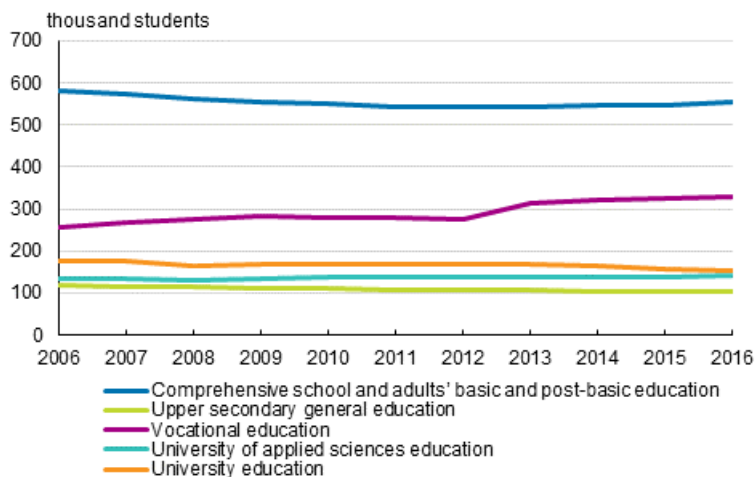


Students and qualifications of educational institutions 2016

Students in education leading to a qualification or degree number 1.28 million

The total number of students in education leading to a qualification or degree was 1.28 million in 2016. The number is 0.4 per cent higher than in 2015. The number of students grew in comprehensive school education, vocational education and university of applied sciences education. The number of students in upper secondary general school education and university education decreased. These data derive from education statistics compiled by Statistics Finland.

Students in education leading to a qualification or degree 2006–2016



In 2016, the number of new students totalled 286,700 and that of attainers of qualifications or degrees 221,900. A total of 52 per cent of new students and 54 per cent of attainers of qualifications or degrees were women. Women were in the majority in all other educational sectors except in lower secondary level. There were particularly many women among those with qualifications attained in university of applied sciences education.

The statistics on students and qualifications of educational institutions 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 also published in the [database](#)

[tables](#) of these statistics, and on the web pages of the statistics on [pre-primary and comprehensive school education](#), [upper secondary general education](#), [vocational education](#), [university of applied sciences education](#), [university education](#), and [adult education of educational institutions](#).

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Appendix table 1. Students in education leading to a qualification or degree by sector of education in 2015 and 2016

Sector of education	2015	2016	Change 2015–2016, %
Total	1 274 593	1 280 032	0,4
Basic comprehensive school education, compulsory education school (incl. pre-primary education)	546 065	550 236	0,8
Basic education of adults	2 220	2 984	34,4
Upper secondary general education	104 060	103 550	-0,5
Vocational education ¹⁾	325 085	327 734	0,8
University of applied sciences education	139 727	140 792	0,8
University education	157 436	154 736	-1,7

1) Data on vocational education are from the entire calendar year. Data for other sectors of education are for the situation on 20 September.

Appendix table 2. Students and completed qualifications and degrees in education leading to a qualification or degree by sector of education in 2016

Sector of education	New students ¹⁾	New students, women	Students	Students, women	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
		%		%		%
Total	286 656	52	1 280 032	51	221 900	54
Basic comprehensive school education, compulsory education school ²⁾	61 750	49	550 236	49	58 028	48
Basic education of adults	.	.	2 984	39	592	47
Upper secondary general education	35 058	57	103 550	57	30 986	58
Vocational education	125 636	51	327 734	50	74 700	54
University of applied sciences education	38 598	54	140 792	53	25 713	62
University education	25 614	55	154 736	53	31 881	57

1) Excluding new students in basic education of adults.

2) Including pre-primary education in comprehensive schools.

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