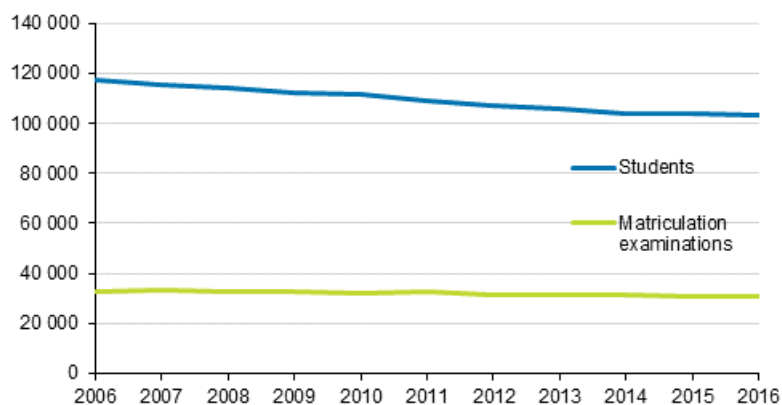


# Upper secondary general education 2016

## Number of students in upper secondary general education decreased slightly

According to Statistics Finland's education statistics, a total of 103,600 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to a qualification in 2016. The number of students decreased by 0.5 per cent from the previous year. A total of 30,500 matriculation examinations were completed. The figure was 100 lower than one year before. Fifty-seven per cent of the students and fifty-eight per cent of passers of the matriculation examination were women.

### Students in upper secondary general education and matriculation examinations 2006 — 2016



Upper secondary general education was provided in 389 educational institutions. There were 342 upper secondary general schools, eight fewer than one year earlier. Education in Swedish was offered in 36 upper secondary schools and six per cent of the students in upper secondary general school education studied at these schools.

Of all students, 1,800 studied for an international matriculation examination. The International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 423 students in 17 upper secondary schools, the European Baccalaureate examination by 8 students at the European School of Helsinki, and the Reifeprüfung by 24 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki).

From 2006 to 2016, the number of educational institutions providing upper secondary general school education has fallen by 72. Over the same period, the number of students in upper secondary general school has diminished by 12 per cent. The number of matriculation examinations has gone down by seven per cent in ten years. Throughout the 2000's, over one-half of the students and passers of the matriculation examination have been women.

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**Appendix table 1. Students and completed qualifications in upper secondary general education 2016**

Upper secondary general education	New students, total	New students, women	Students total	Students, women	Completed qualifications	Completed qualifications, women
Matriculation examination	34 382	19 583	101 773	58 045	30 531	17 834
International Baccalaureate examination	606	416	1 613	1 041	423	258
Reifeprüfung examination	46	29	105	56	24	12
European Baccalaureate examination	24	11	59	28	8	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 058</b>	<b>20 039</b>	<b>103 550</b>	<b>59 170</b>	<b>30 986</b>	<b>18 106</b>

**Appendix table 2. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination by region in 2016**

Region of studying	Students, total	Students, women	Completers of matriculation examination, total	Completers of matriculation examination, women
<b>Mainland Finland</b>	<b>103 058</b>	<b>58 889</b>	<b>30 347</b>	<b>17 729</b>
Uusimaa	35 043	19 166	9 988	5 675
Varsinais-Suomi	8 402	4 807	2 614	1 509
Satakunta	3 916	2 266	1 101	683
Kanta-Häme	2 819	1 623	891	541
Pirkanmaa	9 602	5 706	2 692	1 596
Päijät-Häme	3 568	2 084	1 045	605
Kymenlaakso	2 852	1 700	826	493
South Karelia	1 908	1 115	611	353
Etelä-Savo	2 868	1 765	758	472
Pohjois-Savo	4 391	2 605	1 321	788
North Karelia	2 749	1 627	851	497
Central Finland	4 725	2 716	1 509	876
South Ostrobothnia	3 392	1 978	1 038	621
Ostrobothnia	3 215	1 806	1 069	647
Central Ostrobothnia	1 357	796	462	277
North Ostrobothnia	8 163	4 742	2 314	1 334
Kainuu	1 318	744	372	245
Lapland	2 770	1 643	890	517
<b>Åland total</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>98</b>
Åland	447	255	175	98
<b>Whole country, total<sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>103 550</b>	<b>59 170</b>	<b>30 531</b>	<b>17 834</b>

1) Includes the Aurinkorannikon suomalainen koulu (Colegio Finlandés) located in Spain, with 45 students in upper secondary general education of whom 26 are female and with 9 completers of matriculation examination of whom seven are female.

**Appendix table 3. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination in 2001 to 2016**

Year	Educational institutions providing upper secondary general education	Students, total	Students, women	Matriculation examinations, total	Matriculation examinations, women
2001	483	128 642	74 309	35 283	20 538
2002	484	124 644	71 778	36 224	21 338
2003	483	121 816	69 742	35 182	20 642
2004	479	120 531	68 714	34 652	20 386
2005	471	118 111	66 921	34 058	19 624
2006	461	117 260	66 726	32 786	18 871
2007	449	115 253	65 806	33 066	19 186
2008	449	114 240	65 305	32 592	18 628
2009	441	112 088	63 939	32 643	18 835
2010	439	111 778	63 333	32 324	18 752
2011	433	109 046	61 701	32 413	18 571
2012	428	107 412	60 864	31 595	18 244
2013	421	105 898	60 008	31 693	18 181
2014	414	103 914	59 201	31 620	18 074
2015	397	104 060	59 561	30 617	17 589
2016	389	103 550	59 170	30 531	17 834

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