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# Success rate for school-leaving examinations in summer 2024 similarly high as in the previous year

## Positive rate still significantly higher than before the Corona pandemic

Vienna, 2024-01-30 – In summer 2024, around 89.9% of students passed the standardised skills-oriented diploma examination (sRDP, Matura) that qualifies graduates for university, as Statistics Austria reports. The success rate was similar to the previous year (2023: 89.4%) and again higher than the success rate of 85.1% in the pre-pandemic year 2019.

“At the 2024 summer date, 89.9% of students passed the Matura. Although the easing measures introduced during the coronavirus pandemic had already expired the year before, the performance of the final school level remained a fixed component of the school-leaving examination. 6.9% of candidates who sat the 2024 summer Matura failed. In 2019, the proportion of those who failed at least one subject on the main date was almost twice as high,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

### Results similar than in previous year, but significantly better than before the Corona pandemic

At the 2024 exam main date, 39 480 candidates sat for the sRDP, of which around 89.9% or 35 502 completed positively. Thus, the positive rate increased slightly compared to last year (2023: 89.4%), and was again significantly higher than before the corona pandemic (2018: 84.5%; 2019: 85.1%).

The proportion of final exams with a negative result has increased slightly, too: about 6.9% of the candidates were negative in at least one subject at the main date in 2024 (2023: 6.7%). In 2019, this figure was almost twice as high, at 12.7%. The slight increase in the number of positive results with a simultaneous slight increase in negative results can be explained by the reduction in incomplete school-leaving examinations. 3.1% (2023: 3.6%) of the candidates did not pass the 2024 main date exam, because they only sat part of the examination areas, but received positive grades in each of the completed parts. The proportion of incomplete school-leaving examinations at general secondary schools (AHS; 4.2%) is almost twice as high as at vocational secondary schools (BHS; 2.2%).

At the main date 2024, around 19.9% of the candidates achieved an “excellent success”, around 19.1% a “good success”. This represents an improvement from before the pandemic. As in previous years, there were significantly more “excellent successes” at general secondary schools (24.5%) than at vocational secondary schools (15.9%).

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

**Information on methodology, definitions:** The results of the standardised skills-oriented diploma examination (sRDP) for the main date (= summer) and the secondary dates (= autumn and winter) were collected and processed throughout Austria by Statistics Austria on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF). For the main date in 2024, the written exams took place in May 2024, the oral exams in June and July 2024. The secondary dates of the school year 2022/23 took place in autumn 2023 (September and October) and in winter 2023/24 (January and February).

**Positive rate:** Proportion of candidates who successfully passed the standardised skills-oriented diploma examination as a percentage of all candidates who sat the standardised skills-oriented diploma examination.

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