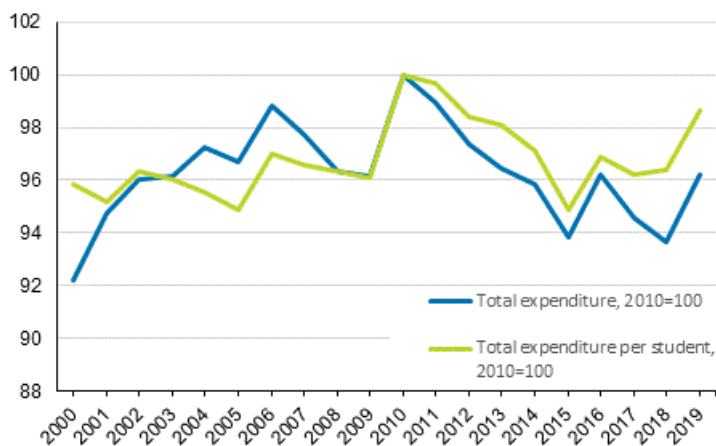


Educational finances 2019

Current expenditure on education increased in real terms in 2019

Current expenditure on education increased by 2.7 per cent in real terms in 2019 compared to the previous year. Current expenditure per student increased in 2019 by 2.3 per cent. Current expenditure on education and current expenditure per student have decreased in real terms compared to 2010. Between 2000 and 2019, 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 – 2019



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 has fallen most in real terms over the 2010s.

Current expenditure on education relative to GDP was 5.1 per cent in 2019. The share has been falling starting from 2010. In 2019 the share remained at the same level than in the previous year.

Current expenditure was converted to correspond to the price level of 2019 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 starting from 2017 are not fully comparable with those for earlier years due to the change in housing supplement included in student financial aid.

Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 2019

Type of expenditure	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	372	3,0
Comprehensive school education	5 081	41,4
Upper secondary general education	753	6,1
Vocational education	1 819	14,8
University of applied sciences education	961	7,8
University education and research ²⁾	2 287	18,6
Other education	479	3,9
Financial aid for students	518	4,2
Total	12 269	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 12.3 billion in 2019. Costs of comprehensive school education made up the biggest share of current expenditure on education. EUR 5.1 billion were used on comprehensive school education in 2019. 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.

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Type of expenditure	Year												Change 2018-2019
	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
	EUR million	EUR million	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	362	372	2,6
Comprehensive school education	2 734	3 413	4 120	4 231	4 363	4 492	4 538	4 620	4 691	4 683	4 847	5 081	4,8
Upper secondary general education	503	600	695	713	727	737	738	736	730	720	728	753	3,4
Vocational education ²⁾	1 021	1 419	1 935	2 021	2 069	2 065	2 035	1 949	1 891	1 753	1 800	1 819	1,0
University of applied sciences education ³⁾	525	704	896	921	928	912	874	883	916	909	926	961	3,7
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	2 261	2 287	1,2
Other education	298	361	442	462	478	483	481	479	474	465	473	479	1,3
Financial aid for students ⁵⁾	648	732	871	847	837	832	852	860	866	697	510	518	1,6
Total	7 186	9 167	11 434	11 848	12 084	12 209	12 190	12 208	12 213	11 837	11 908	12 269	3,0
Current expenditure as a percentage of GDP, %	5,3	5,6	6,1	6,0	6,0	6,0	5,9	5,8	5,6	5,2	5,1	5,1	

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) Due to changes caused by the vocational education reform in 2018 the data from 2018 onwards are not fully comparable with those for previous years. Includes vocational upper secondary and vocational further education and training (incl. apprenticeship training).

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 from 2017 onwards are not fully comparable with those for earlier years

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