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# Transfer rate to Master's degree programme at 63.0%

## Men are more likely to start a Master's programme after their Bachelor's degree than women

Vienna, 2024-02-21 – In the 2019/20 academic year, 91.2% of first degrees were Bachelor's degrees. Within the following two years, 63.0% of Bachelor's graduates enrolled in a Master's degree programme; 66.9% of men and 60.2% of women. In addition, the transfer rates also varied by higher education sector, as shown in an analysis by Statistics Austria.

“The Bachelor's degree has now almost completely replaced the diploma as the first academic degree in Austria. In the 2019/20 academic year, 20 years after the signing of the Bologna Declaration, more than 90% of first degrees at Austrian universities were Bachelor's degrees. Within two years of graduating, six out of ten bachelor's graduates have gone on to study for a master's degree. The transfer rates are over 70% at university colleges of teacher education and public universities, while at universities of applied sciences and private universities only just under half of bachelor's graduates go on to study for a master's degree”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

The highest transfer rates to a master's degree within two years were observed at university colleges of teacher education (79.1%). This is mainly due to a change in the law, which since the 2016/17 academic year has made a Master's degree programme compulsory in addition to a Bachelor's degree for teaching positions at both primary and secondary level. At public universities, the transfer rate to a master's degree was 72.4%. Universities of applied sciences (45.0%) and private universities (48.8%) recorded significantly lower transfer rates.

58.1% of the 31 697 Bachelor's degrees awarded in the 2019/20 academic year were completed by women. Even though women dominate among graduates, female Bachelor's graduates (60.2%) were less likely to continue their studies towards a Master's degree than male Bachelor's graduates (66.9%).

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

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