

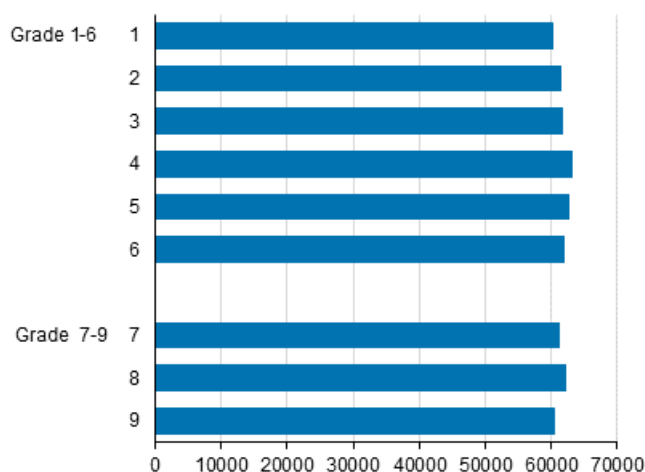
Students and qualifications 2020

Pre-primary and basic education

Comprehensive schools had 566,600 pupils in 2020

According to Statistics Finland’s education statistics, comprehensive schools had 566,600 pupils in 2020. The number of pupils in comprehensive schools grew by 0.4 per cent from the year before. Forty-nine per cent of the pupils were girls and 51 per cent were boys. A total of 371,400 pupils attended grades 1 to 6 of comprehensive schools and 183,900 pupils grades 7 to 9.

Comprehensive school pupils in grades 1 to 9 in 2020



A total of 1,000 pupils attended additional education (grade 10), of whom 500 in comprehensive schools. The number of pupils attending comprehensive schools also includes pre-primary education pupils in connection with basic education, numbering 10,800. More information can be found in the quality description of this set of statistics.

In autumn 2020, a total of 501 pupils were being home-schooled. There were 327 pupils temporarily residing abroad. Time series data on students not studying in comprehensive schools can be found in the appendix table of this publication.

A total of 5,400 students were studying in basic education of adults. Of them, 51 per cent were men. Until 2019, data on basic education of adults have been published in the [statistics on adult education of educational institutions](#).

Data on the development of the number of comprehensive schools can be found in the [statistics on providers of education and educational institutions](#).

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Appendix table 1. Children of compulsory education age outside comprehensive school in 1990 to 2020¹⁾

Year	Received postponement	Being home-schooled	Temporarily residing abroad	Total
1990	1 350	1 520	1 069	3 939
1995	1 295	427	1 512	3 234
1996	1 391	465	1 299	3 155
1997	1 449	448	1 280	3 177
1998	1 459	275	1 050	2 784
1999	1 445	262	1 058	2 765
2000	1447	302	990	2 739
2001	1639	291	688	2 618
2002	1527	347	492	2 366
2003	1429	248	587	2 264
2004	1522	282	612	2 416
2005	1 485	332	603	2 420
2006	1 502	350	598	2 450
2007	1 277	376	636	2 289
2008	1 251	375	700	2 326
2009	1 161	297	580	2 038
2010	1 100	273	646	2 019
2011	882	222	871	1 975
2012	875	275	896	2 046
2013	713	285	1 062	2 060
2014	698	303	1 078	2 079
2015	680	332	1 242	2 254
2016	669	343	1 402	2 414
2017	582	378	1 428	2 388
2018	665	414	1 335	2 414
2019	668	437	1 332	2 437
2020	.. ¹⁾	501	327	828

1) Data on those having received postponement were not available for 2020.

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