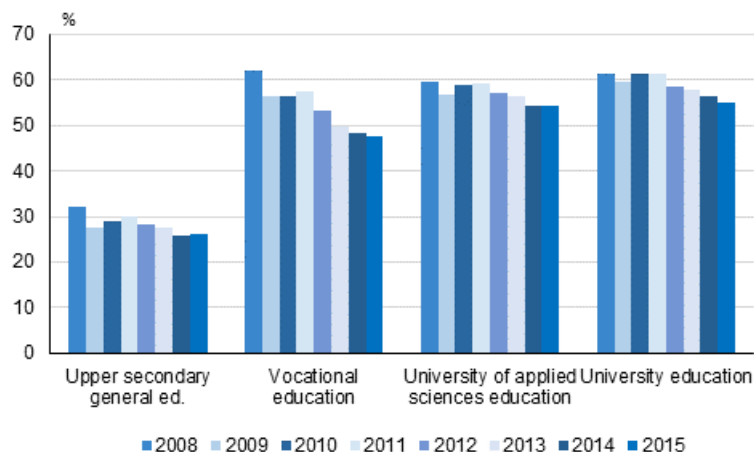


# Employment of students 2015

## Every other student was working while studying

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students decreased by close on one percentage in 2015 from the previous year. Slightly less than one-half of students were employed during their studies. Since 2004, the share has been highest in 2008 when nearly six out of ten students were employed during their studies.

### Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2008–2015



Working was most common in connection with university and university of applied sciences studies. Fifty-five per cent of university students and 54 per cent of university of applied sciences students had an employment contract while studying. Close on one-half of students attending upper secondary vocational education were employed during their studies. In 2015, the share of employed students in university education decreased most, by around one percentage point from the year before.

Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 53 per cent of women and 46 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The proportion of employed women in upper secondary general education and in university of applied sciences education was ten percentage points higher than that of men. Thirty per cent of women in upper secondary general education were working alongside studies and 56 per cent of women in university of applied sciences education. Fifty-one per cent of women in upper secondary vocational education worked, which was seven percentage points more than for men.

Employment during studies grew clearly the older the students were. While 22 per cent of students aged 18 were working, the share of employed students aged at least 25 was nearly triple. Of 21-year-old students, 39 per cent and of 24-year-old students, 49 per cent had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 61 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Sixty-one per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, and business and administration, 56 per cent of students in the fields of health, welfare and sports, and 53 per cent of students in the fields of humanities and education had a valid employment contract at the end of 2015.

Employment during studies was more common than the average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Ostrobothnia and Varsinais-Suomi, and in Åland.

More information on the employment of students can be found from the [Tables in databases](#). More information related to the progress of studies is available from statistics describing [Progress of studies](#) and [Discontinuation of education](#).

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## Appendix tables

**Appendix table 1. Employment of students aged at least 18 years in 2015 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2015**

Sector of education	Students total 2015	Employed students 2015		2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Upper secondary general education	44 013	11 448	26,0	100,0	27,4	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	234 764	112 261	47,8	100,0	49,8	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
Polytechnic education	139 670	75 853	54,3	100,0	56,3	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	157 429	86 518	55,0	100,0	57,9	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>575 876</b>	<b>286 080</b>	<b>49,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>52,0</b>	<b>53,7</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>56,1</b>	<b>55,2</b>	<b>58,7</b>	<b>58,3</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>53,6</b>

**Appendix table 2. Employment of students aged at least 18 by level of education and gender in 2015**

Level of education	Students			Female students			Male students		
	Total	Of whom employed	%	Total	Of whom employed	%	Total	Of whom employed	%
Upper secondary general education	44 013	11 448	26,0	24 717	7 460	30,2	19 296	3 988	20,7
Upper secondary vocational education	234 764	112 261	47,8	125 438	64 192	51,2	109 326	48 069	44,0
University of applied sciences degree (Bachelor)	129 508	67 030	51,8	68 167	38 468	56,4	61 341	28 562	46,6
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	85 627	41 034	47,9	43 551	22 997	52,8	42 076	18 037	42,9
University of applied sciences degree (Master)	10 162	8 823	86,8	6 503	5 659	87,0	3 659	3 164	86,5
Higher university degree (Master)	52 119	30 819	59,1	29 631	17 511	59,1	22 488	13 308	59,2
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	157	141	89,8	146	131	89,7	11	10	90,9
Licentiate's degree	1 274	992	77,9	638	518	81,2	636	474	74,5
Doctoral degree	18 252	13 532	74,1	9 654	7 232	74,9	8 598	6 300	73,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>575 876</b>	<b>286 080</b>	<b>49,7</b>	<b>308 445</b>	<b>164 168</b>	<b>53,2</b>	<b>267 431</b>	<b>121 912</b>	<b>45,6</b>

**Appendix table 3. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2015**

Level of education	Students total	Employed students total		Age							
			%	18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
Level of education	Students total	Employed students		18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
Upper secondary general education	44 013	11 448	26,0	6 510	2 660	396	283	205	186	130	1 078
Upper secondary vocational education	234 764	112 261	47,8	6 272	3 465	3 170	4 267	4 189	4 294	3 902	82 702
University of applied sciences degree(Bachelor)	129 508	67 030	51,8	19	916	3 292	5 624	7 150	7 230	6 173	36 626
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	85 627	41 034	47,9	15	1 122	2 369	3 889	4 262	4 002	3 005	22 370
University of applied sciences degree (Master)	10 162	8 823	86,8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8 822
Higher university degree (Master)	52 119	30 819	59,1	-	26	98	165	509	1 519	2 605	25 897
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	157	141	89,8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141
Licentiate's degree	1 274	992	77,9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	992
Doctoral degree	18 252	13 532	74,1	-	-	-	1	-	13	60	13 458
<b>Total</b>	<b>575 876</b>	<b>286 080</b>	<b>49,7</b>	<b>12 816</b>	<b>8 189</b>	<b>9 325</b>	<b>14 229</b>	<b>16 315</b>	<b>17 244</b>	<b>15 876</b>	<b>192 086</b>

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