

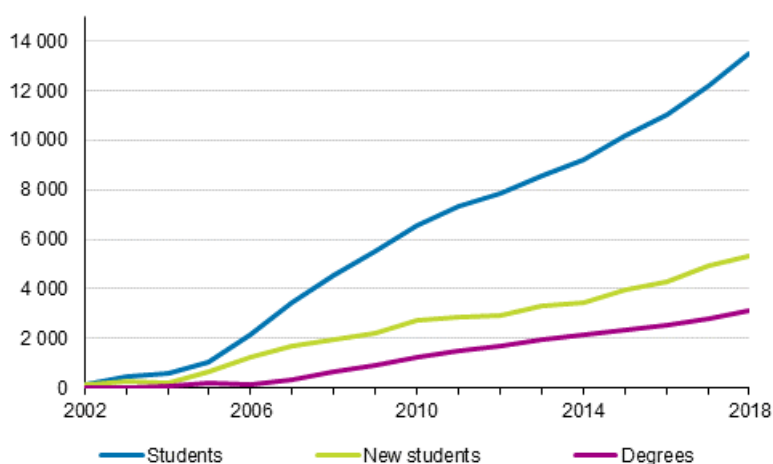
# University of applied sciences education 2018

## Education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree increased further

**Corrected on 28 October 2019.** The corrections are indicated in red.

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, around 128,500 students attended education leading to a university of applied sciences degree and almost 13,500 students education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree in 2018. The number of students attending education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree continued its around 10 per cent annual growth and the number of degrees grew by nearly 14 per cent from the previous year. The number of students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree remained more or less the same, but the number of degrees grew by over five per cent from the year before. In all, 24,800 university of applied sciences degrees were completed, which is over one thousand more than in the previous year.

### Students and degrees of higher university of applied sciences degree in 2002 to 2018



Over one-half of students in the field of health and welfare or engineering, manufacturing and construction

It has been possible to study for a university of applied sciences degree in education arranged as daytime or multiform studies from 2015 onwards. A total of 103,400 students studied in daytime programmes and 25,100 in multiform programmes in 2018.

Women made up slightly over one-half, 51 per cent, of students attending education leading to a university of applied sciences degree. Around two out of three students in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree were women. Fifty-five per cent of new students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree and 65 per cent of new students in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree were women.

At 29 per cent of all students, there were most students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree in the field of health and welfare. More than four out of five of them were women, 83 per cent. The field of engineering, manufacturing and construction was the second biggest, where slightly under 24 per cent of students were studying. Of them, 83 per cent were men. The third biggest field of education was business, administration and law, where around one-fifth of university of applied sciences students were studying. In total, around three-quarters of all students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree were in these three fields.

In education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree the number of students was also highest in the field of health and welfare, around one-third of all students. Slightly more than every fourth student in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree was studying in the field of business, administration and law and slightly under every fifth in engineering, manufacturing and construction.

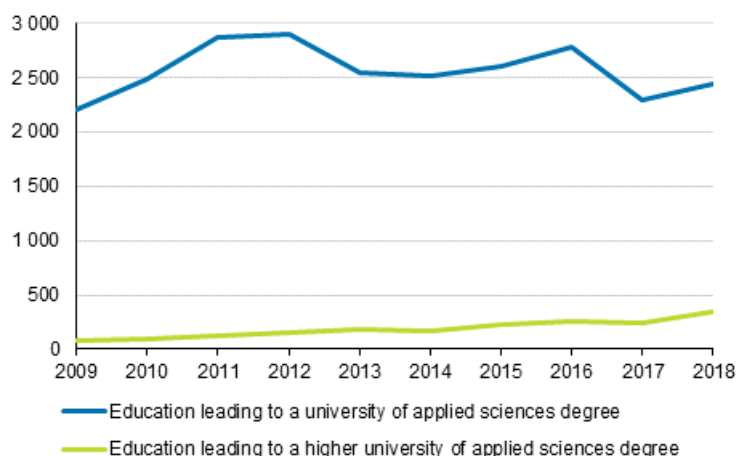
The number of students was highest at Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, 16,400. The numbers of students were next highest at the Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences and the Turku University of Applied Sciences, both with over 10,100 students. The smallest universities of applied sciences by number of students were Åland University of Applied Sciences, which had a little over 500 students, and the Police University College with good 1,000 students.

## More new foreign students than in the previous year

The number of new foreign university of applied sciences students grew in 2018 by 7 per cent after the drop in the year before, but it did not, however, reach the level of 2016. Of foreign students, around 2,400 students started education leading to a university of applied sciences degree and 325 students education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree.

Of all new students, the share of foreigners was about seven per cent, having been slightly under seven per cent in the previous year. In the 2010s, the share has mostly been between seven and eight per cent. The share of foreigners was also around seven per cent among all university of applied sciences students. There was no growth from the previous year and the amount remained almost unchanged.

### New foreign students of universities of applied sciences in 2009 to 2018



More detailed time series data on university of applied sciences students and degrees according to education, sex and university of applied sciences, for example, are available in the [database tables](#). More detailed data can be found on foreign students in the [database tables](#) of the statistics on Students and qualifications of educational institutions.

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Year	Temporary universities of applied sciences	Permanent universities of applied sciences	New students		Total number of students		Completed qualifications and degrees	
			Total	Of whom women	Total	Of whom women	Total	Of whom women
1995	22	-	10 540	5 380	31 557	15 890	1 638	1 120
1996	19	9	18 153	9 795	42 722	21 912	4 580	2 539
1997	15	16	27 493	14 969	62 258	33 094	5 956	3 385
1998	13	21	31 887	18 210	82 211	44 841	6 971	4 178
1999	8	25	33 149	18 786	100 783	55 488	9 890	6 361
2000	1	30	33 562	19 159	114 020	62 700	14 178	9 159
2001	1	30	33 001	18 801	118 013	65 123	18 045	11 631
2002	1	30	34 691	18 913	126 767	67 838	20 462	13 074
2003	-	31	36 701	20 221	129 875	69 245	20 588	13 008
2004	-	31	36 483	20 542	131 919	70 890	20 821	13 000
2005	-	31	36 911	20 859	132 783	71 910	21 397	13 429
2006	-	31	36 276	20 221	132 560	71 951	21 006	13 361
2007	-	30	36 632	20 348	133 284	72 607	20 969	13 323
2008	-	28	36 999	20 954	132 501	72 560	21 812	13 854
2009	-	28	38 197	20 937	135 033	73 217	21 039	13 450
2010	-	27	39 454	21 729	138 852	74 986	21 899	13 774
2011	-	27	38 839	21 199	139 857	74 936	22 898	14 505
2012	-	27	38 300	21 643	139 876	75 271	23 914	14 973
2013	-	27	37 511	20 976	138 880	74 715	24 833	15 262
2014	-	26	38 574	21 376	138 719	74 499	25 002	15 530
2015	-	26	38 671	21 448	139 727	74 695	26 175	16 244
2016	-	26	38 598	21 005	140 792	74 641	25 713	16 040
2017	-	25	38 047	20 879	141 254	74 457	26 304	16 502
<b>2018</b>	-	<b>25</b>	<b>39 133</b>	<b>22 014</b>	<b>142 022</b>	<b>74 872</b>	<b>27 965</b>	<b>17 257</b>

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