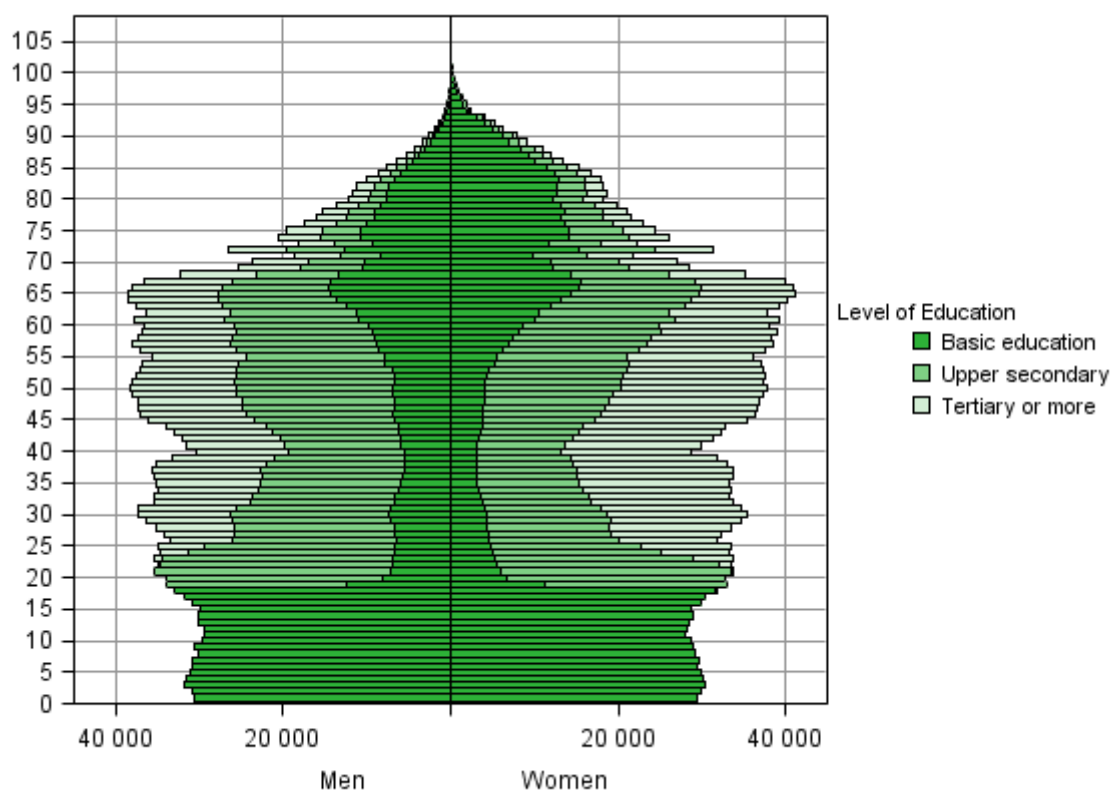


# Educational structure of population 2013

## Young women highly educated, Uusimaa has the population with highest educational qualifications

By the end of 2013, a total of 3,164,095 persons in Finland had attained post-comprehensive level educational qualifications in upper secondary general school education, vocational education, polytechnic education or university education. In other words, 69 per cent of the population aged 15 or over had completed a post-comprehensive level qualification. The share of those with a post-comprehensive level qualification remained unchanged.

Population by level of education, age and gender 2013



The educational differences between age groups can be examined by comparing the changes in the population shares of those with tertiary level degrees. Younger generations (aged 25 to 34) are more highly educated than older generations (aged 55 to 64). Especially young women are more highly educated, while young men are less educated than the older age groups. The population share of young women with higher level tertiary qualifications is 10,1 percentage points higher than for the older comparison group. Correspondingly, the share of young men is 1.6 percentage points lower. In other words, the rise in women's level of education has been rapid. Young people are more highly educated in almost all regions, the only exceptions are Kanta-Häme and Åland, where the older generations have better education, and Kymenlaakso, where there are no differences in the level of education between the age groups. Young women are more highly educated than older women in all regions of Finnish mainland, while young men are, as a rule, less educated than older men. The educational level of young men exceeds the educational level of older men in the regions of Pirkanmaa, Central Finland, North Ostrobothnia, Ostrobothnia, North Karelia and Kainuu.

### Difference between age groups with tertiary education by gender 2013

Region	Both Genders	Men	Women
	Difference between the 25-34 and 55-64 year-old population, percentage point	Difference between the 25-34 and 55-64 year-old population, percentage point	Difference between the 25-34 and 55-64 year-old population, percentage point
<b>Whole Country</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>-1,6</b>	<b>10,1</b>
<b>Mainland Finland</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>10,1</b>
Uusimaa	0,8	-5,9	7,7
Varsinais-Suomi	3,2	-3,3	9,8
Satakunta	2,2	-3,4	8,9
Kanta-Häme	-2,5	-8,1	3,5
Pirkanmaa	5,0	0,3	10,2
Päijät-Häme	1,3	-4,4	7,5
Kymenlaakso	0,0	-5,9	6,9
South Karelia	5,5	-0,2	12,1
Etelä-Savo	3,2	-2,5	10,0
Pohjois-Savo	4,3	-0,6	10,0
North Karelia	7,9	2,7	14,0
Central Finland	5,8	1,3	10,9
South Ostrobothnia	5,2	-0,8	12,1
Ostrobothnia	5,9	0,7	12,6
Central Ostrobothnia	6,0	-1,5	14,3
North Ostrobothnia	4,9	0,6	9,9
Kainuu	5,5	1,6	10,4
Lapland	1,8	-3,3	7,6
<b>Åland</b>	<b>-6,6</b>	<b>-12,7</b>	<b>0,0</b>
Åland	-6,6	-12,7	0,0

Second generation immigrants with foreign background, i.e. those born in Finland, are mainly young people. Sixty-six per cent of second generation immigrants with foreign background belong to the age group 15 to 24, whose studying career is only beginning. The highest educated second generation immigrants with foreign background are persons aged 45 to 54, among whom 84.4 per cent have completed post-comprehensive level qualifications and 35.4 per cent tertiary level education. Measured by population share, persons aged 45 to 54 are nearly as highly educated as persons with Finnish background born in Finland, of whom 87 per cent have completed post-comprehensive level qualifications and 40.8 per cent tertiary level education.

### Educational attainment of second level immigrants with foreign background by age 2013

Age	Total		Basic education or less (ISCED 2 or less)		Population with educational qualifications		Upper secondary /Post-secondary non tertiary education (ISCED 3/4)		ISCED 5 or more	
		%		%		%		%		%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 080</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6 351</b>	<b>63,0</b>	<b>3 729</b>	<b>37,0</b>	<b>2 620</b>	<b>26,0</b>	<b>1 109</b>	<b>11,0</b>
15-24	6 645	100,0	5 189	78,1	1 456	21,9	1 408	21,2	48	0,7
25-34	360	100,0	97	26,9	263	73,1	150	41,7	113	31,4
35-44	232	100,0	57	24,6	175	75,4	93	40,1	82	35,3
45-54	263	100,0	41	15,6	222	84,4	129	49,0	93	35,4
55-64	942	100,0	256	27,2	686	72,8	370	39,3	316	33,5
65-74	1 139	100,0	441	38,7	698	61,3	356	31,3	342	30,0
75-	499	100,0	270	54,1	229	45,9	114	22,8	115	23,0

In 2013, there were 117,858 persons aged 20 to 29 with only basic level of education, which is 17.3 per cent of the age group. Among men, 19.7 per cent of the age group had only basic level education and 14.9 per cent among women. The share of those with only basic level education has decreased by 2.0 percentage points over the past 25 years. The share of those with only basic level education was lowest at the beginning of the 2000s when the share was 16.4 per cent. The share of those with only basic level education has, however, made an upturn.

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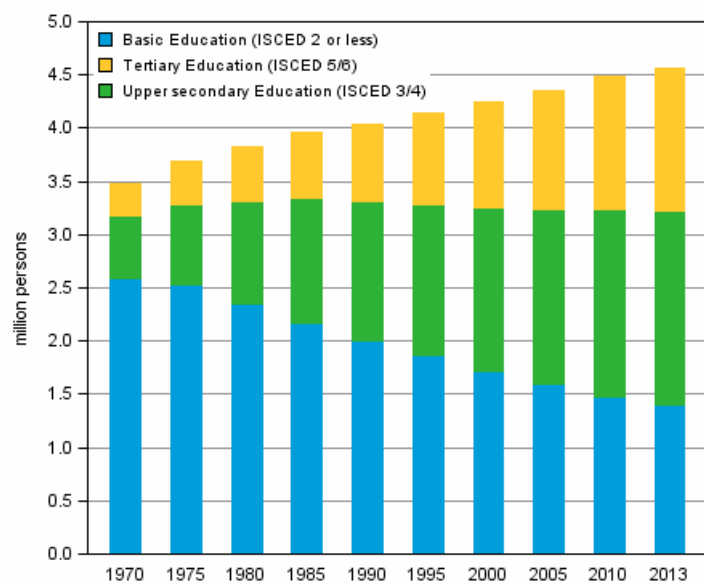
## Appendix tables

**Appendix table 1. Population aged 15 or over by level of education and gender 2013**

Level	Gender					
	Total		Men		Women	
		%		%		%
<b>Total</b>	4 556 249	100,0	2 222 785	100,0	2 333 464	100,0
Basic education or less (ISCED 2 or less)	1 392 154	30,6	695 477	31,3	696 677	29,9
<b>Population with educational qualifications</b>	<b>3 164 095</b>	<b>69,4</b>	<b>1 527 308</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>1 636 787</b>	<b>70,1</b>
Upper secondary /Post-secondary non tertiary education (ISCED 3/4)	1 828 994	40,1	954 312	42,9	874 682	37,5
ISCED 5 programmes	461 648	10,1	179 361	8,1	282 287	12,1
ISCED 6 programmes (Bachelor level)	451 445	9,9	199 208	9,0	252 237	10,8
ISCED 7 Long/very long programmes (Master level)	381 706	8,4	171 231	7,7	210 475	9,0
Second stage of tertiary Education (ISCED 8)	40 302	0,9	23 196	1,0	17 106	0,7

## Appendix figures

**Appendix figure 1. Population aged over 15 or over by level of education 1970–2013**



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