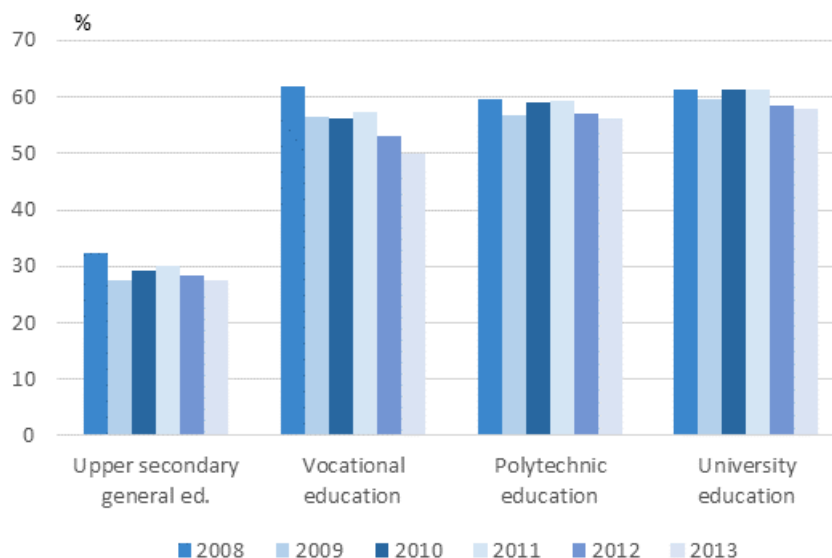


# Employment of students 2013

## Number of employed students decreased

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students decreased by close on two percentage points in 2013 from the previous year. Slightly more than one-half of students were employed during their studies. Since 2004, the share has been highest in 2008 when nearly six out of ten students were employed during their studies.

### Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2008–2013



Working was most common in connection with university and polytechnic studies. Fifty-eight per cent of university students had an employment contract while studying and 56 per cent of polytechnic students. In 2013, the share of employed students in upper secondary vocational education decreased most, by good three percentage points from the year before. One in two students attending upper secondary vocational education were employed during their studies.

Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 56 per cent of women and 48 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The proportion of employed women in upper secondary general education and in polytechnic education was ten percentage points higher than that of men. Thirty-two

per cent of women in upper secondary general education were working alongside studies and 61 per cent of women in polytechnic education. Fifty-three per cent of women in upper secondary level vocational education worked, which was seven percentage points more than for men.

Employment during studies grew clearly the older the students were. While 23 per cent of students aged 18 were working, the share of employed students aged at least 25 was nearly triple. Of 21-year-old students, 42 per cent and of 24-year-old students, 52 per cent had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 64 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Sixty-three per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, and business and administration, 60 per cent of students in the fields of health, welfare and sports, and 55 per cent of students in the fields of humanities and education had a valid employment contract at the end of 2013.

Employment during studies was more common than the average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Ostrobothnia, Kanta-Häme and Varsinais-Suomi, and in Åland. Nearly six in ten students in the regions of Uusimaa and Åland were working.

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 2013 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2013**

Sector of education	Students total		Employed students		Share of employed students of all students							
	2013		2013		2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Upper secondary general education	45 171	12 399	27,4	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0	
Vocational education	225 500	112 235	49,8	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2	
Polytechnic education	138 803	78 209	56,3	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6	
University education	167 169	96 771	57,9	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>576 643</b>	<b>299 614</b>	<b>52,0</b>	<b>53,7</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>56,1</b>	<b>55,2</b>	<b>58,7</b>	<b>58,3</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>53,6</b>	

**Appendix table 2. Employment of students aged at least 18 by level of education and gender in 2013**

Level of education	Students			Female students			Male students		
	Total	Of whom employed		Total	Of whom employed		Total	Of whom employed	
			%			%			%
Upper secondary general education	45 171	12 399	27,4	25 014	8 036	32,1	20 157	4 363	21,6
Upper secondary vocational education	225 479	112 215	49,8	120 444	63 959	53,1	105 035	48 256	45,9
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	21	20	95,2	5	5	100,0	16	15	93,8
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	130 237	70 740	54,3	69 220	40 874	59,0	61 017	29 866	48,9
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	93 199	47 047	50,5	47 337	25 912	54,7	45 862	21 135	46,1
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	8 566	7 469	87,2	5 453	4 787	87,8	3 113	2 682	86,2
Higher university degree (Master)	49 339	30 158	61,1	28 611	17 411	60,9	20 728	12 747	61,5
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	4 352	4 067	93,5	2 974	2 772	93,2	1 378	1 295	94,0
Licentiate's degree	1 624	1 325	81,6	781	677	86,7	843	648	76,9
Doctoral degree	18 655	14 174	76,0	9 738	7 443	76,4	8 917	6 731	75,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>576 643</b>	<b>299 614</b>	<b>52,0</b>	<b>309 577</b>	<b>171 876</b>	<b>55,5</b>	<b>267 066</b>	<b>127 738</b>	<b>47,8</b>

**Appendix table 3. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2013**

Level of education	Students total	Employed students total	%	Age							
				18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
Upper secondary general education	45 171	12 399	27,4	6 839	2 845	526	298	257	197	162	1 275
Upper secondary vocational education	225 479	112 215	49,8	7 020	4 955	3 603	4 490	4 575	4 365	3 930	79 277
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	21	20	95,2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	130 237	70 740	54,3	31	1 878	4 272	6 465	7 606	7 448	6 326	36 714
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	93 199	47 047	50,5	33	1 291	2 723	4 035	4 289	4 172	3 693	26 811
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	8 566	7 469	87,2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 469
Higher university degree (Master)	49 339	30 158	61,1	-	23	97	172	456	1 241	2 279	25 890
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	4 352	4 067	93,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 067
Licentiate's degree	1 624	1 325	81,6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 325
Doctoral degree	18 655	14 174	76,0	-	-	-	-	-	11	57	14 106
<b>Total</b>	<b>576 643</b>	<b>299 614</b>	<b>52,0</b>	<b>13 923</b>	<b>10 992</b>	<b>11 221</b>	<b>15 460</b>	<b>17 183</b>	<b>17 434</b>	<b>16 447</b>	<b>196 954</b>

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