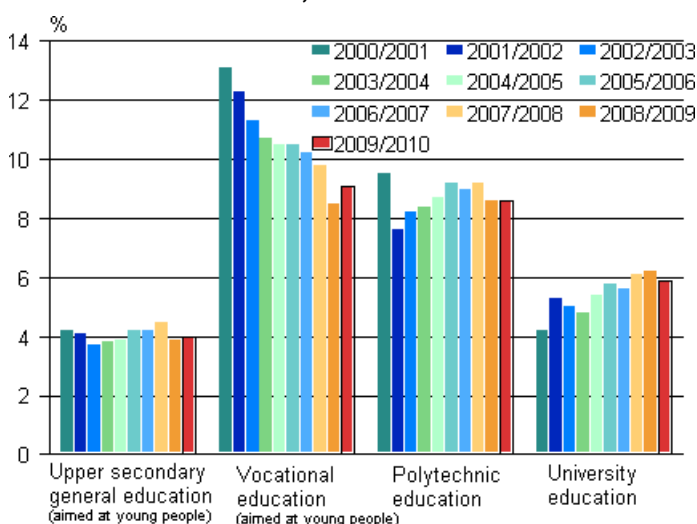


Discontinuation of education 2010

Discontinuation of education increased in vocational education

In all, 5.5 per cent of students attending education leading to a qualification or degree discontinued their studies and did not resume them in any education leading to a qualification or degree during the 2009/2010 academic year. In upper secondary general education the discontinuation percentage was 4.0, in vocational education aimed at young people it was 9.1, in polytechnic education 8.6 and in university education 5.9 per cent. In vocational education discontinuation increased after having decreased for several years. Discontinuation of education in upper secondary general education and polytechnic education remained almost unchanged from the previous academic year. University education was discontinued less than in the previous academic year. These data derive from Statistics Finland's Education Statistics.

Discontinuation of education in upper secondary general, vocational, polytechnic and university education in academic years from 2000/2001 to 2009/2010, %



Taking into consideration the students who have changed their sector of education, e.g. the students who have switched from upper secondary general school to vocational education, lowers the percentages of discontinuation. Most often the sector of education was changed in upper secondary general education and in polytechnic education.

Male students discontinued studies more frequently than female students. Education was discontinued more than average in the field of natural sciences and in the field of natural resources and the environment. Education was discontinued in relative terms the least in the field of social services, health and sports and in the field of other education, which includes such as police training.

Discontinuation of education leading to a qualification or degree by sex and sector of education in academic year 2009/2010 1)

| Sex / sector of education | | Number of students used in the statistics on discontinuation of education 20.9.2009 | Discontinued in own sector of education | Changed sector of education | Discontinued completely education leading to a qualification or degree |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | % | % | % |
| Total | | 502 260 | 7,0 | 1,5 | 5,5 |
| Men and women | Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people) | 102 290 | 4,0 | 2,0 | 2,0 |
| | Vocational education (aimed at young people) | 127 893 | 9,1 | 1,0 | 8,1 |
| | Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees) | 128 150 | 8,6 | 2,2 | 6,4 |
| | University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees) | 143 927 | 5,9 | 0,9 | 4,9 |
| Men | Total | 237 795 | 7,6 | 1,4 | 6,2 |
| | Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people) | 43 767 | 4,0 | 1,8 | 2,1 |
| | Vocational education (aimed at young people) | 68 027 | 8,8 | 0,7 | 8,1 |
| | Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees) | 58 892 | 10,0 | 2,2 | 7,8 |
| | University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees) | 67 109 | 6,6 | 1,0 | 5,6 |
| Women | Total | 264 465 | 6,5 | 1,6 | 4,9 |
| | Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people) | 58 523 | 4,0 | 2,1 | 1,8 |
| | Vocational education (aimed at young people) | 59 866 | 9,4 | 1,3 | 8,1 |
| | Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees) | 69 258 | 7,3 | 2,1 | 5,2 |
| | University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees) | 76 818 | 5,3 | 0,9 | 4,4 |

1) The number of students used calculating discontinuation of education differs from the total number of students because some of the students had to be excluded from the data.

More information related to the progress of studies is available from statistics describing [Progress of studies](#) and [Employment of students](#).

A total of 275 students had discontinued studies in comprehensive school during the 2010/2011 academic year. The number of those who had completely dropped out from compulsory education in the spring term

was 95 and those over the age of compulsory education having left school without a leaving certificate from comprehensive school was 180.

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Appendix table 1. Discontinuation of education in upper secondary general, vocational, polytechnic and university education in academic years 2005/2006–2009/2010, %

| Academic year | Sector of education ^I | | | |
|---------------|---|--|--|---|
| | Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people) | Vocational education (aimed at young people) | Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees) | Polytechnic education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees) |
| 2005/2006 | 4,2 | 10,5 | 9,2 | 5,8 |
| 2006/2007 | 4,2 | 10,2 | 9,0 | 5,6 |
| 2007/2008 | 4,5 | 9,8 | 9,2 | 6,1 |
| 2008/2009 | 3,9 | 8,5 | 8,6 | 6,2 |
| 2009/2010 | 4,0 | 9,1 | 8,6 | 5,9 |

Appendix table 2. Comprehensive school drop-outs in academic years 1999/2000–2010/2011

| Academic year | Those having dropped out completely from compulsory education ¹⁾ | Those left comprehensive school without a leaving certificate ²⁾ | | Number of 9th graders in spring term |
|---------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | Total | In comparison with the number of 9th graders at the end of spring term | |
| 1999/2000 | 90 | 193 | 0,29 | 66 821 |
| 2000/2001 | 69 | 210 | 0,33 | 64 512 |
| 2001/2002 | 63 | 191 | 0,31 | 62 095 |
| 2002/2003 | 79 | 161 | 0,26 | 61 419 |
| 2003/2004 | 67 | 178 | 0,28 | 64 456 |
| 2004/2005 | 70 | 218 | 0,34 | 64 350 |
| 2005/2006 | 60 | 178 | 0,27 | 66 473 |
| 2006/2007 | 55 | 152 | 0,23 | 66 230 |
| 2007/2008 | 47 | 115 | 0,17 | 67 388 |
| 2008/2009 | 39 | 150 | 0,23 | 65 687 |
| 2009/2010 | 41 | 152 | 0,23 | 65 560 |
| 2010/2011 | 95 | 180 | 0,28 | 64 125 |

1) Such persons of compulsory education age who did not take part at all in comprehensive school education during the academic year and starting from the academic year 2010/2011 during the spring term are regarded as having dropped out completely from compulsory education. Data starting from the academic year 2010/2011 are not fully comparable with earlier years. There may be such persons in each grade of school.

2) Those having left comprehensive school without a leaving certificate are those past the age of compulsory education who did not complete the whole comprehensive school syllabus during their compulsory education.

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