

Public and Private Universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Abstract: *Universities are educational institutions where students get knowledge, training and improve their talents before starting professional life. The increase in unemployment rate in especially developing countries has made the quality of education at the universities an agenda. While public universities which has proven itself in the quality education with experienced academicians were adequate for students in last decade, today, private universities with better infrastructures and education opportunities have been established. Bosnia and Herzegovina (B&H) is one of the developing and transitional countries in Eastern Europe. Before ethnic and political tensions of 1990s, the number of public universities was eight. After Dayton agreement in 1995, 34 private universities have been founded following the conflict years. Demographical differences in public and private universities after the conflict years and the impact of these differences on their performance have attracted curiosity. In this regard, the purpose of the study is to make an exploratory analysis at public and the private universities in B&H. 515 surveys were collected from academics and administrative staff at these universities in B&H. Descriptive analysis was used to give demographic information about public and private universities in B&H.*

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