

Employment of students 2008

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Employment of students aged at least 18 years in 2008 and the share of employed students of all students in 2003 - 2008

Sector of education	Students total 2008	Employed students 2008		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
			%	%	%	%	%	%
Upper secondary general education	48 289	15 616	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0	31,0	30,0
Vocational education	220 242	136 455	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2	54,4	45,6
Polytechnic education	132 474	78 756	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6	52,7	50,8
University education	164 064	100 811	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5	56,9	55,7
Total	565 069	331 638	58,7	58,3	55,6	53,6	52,5	48,8

Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 61 per cent of women and 56 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The differences between women and men in working during studies were the largest in education leading to matriculation examination, polytechnic degree and lower university degree. The proportion of employed women was approximately 10 percentage points higher than that of men. By contrast, in education leading to a higher university degree, such as those of master or master of engineering, men were employed during studies more frequently than women.

Employment during studies was the more widespread the older the students were. Twenty-six per cent of 18-year-old students and more than one-half of 22-year-old or older students had an employment relationship. Among students aged 25 or over, 73 per cent were employed during their studies. Employment during studies increased most among students aged 19 to 22.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Eighty-one per cent of students in the field of Safety and Security and 71 per cent of students in the fields of Social Sciences, and Business and Administration were employed at the end of 2008. In the field of Social Services, Health and Sport, 64 per cent of students and in the field of Tourism, Catering and Domestic Services, 60 per cent of students were employed during studies.

Employment during studies was more common than the average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Itä-Uusimaa, Kanta-Häme, Ostrobothnia, Varsinais-Suomi and Pirkanmaa, and in Åland.

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Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2008

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
			%								
Upper secondary general education	48 289	15 616	32,3	7 872	3 563	828	461	317	251	209	2 115
Upper secondary vocational education	220 120	136 333	61,9	8 175	5 260	4 003	4 537	4 844	4 787	4 557	100 170
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	122	122	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	127 938	74 516	58,2	53	2 546	4 936	6 792	8 186	8 147	7 332	36 524
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	96 005	51 928	54,1	69	1 527	3 071	4 315	4 884	4 697	4 091	29 274
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	4 536	4 240	93,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 240
Higher university degree (Master)	44 549	29 806	66,9	2	30	125	228	485	1 340	2 489	25 107
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	2 718	2 522	92,8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 522
Licentiate's degree	3 082	2 651	86,0	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2 646
Doctoral degree	17 710	13 904	78,5	-	-	-	-	-	11	58	13 835
Total	565 069	331 638	58,7	16 171	12 926	12 963	16 333	18 716	19 234	18 740	216 555

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