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1. Key points

At the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year the total number of students amounted to 678.1 thousand people, of whom 52.5% were women.

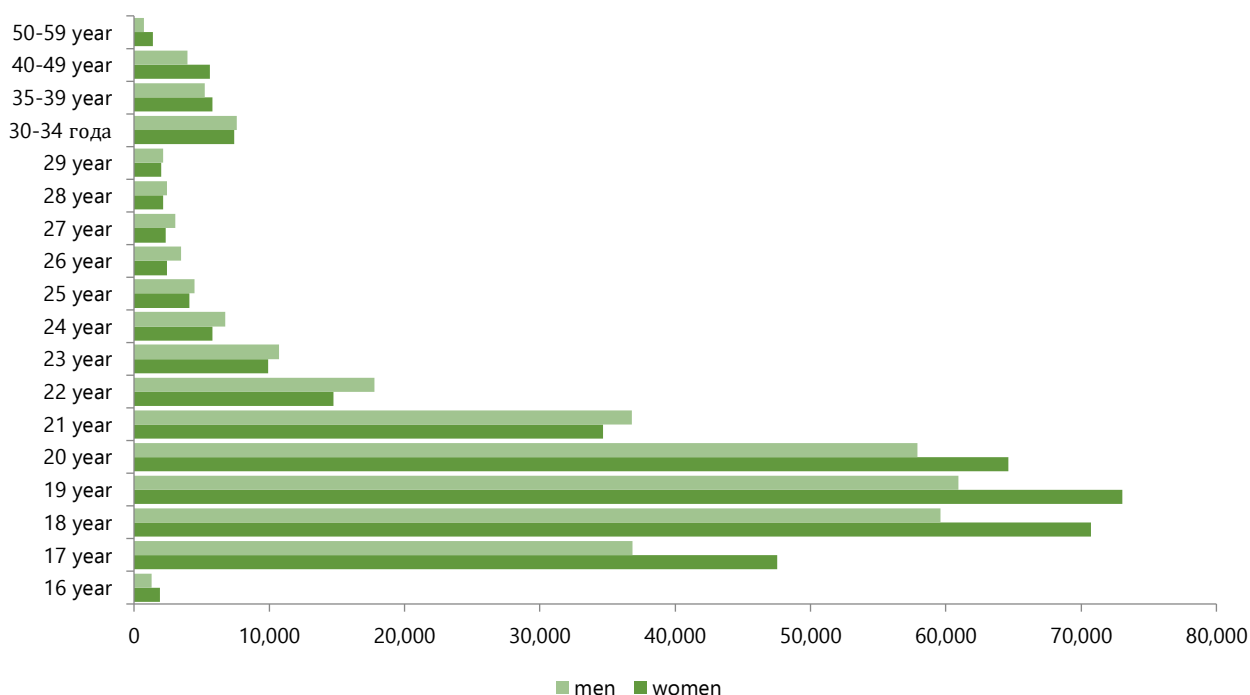
The number of accepted students in the current academic year amounted to 208.9 thousand people, of whom 51.7% were women.

During the previous academic year, 60.9 thousand students arrived, 63.3 thousand students dropped out, and 152.8 thousand people completed their studies.

Of the total number of students, 99.8% study full-time and 0.2% by correspondence.

The number of students in higher education institutions by age

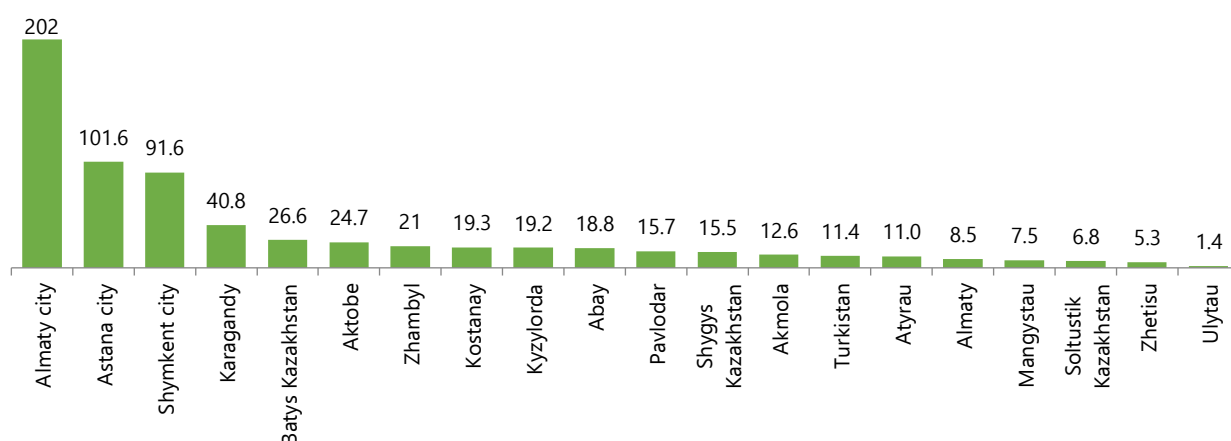
people, at the beginning of the academic year



The share of students enrolled in public institutions of higher education was 49.9%, in private organizations – 49.5%, in foreign organizations – 0.6%.

Number of students by region

thousand people, at the beginning of the academic year



Of the total number of enrolled students, 74.7% were accepted on the basis of general secondary education, 18.9% – on the basis of technical and vocational education and 6.4% – on the basis of higher education.

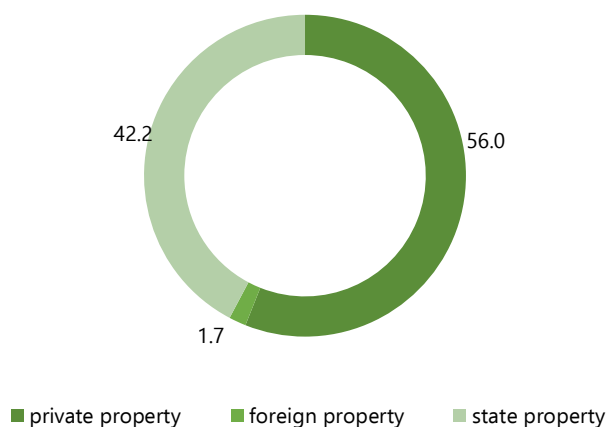
The total number of nonresident students was 364.5 thousand people. The number of students in need of a dormitory amounted to 115.6 thousand people, of whom 95.3 thousand students live in a dormitory.

At the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year, 38014 teachers were employed in higher education organizations of the republic, of which 14868 people have an academic master's degree, 10238 people have a PhD degree, 5462 people have a PhD degree.

At the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the number of operating higher education institutions amounted to 116 organizations.

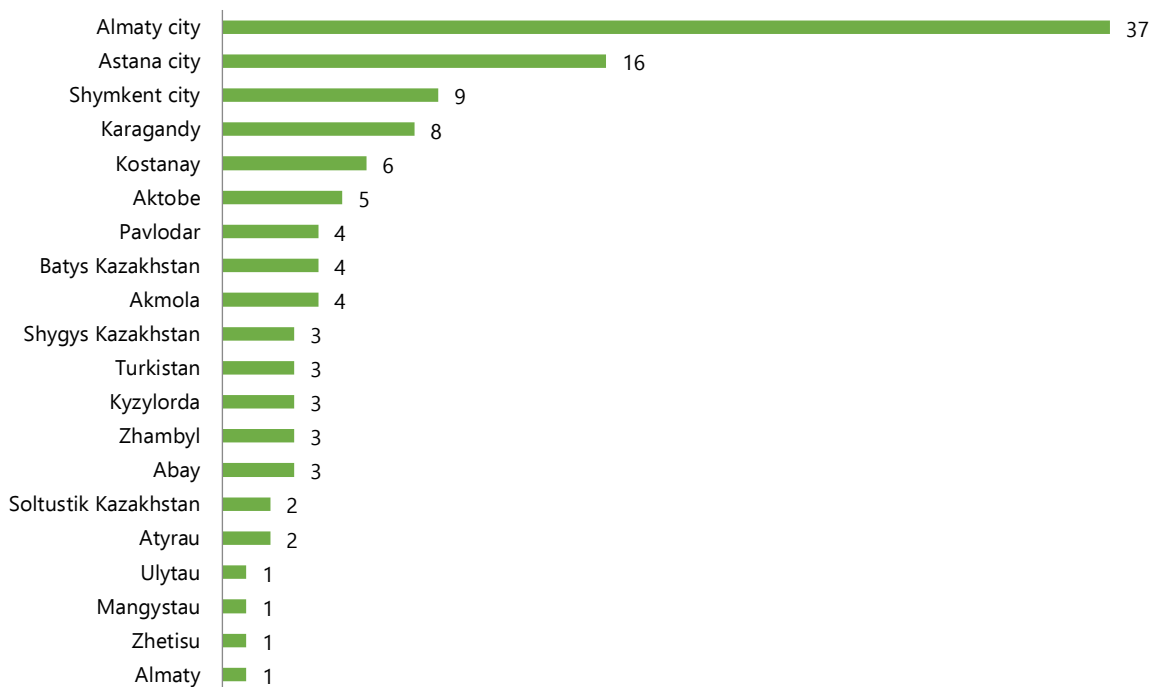
Number of educational institutions by form of ownership

%



Number of higher education institutions

units, at the beginning of the academic year



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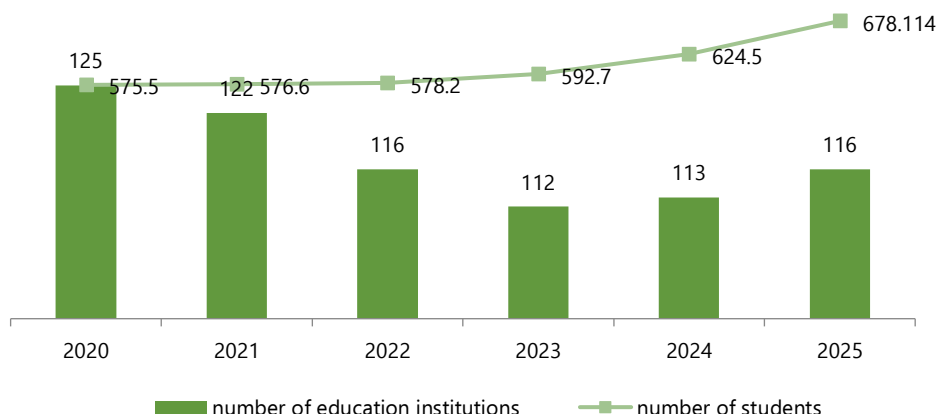
[At the beginning of the 2025/2026 academic year higher education in the Republic of Kazakhstan](#)

2. Dynamics

Over the past 5 years, the number of organizations implementing higher education programs has decreased by 4.9%. Compared to the 2021-2022 academic year, the number of students increased by 17.6%,

The number of students and the number of higher education institutions

units, at the beginning of the academic year



3. Glossary

The organization of higher and (or) postgraduate education is a higher educational institution that implements educational programs of higher and (or) postgraduate education and carries out research activities.

A university is an organization of higher and (or) postgraduate education that carries out scientific and pedagogical activities in various fields, personnel training, fundamental and (or) applied scientific research and is a leading scientific and methodological center.

The National Organization of Higher and (or) postgraduate education is an organization of higher and (or) postgraduate education that has a special status.

A research university is a university that implements a five-year development program approved by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and uses the results of its activities to integrate education and science, generate and transfer new knowledge and technologies.

National Research University is a research university with a special status.

An institute is an organization of higher and (or) postgraduate education that carries out scientific and pedagogical activities, as well as training personnel for professional activities.

An academy is an organization of higher and (or) postgraduate education that carries out scientific and pedagogical activities in a certain field and is a scientific and methodological center.

Bachelor's degree is a higher education, the educational programs of which are aimed at training personnel with the award of a bachelor's degree in the relevant specialty.

Bachelor's degree is a degree awarded to persons who have completed educational programs of higher education.

3. Methodological explanations

Educational programs of higher education are implemented in organizations of higher and (or) postgraduate education.

The main types of organizations of higher and (or) postgraduate education are the national research university, the national organization of higher and (or) postgraduate education, research university, university, academy, institute and equivalent to them (conservatory, higher school, higher school).

A student who has passed the final certification for the development of an educational program of higher education is awarded a bachelor's degree or a specialist qualification.

5. Links to related publications

[«Report of organizations of higher and postgraduate education», OVPO form](#)

6. Useful links

[Methodological position on statistics
Information and analytical system "Taldau"](#)

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