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	Number					
	Levels of education, total	Pre-primary level		Primary level		
		Pre-school class	School kindergarten	Primary school	Integrated comprehensive school	Free Waldorf school
Länder, total⁶						
1985	461,691	1,579	2,968	111,538	369	858
1990	453,325	1,684	3,207	123,826	435	993
1995	618,927	1,964	3,710	174,010	1,364	1,205
2000	611,196	1,545	3,503	162,399	981	1,242
2001	612,533	1,491	3,448	159,935	966	1,235
2002	612,175	1,236	3,473	158,158	960	1,215
2003	608,997	1,192	3,451	156,770	918	1,296
2004	602,210	1,132	3,072	157,153	943	1,263
2005	597,377	458	2,487	159,934	626	1,344
2006	597,535	469	2,413	162,678	605	1,359
2007	596,323	552	2,313	161,872	651	1,392
2008	596,124	598	2,380	162,039	662	1,368
2009	607,408	624	2,327	163,891	728	1,367
2010	614,130	632	2,328	163,361	907	1,401
2011	617,325	654	2,261	164,199	1,011	1,407
2012	621,411	684	2,173	165,010	1,498	1,451
2013	621,159	672	2,155	164,872	2,372	1,464
2014	620,681	627	2,075	165,862	3,345	1,468
2015	620,760	644	2,105	167,273	4,077	1,524
2016	625,488	637	2,122	170,393	4,549	1,705
2017	627,323	687	2,146	173,365	5,012	1,620
2018	631,468	538	2,099	176,661	4,963	1,666
2019	637,864	679	2,147	180,802	4,751	1,706
2020	643,762	674	2,180	182,535	4,806	1,747
2021	646,457	666	2,193	184,427	4,874	1,792
2022	654,266	646	2,190	188,497	4,978	1,792
2023	665,390	698	2,215	194,332	5,131	1,812
Regional distribution 2023						
Baden-Württemberg	87,392	-	1,363	20,500	2,948	473
Bavaria	96,806	-	-	27,412	-	173
Berlin	30,992	-	-	9,067	956	80
Brandenburg	21,096	-	-	5,953	67	38
Bremen	5,688	1	-	1,797	-	14
Hamburg	16,932	697	-	4,959	384	84
Hesse	52,662	-	448	17,182	-	179
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	11,578	-	-	3,647	-	19
Lower Saxony	67,690	-	160	20,068	102	176
North Rhine-Westphalia	153,366	-	237	45,714	101	247
Rhineland-Palatinate	31,592	-	4	10,063	-	53
Saarland	7,352	-	3	2,315	-	19
Saxony	29,097	-	-	9,469	21	69
Saxony-Anhalt	15,144	-	-	4,561	-	30
Schleswig-Holstein	22,611	-	-	7,320	-	126
Thuringia	15,392	-	-	4,305	552	32

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	Number					
	Orientation stage independent of school type	Secondary general school	Secondary level I			Free Waldorf school ²
			Schools with different courses of education	Intermediate school	Integrated comprehensive school ²	
Länder, total⁶						
1985	14,101	88,885	-	59,308	13,377	1,293
1990	14,636	73,860	-	53,408	17,482	1,862
1995	22,836	75,880	24,492	66,271	32,233	2,397
2000	23,408	73,589	28,029	67,774	33,343	2,479
2001	22,707	74,177	29,957	67,788	33,111	2,489
2002	21,001	74,502	31,336	67,373	32,711	2,585
2003	17,440	74,501	31,579	68,020	31,805	2,663
2004	7,698	75,095	29,130	70,862	30,700	2,692
2005	7,159	72,338	27,544	69,167	29,469	2,701
2006	7,013	70,483	26,028	68,712	28,649	2,786
2007	7,086	67,587	25,975	68,477	28,455	2,817
2008	7,382	64,179	26,360	67,917	28,488	2,845
2009	7,880	62,103	28,105	67,778	30,821	2,974
2010	8,005	58,325	31,441	66,263	34,774	3,082
2011	7,639	55,804	32,826	65,292	38,561	3,204
2012	7,380	52,466	34,861	64,254	42,586	3,284
2013	7,396	48,698	37,045	61,425	47,011	3,364
2014	7,794	44,637	39,322	58,303	51,702	3,364
2015	7,898	41,357	40,771	55,880	55,306	3,337
2016	8,258	38,029	42,728	53,397	60,231	3,186
2017	7,857	34,986	43,296	51,773	65,087	3,342
2018	8,247	32,888	43,496	51,119	68,061	3,379
2019	8,249	31,575	43,886	51,071	71,268	3,430
2020	8,381	31,254	43,710	51,295	72,541	3,504
2021	8,388	30,621	43,134	51,237	73,382	3,346
2022	8,448	30,598	42,620	51,336	74,794	3,570
2023	8,635	30,805	42,869	51,945	76,733	3,612
Regional distribution 2023						
Baden-Württemberg	-	3,589	-	13,817	8,206	904
Bavaria	46	17,329	-	16,353	175	342
Berlin	4,010	-	-	-	6,959	219
Brandenburg	3,352	-	3,301	-	1,561	69
Bremen	-	-	-	-	2,496	33
Hamburg	52	-	-	-	4,610	139
Hesse	1,175	2,159	685	4,254	5,655	229
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	-	-	3,427	-	591	42
Lower Saxony	-	2,457	9,805	4,002	6,472	307
North Rhine-Westphalia	-	5,246	5,180	13,308	24,137	743
Rhineland-Palatinate	-	25	5,922	156	2,617	101
Saarland	-	-	13	55	2,197	47
Saxony	-	-	8,060	-	59	134
Saxony-Anhalt	-	-	2,952	-	1,584	57
Schleswig-Holstein	-	-	-	-	7,744	177
Thuringia	-	-	3,524	-	1,670	69

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	Number					
	Secondary level I			Secondary level II		
	Evening secondary general school	Evening intermediate school	Grammar school ²	Grammar school ³	Integrated comprehensive school ³	Free Waldorf school ³
Länder, total⁶						
1985	31	439	65,345	56,606	2,042	520
1990	45	614	69,018	47,013	2,160	684
1995	34	567	92,344	53,647	4,232	861
2000	60	631	90,361	52,419	4,887	994
2001	63	777	91,379	52,476	5,049	1,100
2002	63	715	92,387	52,107	5,241	1,105
2003	69	788	92,372	52,925	5,424	1,161
2004	65	817	94,938	53,163	5,527	1,167
2005	70	875	94,515	54,559	5,806	1,192
2006	70	910	95,201	56,024	5,915	1,210
2007	78	970	97,220	56,555	5,855	1,169
2008	66	970	93,533	62,474	6,066	1,100
2009	71	954	94,669	67,051	6,060	1,118
2010	65	968	93,826	72,148	6,774	1,098
2011	72	977	96,361	70,761	7,176	1,147
2012	62	966	97,740	70,913	7,608	1,152
2013	48	972	97,615	70,406	8,050	1,133
2014	50	952	95,322	70,622	8,719	1,185
2015	48	895	94,716	70,312	9,758	1,224
2016	66	874	94,973	69,502	10,453	1,316
2017	67	865	96,653	66,100	10,296	1,277
2018	57	836	97,733	64,657	11,209	1,310
2019	58	841	98,052	64,057	11,560	1,303
2020	51	780	97,133	65,705	12,254	1,312
2021	45	765	97,415	65,774	12,814	1,310
2022	45	749	101,594	62,565	12,982	1,286
2023	48	716	107,294	57,470	13,096	1,252
Regional distribution 2023						
Baden-Württemberg	-	40	13,270	9,409	182	382
Bavaria	-	20	18,594	6,524	11	157
Berlin	14	25	3,428	2,718	1,403	90
Brandenburg	-	53	1,981	2,051	614	35
Bremen	10	19	444	321	369	9
Hamburg	-	41	2,783	1,491	770	42
Hesse	24	96	9,523	5,756	-	74
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	-	-	1,316	1,256	149	16
Lower Saxony	-	-	12,197	5,909	1,202	135
North Rhine-Westphalia	-	383	24,046	11,118	6,347	113
Rhineland-Palatinate	-	-	5,011	3,035	916	40
Saarland	-	4	1,034	728	203	16
Saxony	-	29	4,881	2,997	-	45
Saxony-Anhalt	-	6	2,402	1,493	83	13
Schleswig-Holstein	-	-	4,056	1,015	683	56
Thuringia	-	-	2,328	1,649	165	29

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	Number				
	Secondary level II		Total ⁴	Special needs school	
	Evening grammar school	Adult education college		Focus on learning ⁵	Other focus ^{4,5}
Länder, total⁶					
1985	1,164	1,126	40,142	18,562	21,580
1990	1,380	1,349	39,669	16,516	23,153
1995	1,413	1,424	58,043	24,685	30,660
2000	1,218	1,157	61,177	24,950	33,638
2001	1,185	1,078	62,122	25,073	34,653
2002	1,193	1,212	63,602	25,790	35,353
2003	1,267	1,309	64,047	25,644	36,079
2004	1,337	1,353	64,103	25,222	36,580
2005	1,326	1,390	64,416	24,063	38,162
2006	1,310	1,444	64,257	22,991	39,167
2007	1,309	1,443	64,550	22,560	40,021
2008	1,264	1,419	65,014	22,209	40,865
2009	1,198	1,371	66,317	22,184	42,339
2010	1,190	1,454	66,087	21,550	42,737
2011	1,194	1,497	65,280	20,648	43,074
2012	1,198	1,556	64,569	19,449	43,649
2013	1,179	1,468	63,814	18,570	43,838
2014	1,152	1,428	62,752	17,595	43,789
2015	1,103	1,420	61,111	16,465	43,359
2016	1,083	1,397	60,588	15,778	43,569
2017	1,021	1,371	60,501	14,118	45,206
2018	968	1,300	60,279	13,399	45,752
2019	959	1,205	60,265	12,884	46,273
2020	936	1,156	61,808	16,612	44,099
2021	875	1,122	62,277	16,735	44,479
2022	794	1,031	63,751	16,759	45,922
2023	724	982	65,021	16,843	47,122
Regional distribution 2023					
Baden-Württemberg	88	27	12,194	2,544	9,650
Bavaria	36	104	9,530	3,656	5,874
Berlin	25	149	1,849	106	1,743
Brandenburg	21	26	1,974	595	1,379
Bremen	12	16	147	20	127
Hamburg	32	9	839	194	645
Hesse	71	37	5,115	1,817	3,298
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	21	-	1,094	406	688
Lower Saxony	52	59	4,587	536	4,051
North Rhine-Westphalia	288	413	15,745	3,175	12,570
Rhineland-Palatinate	23	33	3,593	1,183	2,410
Saarland	7	4	707	178	529
Saxony	21	64	3,248	1,569	1,679
Saxony-Anhalt	4	28	1,931	611	1,320
Schleswig-Holstein	23	-	1,411	252	1,159
Thuringia	-	13	1,056	-	-

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- 1 Full-time teacher units. The information on teachers is only partially comparable to previous years due to a technical change in data collection starting from 2022.
- 2 Grades 5 to 10.
- 3 Grades 11 to 13. As of 2009 including introduction E to Q2.
- 4 Until 2015, the “School for sick children” were assigned to category “Other focus”, but starting from 2016, they are only included in the total of special needs schools.
- 5 As of 1995, excluding Thuringia because no distribution possible between focus on learning and other focus.
- 6 Until 1990, former West Germany including Berlin-West.

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