

# GRADUATION STATISTICS

Academic year 2024-2025

During the 2024–2025 academic year, in formal education in Albania, across public and private institutions, 82,640 pupils and students graduated, distributed by educational level:

- 33,5 % in basic education;
- 31,4 % in upper secondary education;
- 0,1 % in post-secondary, not tertiary education;
- 35,0 % in tertiary education.

## Pre-university education

During the 2024–2025 school year, in pre-university education, 53,701 pupils graduated, marking a decrease of 1.5 %, compared to the previous school year.

- 27,682 pupils graduated from 9-year basic education:
  - 0.1 % fewer graduates, compared to 2023-24 school year;
  - 47.9 % of graduates were girls;
  - 89.3 % graduated from public educational institutions.
- 25,925 pupils graduated in upper secondary education:
  - 3.0 % fewer graduates, compared to 2023-24 school year;
  - 51.3 % of graduates were girls;
  - 12.3 % graduated from vocational education;
  - 15.7 % of vocational graduates were girls;
  - 83.9 % graduated from public educational institutions.
- 94 pupils graduated in post-secondary, not tertiary education:
  - 31.9 % female and 68.1 % male.

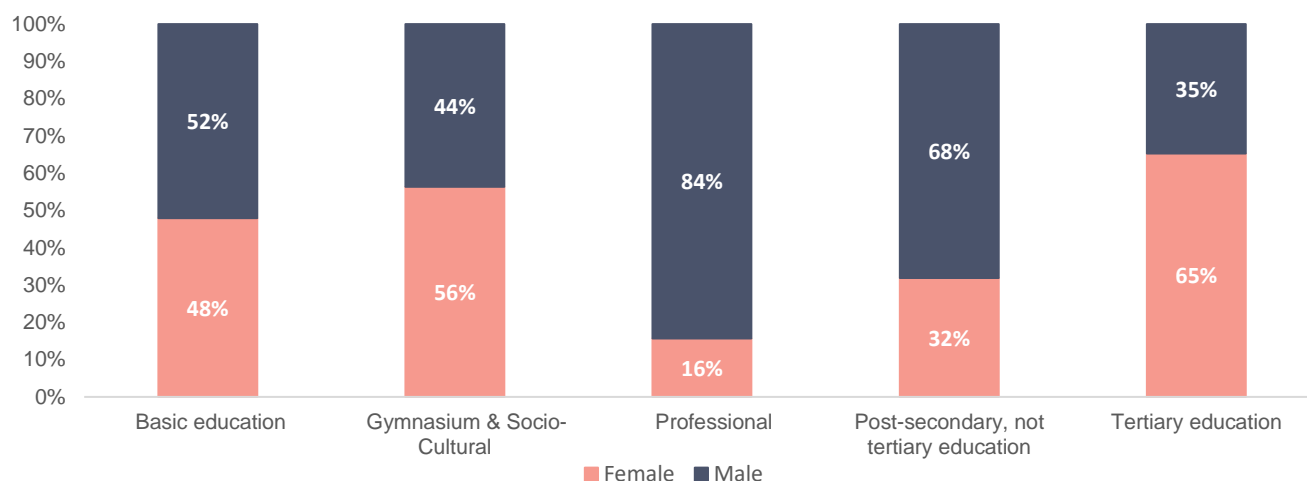
## University education

During 2024-2025 academic year, 28,939 students graduated in tertiary education, marking an increase of 2.6 %, compared to the previous academic year:

- 50.6 % of students graduated with a Bachelor's degree;
- 43.4 % of students graduated with a Master's degree;
- 65.3 % of tertiary education graduates were female;
- 66.6 % graduated from public higher educational institutions.

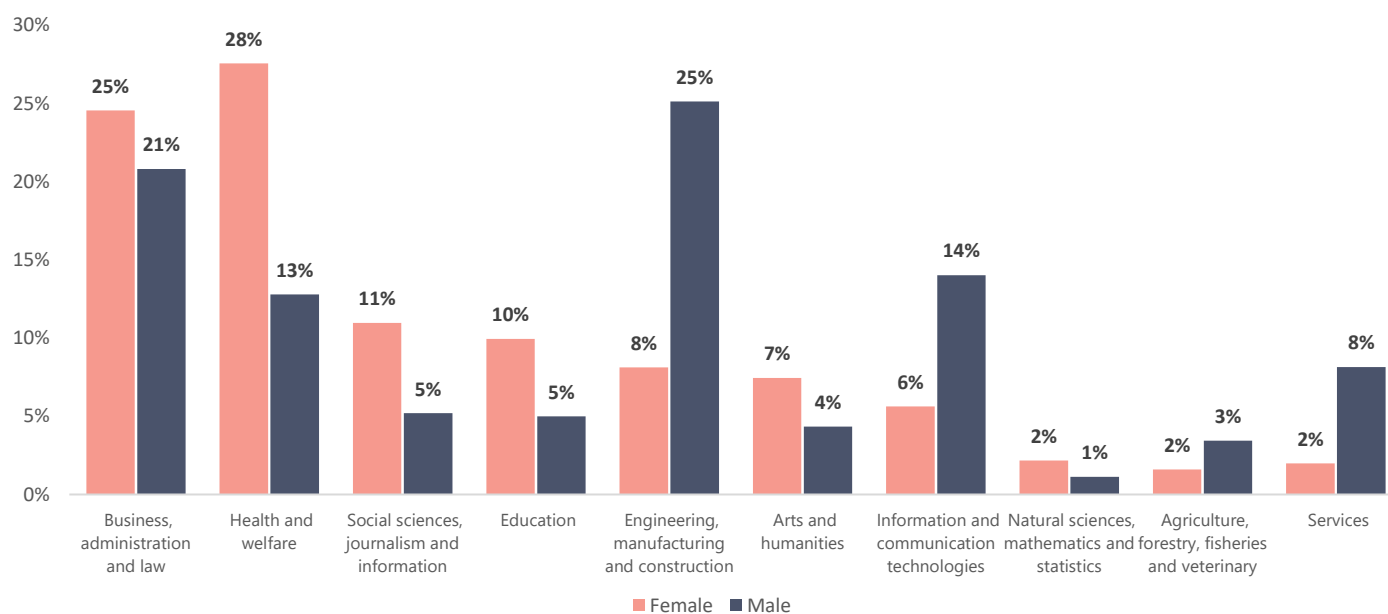
In the field of study “Business, administration and law,” around one quarter of all students graduated (23.3 %), followed by the second most preferred field, “Health and welfare” with 22.4 %, and “Engineering, manufacturing and construction” with 14.0 %.

**FIG. 1 GRADUATED PUPILS AND STUDENTS BY SEX AND LEVEL OF EDUCATION**



Source: Ministry of Education, INSTAT

**FIG. 2 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES BY FIELD OF STUDY, ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**



Source: Ministry of Education, INSTAT

**Note to users:** Detailed annual data on graduates by level of education and field of study are available in INSTAT’s statistical database: [Graduation Statistics](https://www.instat.gov.al/)

# Methodology

Education in Albania is organized according to these programs and classified according to ISCED-2011 Classification, used internationally in education statistics:

Level 0 - Early childhood education - Early childhood / Pre-primary education;

Level 1 - Primary education or first cycle of basic education;

Level 2 - Lower Secondary Education or second cycle of basic education;

Level 3 - Upper Secondary Education - Gymnasium / Socio-cultural / Professional;

Level 4 - Post-secondary, not tertiary;

Level 5 - Higher Education Short Cycle;

Level 6 - Bachelor or equivalent;

Level 7 - Master or equivalent;

Level 8 - PHD or equivalent

## Definitions

**Formal Education** is defined as institutionalized, intentional and planned education through public and private institutions, recognized by the national education authority, that in their entirety constitute the official education system of a country. Formal education programs are recognized as such by the relevant national education authorities, equivalent or subordinate education providers. Formal education consists more of education starting from the first grade and continues regularly year after year, mainly in the full-time system (before becoming part of the labor market), of vocational education, of education for special needs and some parts of adult education, often recognized as part of the formal education system.

**Basic education** consists of two cycles: primary education that is conducted in grades 1-5 and upper cycle or lower secondary education that is conducted in grades 6-9. Basic education is compulsory at age 6 and lasts 9 years. The student is required to attend basic education up to the age of 16 years old.

**Upper secondary education** includes gymnasium and socio-cultural education as well as, professional education.

**Vocational education** includes educational programs designed to provide knowledge, skills, and competencies specific to a particular occupation or class of occupations.

**A graduate of an educational program** is a pupil or student who has successfully completed all the requirements of the program.

**Data Source:** Statistical data of basic education, general upper secondary and tertiary education are provided by the Ministry of Education. Whereas data on professional education are provided by the Ministry of Economy and Innovation, with annual periodicity.

The data on graduation statistics are preliminary and subject to revision. For more, refer to: [Statistical Revision Policy](#)