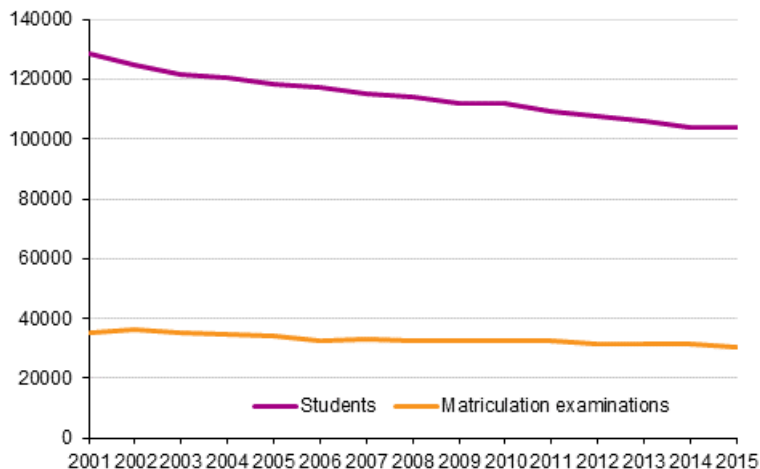


Upper secondary general education 2015

Number of students in upper secondary general education almost unchanged

According to Statistics Finland's education statistics, a total of 104,100 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to a qualification in 2015. The number of students increased by 0.1 per cent from the previous year. A total of 30,600 matriculation examinations were completed. The figure was 1,000 lower than one year before. Fifty-seven per cent of the students and passers of the matriculation examination were women

Students in upper secondary general education and matriculation examinations 2001–2015



Upper secondary general education was provided in 397 educational institutions. There were 17 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, 1,700 studied for an international matriculation examination. The International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 400 students in 16 upper secondary schools, the European Baccalaureate examination by 19 students at the European School of Helsinki, and the Reifeprüfung by 45 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki).

From 2005 to 2015, the number of educational institutions providing upper secondary general school education has fallen by 74. Over the same period, the number of students in upper secondary general school has diminished by 12 per cent. The number of matriculation examinations has gone down by ten 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. New students, students and completed qualifications in upper secondary general education in 2015

Upper secondary general education	New students, total	New students, women	Students, total	Students, women	Completed qualifications, total	Completed qualifications, women
Total	35 262	20 352	104 060	59 561	31 081	17 846
Matriculation examination	34 581	19 945	102 314	58 497	30 617	17 589
International Baccalaureate examination	619	381	1 605	1 001	400	225
Reifeprüfung examination	37	15	91	41	45	24
European Baccalaureate examination	25	11	50	22	19	8

Appendix table 2. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination by region in 2015

Region of studying	Students, total	Students, women	Completers of matriculation examination, total	Completers of matriculation examination, women
Whole country, total¹⁾	104 060	59 561	30 617	17 589
Mainland Finland	103 564	59 278	30 445	17 484
Uusimaa	35 099	19 251	9 689	5 379
Varsinais-Suomi	8 370	4 777	2 637	1 505
Satakunta	3 997	2 341	1 195	687
Kanta-Häme	2 840	1 633	929	513
Pirkanmaa	9 484	5 608	2 790	1 636
Päijät-Häme	3 589	2 064	1 076	637
Kymenlaakso	2 836	1 709	829	480
South Karelia	1 982	1 185	631	393
Etelä-Savo	2 980	1 883	818	500
Pohjois-Savo	4 282	2 559	1 331	787
North Karelia	2 777	1 627	825	466
Central Finland	4 786	2 756	1 464	853
South Ostrobothnia	3 337	1 937	1 037	607
Ostrobothnia	3 236	1 826	1 036	617
Central Ostrobothnia	1 403	823	462	276
North Ostrobothnia	8 017	4 615	2 273	1 322
Kainuu	1 363	806	415	247
Lapland	3 186	1 878	1 008	579
Åland total	464	269	162	98
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1) Includes the Aurinkorannikon suomalainen koulu (Colegio Finlandés) located in Spain, with 32 students in upper secondary general education of whom 14 are female and with 10 completers of matriculation examination of whom seven are female.

Appendix table 3. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination in 2001 to 2015

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

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