

Educational finances 2012

Current expenditure on regular education system increased in 2012

According to Statistics Finland, current expenditure on the regular education system increased by 1.8 per cent in 2012 compared with the previous year. Current expenditure on the regular education system totalled EUR 12.1 billion in 2012. Expenditure on comprehensive school education constitutes the biggest proportion of the current expenditure on the regular education system. Expenditure on comprehensive school education was EUR 4.4 billion in 2012. The next biggest proportions were university education and research, on which EUR 2.3 billion was expended, and vocational education on which EUR 1.7 billion was spent.

Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 2012

Type of expenditure	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	342	2,8
Comprehensive school education	4 363	35,9
Upper secondary general education	727	6,0
Vocational education	1 736	14,3
Apprenticeship training	171	1,4
Polytechnic education	928	7,6
University education and research ²⁾	2 340	19,3
Other education	478	3,9
Administration	227	1,9
Financial aid for students	837	6,9
Total	12 149	100,0

1) Pre-primary education for 6-year-old children (pre-school education) in day-care centres and comprehensive schools.

2) Includes universities' external financing for research.

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Type of expenditure	Year						Change 2011-2012
	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	
	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	..	94	269	312	323	342	6,0
Comprehensive school education ²⁾	2 379	2 734	3 413	4 120	4 231	4 363	3,1
Upper secondary general education ²⁾	429	503	600	695	713	727	2,0
Vocational education ³⁾	1 161	925	1 183	1 614	1 695	1 736	2,4
Apprenticeship training	32	96	132	177	170	171	0,8
Polytechnic education ³⁾	145	525	704	896	921	928	0,7
University education and research ⁴⁾	945	1 364	1 671	2 162	2 330	2 340	0,4
Other education ⁵⁾	265	298	361	442	462	478	3,3
Administration	143	161	190	242	238	227	-4,5
Financial aid for students	614	648	732	871	847	837	-1,2
Total	6 113	7 348	9 253	11 532	11 930	12 149	1,8
Current expenditure as a percentage of GDP, %	6,4	5,6	5,9	6,5	6,3	6,3	

1) Free of charge pre-primary education for 6-year-old children (pre-school education) in day-care centres and comprehensive schools started in August 2000. Prior to August 2000 expenditure on pre-primary education in comprehensive schools is included in expenditure on comprehensive school education.

2) Calculatory employers' contribution fees for pension funds on municipal teaching personnel have been added to the figures in the years 1995–2000. In 2000–2012 also includes comprehensive school and upper secondary general education arranged in folk high schools.

3) Expenditure on vocational and polytechnic education does not include small outlays.

4) Includes universities' external financing for research. Due to changes caused by the amended Universities Act, the data from 2010 onwards are not fully comparable with those on earlier years. Includes rents of the State Real Estate Board for only part of the year 1995. The figures for 2010 exclude transferable appropriations for universities' operating expenditure and for universities' joint expenditure.

5) Not including education leading to a qualification or degree in folk high schools in 2000–2012.

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