

Subject choices of students 2010

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According to Statistics Finland, English was the most commonly studied foreign language on grades 1 to 6 of comprehensive school in the autumn semester of 2010. Sixty-seven per cent of the pupils attending grades 1 to 6 studied English either as a compulsory or optional foreign language. The percentages of pupils studying other foreign languages remained at 5 per cent or below. A total of 345,615 pupils attended grades 1 to 6. 177 312 of the pupils were boys and 168 303 were girls. Nearly all pupils attending grades 7 to 9 studied both English and Swedish or Finnish either as mother tongue, or as a compulsory, optional or elective foreign language. German was studied by 11 per cent and French by 6 per cent of the pupils attending grades 7 to 9, mainly as an optional or elective foreign language. A total of 186,368 pupils attended grades 7 to 9. 95 175 of the pupils were boys and 91 193 were girls.

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		Compulsory language A1	Optional language A2	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2	Total	Share of pupils in grades 1-6 %	Share of pupils in grades 7-9 %
Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	218 458	13 365	-	-	231 823	67.1	-
	Swedish	2 919	12 625	-	-	15 544	4.5	-
	Finnish	14 016	1 086	-	-	15 102	4.4	-
	French	2 164	4 439	-	-	6 603	1.9	-
	German	3 076	9 042	-	-	12 118	3.5	-
	Russian	843	810	-	-	1 653	0.5	-
	Sami	1	210	-	-	211	0.1	-
	Other	253	626	-	-	879	0.3	-
Grades 7-9	English	170 345	14 252	310	100	185 007	-	99.3
	Swedish	1 856	12 786	156 747	7	171 396	-	92.0
	Finnish	10 071	1 058	209	2	11 340	-	6.1
	French	1 234	3 689	229	5 896	11 048	-	5.9
	German	1 659	9 038	391	8 513	19 601	-	10.5
	Russian	518	331	-	1 706	2 555	-	1.4
	Sami	3	34	-	6	43	-	0.0
	Latin	0	0	-	342	342	-	0.2
	Other	27	269	-	2 267	2 563	-	1.4

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Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	111 824	6 616	-	-	118 440	66.8	-
	Swedish	1 416	5 630	-	-	7 046	4.0	-
	Finnish	7 140	557	-	-	7 697	4.3	-
	French	852	1 748	-	-	2 600	1.5	-
	German	1 408	4 118	-	-	5 526	3.1	-
	Russian	358	329	-	-	687	0.4	-
	Sami	1	80	-	-	81	0.0	-
	Other	117	308	-	-	425	0.2	-
Grades 7-9	English	87 172	6 994	141	42	94 349	-	99.1
	Swedish	837	5 463	80 949	3	87 252	-	91.7
	Finnish	5 196	516	98	1	5 811	-	6.1
	French	488	1 271	70	1 493	3 322	-	3.5
	German	727	3 816	174	3 407	8 124	-	8.5
	Russian	194	135	-	631	960	-	1.0
	Sami	1	13	-	1	15	-	0.0
	Latin	0	0	-	137	137	-	0.1
	Other	17	118	-	664	799	-	0.8

Appendix table 2. Language choices of comprehensive school pupils in 2010, girls

		Compulsory language A1	Optional language A2	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2	Girls total	Share of girls in grades 1-6 %	Share of girls in grades 7-9 %
Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	106 634	6 749	-	-	113 383	67.4	-
	Swedish	1 503	6 995	-	-	8 498	5.0	-
	Finnish	6 876	529	-	-	7 405	4.4	-
	French	1 312	2 691	-	-	4 003	2.4	-
	German	1 668	4 924	-	-	6 592	3.9	-
	Russian	485	481	-	-	966	0.6	-
	Sami	0	130	-	-	130	0.1	-
	Other	136	318	-	-	454	0.3	-
Grades 7-9	English	83 173	7 258	169	58	90 658	-	99.4
	Swedish	1 019	7 323	75 798	4	84 144	-	92.3
	Finnish	4 875	542	111	1	5 529	-	6.1
	French	746	2 418	159	4 403	7 726	-	8.5
	German	932	5 222	217	5 106	11 477	-	12.6
	Russian	324	196	-	1 075	1 595	-	1.7
	Sami	2	21	-	5	28	-	0.0
	Latin	0	0	-	205	205	-	0.2
	Other	10	151	-	1 603	1 764	-	1.9

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