

# *Subject choices of students 2011*

## *Subject choices of comprehensive school pupils*

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### *Majority of comprehensive school pupils study English*

*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 2011. Sixty-six 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 4 per cent or below. A total of 347,245 pupils attended grades 1 to 6. 178,209 of the pupils were boys and 169,036 were girls.*

## Language choices of comprehensive school pupils in 2011

	Studied language	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	216 282	14 032	-	-	230 314	66.3	-
	Swedish	2 733	12 536	-	-	15 269	4.4	-
	Finnish	14 066	994	-	-	15 060	4.3	-
	French	2 312	4 764	-	-	7 076	2.0	-
	German	2 920	9 908	-	-	12 828	3.7	-
	Russian	924	1 139	-	-	2 063	0.6	-
	Spanish	177	700	-	-	877	0.3	-
	Italian	0	0	-	-	0	0.0	-
	Sami	0	192	-	-	192	0.1	-
	Other	220	30	-	-	250	0.1	-
Grades 7-9	English	166 152	13 122	236	96	179 606	-	99.4
	Swedish	2 906	11 935	151 705	7	166 553	-	92.2
	Finnish	9 430	1 176	222	0	10 828	-	6.0
	French	1 144	3 517	223	6 358	11 242	-	6.2
	German	1 600	8 162	309	9 181	19 252	-	10.7
	Russian	522	449	-	2 117	3 088	-	1.7
	Spanish	0	306	-	2 781	3 087	-	1.7
	Italian	0	0	-	57	57	-	0.0
	Sami	0	34	-	14	48	-	0.0
	Latin	0	0	-	490	490	-	0.3
	Other	37	0	-	57	94	-	0.1

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 180,715 pupils attended grades 7 to 9. 92,263 of the pupils were boys and 88,452 were girls.

Data on the language choices of students studying comprehensive education elsewhere than at comprehensive schools (1,425) are published in the database table of these statistics.

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		Compulsory language A1	Optional language A2	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2	Boys total	Share of boys in grades 1-6 %	Share of boys in grades 7-9 %
Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	110 977	6 882	-	-	117 859	66.1	-
	Swedish	1 302	6 096	-	-	7 398	4.2	-
	Finnish	7 227	532	-	-	7 759	4.4	-
	French	918	1 974	-	-	2 892	1.6	-
	German	1 343	4 843	-	-	6 186	3.5	-
	Russian	386	469	-	-	855	0.5	-
	Spanish	82	325	-	-	407	0.2	-
	Italian	0	0	-	-	0	0.0	-
	Sami	0	77	-	-	77	0.0	-
	Other	98	20	-	-	118	0.1	-
Grades 7-9	English	84 980	6 421	109	41	91 551	-	99.2
	Swedish	1 368	5 236	78 044	6	84 654	-	91.8
	Finnish	4 868	604	110	0	5 582	-	6.1
	French	456	1 309	66	1 684	3 515	-	3.8
	German	724	3 477	146	3 761	8 108	-	8.8
	Russian	206	175	-	793	1 174	-	1.3
	Spanish	0	127	-	779	906	-	1.0
	Italian	0	0	-	18	18	-	0.0
	Sami	0	17	-	2	19	-	0.0
	Latin	0	0	-	195	195	-	0.2
	Other	22	0	-	19	41	-	0.0

**Appendix table 2. Language choices of comprehensive school pupils in 2011, 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	105 305	7 150	-	-	112 455	66.5	-
	Swedish	1 431	6 440	-	-	7 871	4.7	-
	Finnish	6 839	462	-	-	7 301	4.3	-
	French	1 394	2 790	-	-	4 184	2.5	-
	German	1 577	5 065	-	-	6 642	3.9	-
	Russian	538	670	-	-	1 208	0.7	-
	Spanish	95	375	-	-	470	0.3	-
	Italian	0	0	-	-	0	0.0	-
	Sami	0	115	-	-	115	0.1	-
	Other	122	10	-	-	132	0.1	-

		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 7-9	English	81 172	6 701	127	55	88 055	-	99.6
	Swedish	1 538	6 699	73 661	1	81 899	-	92.6
	Finnish	4 562	572	112	0	5 246	-	5.9
	French	688	2 208	157	4 674	7 727	-	8.7
	German	876	4 685	163	5 420	11 144	-	12.6
	Russian	316	274	-	1 324	1 914	-	2.2
	Spanish	0	179	-	2 002	2 181	-	2.5
	Italian	0	0	-	39	39	-	0.0
	Sami	0	17	-	12	29	-	0.0
	Latin	0	0	-	295	295	-	0.3
	Other	15	0	-	38	53	-	0.1

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