youth (Š-S/KP form) and the Statistical Report on Upper Secondary Schools for Adults (Š-S-OD/KP form).

Coverage and comparability

The statistical survey cover upper secondary schools located on the territory of the Republic of Croatia and data are comparable with data from previous school years.

Definitions and explanations

In the educational system of the Republic of Croatia upper secondary education is organised either as regular or special.

Regular education includes the upper secondary education according to regular educational programmes.

Special education includes the education of adults.

Upper secondary education may last from 1 to 5 years. It offers education and skills that are necessary either to enter the labour market or to continue education. It is not compulsory.

School is considered a group of students following classes of a particular type and stage according to the same education plan and programme at a particular location.

The number of upper secondary schools presented in tables 1.1., 1.3., 2.1. and 2.3. is larger than the actual number of upper secondary schools. If a single secondary school embraces several school units of different types, e.g. grammar school, technical, industrial and crafts school, each unit is then considered a separate school and is presented as such (see column "School/class units" in tables 1.1. and 2.1.). The number of upper secondary schools in which lessons are organised only for one type of a programme (e.g. grammar school, technical, industrial and crafts school) is presented in the column "Self-contained" schools.

Upper secondary education of disabled youth is organised in a way that enables an individual approach in specific class units or specific educational institutions.

The number of upper secondary schools for disabled youth is equal to the number of institutions for education of disabled youth enlarged by a number of upper secondary schools that contain class units for disabled students.

Education of adults is aimed to provide education to adult persons who did not completed a regular upper secondary education. The upper secondary education of adults is carried out in upper secondary schools and other competent institutions. Adult persons can complete this education either by attending lessons or by taking examinations.

Data on students who learn foreign languages are given for all students who learn a particular foreign language, irrespective of whether they learn it as the first, second or third foreign language.

Data on upper secondary school teachers include **the number of teachers** who teach in a particular type of school. Considering that a teacher may teach in several types of schools, e.g. in a grammar school, technical, industrial and crafts school as well as in a upper secondary school for adults, the given number of teachers does not refer to the

number of physical persons employed in upper secondary schools. The number of teachers and assistants shown through the full-time equivalent would correspond to the actual number of physical persons.

Data on teachers and assistants cover persons employed on contractual agreement, persons employed on working contract and persons employed on author's contract.

Assistants are psychologists, pedagogues, social workers and librarians.

Data by counties are presented according to the Act on Territories of Counties, Towns and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (NN, Nos 86/06, 125/06, 16/07, 95/08, 46/10, 145/10, 37/13, 44/13, 45/13 and 110/15.), with the situation as on 31 December, 2020.

The constitution and activity of the upper secondary education is based on the Basic and Secondary Education Act (NN, Nos 87/08, 86/09, 92/10, 105/10, 90/11, 5/12, 16/12, 86/12, 126/12, 94/13, 152/14, 7/17 and 68/18) and Vocational Education Act (NN, Nos 30/09, 24/10, 22/13 and 25/18).

Abbreviations

FTE full-time equivalent
NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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