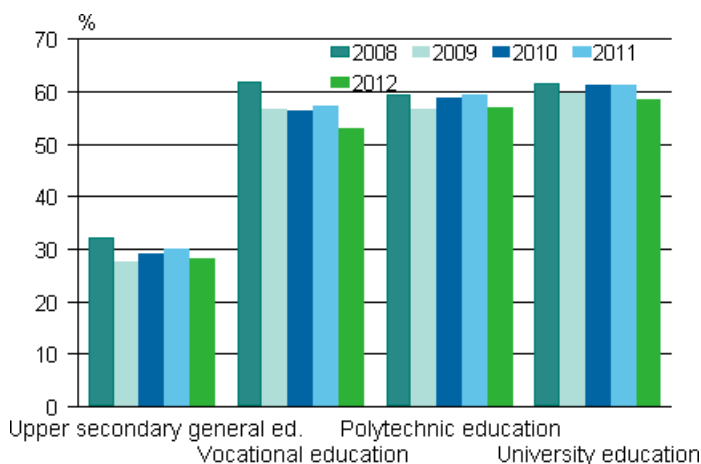


Employment of students 2012

Number of employed students decreased

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students decreased by three percentage points in 2012 from the previous year. Still more than one-half of students were employed during their studies. Employment during studies was most widespread among university students, as 58 per cent of them had an employment contract while studying. The share of students employed during polytechnic studies was 57 per cent, and employment among students in upper secondary vocational education was 53 per cent.

Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2008–2012



Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 57 per cent of women and 50 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. One-third of women in upper secondary general education were working alongside studies. Sixty per cent of women studying for a vocational qualification were working.

Employment during studies grew more widespread the older the students were. Twenty-four per cent of 18-year-old students, 43 per cent of 21-year-old students and 54 per cent of 24-year-old students had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 66 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Sixty-five per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, and business and administration, 61 per cent of students in the fields of health, welfare and sports and 56 per cent of students in the fields of humanities and education had a valid employment contract at the end of 2012.

Employment during studies was more common than the average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Ostrobothnia, Kanta-Häme and Varsinais-Suomi, and in Åland. Over 60 per cent of students in the regions of Uusimaa and Åland were working.

Other statistics also indicate that studying was more interesting than in the year before. The pass rate improved in tertiary level education and discontinuation of education decreased. More information 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 2012 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2012

Sector of education	Students total 2012	Employed students 2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Upper secondary general education	45 630	12 943	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	224 463	119 419	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
Polytechnic education	139 781	79 746	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	169 040	98 727	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
Total	578 914	310 835	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 2012

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		Female students total	Of whom employed		Male students total	Of whom employed	
			%			%			%
Upper secondary general education	45 630	12 943	28,4	25 536	8 512	33,3	20 094	4 431	22,1
Upper secondary vocational education	224 371	119 329	53,2	119 056	67 137	56,4	105 315	52 192	49,6
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	92	90	97,8	13	12	92,3	79	78	98,7
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	131 947	72 763	55,1	70 235	41 936	59,7	61 712	30 827	50,0
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	96 230	49 205	51,1	48 861	26 962	55,2	47 369	22 243	47,0
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	7 834	6 983	89,1	4 980	4 460	89,6	2 854	2 523	88,4
Higher university degree (Master)	48 048	29 634	61,7	28 117	17 282	61,5	19 931	12 352	62,0
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	4 169	3 871	92,9	2 866	2 653	92,6	1 303	1 218	93,5
Licentiate's degree	1 906	1 559	81,8	890	759	85,3	1 016	800	78,7
Doctoral degree	18 687	14 458	77,4	9 843	7 653	77,8	8 844	6 805	76,9
Total	578 914	310 835	53,7	310 397	177 366	57,1	268 517	133 469	49,7

Appendix table 3. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2012

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	45 630	12 943	28,4	7 260	2 896	559	336	261	199	159	1 273
Upper secondary vocational education	224 371	119 329	53,2	7 869	4 791	3 925	4 666	4 766	4 437	4 043	84 832
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	92	90	97,8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	131 947	72 763	55,1	31	2 058	4 575	6 535	7 948	7 666	6 580	37 370
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	96 230	49 205	51,1	32	1 340	2 696	3 945	4 490	4 388	3 940	28 374
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	7 834	6 983	89,1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6 982
Higher university degree (Master)	48 048	29 634	61,7	-	27	86	199	482	1 139	2 365	25 336
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	4 169	3 871	92,9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3 869
Licentiate's degree	1 906	1 559	81,8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 559
Doctoral degree	18 687	14 458	77,4	-	-	-	1	1	15	77	14 364
Total	578 914	310 835	53,7	15 192	11 112	11 841	15 682	17 948	17 844	17 167	204 049

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