

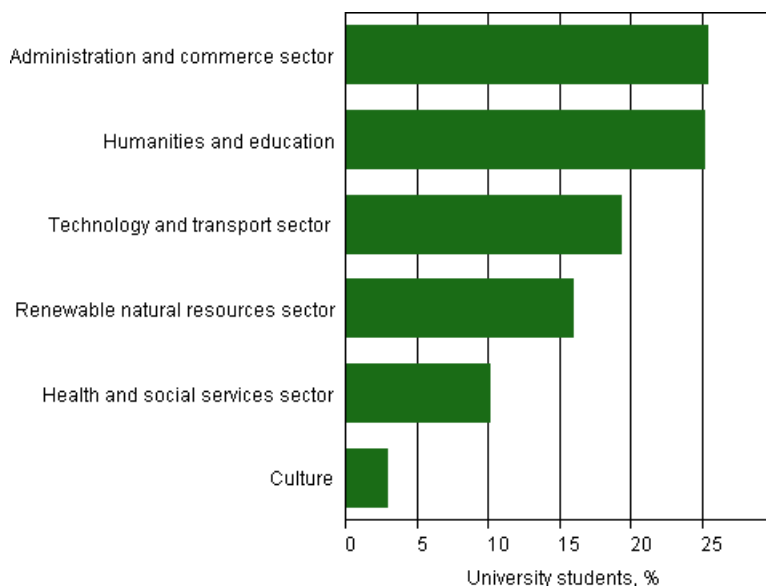
# University education 2012

## University students

### University students numbered 169,000 in 2012

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 169,000 students attended university education leading to a degree in 2012. The number of students grew by one per cent compared to the previous year. 96,200 students were studying for a university Bachelor's degree and 48,000 for a higher university degree (Master). There were 4,200 students studying for professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry and 1,900 studying for licentiate's degrees. The share of those studying for a doctoral degree among all students was 11 per cent, or 18,700 students.

#### University students by fields of education ( Educational Administration's classification 1995) in 2012



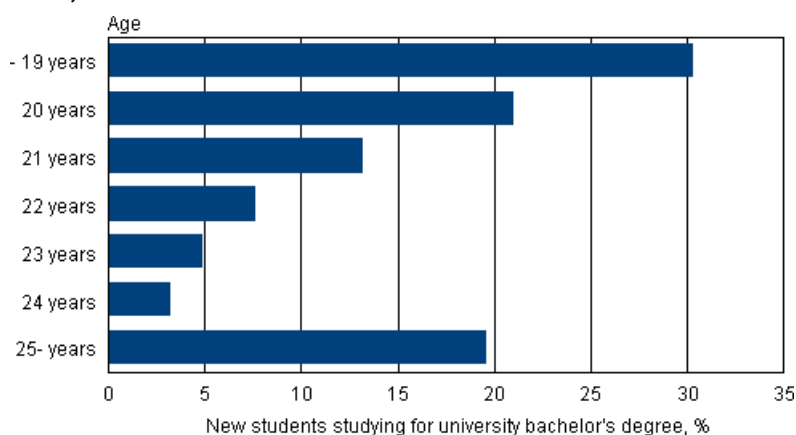
In 2012, the highest numbers of students were studying in the administration and commerce sector, 26 per cent. There were nearly as many students in the humanities and education, 25 per cent. The third most students were studying in the technology and transport sector, 19 per cent. The proportion of women of all students attending education leading to a degree was 54 per cent but the variation was large when viewed by fields of education. In the humanities and education the proportion of women was 76 per cent

and in the health and social services sector it was 69 per cent, but in the technology and transport sector the proportion was only 22 per cent.

There were most students at the University of Helsinki, 36,200. The second most students were found at Aalto University, 19,600 and the third most at the University of Turku, 17,700. The smallest university was the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts with 280 students.

At universities, 17,100 students started studying for a university Bachelor's degree and 6,200 started studying for a higher university degree (Master). The data on entry into universities have become more detailed. From 2012 onwards, the data are given as number of students that have started studying for the degree in question for the first time at the university in question. Previously, this was the number of students that had been enrolled as students for the first time at the university in question.

### Age of new students studying for university Bachelor's degrees in 2012, %



Nearly one-fifth of students starting to study for a university Bachelor's degree are aged 25 or over. Thirty per cent were aged 19, 21 per cent were aged 20 and 13 per cent were aged 21. Of all students studying for a university Bachelor's degree, half were aged 25 or over.

More detailed time series data on university students and new students by education and university are available in the [appendix tables](#).

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**Appendix table 1. New university students and total number of students in universities by level of education and gender in 2012**

Level	New students, total	New students, men	New students, women	Students, total	Students, men	Students, women
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 032</b>	<b>11 383</b>	<b>14 649</b>	<b>169 041</b>	<b>78 463</b>	<b>90 578</b>
University Bachelor's degree	17 131	7 369	9 762	96 231	47 369	48 862
Higher university degree (Master)	6 232	2 868	3 364	48 048	19 931	28 117
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	686	242	444	4 169	1 303	2 866
Licentiate's degree	100	22	78	1 906	1 016	890
Doctoral degree	1 883	882	1 001	18 687	8 844	9 843

**Appendix table 2. New university students and total number of students in universities by region in 2012**

Regions of Education	New students, total	New students, men	New students, women	Students, total	Students, men	Students, women
<b>Whole Country, Total</b>	<b>26 032</b>	<b>11 383</b>	<b>14 649</b>	<b>169 041</b>	<b>78 463</b>	<b>90 578</b>
<b>Mainland Finland</b>	<b>26 032</b>	<b>11 383</b>	<b>14 649</b>	<b>169 036</b>	<b>78 463</b>	<b>90 573</b>
Uusimaa	8 565	3 956	4 609	59 581	28 588	30 993
Varsinais-Suomi	3 243	1 357	1 886	20 984	8 872	12 112
Satakunta	475	135	340	2 445	969	1 476
Kanta-Häme	-	-	-	20	20	-
Pirkanmaa	3 153	1 477	1 676	25 142	13 049	12 093
Päijät-Häme	85	37	48	351	134	217
Kymenlaakso	-	-	-	4	4	-
South Karelia	764	511	253	4 850	3 478	1 372
Etelä-Savo	272	67	205	1 037	239	798
Pohjois-Savo	1 237	458	779	6 579	2 441	4 138
North Karelia	1 360	526	834	7 644	3 101	4 543
Central Finland	2 411	935	1 476	13 001	5 178	7 823
South Ostrobothnia	4	1	3	51	46	5
Ostrobothnia	1 341	556	785	7 289	3 060	4 229
Central Ostrobothnia	53	12	41	180	51	129
North Ostrobothnia	2 394	1 160	1 234	14 905	7 728	7 177
Kainuu	-	-	-	286	97	189
Lapland	675	195	480	4 687	1 408	3 279
<b>Åland</b>	-	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	<b>5</b>
Åland	-	-	-	5	-	5

**Appendix table 3. New university students and total number of students by universities in 2012**

University	New students, total	New students, men	New students, women	Students, total	Students, men	Students, women
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 032</b>	<b>11 383</b>	<b>14 649</b>	<b>169 041</b>	<b>78 463</b>	<b>90 578</b>
Theatre Academy Helsinki	61	27	34	370	170	200
Finnish Academy of Fine Arts	49	20	29	282	113	169
Sibelius Academy	205	89	116	1 334	564	770
University of Helsinki	5 173	1 767	3 406	36 201	12 940	23 261
Åbo Akademi University	1 195	484	711	6 622	2 727	3 895
University of Oulu	2 395	1 160	1 235	15 146	7 800	7 346
University of Tampere	2 083	689	1 394	15 524	5 442	10 082
University of Jyväskylä	2 464	947	1 517	13 174	5 213	7 961
Hanken School of Economics	379	198	181	2 362	1 307	1 055
University of Vaasa	915	437	478	5 071	2 407	2 664
Lappeenranta University of Technology	805	537	268	4 914	3 513	1 401
Tampere University of Technology	1 162	836	326	10 319	8 058	2 261
University of Lapland	674	195	479	4 684	1 407	3 277
National Defence University	325	314	11	837	808	29
Aalto University	2 641	1 646	995	19 569	13 347	6 222
University of Eastern Finland	2 765	1 009	1 756	14 927	5 637	9 290
University of Turku	2 741	1 028	1 713	17 705	7 010	10 695

**Appendix table 4. New university students studying for university Bachelor's degrees and students by age in 2012**

Student's age	New students, total	New students, men	New students, women	Students, total	Students, men	Students, women
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 131</b>	<b>7 369</b>	<b>9 762</b>	<b>96 231</b>	<b>47 369</b>	<b>48 862</b>
-19 years	5 110	2 510	2 600	5 286	2 607	2 679
20 years	3 618	1 306	2 312	8 261	3 669	4 592
21 years	2 286	1 065	1 221	9 591	4 274	5 317
22 years	1 323	635	688	10 030	4 659	5 371
23 years	861	383	478	9 194	4 525	4 669
24 years	565	244	321	7 858	4 085	3 773
25-29 years	1 621	691	930	21 675	11 473	10 202
30-34 years	710	261	449	10 571	5 596	4 975
35-39 years	395	128	267	5 553	2 831	2 722
40- years	642	146	496	8 212	3 650	4 562

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