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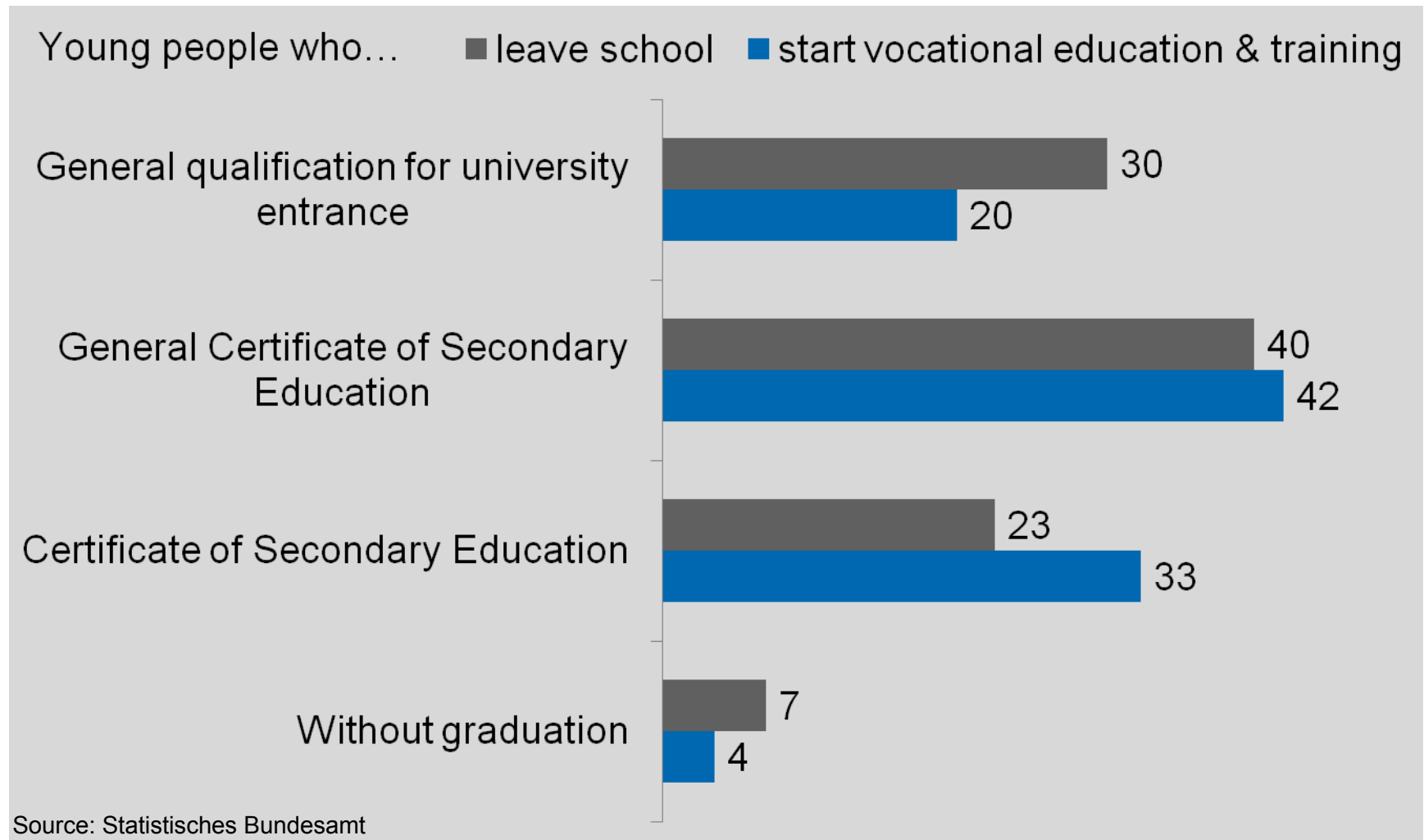


# Modernisation of minimum training requirements

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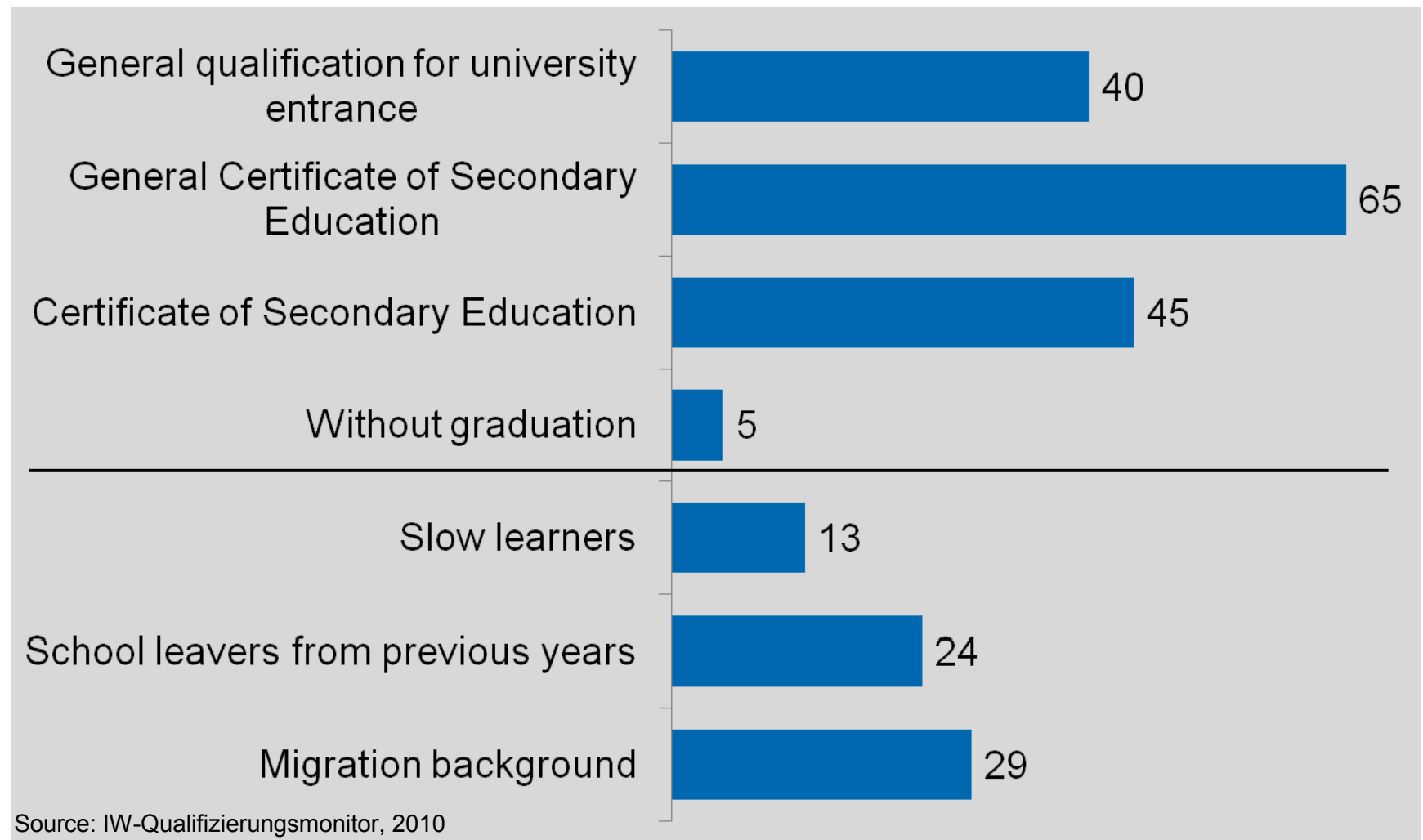
## Germany's dual system of vocational education & training

Educational attainment, in per cent, 2010



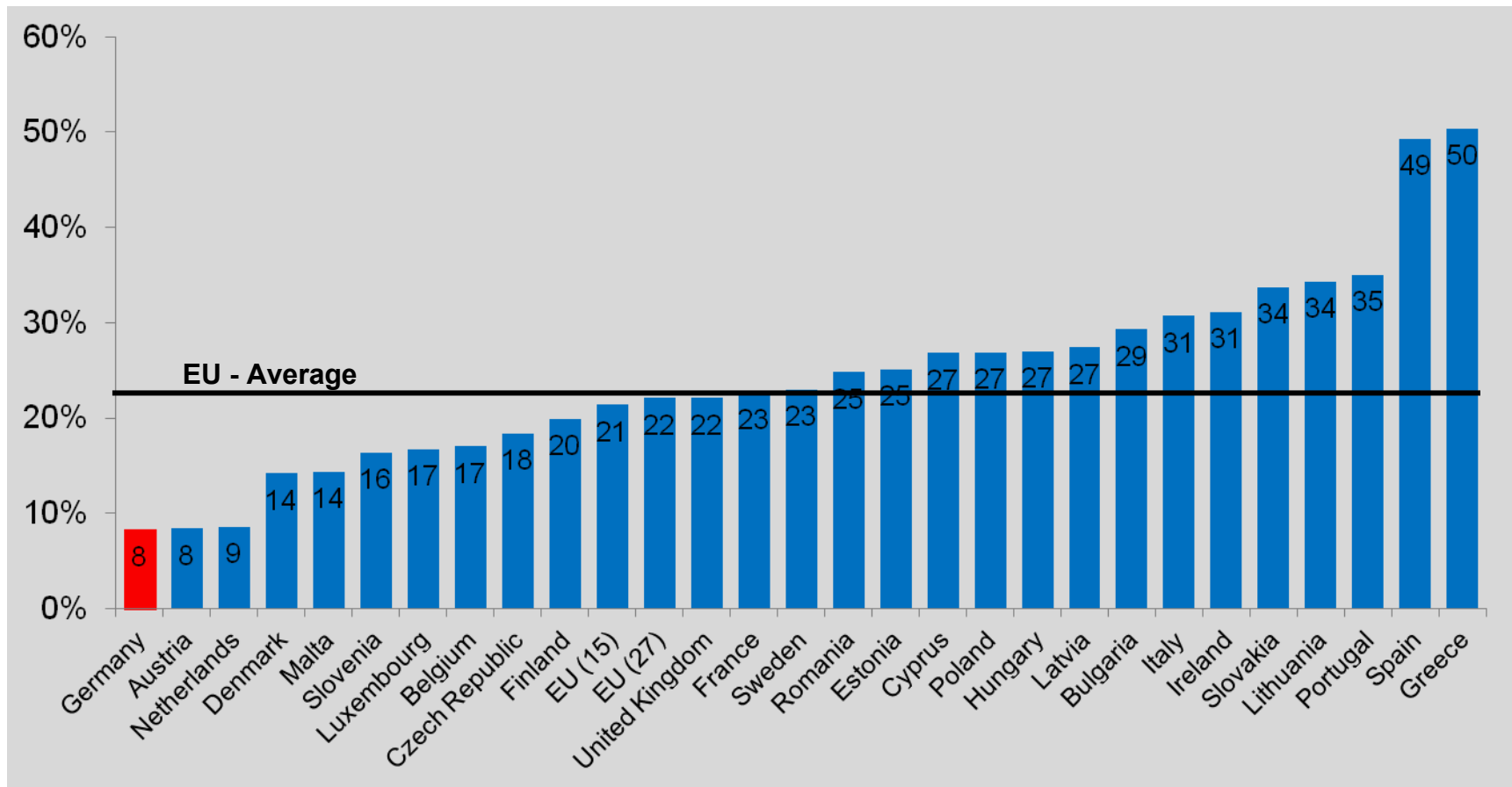
## School leavers' diversity appreciated by companies

Young people in vocational education & training, in per cent, 2010



# Result: Low youth unemployment

Unemployment rate for people between 15 – 24 years, December 2011



# Skill shortages widespread in Germany

Number of professions with skill shortages, March 2012

9

Engineers,  
doctors, ....

## **Academics**

23,500 reported vacancies

51

Electricians, nurses,  
machinists, ...

## **Professional Education**

232,100 reported vacancies

# Impact of the modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive

**Modernising minimum training requirements: positive step towards adjustment to changed demands and contents, if necessary**

## **Impact for Germany:**

- ▶ Increasing the number of years in general education for nurses as an obstacle for young people interested in profession
- ▶ Skill shortages versus declining number of young people
- ▶ Safeguarding quality of education: standards in vocational education & training