

Upper secondary general education 2011

Number of students in upper secondary general school continued to decrease

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 109,000 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to qualification in 2011. The number of students continued to decrease and was 2.5 per cent lower than the year before. Fifty-seven per cent of the students in upper secondary general school education leading to a qualification were women. Upper secondary education was offered at 388 upper secondary schools and 45 other educational institutions.

Students in upper secondary general education by region in 2011

Region of studying	Total	Men	Women
Whole country, total¹⁾	109 046	47 345	61 701
Continental Finland	108 524	47 144	61 380
Uusimaa	36 602	16 697	19 905
Varsinais-Suomi	8 811	3 724	5 087
Satakunta	4 091	1 723	2 368
Kanta-Häme	3 073	1 343	1 730
Pirkanmaa	9 608	4 033	5 575
Päijät-Häme	3 791	1 631	2 160
Kymenlaakso	3 046	1 312	1 734
South Karelia	2 143	923	1 220
Etelä-Savo	3 242	1 282	1 960
Pohjois-Savo	4 671	1 880	2 791
North Karelia	2 888	1 248	1 640
Central Finland	4 852	2 124	2 728
South Ostrobothnia	3 551	1 474	2 077
Ostrobothnia	3 361	1 467	1 894
Central Ostrobothnia	1 378	547	831
North Ostrobothnia	8 170	3 505	4 665
Kainuu	1 666	779	887
Lapland	3 580	1 452	2 128
Åland	464	183	281
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1) Includes the Finnish school of Costa del Sol located in Spain, which had 58 students of upper secondary general education.

A total of 32,400 students passed the matriculation examination in 2011. Their number was 0.3 per cent higher than the year before. In addition, the International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 362 students in 15 upper secondary schools, the Reifeprüfung examination by 31 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki) and the gymnasieexamen examination by one student in the Ålands lyceum.

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Upper secondary general education	New students, total	New students, women	Students, total	Students, women	Completed qualifications, total	Completed qualifications, women
Total	36 784	20 848	109 046	61 701	32 807	18 794
Matriculation examination	36 212	20 503	107 496	60 770	32 413	18 571
International Baccalaureate examination	528	323	1 436	870	362	210
Reifeprüfung examination	35	17	97	52	31	12
European Baccalaureate examination	9	5	17	9	.	.
Gymnasieexamen examination	-	-	-	-	1	1

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