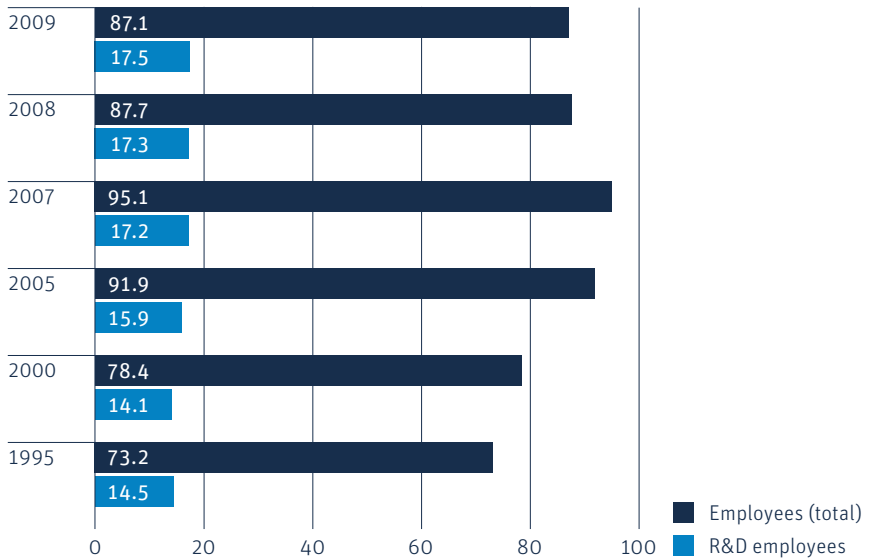


## Employees of the vfa Member Companies

Number in thousands



2009: provisional data

Source: vfa

Employee numbers in vfa member companies stabilized again in 2009 after a noticeable decline in 2008.

In contrast, the number of employees engaged in research and development again increased slightly. This shows Germany's excellent potential as a research location. Research-based pharmaceutical companies rely in particular on the qualified workers they find in Germany.