

Day of Szeged

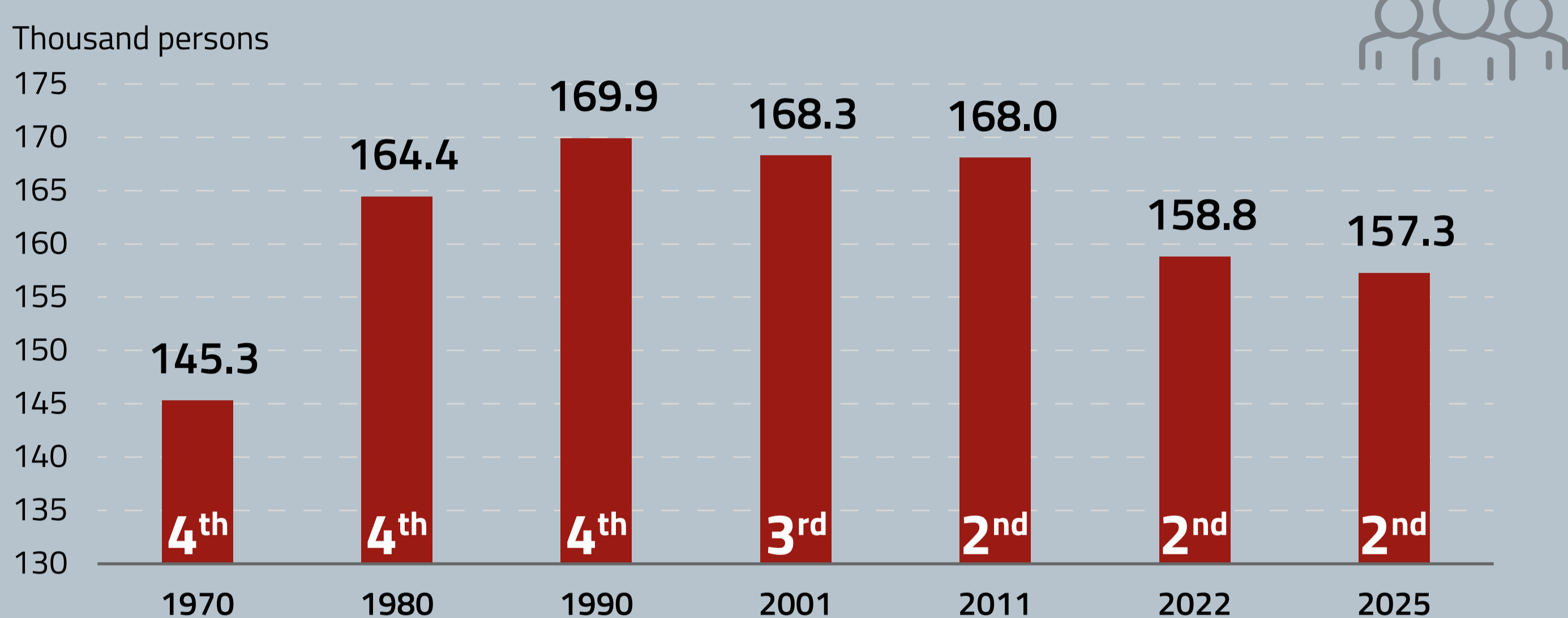
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Its position among Hungary's provincial towns (1 January 2025)



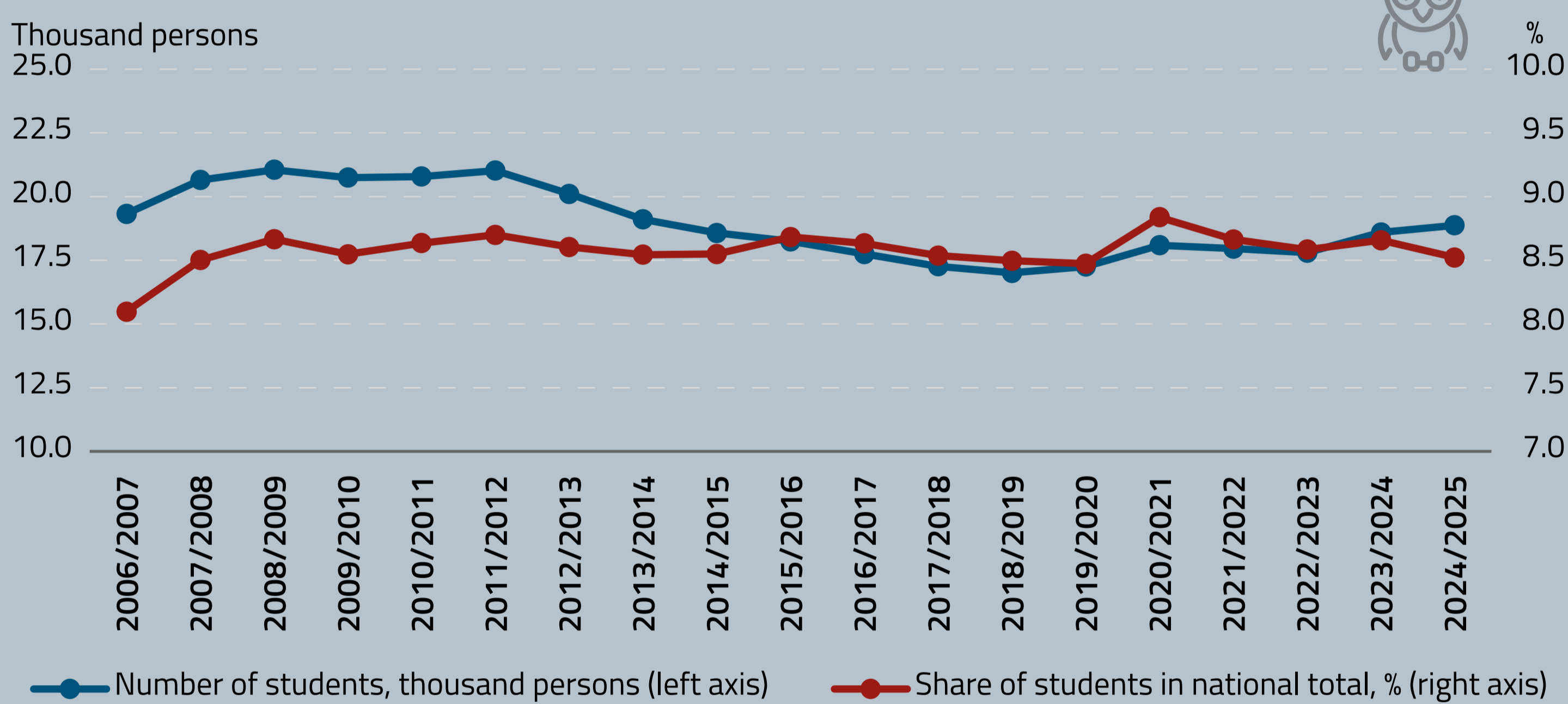
Population of Szeged and its ranking among provincial towns



During the era of the Austro-Hungarian dualism and the interwar period, Szeged was the most populous provincial settlement in Hungary. Its role declined in the 1950s; however, later it overtook first Pécs and then Miskolc, and it has been the second most populous provincial town after Debrecen for the past decade and a half.

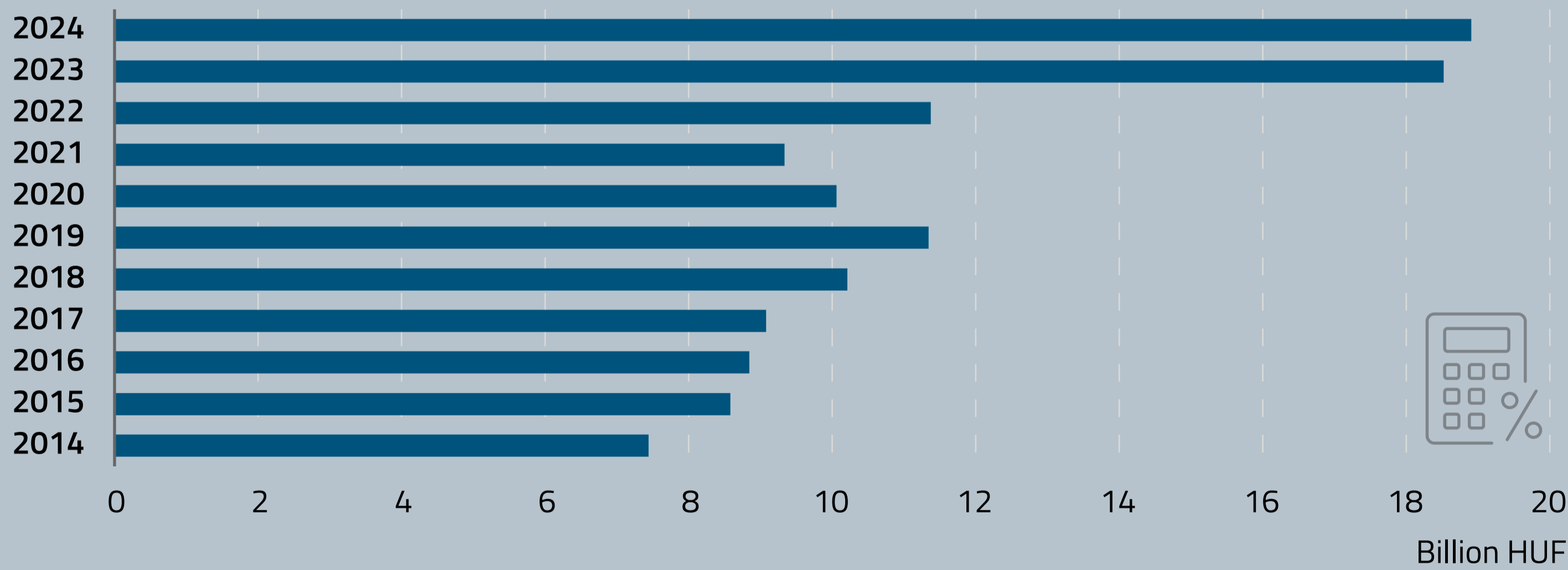
Forrás: HCSO, census data 1970–2022, carried-forward population for 2025.

Number of higher education students studying in Szeged and their share in the national total (full-time education, data by location of study)



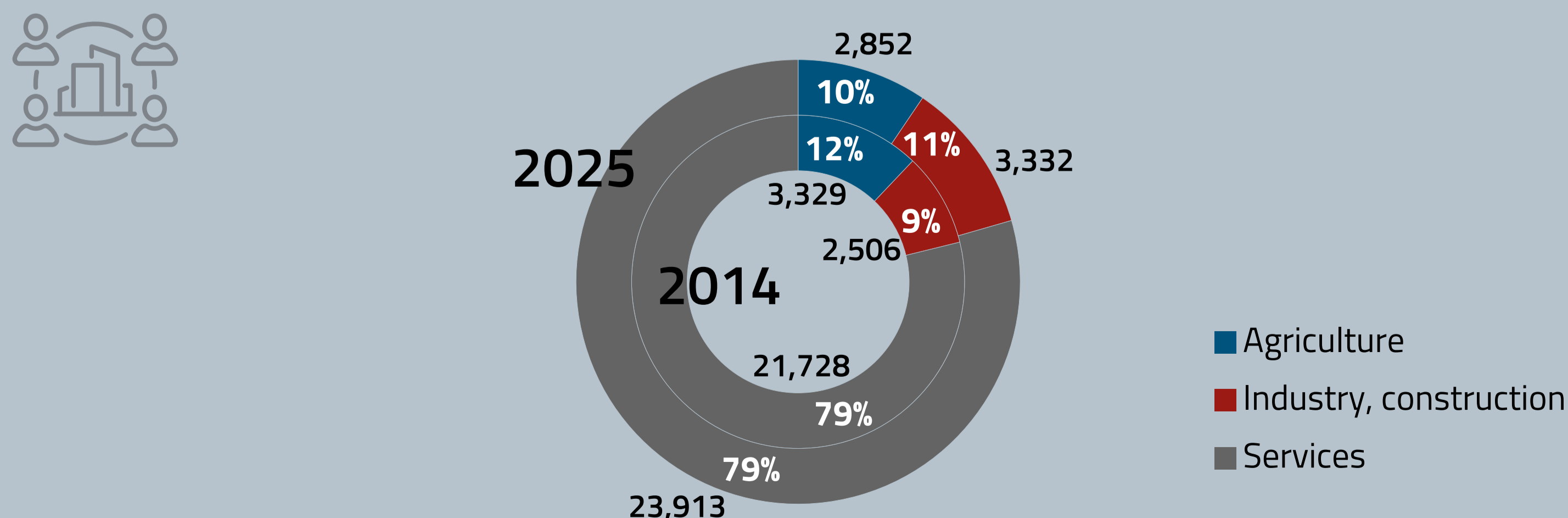
Around 8–9% of Hungary's higher education students choose Szeged as the location for their studies. This is the second-highest percentage among provincial towns, after Debrecen. As an intellectual centre, the university of the town has served both as a research base and alma mater for internationally renowned scientists such as Albert Szent-Györgyi and Katalin Karikó.

Trends in the municipality's local business tax revenues



With the exception of the years heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, revenues from the local business tax have increased dynamically.

Number and distribution of registered enterprises in Szeged by sections of the national economy



Over the past decade, both the number and the proportion of industrial enterprises have increased significantly.