

Higher Education Coverage in

Medellin



Have you ever wondered: **How many people from Medellin access Higher Education?** Well, It turns out that this is a very frequent question in the academic and government fields to broaden the understanding of the dynamics of access and coverage.

Finding this answer implies recognizing that Medellín is the epicenter of the Valle de Aburrá Metropolitan Area, which concentrates the largest number of Higher Educational Institutions– (In spanish IES), academic programs and students enrolled in the Department. This dynamic oversized **the coverage rate in Higher education*** because it is a receiving municipality that attracts students from other regions and even from other countries.

of Medellin residents enrolled in HEI located¹ in the municipality
Residents of Medellín aged from 17 to 21 y/o * 100

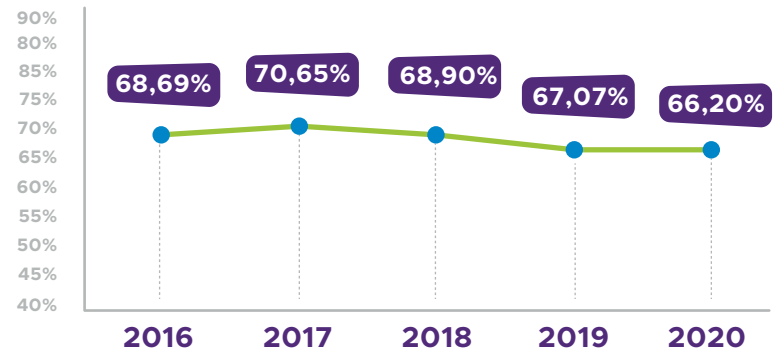
From Observatorio de Sapiencia we decided to make an inquiry in the HEI located in Medellín¹, to know specifically the number of students enrolled in undergraduate programs, in contrast to their place of living.

4 out of 10 ✓
people that are enrolled in Medellin live in other municipalities.

The result of this inquiry allows us to identify that for the year 2020 the coverage in Higher Education in Medellin is 66.2%. During the last 5 years this rate has remained above 66%, that is 6 out of 10 young people from Medellin aged 17 to 21 years old are enrolled in a higher education program in the HEI located in the Municipality.

¹ According to SNIES, 34 Higher Education Institutions are located in Medellín, of which one is inactive.

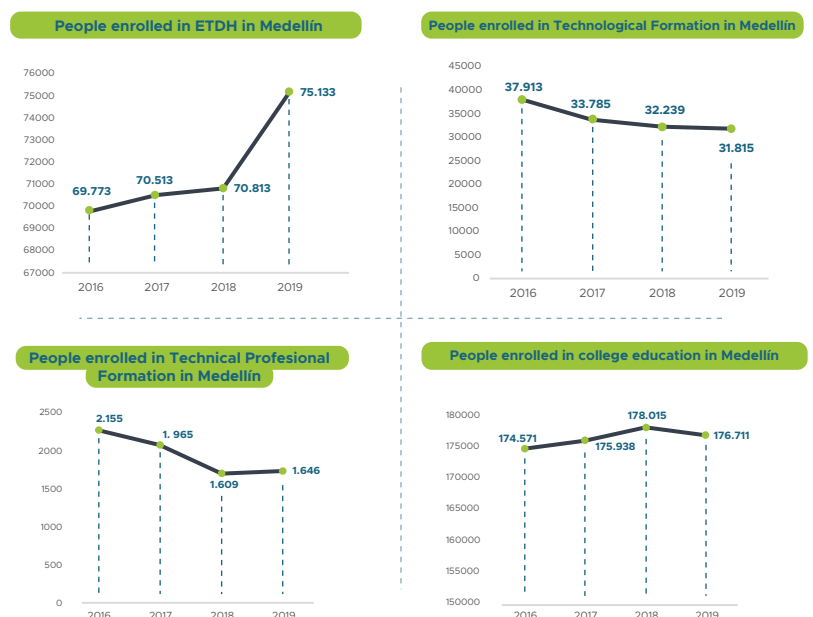
The calculation is made with the information provided by 26 HEI, which concentrate 94.4% of undergraduate students enrolled in Medellín.



Source 1

This rate has had a historical variation ², that is, the coverage in higher education has presented a decreasing trend. Depending on the sex, this variation is higher in men (-5.0%) compared to women (-1.5%).

According to SNIES data ³, the number of students enrolled in higher education in Medellin (regardless of their place of residence) has decreased in the last year and has presented a growing trend in levels of training such as professional techniques and ETDH ⁴ programs .



Source 2

This situation is not indifferent to the socioeconomic realities of the world, which demand an educational transformation that integrates new ways of acquiring knowledge outside the traditional system of higher education.

² In the period from 2016 to 2020

³ Source 2. SNIES 2020. Information with cut to 2019

⁴ Education for Work and Human development (in spanish ETDH)

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