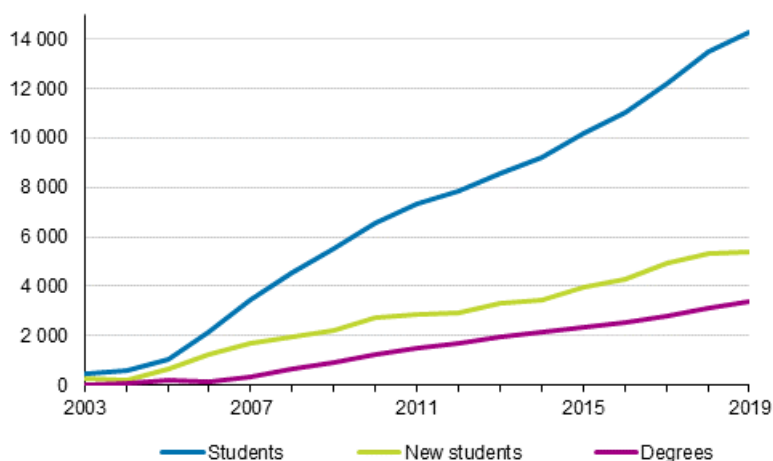


University of applied sciences education 2019

Participation in education leading to higher university of applied sciences degrees increased further

The number of students attending education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree was good 14,000 in 2019, which is around 800 students more than one year earlier. The number of completed higher university of applied sciences degrees also increased, by good 200 degrees. On the other hand, the number of students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree decreased compared to the previous year. In 2019, altogether close on 128,000 students attended education leading to a university of applied sciences degree. These data derive from Statistics Finland’s education statistics.

Students and degrees in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree in 2003 to 2019



Seven out of ten completers of a higher university of applied sciences degree were women

Even though the number of students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree decreased by around 650 from the previous year, the number of degrees remained on the same level, at close on 25,000 completed degrees.

Women attended education leading to a university of applied sciences degree more often than men in 2019. Altogether 52 per cent of those in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree were women, and almost two-thirds of those studying for a higher university of applied sciences degree were women. On the other hand, as many as 55 per cent of new university of applied sciences students were women, 67 per cent of those studying for a higher university of applied sciences degree.

Among those having completed a university of applied sciences degree in 2019, six out of ten were women. The corresponding share for higher university of applied sciences degrees was seven out of ten.

In education leading to a university of applied sciences degree the number of students was highest in the field of health and welfare, where close on one third, or 29 per cent, studied. Nearly one fourth (24%) studied in the field of technology and good one fifth in the field of business, administration and law.

The field of health and welfare was particularly popular among women, as many as 83 per cent of the students in the field were women in 2019. Correspondingly, men studied more in the fields of technology. In these fields, men's share of students was 82 per cent.

Every third of those in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree studied in the field of health and welfare. Good one fourth studied in the field of business, administration and law and close on one fifth in the field of technology.

The number of students in education leading to a degree was highest at Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, around 16,200 students. There were also over 10,000 students in Turku University of Applied Sciences and Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences. The smallest universities of applied sciences by the number of students were Åland University of Applied Sciences (around 500 students) and the Police University College (good 1,100 students).

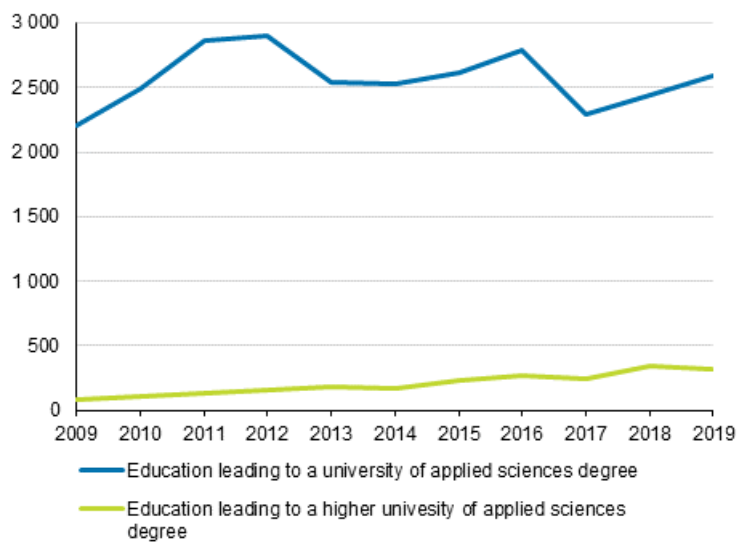
The highest number of university of applied sciences degrees was attained in 2019 at Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, almost 2,800. Almost 1,800 degrees were also attained at Tampere University of Applied Sciences and Turku University of Applied Sciences. The clearly highest number, over 400, of higher university of applied sciences degrees were attained at Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences.

More foreign students than before come to universities of applied sciences

In 2019, more new foreign students than before attended universities of applied sciences. The number of students starting education leading to a university of applied sciences degree increased by around 200 to close on 2,600 in 2019 from the year before. On the other hand, the number of new foreign students starting education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree fell slightly to 315 students from 2018.

The most common nationalities among new foreign students in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree were Vietnamese and Russian, over 300 of both started education. By contrast, the most common nationality among new foreign students in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree was Indian, good 30 of them started education. Slightly under 30 new students came from South Africa. Altogether, the share of new foreign students of all new students was 7.5 per cent in education leading to a university of applied sciences degree and around six per cent in education leading to a higher university of applied sciences degree.

New foreign students at universities of applied sciences in 2009 to 2019



More detailed time series data on university of applied sciences students and degrees according to education, sex and university of applied sciences, for example, are available in the [database tables](#). More detailed data can be found on foreign students in the [database tables](#) of the statistics on Students and qualifications of educational institutions.

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Year	Temporary universities of applied sciences	Permanent universities of applied sciences	New students		Total number of students		Completed qualifications and degrees	
			Total	Of whom women	Total	Of whom women	Total	Of whom women
1995	22	-	10 540	5 380	31 557	15 890	1 638	1 120
1996	19	9	18 153	9 795	42 722	21 912	4 580	2 539
1997	15	16	27 493	14 969	62 258	33 094	5 956	3 385
1998	13	21	31 887	18 210	82 211	44 841	6 971	4 178
1999	8	25	33 149	18 786	100 783	55 488	9 890	6 361
2000	1	30	33 562	19 159	114 020	62 700	14 178	9 159
2001	1	30	33 001	18 801	118 013	65 123	18 045	11 631
2002	1	30	34 691	18 913	126 767	67 838	20 462	13 074
2003	-	31	36 701	20 221	129 875	69 245	20 588	13 008
2004	-	31	36 483	20 542	131 919	70 890	20 821	13 000
2005	-	31	36 911	20 859	132 783	71 910	21 397	13 429
2006	-	31	36 276	20 221	132 560	71 951	21 006	13 361
2007	-	30	36 632	20 348	133 284	72 607	20 969	13 323
2008	-	28	36 999	20 954	132 501	72 560	21 812	13 854
2009	-	28	38 197	20 937	135 033	73 217	21 039	13 450
2010	-	27	39 454	21 729	138 852	74 986	21 899	13 774
2011	-	27	38 839	21 199	139 857	74 936	22 898	14 505
2012	-	27	38 300	21 643	139 876	75 271	23 914	14 973
2013	-	27	37 511	20 976	138 880	74 715	24 833	15 262
2014	-	26	38 574	21 376	138 719	74 499	25 002	15 530
2015	-	26	38 671	21 448	139 727	74 695	26 175	16 244
2016	-	26	38 598	21 005	140 792	74 641	25 713	16 040
2017	-	25	38 047	20 879	141 254	74 457	26 304	16 502
2018	-	25	39 133	22 014	142 022	74 872	27 965	17 257
2019	-	25	40 094	22 876	142 157	75 785	28 099	17 055

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