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Germany's 57 Studentenwerke are funding themselves by self-generated revenue, semester fees, subsidies by the state governments, reimbursement of expenses for handling the federal grants and loans system ("BAföG") and by subsidies from local public bodies.

- Almost two thirds of income (64.5%) **is generated by the Studentenwerke themselves** from rental income, revenue from university catering and other income, for example from interest revenues.
- The percentage of overall income from **semester fees** was 16.7% in 2012. Average semester fees in Germany are 58 euros per semester. The semester fees are not tuition fees, but mandatory social contributions by each student to his/her local Studentenwerk.
- The Studentenwerke fulfil a public mandate by shaping the social framework conditions for studying. In return, they receive **subsidies or financial help** from the respective federal state amounting to 9.7% of overall income.
- The Studentenwerke receive 6% of their income as **reimbursement of expenses for handling the federal study financing system "BAföG"** in 15 federal states.
- The other subsidies, which are usually **subsidies by local public bodies for child-care** in Studentenwerk day-care centres, make up 3.6% of the overall income.

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