

Students and qualifications of educational institutions 2009

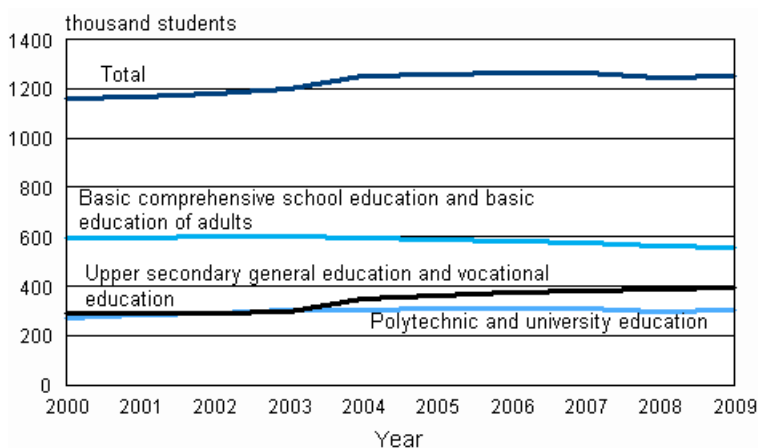
Number of students in education leading to a qualification or degree unchanged

The total number of students in education leading to a qualification or degree was 1.25 million in 2008. Preliminary data on 2009 indicate that the number of students remained almost unchanged in comparison with the previous year. In comprehensive and upper secondary general school education the number of students fell due to diminished age cohorts. In vocational, polytechnic and university education the number of students rose slightly. These data derive from education statistics compiled by Statistics Finland.

In 2008 the number of new students totalled 270,000 and that of attainers of qualifications or degrees 220,000. A total of 52 per cent of new students and 55 per cent of attainers of qualifications or degrees were women. As a result of the revised degree system a record number of degrees were completed in university education, that is 71 per cent more than one year earlier.

These statistics apply harmonised concepts and classifications to draw an overall picture of education leading to a qualification or degree. The statistics contain data on all the sectors of education. Data on the subject matter are published on Statistics Finland's website in the statistics' database tables and in statistics on pre-primary and basic comprehensive school education, upper secondary general education, vocational education, polytechnic education and university education.

Students in education leading to a qualification or degree 2000–2009 (2009 preliminary data)



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Sector of education	2008	2009 ¹	Change 2008-2009, %
Total	1 249 831	1 250 000	0
Basic comprehensive school education, compulsory education school	561 061	553 329	-1
Basic education of adults	2 463	2 326	-6
Upper-secondary general education	114 240	113 000	-1
Vocational education	275 498	280 000	2
Polytechnic education	132 501	135 033	2
University education	164 068	169 000	3

1) The data on upper secondary general education, vocational and university education are preliminary. From 2009 onwards, the students in the Finnish National Defence University have been included in the number of students in university education.

2. Students and completed qualifications and degrees in education leading to a qualification or degree by sector of education and sex 2008 1)

Sector of education	New students	New students, women	Students	Students, women	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
		%		%		%
Total	267 757	52	1 249 831	51	222 294	55
Basic comprehensive school education, compulsory education school	57 028	49	561 061	49	66 810	49
Basic education of adults	.	.	2 463	55	.	.
Upper secondary general education	38 744	57	114 240	57	32 963	57
Vocational education	115 343	49	275 498	49	62 498	53
Polytechnic education	36 999	57	132 501	55	21 812	64
University education	19 643	56	164 068	53	38 211	64

1) Excl. new students and qualifications in basic education of adults and new students in post-graduate education in universities (licentiates degrees, doctors degrees, specialist degrees in medicine).

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