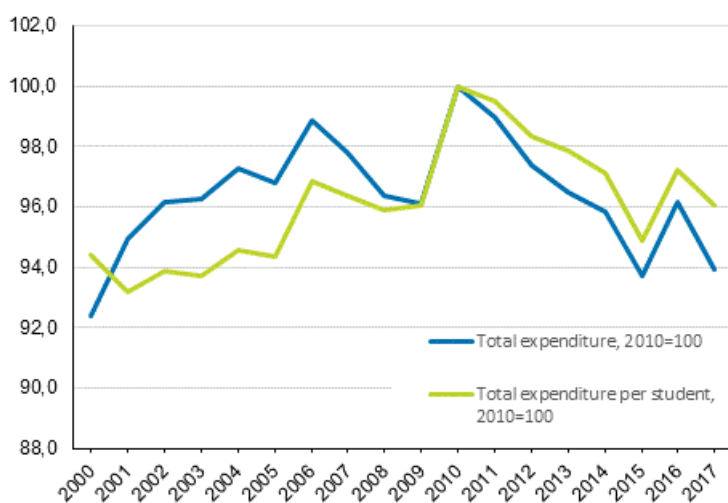


Educational finances 2017

Current expenditure on education has decreased in real terms since 2010

Current expenditure on education decreased by 2.3 per cent in real terms in 2017 compared to the previous year. Current expenditure on education and current expenditure per student have decreased in real terms since 2010. Between 2000 and 2017, total current expenditure on education and current expenditure per student were in real terms highest in 2010.

Real development of current expenditure on education 2000 – 2017



There are differences in the expenditure development of various sectors of education. Expenditure on pre-primary and comprehensive school education have grown in real terms compared to 2010. Expenditure on other sectors of education has decreased. Expenditure on vocational education and apprenticeship training has fallen most in real terms over the 2010s.

Current expenditure on education relative to GDP was 5.3 per cent in 2017. The share has been falling starting from 2010.

Current expenditure was converted to correspond to the price level of 2017 by means of the industry-specific price index of national accounts describing public education expenditure. Real change means that the

effect of price changes has been taken into account. The data for 2017 are not fully comparable with those for earlier years due to the change in housing supplement included in student financial aid. The decrease in real terms was 1.1 per cent in 2017 compared to the previous year, if financial aid for students is not taken into account.

Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 2017

Type of expenditure	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	356	3,0
Comprehensive school education	4 683	39,6
Upper secondary general education	720	6,1
Vocational education	1 614	13,6
Apprenticeship training	139	1,2
University of applied sciences education	909	7,7
University education and research ²⁾	2 253	19,0
Other education	465	3,9
Financial aid for students	697	5,9
Total	11 837	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 totalled EUR 11.8 billion in 2017. Costs of comprehensive school education made up the biggest share of current expenditure on education. EUR 4.7 billion were used on comprehensive school education in 2017. 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 1.6 were used.

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Type of expenditure	Year										Change 2016-2017
	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
	EUR million	EUR million	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	361	356	-1,5
Comprehensive school education	2 734	3 413	4 120	4 231	4 363	4 492	4 538	4 620	4 691	4 683	-0,2
Upper secondary general education	503	600	695	713	727	737	738	736	730	720	-1,3
Vocational education ²⁾	925	1 287	1 758	1 851	1 898	1 911	1 878	1 797	1 749	1 614	-7,7
Apprenticeship training	96	132	177	170	171	154	157	151	142	139	-2,0
University of applied sciences education ³⁾	525	704	896	921	928	912	874	883	916	909	-0,8
University education and research ⁴⁾	1 364	1 671	2 162	2 330	2 340	2 341	2 320	2 323	2 284	2 253	-1,3
Other education	298	361	442	462	478	483	481	479	474	465	-2,0
Financial aid for students ⁵⁾	648	732	871	847	837	832	852	860	866	697	-19,5
Total	7 186	9 167	11 434	11 848	12 084	12 209	12 190	12 208	12 213	11 837	-3,1
Current expenditure as a percentage of GDP, %	5,3	5,6	6,1	6,0	6,0	6,0	5,9	5,8	5,7	5,3	

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

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

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.

5) Due to changes in housing supplement included in student financial aid, the data for 2017 are not fully comparable with those for earlier years.

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