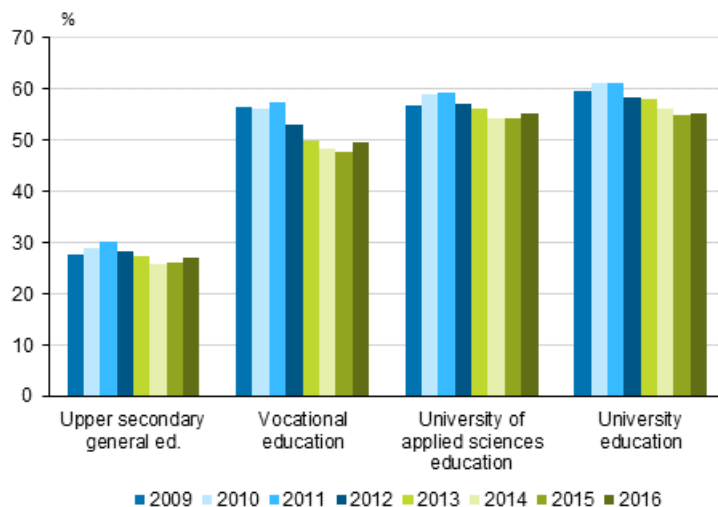


# Employment of students 2016

## Share of employed students grew

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students increased by one percentage point in 2016 from the previous year. One-half of students were employed during their studies. Working was most common in connection with university and university of applied sciences studies. The share increased most in vocational education.

### Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2009–2016



Working was most common in connection with university and university of applied sciences studies. Fifty-five per cent of university students and 55 per cent of university of applied sciences students had an employment contract while studying. One-half of students attending vocational education were employed during their studies, the share increased slightly from the previous year.

Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 54 per cent of women and 47 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The proportion of employed women in upper secondary general education and in university of applied sciences education was around ten percentage points higher than that of men. Thirty-one per cent of women in upper secondary general education were working alongside studies and 60 per cent of women in university of applied sciences education. Fifty-two per cent of women in vocational education worked, which was five percentage points more than for men.

Employment during studies grew clearly the older the students were. While 23 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, 39 per cent and of 24-year-old students, 50 per cent had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 62 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Fifty-nine per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, journalism and information, 56 per cent of students in the fields of health and welfare, and 46 per cent of students in the fields of arts and humanities had a valid employment contract at the end of 2016.

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

More information on the employment of students can be found from the [Tables in databases](#). 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 2016 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2016**

Sector of education	Students total 2016	Employed students 2016		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Upper secondary general education	42 920	11 570	27,0	26,0	100,0	27,4	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	239 449	118 947	49,7	47,8	100,0	49,8	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
University of applied sciences education	140 763	77 686	55,2	54,3	100,0	56,3	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	154 735	85 344	55,2	55,0	100,0	57,9	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>577 867</b>	<b>293 547</b>	<b>50,8</b>	<b>49,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>52,0</b>	<b>53,7</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>56,1</b>	<b>55,2</b>	<b>58,7</b>	<b>58,3</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>53,6</b>

**Appendix table 2. Employment of students aged at least 18 by level of education and gender in 2016**

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		Female students total	Of whom employed		Male students total	Of whom employed	
			%			%			%
General upper secondary education	42 920	11 570	27,0	24 025	7 484	31,2	18 895	4 086	21,6
Vocational upper secondary education and training	158 687	61 231	38,6	84 500	35 867	42,4	74 187	25 364	34,2
Further qualification	55 491	35 817	64,5	29 633	18 750	63,3	25 858	17 067	66,0
Specialist qualification	25 271	21 899	86,7	14 266	12 381	86,8	11 005	9 518	86,5
Polytechnic bachelors degree	129 762	68 182	52,5	67 493	38 580	57,2	62 269	29 602	47,5
University bachelor degree	81 265	38 720	47,6	41 758	22 117	53,0	39 507	16 603	42,0
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	11 001	9 504	86,4	7 134	6 184	86,7	3 867	3 320	85,9
Higher university degree (Master)	54 445	32 506	59,7	30 486	18 367	60,2	23 959	14 139	59,0
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	155	144	92,9	147	137	93,2	8	7	87,5
Licentiate degree	1 046	802	76,7	519	427	82,3	527	375	71,2
Doctoral or equivalent level	17 824	13 172	73,9	9 494	7 063	74,4	8 330	6 109	73,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>577 867</b>	<b>293 547</b>	<b>50,8</b>	<b>309 455</b>	<b>167 357</b>	<b>54,1</b>	<b>268 412</b>	<b>126 190</b>	<b>47,0</b>

**Appendix table 3. Employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2016**

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
			%								
General upper secondary education	42 920	11 570	27,0	6 663	2 586	399	274	228	185	149	1 086
Vocational upper secondary education and training	158 687	61 231	38,6	6 315	3 521	2 652	2 950	3 292	2 880	2 626	36 995
Further qualification	55 491	35 817	64,5	11	114	413	787	942	1 054	1 158	31 338
Specialist qualification	25 271	21 899	86,7	-	-	18	50	99	168	208	21 356
Polytechnic bachelors degree	129 762	68 182	52,5	12	866	2 971	5 365	7 127	7 211	6 298	38 332
University bachelor degree	81 265	38 720	47,6	25	1 013	2 400	3 805	4 398	3 853	3 044	20 182
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	11 001	9 504	86,4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 504
Higher university degree (Master)	54 445	32 506	59,7	-	22	102	208	578	1 715	3 097	26 784
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	155	144	92,9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144
Licentiates degree	1 046	802	76,7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	802
Doctoral or equivalent level	17 824	13 172	73,9	-	-	-	-	2	11	62	13 097
<b>Total</b>	<b>577 867</b>	<b>293 547</b>	<b>50,8</b>	<b>13 026</b>	<b>8 122</b>	<b>8 955</b>	<b>13 439</b>	<b>16 666</b>	<b>17 077</b>	<b>16 642</b>	<b>199 620</b>

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