

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Academic year 2025-2026

Pre-university education

During the 2025-2026 academic year, 399,258 students were enrolled in pre-university education, marking a decrease of 1.7 % compared with the previous school year.

- 66,343 students were enrolled in preschool education:
 - 0.7 % more enrollments compared with the 2024-2025 school year;
 - 48.3 % of enrolled children in preschool education are girls;
 - 85.8 % were enrolled in public educational institutions.
- 243,764 students were enrolled in compulsory basic education (grades 1–9):
 - 2.7 % fewer enrollments compared with the 2024–2025 school year;
 - 48.0 % of enrolled students are girls;
 - 87.6 % were enrolled in public educational institutions.
- 88,837 students were enrolled in upper secondary education:
 - 0.4 % fewer enrollments compared with the 2024-2025 school year;
 - 47.1 % of enrolled students in upper secondary education are girls;
 - 19.4 % were enrolled in vocational education;
 - 17.2 % of students enrolled in vocational education are girls;
 - 84.8 % were enrolled in public educational institutions.
- 314 students were enrolled in post-secondary non-tertiary education:
 - 46.2 % female and 53.8 % male.

University education*

During the 2025-2026 academic year, 115,782 students were enrolled in tertiary education.

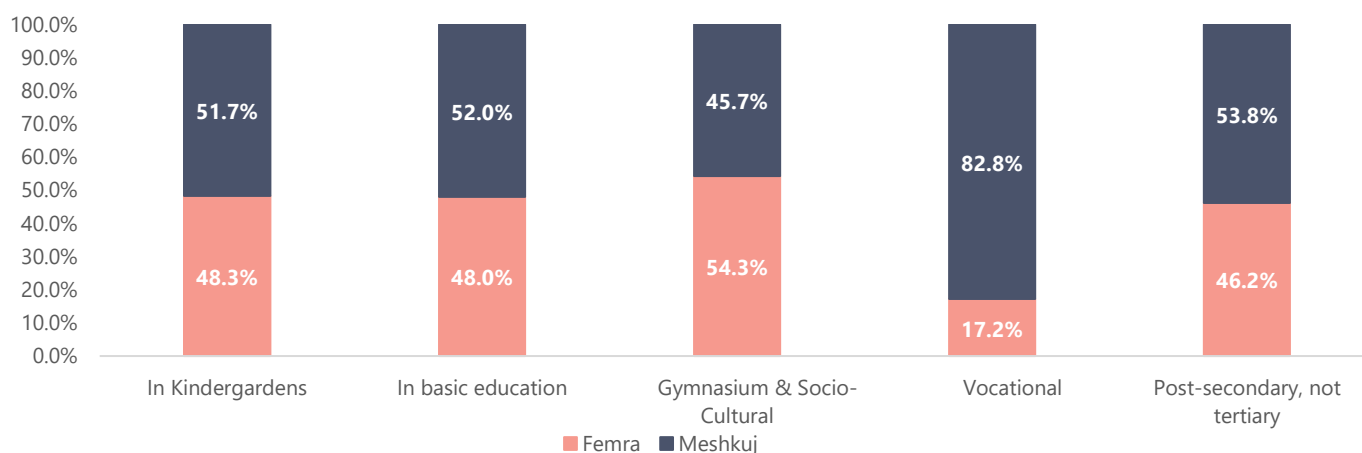
- 60,558 students were enrolled in Bachelor's programmes:
 - 56.8 % of enrolled students are female.
- 47,916 students were enrolled in Master's programmes:
 - 67.6 % of enrolled students are female.

The most preferred field of study remains “Business, Administration and Law”, accounting for approximately one quarter of all students (25.2 %). Other popular fields include:

- “Health and Welfare” with 22.2%;
- “Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction” with 16.9%.

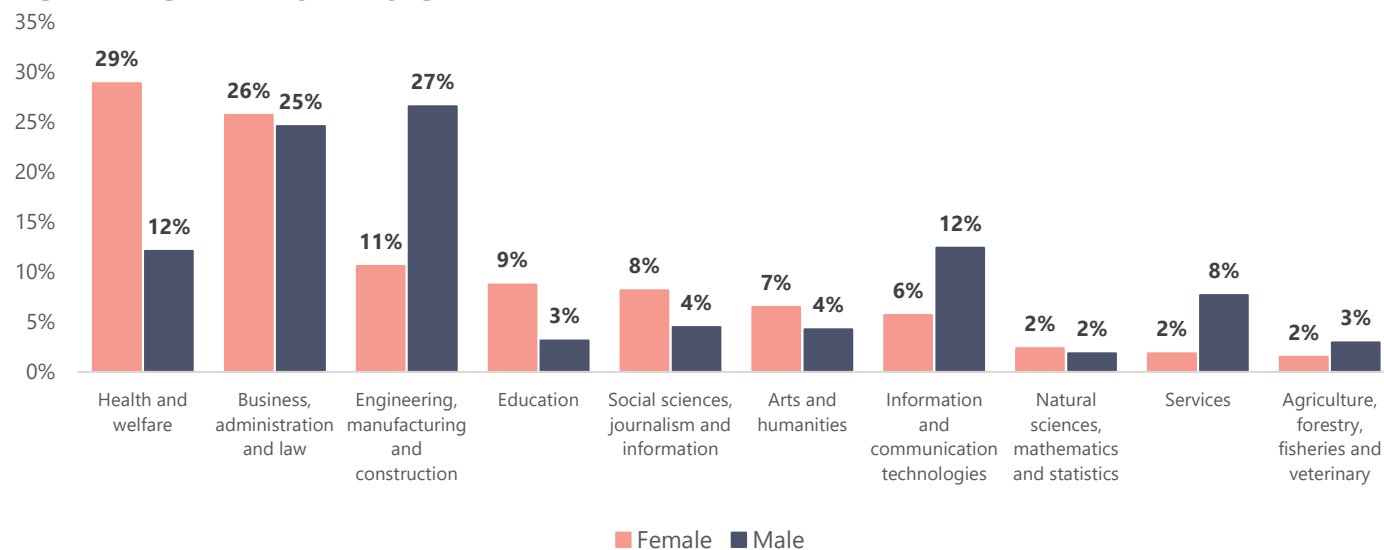
**Note: Higher education data are not final, for enrolments in Doctoral programmes and Long-Cycle Specialisations for the 2025–2026 academic year are.*

FIG. 1 ENROLLED PUPILS AND STUDENTS BY SEX AND LEVEL OF EDUCATION, 2025-2026



Source: Ministry of Education, INSTAT

FIG. 2 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF UNIVERSITY ENROLLED BY FIELD OF STUDY, ACADEMIC YEAR 2024–2025



Source: Ministry of Education, INSTAT

Note to users: Detailed annual data on enrollment by level of education and field of study are available in INSTAT’s statistical database: [Enrollment statistics](#)

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.

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

Data on the statistics of enrollments in tertiary education, Doctoral and Long-Term Specializations study programs, for 2024-25, are preliminary and subject to review. For more, refer to: https://www.instat.gov.al/media/2940/revision_policy_2016.pdf.

Based on Instruction No. 28, dated 16.10.2023, "On the Conditions and Procedures for Transfer from General Education (Gymnasium) to Professional Education and Vice Versa", data of professional education for the school year 2025-2026 include also the transfers of pupils from general upper secondary education to professional upper secondary education during the first quarter of the school year