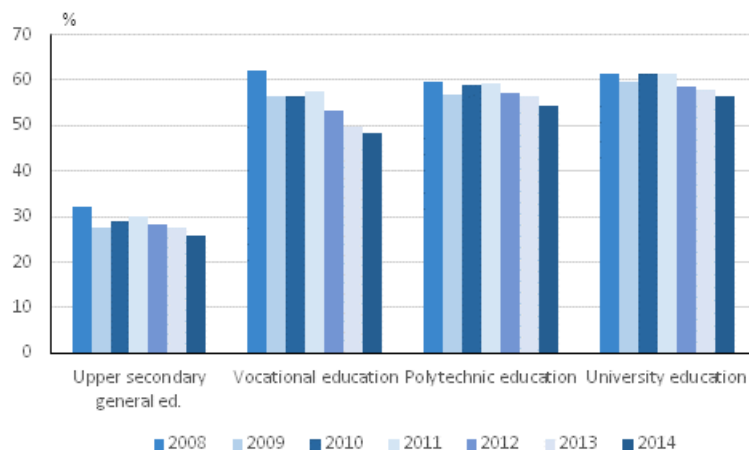


Employment of students 2014

Number of employed students decreased

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students decreased by close on two percentage points in 2014 from the previous year. Slightly more than one-half of students were employed during their studies. Since 2004, the share has been highest in 2008 when nearly six out of ten students were employed during their studies.

Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2008–2014



Working was most common in connection with university and polytechnic studies. Fifty-six per cent of university students had an employment contract while studying and 54 per cent of polytechnic students. Close on one-half of students attending upper secondary vocational education were employed during their studies. In 2014, the share of employed students in polytechnic education decreased most, by good two percentage points from the year before.

Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 54 per cent of women and 46 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The proportion of employed women in upper secondary general education and in polytechnic education was ten percentage points higher than that of men. Thirty per cent of women in upper secondary general education were working alongside studies and 59 per cent of women in polytechnic education. Nearly fifty-two per cent of women in upper secondary level vocational education worked, which was seven percentage points more than for men.

Employment during studies grew clearly the older the students were. While 22 per cent of students aged 18 were working, the share of employed students aged at least 25 was nearly triple. Of 21-year-old students, 40 per cent and of 24-year-old students, 50 per cent had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 63 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Sixty per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, and business and administration, 59 per cent of students in the fields of health, welfare and sports, and 53 per cent of students in the fields of humanities and education had a valid employment contract at the end of 2014.

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

More information related to the progress of studies is available from statistics describing [Progress of studies](#) and [Discontinuation of education](#).

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Appendix table 1. Employment of students aged at least 18 years in 2014 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2014

Sector of education	Students total	Employed students	Share of employed students of all students									
	2014	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Upper secondary general education	43 968	11 331	25,8	27,4	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	232 344	112 091	48,2	49,8	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
Polytechnic education	138 652	75 248	54,3	56,3	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	163 754	92 204	56,3	57,9	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
Total	578 718	290 874	50,3	52,0	53,7	56,9	56,1	55,2	58,7	58,3	55,6	53,6

Appendix table 2. Employment of students aged at least 18 by level of education and gender in 2014

Level of education	Students			Female students			Male students		
	Total	Of whom employed		Total	Of whom employed		Total	Of whom employed	
		%			%			%	
Upper secondary general education	43 968	11 331	25,8	24 463	7 442	30,4	19 505	3 889	19,9
Upper secondary vocational education	232 294	112 044	48,2	123 689	63 933	51,7	108 605	48 111	44,3
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	50	47	94,0	14	12	85,7	36	35	97,2
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	129 434	67 355	52,0	68 547	38 774	56,6	60 887	28 581	46,9
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	89 865	43 599	48,5	45 637	24 024	52,6	44 228	19 575	44,3
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	9 218	7 893	85,6	5 921	5 093	86,0	3 297	2 800	84,9
Higher university degree (Master)	49 655	29 679	59,8	28 542	17 098	59,9	21 113	12 581	59,6
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	4 365	4 053	92,9	2 965	2 737	92,3	1 400	1 316	94,0
Licentiate's degree	1 420	1 132	79,7	716	601	83,9	704	531	75,4
Doctoral degree	18 449	13 741	74,5	9 753	7 325	75,1	8 696	6 416	73,8
Total	578 718	290 874	50,3	310 247	167 039	53,8	268 471	123 835	46,1

Appendix table 3. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2014

Level of education	Students total	Employed students	%	Age							
				18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
Upper secondary general education	43 968	11 331	25,8	6 363	2 573	443	276	227	198	138	1 113
Upper secondary vocational education	232 294	112 044	48,2	6 520	4 026	3 661	4 431	4 609	4 226	4 012	80 559
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	50	47	94,0	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	45

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		Age							
			%	18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	129 434	67 355	52,0	28	1 056	3 755	5 962	7 224	7 306	6 111	35 913
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	89 865	43 599	48,5	23	1 109	2 563	3 798	4 331	3 895	3 443	24 437
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	9 218	7 893	85,6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7 891
Higher university degree (Master)	49 655	29 679	59,8	1	28	83	176	489	1 240	2 347	25 315
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	4 365	4 053	92,9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 053
Licentiate's degree	1 420	1 132	79,7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1 131
Doctoral degree	18 449	13 741	74,5	-	-	-	-	1	7	49	13 684
Total	578 718	290 874	50,3	12 935	8 792	10 505	14 643	16 881	16 873	16 104	194 141

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