

# Subject choices of students 2015

## Subject choices of completers of upper secondary general school education

### Subject choices of completers of upper secondary general school education in 2015

According to Statistics Finland, nearly all completers of the full upper secondary general school syllabus in 2015 had studied English, and Finnish or Swedish during their attendance of upper secondary general school. German had been studied by 20 per cent, Spanish by 18 per cent, French by 14 per cent and Russian by 10 per cent of the completers of upper secondary general school education. The proportions of those having studied other foreign languages remained below three per cent. They also vary considerably between genders in several languages.

#### Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2015

| Studied language | Compulsory A-languages | Compulsory language B1 | Elective language B2, at least six courses | Elective language B3, at least six courses | Elective language, fewer than six courses | Total  | Share of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, % |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|--------|--|
| English          | 28 959                 | 44                     | 2  | 0  | 5   | 29 010 | 99.2   |
| Swedish          | 2 243                  | 24 327                 | 47   | 4  | 5   | 26 626 | 91.0   |
| Finnish          | 1 892                  | 79                     | 2  | 41   | 26  | 2 040  | 7.0  |
| French           | 461                    | 28                     | 627  | 935  | 2 002                                     | 4 053  | 13.9   |
| German           | 910                    | 30                     | 970  | 1 287                                      | 2 734                                     | 5 931  | 20.3   |
| Russian          | 213                    | 3                      | 122  | 809  | 1 684                                     | 2 831  | 9.7  |
| Sami             | 6                      | .                      | 0  | 1  | 0   | 7      | 0.0  |
| Latin            | 0                      | .                      | 23   | 48   | 305                                       | 376    | 1.3  |
| Spanish          | 30                     | .                      | 140  | 1 543                                      | 3 448                                     | 5 161  | 17.6   |
| Italian          | 6                      | .                      | 2  | 143  | 539                                       | 690    | 2.4  |
| Other            | 8                      | 0                      | 3  | 19   | 374                                       | 404    | 1.4  |

The completers of upper secondary general school studies had mainly taken English, Swedish or Finnish as a compulsory language subject. German, Spanish, French, Russian and other foreign languages had been mainly studied as an elective language. A total of 29,252 students completed the full upper secondary general school syllabus in spring 2015. 12,435 of the completers were men and 16,817 were women.

In spring 2015, 41 per cent of all completers of the full upper secondary general school syllabus - 34 per cent of female students and 51 per cent of male students - had taken the long syllabus in mathematics.

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| Studied language | Compulsory A-languages | Compulsory language B1 | Elective language B2, at least six courses | Elective language B3, at least six courses | Elective language, fewer than six courses | Total  | Share of male completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, % |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|--------|---|
| English          | 12 338                 | 15                     | 1  | 0  | 3   | 12 357 | 99.4  |
| Swedish          | 749                    | 10 518                 | 17   | 0  | 2   | 11 286 | 90.8  |
| Finnish          | 812                    | 44                     | 1  | 13   | 8   | 878    | 7.1   |
| French           | 132                    | 8                      | 118  | 182  | 495                                       | 935    | 7.5   |
| German           | 312                    | 15                     | 356  | 502  | 1 064                                     | 2 249  | 18.1  |
| Russian          | 73                     | 0                      | 37   | 274  | 616                                       | 1 000  | 8.0   |
| Sami             | 1                      | .                      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1      | 0.0   |
| Latin            | 0                      | .                      | 17   | 19   | 102                                       | 138    | 1.1   |
| Spanish          | 9                      | .                      | 42   | 286  | 881                                       | 1 218  | 9.8   |
| Italian          | 1                      | .                      | 0  | 31   | 152                                       | 184    | 1.5   |
| Other            | 2                      | 0                      | 3  | 2  | 116                                       | 123    | 1.0   |

**Appendix table 2. Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2015, female**

| Studied language | Compulsory A-languages | Compulsory language B1 | Elective language B2, at least six courses | Elective language B3, at least six courses | Elective language, fewer than six courses | Total  | Share of female completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, % |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|--------|---|
| English          | 16 621                 | 29                     | 1  | 0  | 2   | 16 653 | 99.0  |
| Swedish          | 1 494                  | 13 809                 | 30   | 4  | 3   | 15 340 | 91.2  |
| Finnish          | 1 080                  | 35                     | 1  | 28   | 18  | 1 162  | 6.9   |
| French           | 329                    | 20                     | 509  | 753  | 1 507                                     | 3 118  | 18.5  |
| German           | 598                    | 15                     | 614  | 785  | 1 670                                     | 3 682  | 21.9  |
| Russian          | 140                    | 3                      | 85   | 535  | 1 068                                     | 1 831  | 10.9  |
| Sami             | 5                      | .                      | 0  | 1  | 0   | 6      | 0.0   |
| Latin            | 0                      | .                      | 6  | 29   | 203                                       | 238    | 1.4   |
| Spanish          | 21                     | .                      | 98   | 1 257                                      | 2 567                                     | 3 943  | 23.4  |
| Italian          | 5                      | .                      | 2  | 112  | 387                                       | 506    | 3.0   |
| Other            | 6                      | 0                      | 0  | 17   | 258                                       | 281    | 1.7   |

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