



Education in Ukraine



Ukraine's education system in numbers

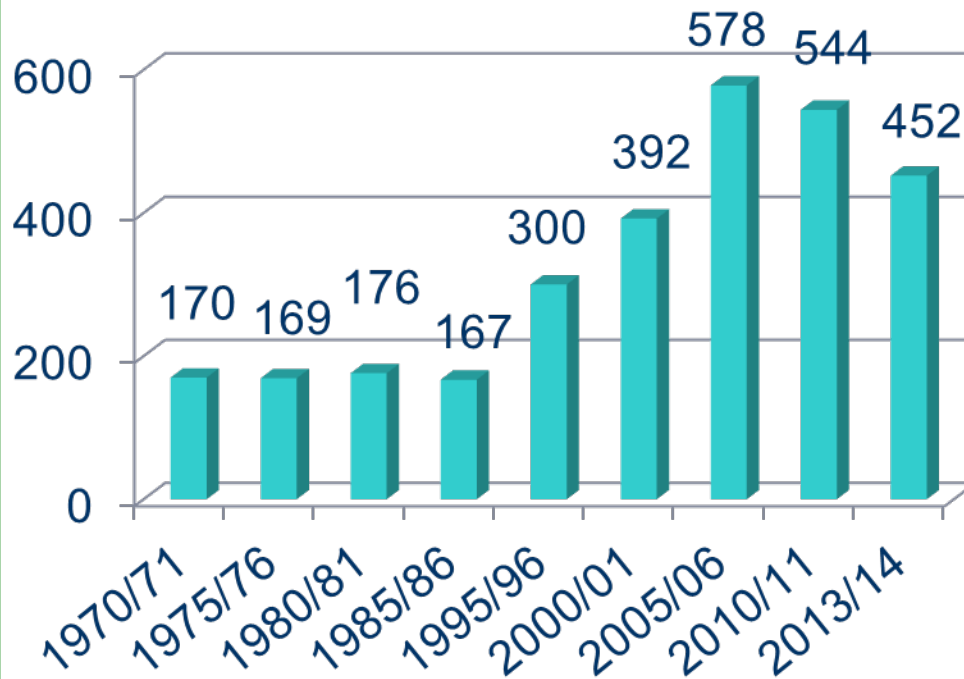
Level of education		Number of institutions	Number of students
Higher education	Universities III-IV level of accreditation	325	1723700
	Universities I-II level of accreditation	478	329000

STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION IN UKRAINE

		LEVELS (DEGREES), education confirming document	PERIOD OF STUDY (years, ECTS credits)
Higher education		Doctor of Sciences (post-docoral academic degree), Diploma	3 years
		Doctor of Philosophy, PhD (academic degree), Diploma	4 years
		Master (academic degree), Diploma	90-120 ECTS (300-600 ECTS for program in Medicine, Veterinary, Pharmacy)
		Bachelor (academic degree), Diploma	180-240 ECTS
		Junior Bachelor (academic degree), Diploma	90-120 ECTS
Vocational education		Junior Specialist, Diploma	2-3 years (based on complete secondary education) / 3-4 years (based on basic secondary education)
		Qualified worker, Diploma	1-1,5 years based on complete secondary education) / 3 years (based on basic secondary education)
Secondary education	Upper secondary general education	Certificate	2 years
	Lower secondary general education	Certificate	5 years
	Primary education		4 years
Pre-school education			

Current state of Higher Education system

Number of students per 10 thousands of population

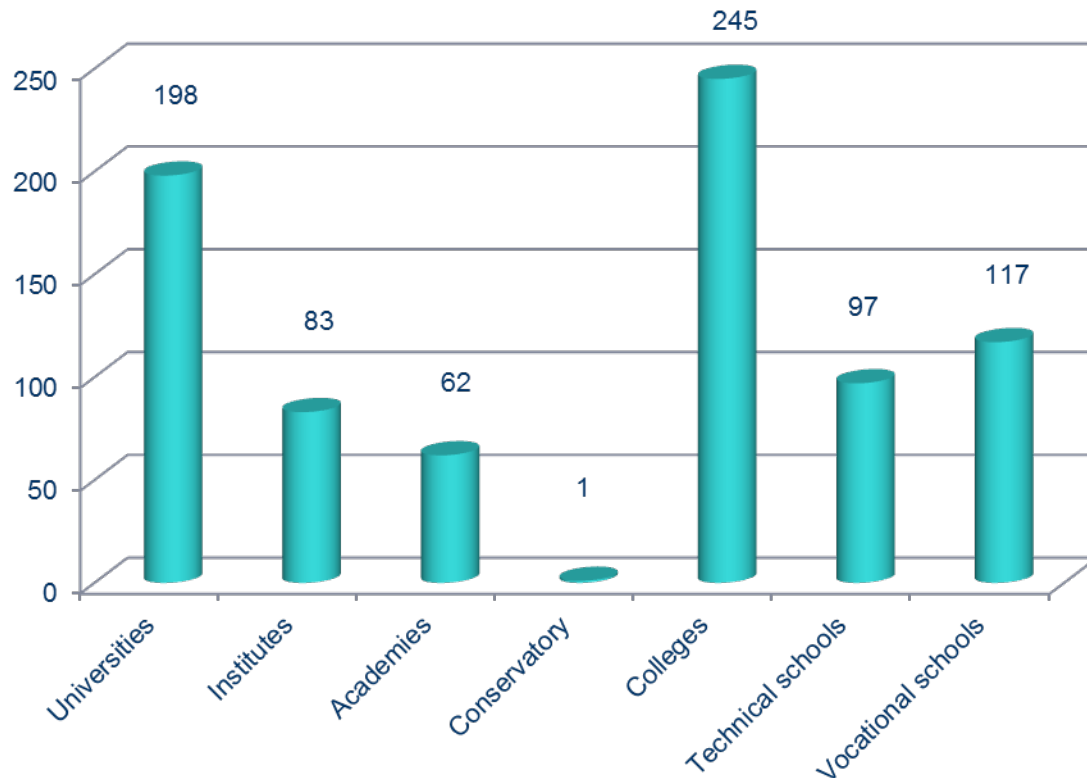


Higher Education statistics 2013-2014:

Total – 803 HEI (2,052 mln students):

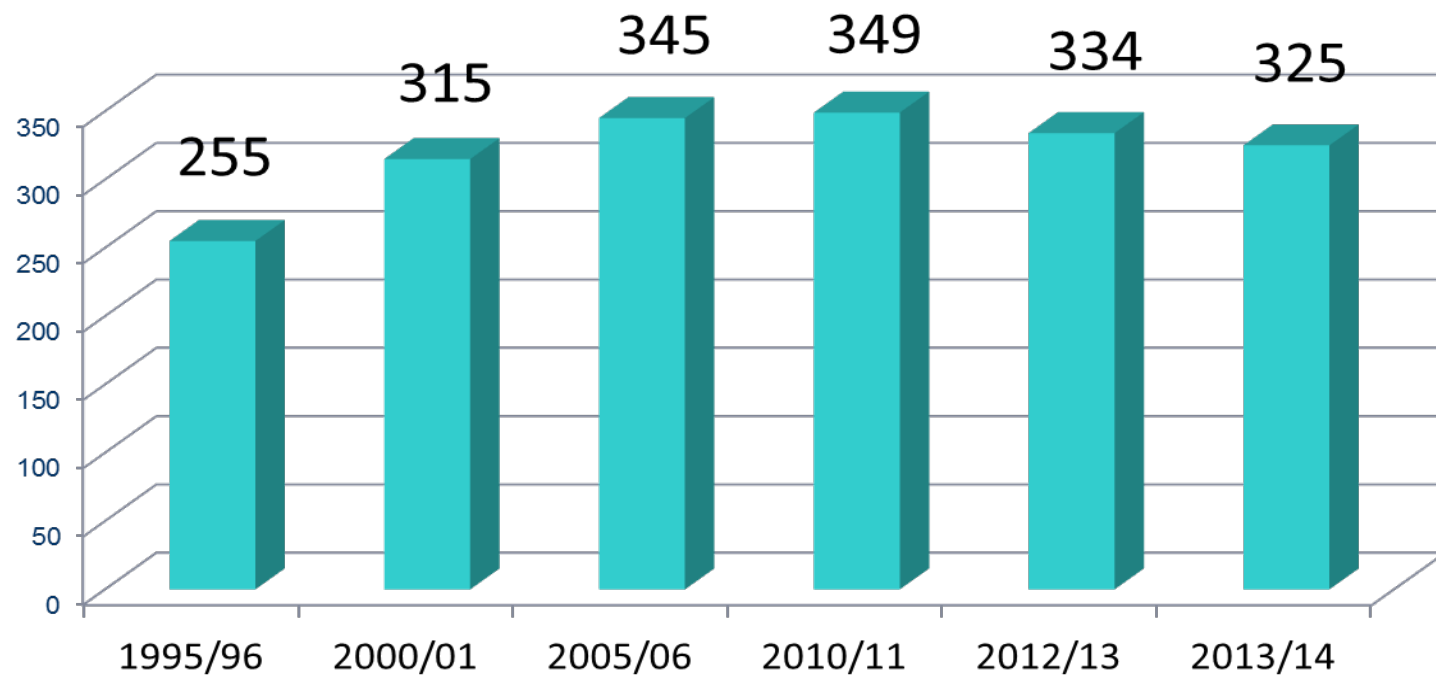
- 636 public HEI (1,861 mln students);
- 167 private HEI (0,191 mln students).

Current state of Higher Education system: High Education Institutions types



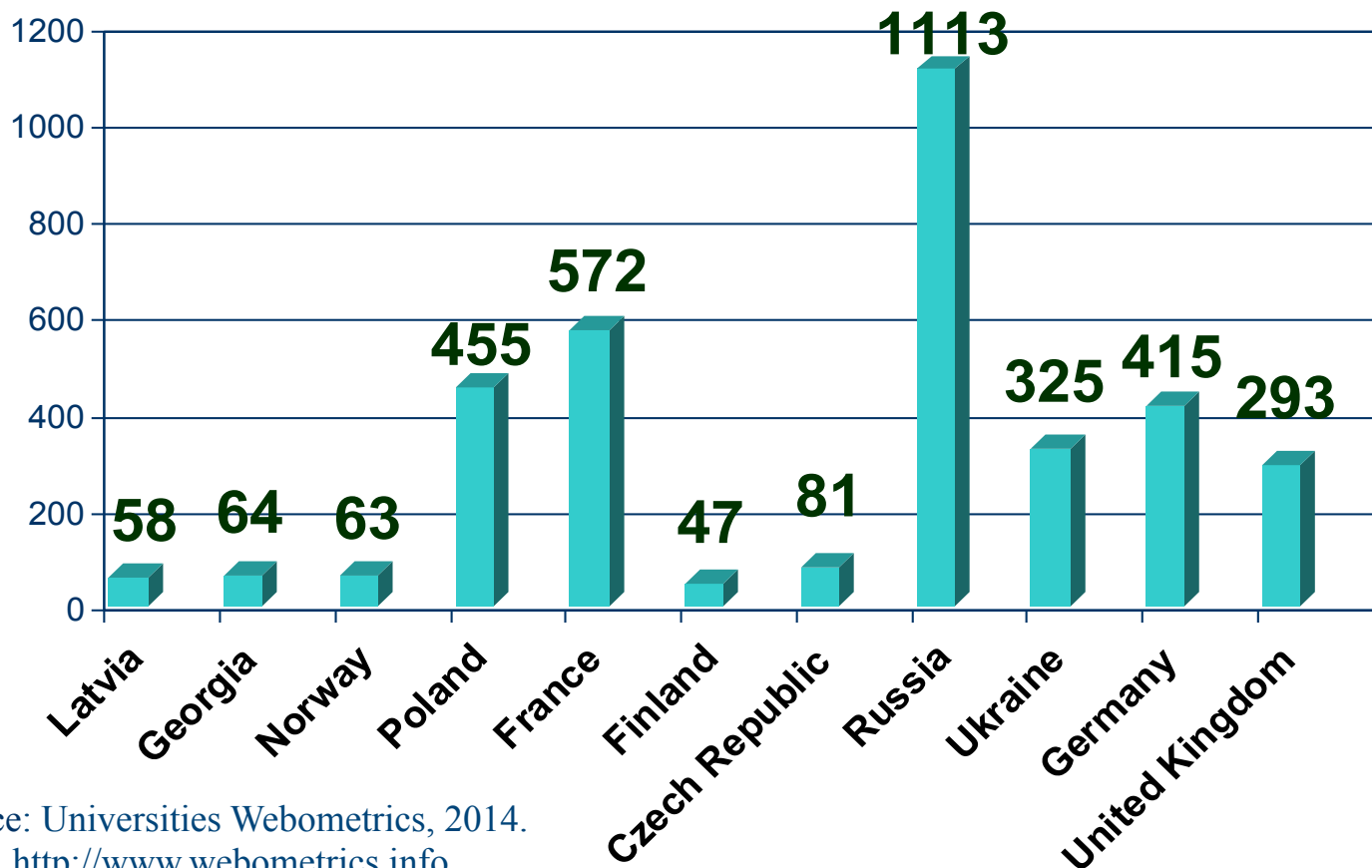
- Universities – 198
- Institutes – 83
- Academies – 62
- Conservatory – 1
- Colleges – 245
- Technical schools – 97
- Vocational schools - 117

Current state of Higher education system: dynamics quantity of HEI in Ukraine (1995-2014)



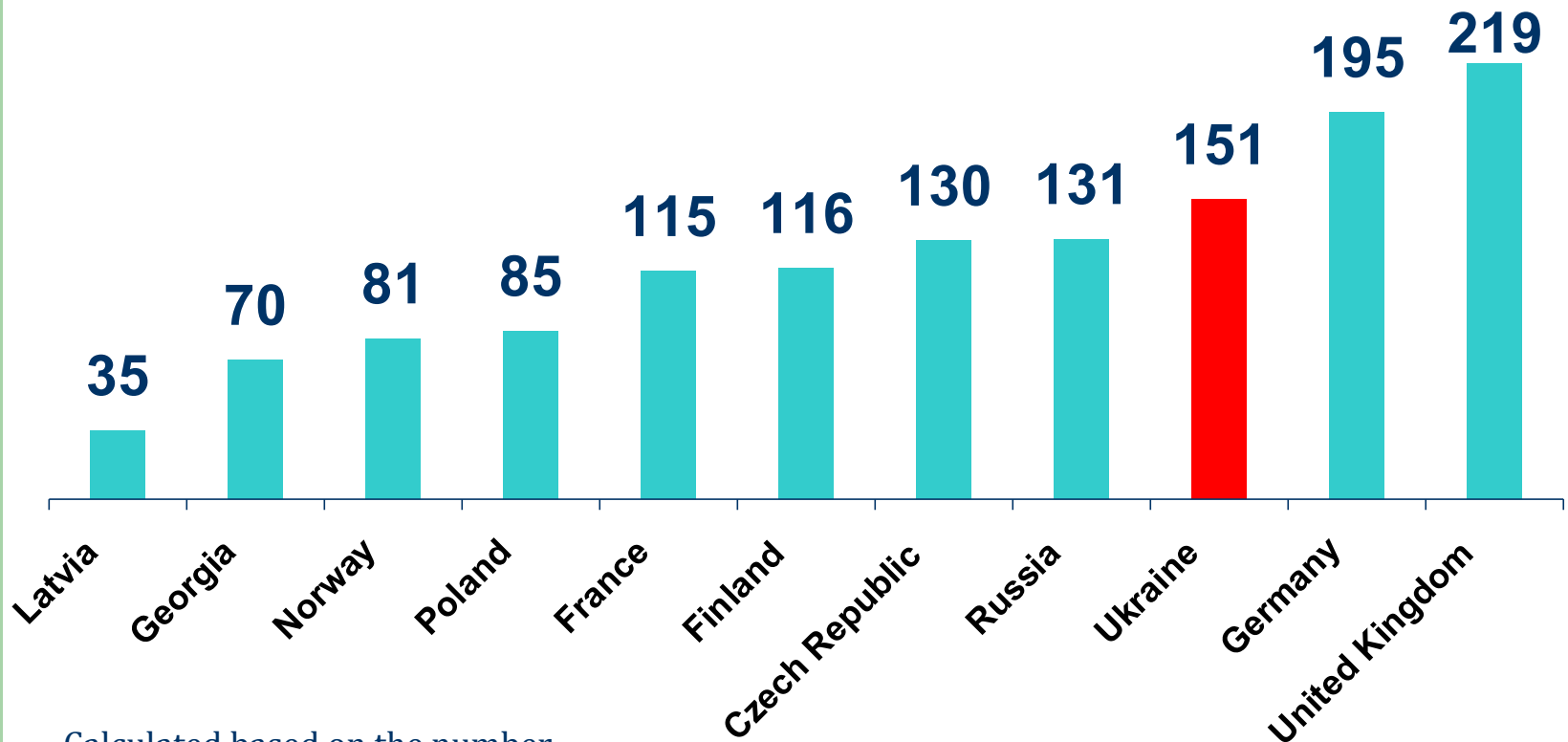
Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine. URL: ukrstat.gov.ua

Number of universities in the country



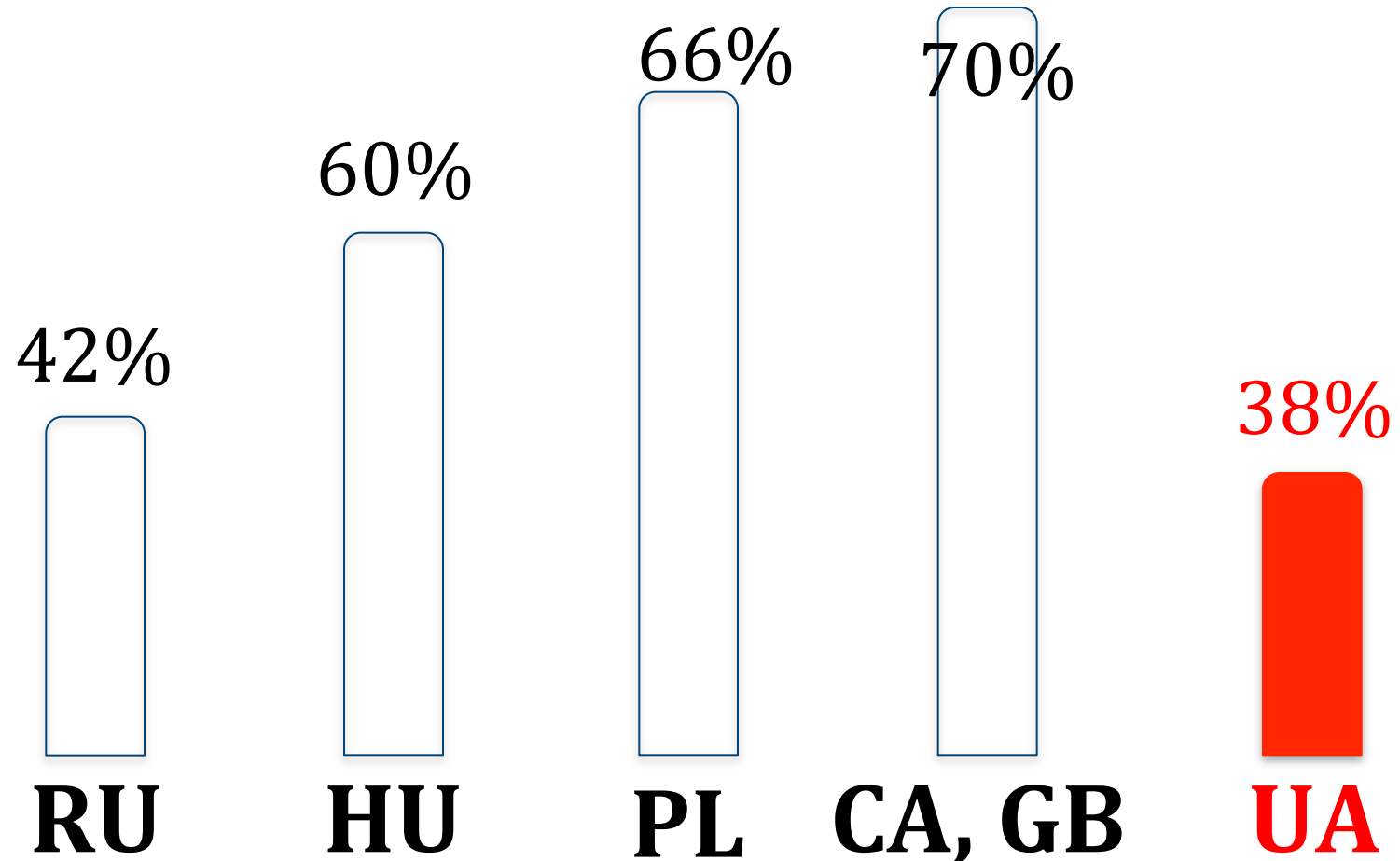
Source: Universities Webometrics, 2014.
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Number of inhabitants per 1 University III-IV level of accreditation , thousand.



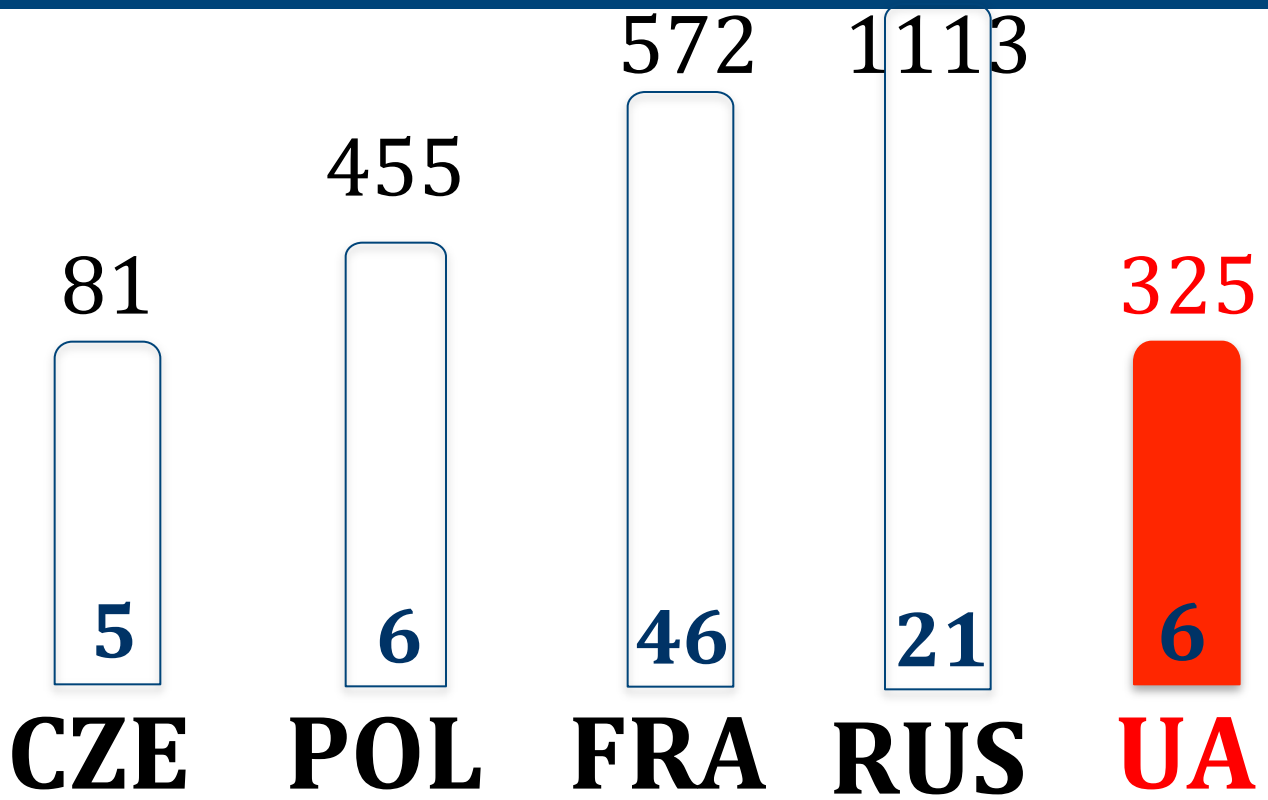
Calculated based on the number
Universities Webometrics, 2014 and Eurostat population of.

Satisfaction with quality of HE



Place of the Ukrainian universities in the international rankings:
“QS – World University Rankings” 2014/15

Number of universities in the country



Number of universities in ranking

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

- **On the 1st of July 2014 Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the new Law of Ukraine “On Higher Education”.**
- **The new Law “On Higher Education” defines the conceptual grounds for the modernization of higher education in compliance with the provisions and principles of the Bologna process.**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

- **A three-cycle structure of higher education**
- **Quality assurance in higher education and research**
- **Academic mobility**
- **Integration of education, science and innovation**
- **Academic, staff, administrative and financial autonomy of higher education institutions**
- **Cooperation between higher education institutions and business.**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

Key novelties of the new Law include:

- **Development of a national quality assurance (QA) system for HE:**
- **Launching the internal QA system in HEI;**
- **External QA system for HE;**
- **Establishing the National Agency for Quality Assurance of HE;**
- **Setting up the activities of independent quality assessment and assurance institutions.**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

- **New procedure of HEI Rectors' election**
- **Simplified requirements for the candidates;**
- **The university staff elects the Rector, the Ministry records and accepts the election decision;**
- **All staff members shall take part in the Rector's election;**
- **The number of students eligible to vote will be increased;**
- **The procedure for university's leader withdrawal will be introduced.**
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New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

Term limit for administrative staff employment and holding of more than one position:

- **Rectors, deans and head of departments may serve no more than two 5-year terms**
- **University's administrative staff may not simultaneously hold two or more executive positions.**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

Expansion of HEI financial autonomy

The system of higher education degrees has been changed:

- 1. “junior” Bachelor’s;**
- 2. Bachelor’s;**
- 3. Master’s;**
- 4. PhD;**
- 5. Doctor of Science.**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

- **HEI will be granted the right to award the postgraduate degrees;**
- **Improved control for the quality of thesis (dissertations) submitted;**
- **Students' and academic staff workload decrease**
- **The universities are free to hire the graduates and professors from foreign universities independently;**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

- **The students are free to define their own educational profiles**
- **Legitimization of external independent knowledge evaluation**
- **Introduction of transparent mechanism for allocation of public order**

New Law of Higher Education

(adopted July 1, 2014)

At the stakeholders' level the Law allows to solve the following issues:

- **The increased impact of the employers on the content of higher education provides an opportunity to improve the quality of student training and students' employment capacity at the national and international labour markets.**
- **The individualized curriculum, the opportunity for students to choose the courses of study (subjects)**

New Law of Higher Education

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- **The significant increase of the effect of students governance on the university management**
- **The involvement of civil, expert and other organizations into the functioning of higher education will create the mechanism of state public management of higher education.**

Union of Rectors:

- Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine (hereinafter - the Union of Rectors) was established on April 9, 1993 by the decision of 102 rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine.
- The Union of Rectors is the Ukrainian public organization, it acts as an independent legal entity in accordance with the Statute.

Union of Rectors:

The main purpose of the Union of Rectors is:

- **to contribute into the improvement of preparation of specialists with HE;**
- **to ensure the autonomy of HEIs;**
- **to develop and coordinate relations between rectors of HEIs of Ukraine in the educational, scientific, economic, humanitarian and other areas;**
- **to enhance the role of universities in public life.**

Union of Rectors:

The Union of Rectors is keen on:

- **promotion of the education, science and culture as the determinants of socio-economic and cultural development of the state and society;**
- **promotion and improvement of the material and technical base of high school;**
- **realization and protection of social, economic and professional rights and freedoms of members of the Union.**

Union of Rectors:

The Union of Rectors:

- **represents and protects its legitimate interests and the interests of its members in State and Public Authorities;**
- **receives from the State Government, Administration and Local Councils the information needed to realize its goals and objectives;**
- **makes proposals to State and Public Authorities on the issues that are of interest of the Union;**
- **provides information and promotes its ideas and goals;**

Union of Rectors:

The Union of Rectors:

- prepares recommendations for making decisions on higher education and actively upholds them at Authorities of different level;
- provides information on developments in the field of higher education to members of the Union;
- examines, analyzes and disseminates the experience of higher education institutions;
- makes proposals regarding performance indicators of higher education institutions and participates in the evaluation of their rank.

Union of Rectors:

- **The members of the Union of Rectors are Heads of higher education institutions of Ukraine of the third and fourth levels of accreditation, regardless of their subordination, ownership profile or field of study**
- **Now the Union of Rectors consists of about 140 Heads of higher education institutions of Ukraine, including 21 heads of classic universities, 19 heads of pedagogical universities, 35 heads of technical and technological universities, 19 heads of economic universities, 7 heads of art universities, 10 heads of medical universities, 11 heads of Agricultural universities, 9 heads of humanitarian universities, 7 heads of military universities, 2 heads of law universities**

Union of Rectors:

Recently the following issues were discussed:

- **Draft Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education";**
- **Draft Concept of human development in Ukraine until 2020;**
- **The legal principles of the autonomy of higher education institutions;**
- **Rules of Enrolment to universities and the results of Enrolment campaigns (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014);**
- **Optimization of the Universities network;**
- **Ways of deepening cooperation between employers and universities in education and research;**

Union of Rectors:

- **ways to improve the financial activities of HEIs by expanding their autonomy;**
- **international educational and scientific activities of universities;**
- **participation of universities in the international rankings;**
- **revitalization of HEIs in order to form the civil society and strengthening defence capability of Ukraine, a resumption of military departments and training of nurses in reserve at universities;**
- **implementation of the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education";**
- **the educational process in the time of energy crises.**

Union of Rectors:

Proposals of the Union of Rectors dealt with:

- **legal regime of funds of HEIs related to autonomy and financial activities;**
- **the mechanism of providing housing to the faculty and academic staff of universities and research institutions;**
- **legal regulation of activities aimed at attracting young people to science and scientific personnel in Ukraine;**
- **providing catering at HEIs.**

Union of Rectors:

International activities:

- **4 Tempus projects of the European Commission dedicated to autonomy, quality of education and access to HE;**
- **A program to promote Standardized External Testing in Ukraine by the American Council;**
- **Polish-Ukrainian project "Analysis of some examples of cooperation between Polish and Ukrainian universities on the background of comparison of HE, which involves 45 universities of Ukraine;**

Union of Rectors:

International activities:

Polish-Ukrainian innovative project "Innovative University and Leadership", which involves the Union of Rectors and International Charity Fund "International Foundation for Education Policy Research."

The project aims to prepare leaders who are willing and able to introduce innovative approaches in the management of high school, targeted to implement newest educational technologies in Ukrainian universities.

Union of Rectors:

International cooperation:

- **In 1998, an Agreement on cooperation between the Union of Rectors and the German Rector's Conference was signed. To date a new agreement "On cooperation between Universities of the German Rector's Conference and Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine" is prepared for signing.**
- **on May 19, 2014 at Warsaw University an Agreement on Cooperation between the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland and the Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine was signed.**

Union of Rectors:

Currently on the mutual basis the Union of Rectors has established partnerships with:

- **European University Association,**
- **the Canadian Bureau for International Education,**
- **the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland,**
- **Polish Rectors Foundation,**
- **the German Rector's Conference,**
- **American Councils for International Education in Ukraine,**

Union of Rectors:

Under the auspices of the Union of Rectors f workshop "TheGlobal University Ranking QS 2013" was held 6 Ukrainian universities entered the global university ranking QS 2014/15:

- Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (421-430);
- V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (481-490);
- National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" (551-600);
- Sumy State University (651-700);
- Donetsk National University (701+);
- National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute" (701+).



Thank you for your attention