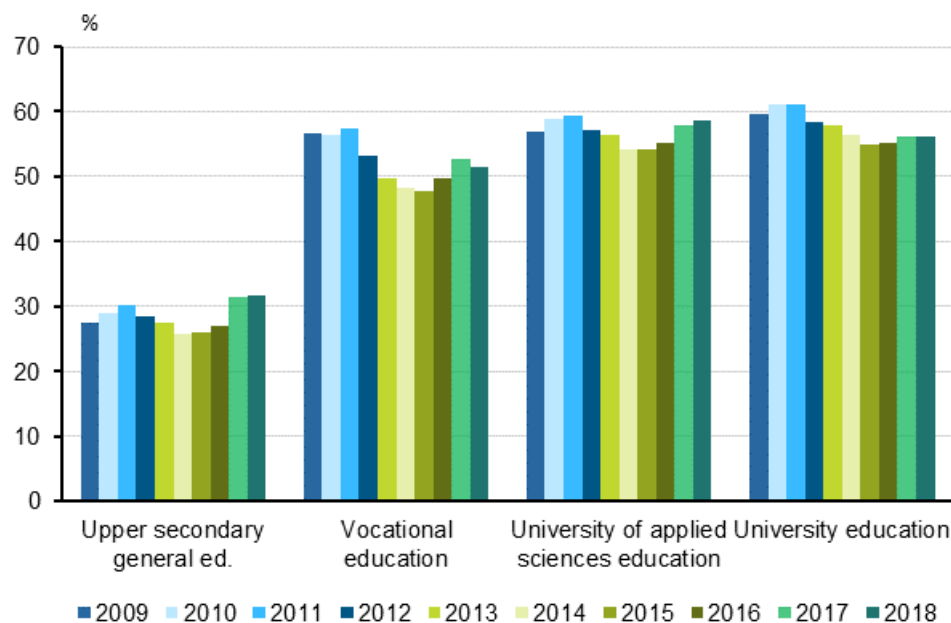


Employment of students 2018

Share of employed students unchanged

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students remained unchanged in 2018 compared to 2017. Over one-half of students aged at least 18 were employed during their studies. Working was most common in connection with university and university of applied sciences studies. Fifty-six per cent of university students had an employment contract while studying and 59 per cent of university of applied sciences students. Fifty-two per cent of students attending vocational education were employed during their studies.

Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2009–2018



Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 57 per cent of women and 49 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. Thirty-seven per cent of women and 25 per cent of men in upper secondary general education were working alongside studies. Sixty per cent of women and 51 per cent of men in university of applied sciences education were working alongside studies. Fifty-four per cent of women and 48 per cent of men in vocational education worked alongside studies.

There were differences in employment during studies among students of different ages. Twenty-nine per cent of students aged 18 were working, and correspondingly, 39 per cent of students aged 21 and 52 per cent of students aged 24 had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 65 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, journalism and information, 59 per cent of students in the fields of health and welfare, and 47 per cent of students in the fields of arts and humanities had a valid employment contract at the end of 2018.

Employment during studies was more common than average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Ostrobothnia and Southwest Finland 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 2018 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2018

Sector of education	Students total 2018	Employed students 2018		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Upper secondary general education	42 385	13 469	31,8	31,5	27,0	26,0	25,8	27,4	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	184 227	94 869	51,5	52,7	49,7	47,8	48,2	49,8	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
University of applied sciences education	142 004	83 230	58,6	57,8	55,2	54,3	54,3	56,3	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	153 422	86 042	56,1	56,2	55,2	55,0	56,3	57,9	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
Total	522 038	277 610	53,2	53,3	50,8	49,7	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 2018

Level of education	Students total	Of whom employed		Female students total	Of whom employed		Male students total	Of whom employed	
			%			%			%
General upper secondary education	42 385	13 469	31,8	24 072	8 865	36,8	18 313	4 604	25,1
Vocational upper secondary education and training	127 317	49 938	39,2	66 564	28 332	42,6	60 753	21 606	35,6
Further qualification	35 923	26 530	73,9	20 817	14 990	72,0	15 106	11 540	76,4
Specialist qualification	20 987	18 401	87,7	12 277	10 786	87,9	8 710	7 615	87,4
Polytechnic bachelors degree	128 526	71 463	55,6	66 119	39 698	60,0	62 407	31 765	50,9
University bachelor degree	76 951	36 112	46,9	39 848	20 715	52,0	37 103	15 397	41,5
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	13 478	11 767	87,3	8 746	7 670	87,7	4 732	4 097	86,6
Higher university degree (Master)	58 005	35 889	61,9	32 769	20 305	62,0	25 236	15 584	61,8
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	159	149	93,7	149	139	93,3	10	10	100,0
Licentiates degree	800	616	77,0	369	306	82,9	431	310	71,9
Doctoral or equivalent level	17 507	13 276	75,8	9 346	7 147	76,5	8 161	6 129	75,1
Total	522 038	277 610	53,2	281 076	158 953	56,6	240 962	118 657	49,2

Appendix table 3. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2018

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	42 385	13 469	31,8	8 720	2 746	384	214	168	154	135	948
Vocational upper secondary education and training	127 317	49 938	39,2	7 965	3 385	1 991	2 158	2 105	1 820	1 809	28 705
Further qualification	35 923	26 530	73,9	9	51	215	408	538	586	709	24 014
Specialist qualification	20 987	18 401	87,7	-	1	18	36	71	122	142	18 011
Polytechnic bachelors degree	128 526	71 463	55,6	20	759	2 572	4 725	6 524	7 265	6 439	43 159
University bachelor degree	76 951	36 112	46,9	19	1 054	2 280	3 737	4 290	3 639	2 930	18 163
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	13 478	11 767	87,3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 767
Higher university degree (Master)	58 005	35 889	61,9	-	32	121	206	674	1 958	3 551	29 347
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	159	149	93,7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	149
Licentiates degree	800	616	77,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	616
Doctoral or equivalent level	17 507	13 276	75,8	-	-	-	-	2	14	45	13 215
Total	522 038	277 610	53,2	16 733	8 028	7 581	11 484	14 372	15 558	15 760	188 094

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