

Educational finances 2015

Current expenditure on the regular education system remained nearly unchanged in 2015

According to Statistics Finland, current expenditure on education increased by 0.4 per cent in 2015 compared to the previous year. Current expenditure on education totalled EUR 12.2 billion in 2015. Costs of comprehensive school education made up the biggest share of current expenditure on education. EUR 4.6 billion were used on comprehensive school education in 2015. The shares were next biggest in university education and research, on which EUR 2.3 billion were spent and in vocational education, on which EUR 1.8 were used.

Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 2015

Type of expenditure	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	358	2,9
Comprehensive school education	4 620	37,7
Upper secondary general education	736	6,0
Vocational education	1 810	14,8
Apprenticeship training	151	1,2
University of applied sciences education	906	7,4
University education and research ²⁾	2 323	19,0
Other education	479	3,9
Financial aid for students	860	7,0
Total	12 244	100,0

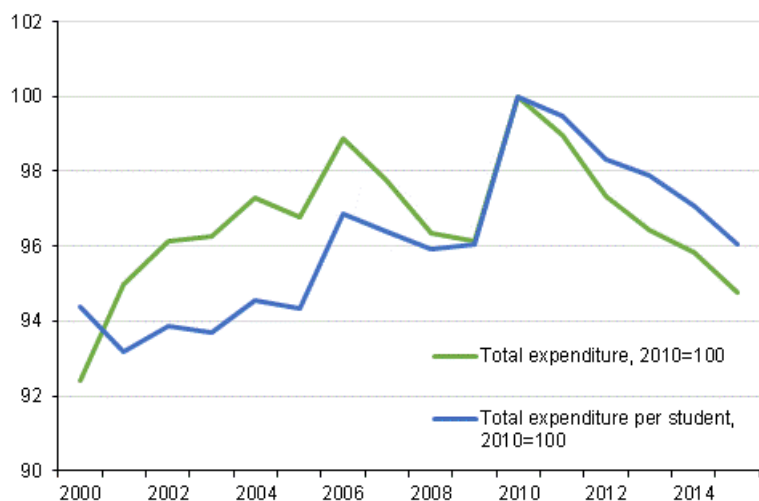
1) Pre-primary education for 6-year-old children (pre-school education) in daycare centres and comprehensive schools.

2) Includes universities' external financing for research.

Current expenditure on education relative to GDP was 5.8 per cent in 2015. The share has been falling starting from 2010.

Current expenditure on education and current expenditure per student have decreased in real terms since 2010. Between 2000 and 2015, total current expenditure on education and current expenditure per student were in real terms highest in 2010. Current expenditure was converted to correspond to the price level of 2015 by means of the industry-specific price index of national accounts describing public education expenditure. Real change means that the effect of risen prices has been taken into account.

Real development of current expenditure on education 2000 – 2015



There are differences in the expenditure development of various sectors of education. Expenditure on pre-primary education has grown in real terms compared to 2010. Expenditure on comprehensive school education was almost on level with 2010 in 2015. Expenditure on vocational education and apprenticeship training and on university of applied sciences education has fallen most in real terms over the 2010s.

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Type of expenditure	Year								Change
	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014-2015
	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	94	269	312	323	342	347	352	358	1,7
Comprehensive school education ²⁾	2 734	3 413	4 120	4 231	4 363	4 492	4 538	4 620	1,8
Upper secondary general education ²⁾	503	600	695	713	727	737	738	736	-0,3
Vocational education ³⁾	925	1 287	1 758	1 851	1 898	1 911	1 878	1 810	-3,6
Apprenticeship training	96	132	177	170	171	154	157	151	-3,8
University of applied sciences education ⁴⁾	525	704	896	921	928	912	874	906	3,7
University education and research ⁵⁾	1 364	1 671	2 162	2 330	2 340	2 341	2 320	2 323	0,1
Other education ⁶⁾	298	361	442	462	478	483	481	479	-0,3
Financial aid for students	648	732	871	847	837	832	852	860	1,0
Total	7 186	9 167	11 434	11 848	12 084	12 209	12 190	12 244	0,4
Current expenditure as a percentage of GDP, %	5,3	5,6	6,1	6,0	6,0	6,0	5,9	5,8	

1) Free of charge pre-primary education for 6-year-old children (pre-school education) in daycare 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) In 2000–2014 also includes comprehensive school and upper secondary general education arranged in folk high schools.

3) Includes government transfer financed curriculum-based further vocational education from 2005 onwards.

4) Due to changes caused by the amended Universities of Applied Sciences Act and data collection changes, the data for 2015 are not fully comparable with those on earlier years.

5) 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.

6) Not including education leading to a qualification or degree in folk high schools in 2000–2015.

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