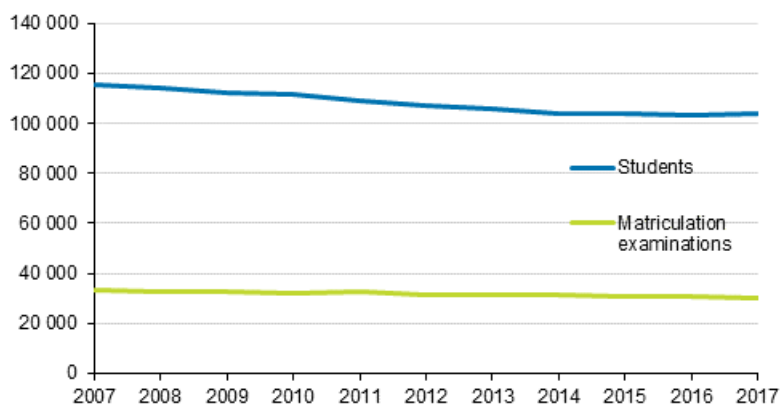


Upper secondary general education 2017

Number of students in upper secondary general education grew slightly

According to Statistics Finland's education statistics, a total of 103,800 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to a qualification in 2017. The number of students grew by 0.2 per cent from the previous year. A total of 30,200 matriculation examinations were completed. The figure was 300 lower than one year before. Fifty-eight per cent of the students and passers of the matriculation examination were women.

Students in upper secondary general education and matriculation examinations 2007–2017



Upper secondary general education was provided in 388 educational institutions. There were two fewer upper secondary general schools than one year earlier. Education in Swedish was offered in 36 upper secondary schools and six per cent of the students in upper secondary general school education studied at these schools.

Of all students, 1,900 studied for an international matriculation examination. The International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 400 students in 17 upper secondary schools, the European Baccalaureate examination by 22 students at the European School of Helsinki, and the Reifeprüfung by 30 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki).

From 2007 to 2017, the number of educational institutions providing upper secondary general school education has fallen by 61. Over the same period, the number of students in upper secondary general school has diminished by 10 per cent. The number of matriculation examinations has gone down by nine per cent in ten years. Throughout the 2000s, over one-half of the students and passers of the matriculation examination have been women.

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Appendix table 1. Students and completed qualifications in upper secondary general education 2017 (Corrected on 25 June 2018)

Corrected on 25 June 2018. The corrections are indicated in red.

	New students, total	New students, women	Students total	Students, women	Completed qualifications	Completed qualifications, women
Matriculation examination	34 449	19 931	101 858	58 480	30 189	17 518
International Baccalaureate examination	641	402	1 732	1 110	400	248
Reifeprüfung examination	40	20	111	59	30	15
European Baccalaureate examination	23	11	52	23	22	11
Total	35 153	20 364	103 753	59 672	30 641	17 792

Appendix table 2. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination by region in 2017 (Corrected on 25 June 2018)

Corrected on 25 June 2018. The corrections are indicated in red.				
Region of studying	Students, total	Students, women	Completers of matriculation examination, total	Completers of matriculation examination, women
Continental Finland, total	103 272	59 403	30 023	17 423
Uusimaa	35 065	19 327	9 640	5 389
Varsinais-Suomi	8 441	4 867	2 608	1 481
Satakunta	3 863	2 244	1 097	640
Kanta-Häme	2 807	1 606	876	502
Pirkanmaa	9 519	5 747	2 848	1 656
Päijät-Häme	3 612	2 108	991	609
Kymenlaakso	2 822	1 654	908	550
South Karelia	1 933	1 131	564	350
Etelä-Savo	3 127	1 964	750	449
Pohjois-Savo	4 432	2 624	1 255	781
North Karelia	2 713	1 584	812	490
Central Finland	4 675	2 738	1 410	836
South Ostrobothnia	3 392	1 992	1 052	621
Ostrobothnia	3 214	1 817	1 056	589
Central Ostrobothnia	1 364	802	458	268
North Ostrobothnia	8 318	4 815	2 332	1 415
Kainuu	1 274	756	421	221
Lapland	2 701	1 627	945	576
Åland total	438	244	157	92
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Whole country, total ¹⁾	103 753	59 672	30 189	17 518

1) Includes the Aurinkorannikon suomalainen koulu (Colegio Finlandés) located in Spain, with 43 students in upper secondary general education of whom 25 are female and with 9 completers of matriculation examination of whom three are female.

Appendix table 3. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination in 2001 to 2017 (Corrected on 25 June 2018)

Corrected on 25 June 2018. The corrections are indicated in red.

Year	Educational institutions providing upper secondary general education	Students, total	Students, women	Matriculation examinations, total	Matriculation examinations, women
2001	483	128 642	74 309	35 283	20 538
2002	484	124 644	71 778	36 224	21 338
2003	483	121 816	69 742	35 182	20 642
2004	479	120 531	68 714	34 652	20 386
2005	471	118 111	66 921	34 058	19 624
2006	461	117 260	66 726	32 786	18 871
2007	449	115 253	65 806	33 066	19 186
2008	449	114 240	65 305	32 592	18 628
2009	441	112 088	63 939	32 643	18 835
2010	439	111 778	63 333	32 324	18 752
2011	433	109 046	61 701	32 413	18 571
2012	428	107 412	60 864	31 595	18 244
2013	421	105 898	60 008	31 693	18 181
2014	414	103 914	59 201	31 620	18 074
2015	397	104 060	59 561	30 617	17 589
2016	389	103 550	59 170	30 531	17 834
2017	388	103 753	59 672	30 189	17 518

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