

Development of Higher Education in East and West Germany (1960–1990)

Abstract

Overall, student numbers increased in West Germany, with occasional spurts: twenty-five universities, for example, opened their doors between 1965 and 1975. By contrast, the centrally managed expansion of higher education began earlier in the GDR but was halted by admission quotas in the early 1970s. As a result, the percentage of students in each age group remained constant.

Source

Universities and other educational institutions (such as art colleges) in the FRG

Year	Number of educational institutions	Number of students	Number of first-year students	Diplomas and corresponding exams	Teacher-certification exams	Ph.D. exams	Academic personnel
1960	131	246,939	53,313	16,458	11,143	5,874	·
1965	126	308,022	54,430	20,282	20,408	6,971	·
1970	123	421,976	86,649	26,192	25,382	10,515	·
1975	116	691,289	123,405	33,669	40,349	11,418	89,274
1980	114	836,502	126,555	46,331	30,452	12,222	109,698
1985	119	1,035,669	152,766	61,083	22,883	14,951	116,373
1990	126	1,208,018	179,186	81,524	10,231	18,494	135,543

Universities of applied sciences (including colleges for administrative studies) in the FRG

Year	Number of educational institutions	Number of students	Number of first-year students	Diplomas and corresponding exams	Teacher-certification exams	Ph.D. exams	Academic personnel
1975	97	144,713	41,166	31,865	x	x	14,304
1980	115	199,801	49,274	34,675	x	x	17,685
1985	122	301,005	64,643	48,003	x	x	22,639
1990	122	370,988	77,503	55,852	x	x	27,597

Higher education institutions (not counting technical schools) in the GDR

Year	Number of educational institutions	Number of students	Number of first-year students	Diplomas and corresponding exams	Teacher-certification exams	Ph.D. exams	Academic personnel
1960	44	99,860	30,081	·	·	·	·
1965	44	111,591	24,735	14,652	6,226	·	13,184

1970	54	143,163	43,975	15,526	6,694	3,930	21,219
1975	54	136,854	34,390	28,839	7,682	3,496	26,112
1980	53	129,970	31,949	18,065	6,135	3,343	28,848
1985	54	129,885	31,583	18,636	6,410	4,467	30,331
1989	54	131,188	31,531	18,504	5,663	4,545	31,754

Source: Table 14.1. Basic Data on Colleges 1960–1990—FRG and GDR—compiled by the Working Group for Educational Reporting at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Education, *Das Bildungswesen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*. Reinbek bei Hamburg, 1994, pp. 636–37.

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