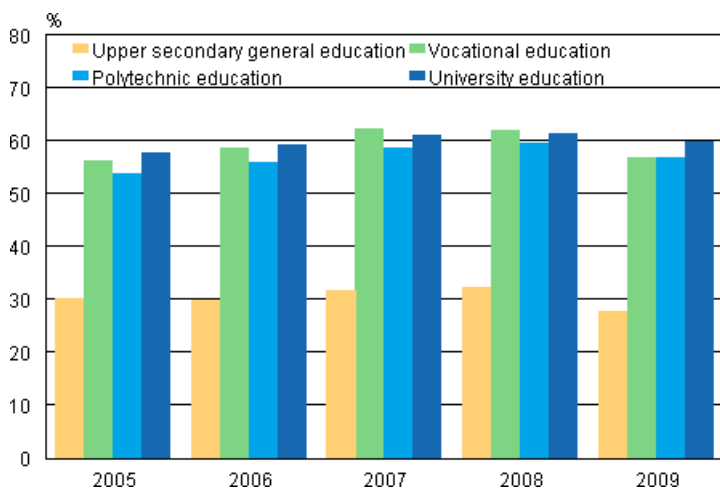


Employment of students 2009

Employment among students decreased slightly in 2009

According to Statistics Finland's data, employment during studies decreased slightly in 2009 from the previous year. Still more than one-half, or 55 per cent, of students were employed during their studies. The share of students employed during studies fell by 3.5 percentage points from the previous year. Employment during studies was most widespread among university students, as 60 per cent of them had an employment contract while studying. The share of students employed during studies was 57 per cent among polytechnic students and those in upper secondary vocational education.

Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2005-2009



Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 58 per cent of women and 52 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 ten percentage points higher than that of men. By contrast, in education leading to a higher university degree, such as master's degrees, men were employed during studies more frequently than women.

Employment during studies grew more widespread the older the students were. Twenty-two per cent of 18-year-old students and more than one-half of 23-year-old or older students had an employment relationship. Among the students aged 25 or over, 70 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varies by field of education. Eighty per cent of students in the field of safety and security and 68 per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, and business and administration were employed at the end of 2009. In the field of social services, health and sports 63 per cent of students and in the field of tourism, catering and domestic services 55 per cent of students were employed during studies. Employment decreased most in the field of technology, communication and transport, where the share was 52 per cent and nearly six percentage points lower than in the previous year.

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

Other statistics also indicate that studying was more interesting than in the year before. Discontinuation of education decreased and the pass rate improved. More information is available from statistics describing [Discontinuation of education](#) and [Progress of studies](#).

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Sector of education	Students total 2009	Employed students 2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
			%	%	%	%	%	%
Upper secondary general education	46 562	12 849	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0	30,0
Vocational education	225 611	127 751	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2	54,4
Polytechnic education	134 993	76 733	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6	52,7
University education	168 470	100 408	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5	56,9
Total	575 636	317 741	55,2	58,7	58,3	55,6	53,6	52,5

Appendix table 2. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2009

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	46 562	12 849	27,6	6 686	2 896	614	361	267	188	149
Upper secondary vocational education	225 565	127 705	56,6	6 701	4 690	3 598	4 304	4 145	4 242	4 016
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	46	46	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	129 449	71 580	55,3	32	2 148	4 420	6 847	7 505	7 446	6 568
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	97 428	50 252	51,6	43	1 317	2 608	4 247	4 526	4 466	4 099
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	5 544	5 153	92,9	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Higher university degree (Master)	47 600	30 879	64,9	1	18	90	205	435	1 077	2 150
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	2 940	2 751	93,6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licentiate's degree	2 785	2 384	85,6	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Doctoral degree	17 717	14 142	79,8	-	-	-	-	3	8	79
Total	575 636	317 741	55,2	13 463	11 069	11 330	15 964	16 881	17 428	17 064

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