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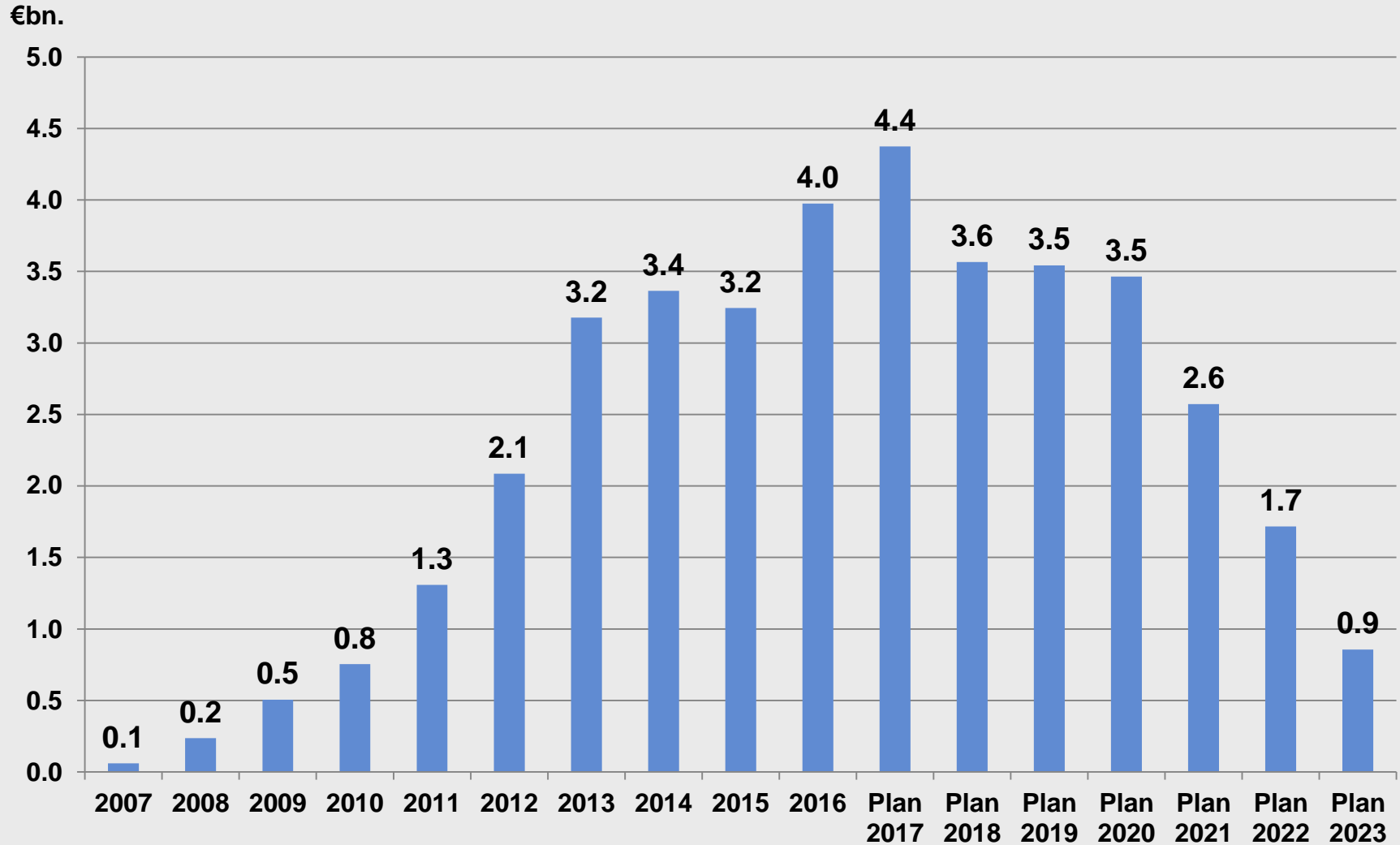
Higher Education Pact 2020:

**Report on the largest funding programme
for higher education institutions in Germany**

**(Article 91b, Basic Law, *German
Constitution*)**

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€38.8 billion granted by the Federal Government and the German Federal States for additional higher education places from 2007 to 2023



Federal Government: €20.2 bn, Federal States: €18.6 bn (plan)

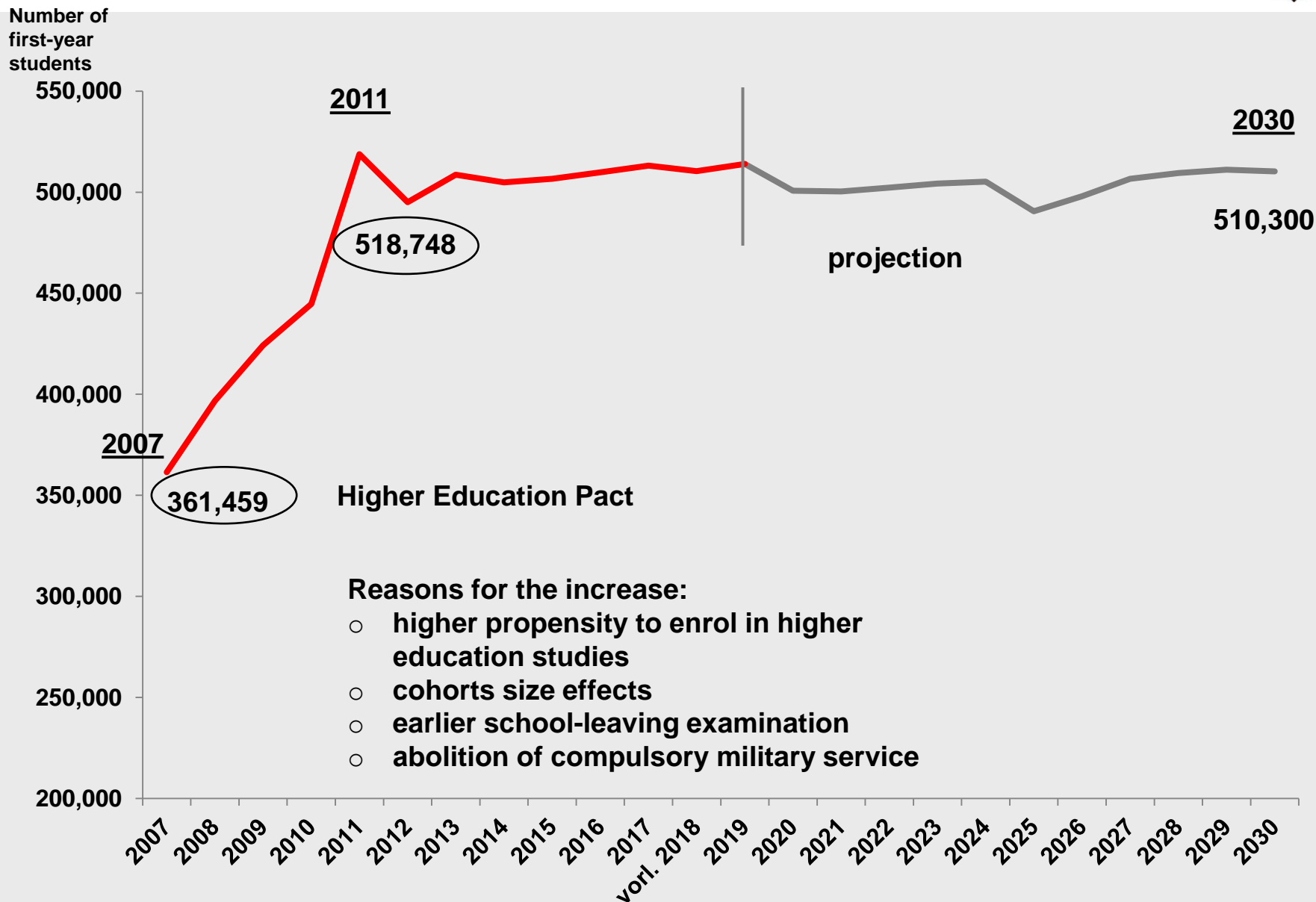
Who is responsible for providing the basic funding of higher education institutions?

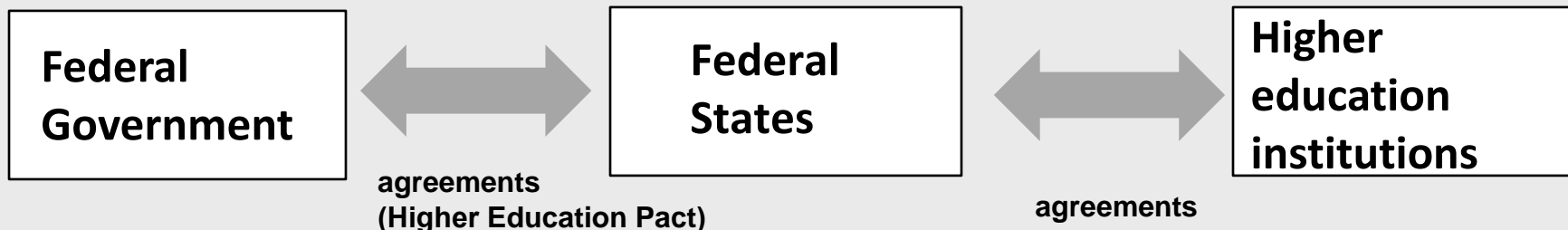


- Public higher education institutions receive basic funding from the Federal States.
- In cases of supraregional importance, Federal Government and Federal States may cooperate in the promotion of sciences, research and teaching, Article 91b of the Basic Law.

Germany has a federal government system. Both the Federal Government and the 16 Federal States have independent areas of jurisdiction. The Basic Law sets forth the respective powers. Higher education has been largely assigned to the Federal States. Cooperation between the Federal Government and the States in the promotion of sciences, research and teaching is subject to Article 91b of the Basic Law.

Number of first-year students in Germany 2007 to 2030





Three-stage approach:

Plan:

2007 – 2010

91,370 additional first-year students

2011 – 2015

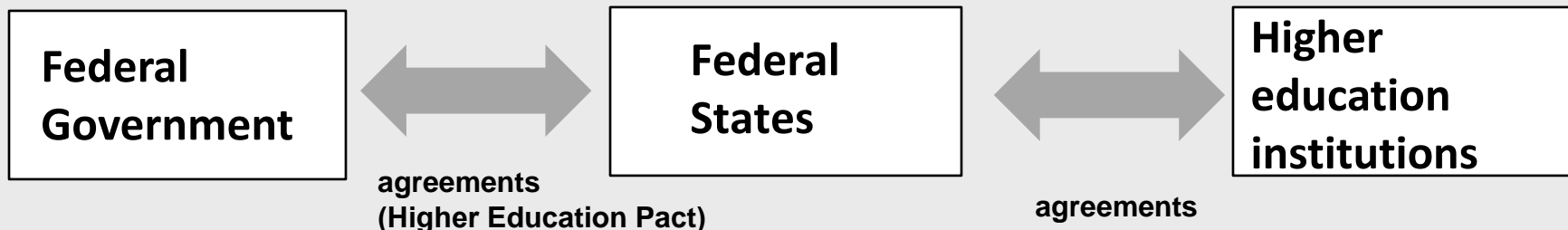
623,787 additional first-year students

2016 – 2020

760,033 additional first-year students

- **€22,000 / €26,000** for each of the additional first-year students
- **€38.8 bn** (Federal Government **€20.2 bn**, Federal States **€18.6 bn**)

Three-stage approach



stages 1 and 2:

Plan:

Total:

2007 – 2010

91,370 additional first-year students

185,024

2011 – 2015

623,787 additional first-year students

722,044

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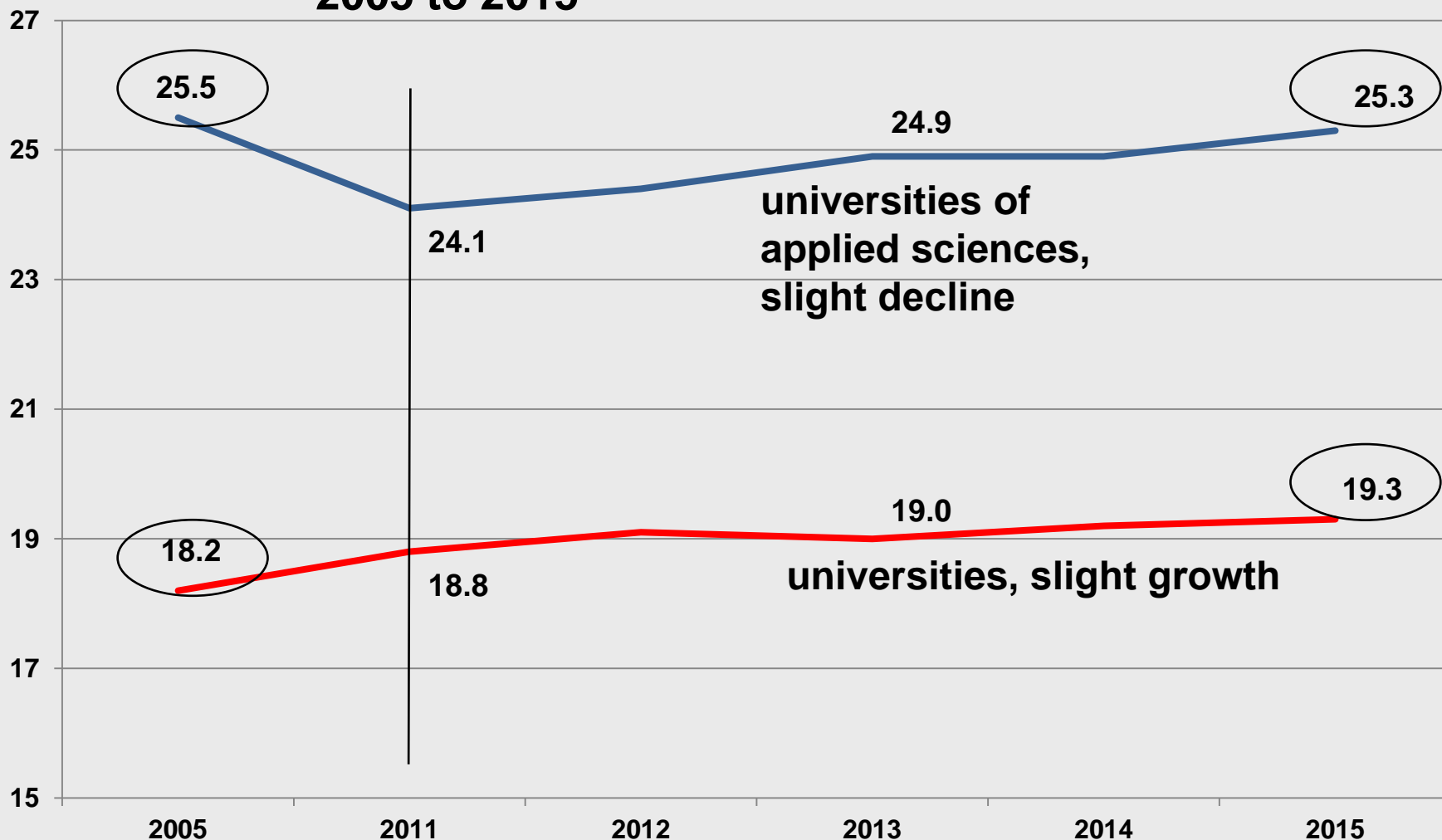
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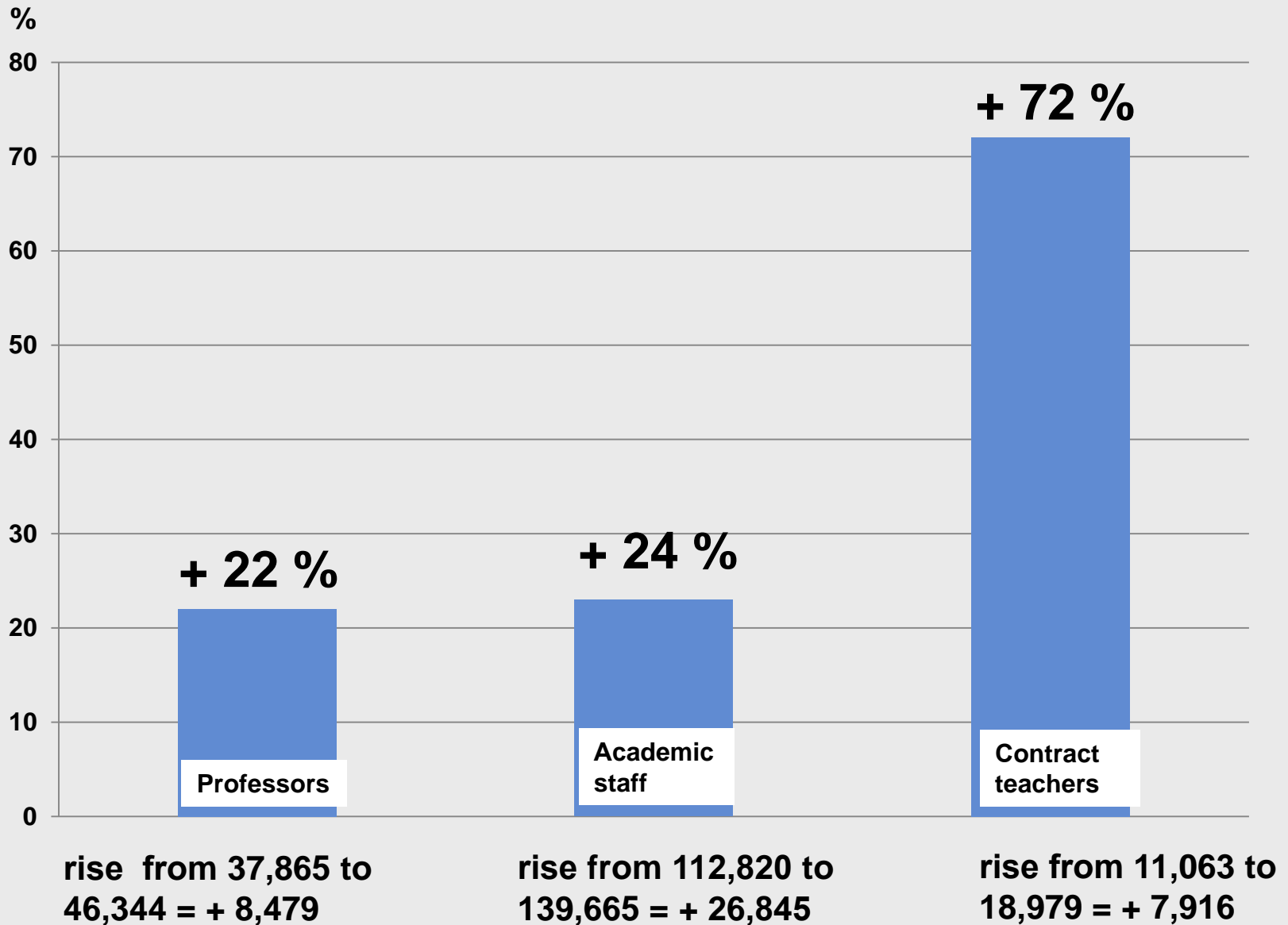


Number of students
per member of
academic staff

Comparison of student/academic staff ratios 2005 to 2015

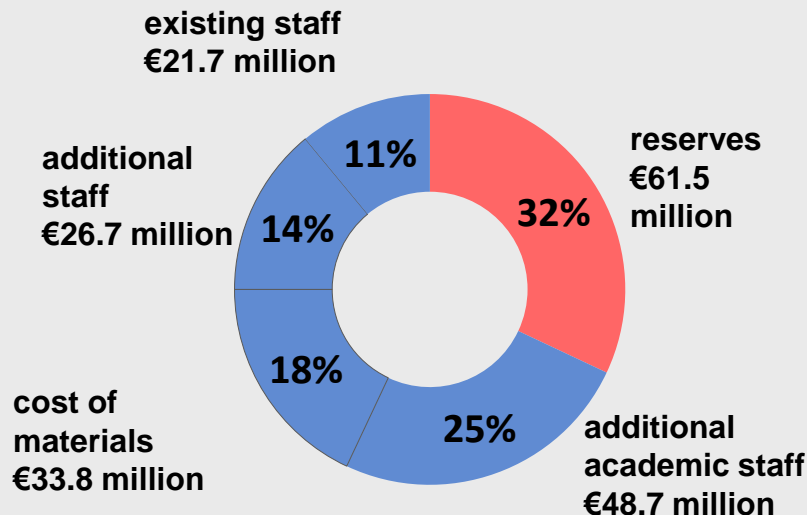


Excess number of contract teachers recruited to secure teaching work, 2015 compared to 2005¹



- The Federal States created a number of considerable unexpended balances in their budgets.
- Some higher education institutions built up considerable reserves making up a multiple of their annual grants.

Case study Schleswig-Holstein:



**Schleswig-Holstein:
Higher education institutions
have built up high reserves of
their grants received:
1/3 of €192 million
(2011 - 2015).**

Next step: Agreement to enhance studies and teaching



- Successor to the Higher Education Pact 2020 – permanent agreement.
- Federal and State Governments to spend some **€3.8 billion** annually as from 2021 and some **€4.1 billion** annually as from 2024.
- *"Permanent funding as from 2021 is designed to help increase the number of established posts of higher education staff assigned to scholarly study and teaching. The Federal Government and the Federal States consider this improvement a key factor helping to strengthen the quality of scholarly study and teaching."*¹
- Federal States to call up annual grants only as actually needed.
- Federal States may no longer build up any reserves.

Further information:

- Bundesrechnungshof: www.bundesrechnungshof.de
- Gemeinsame Wissenschaftskonferenz (GWK): www.gwk-bonn.de
- Hochschulrektorenkonferenz: www.hrk.de
- Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK): www.kmk.org
- Wissenschaftsrat: www.wissenschaftsrat.de

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