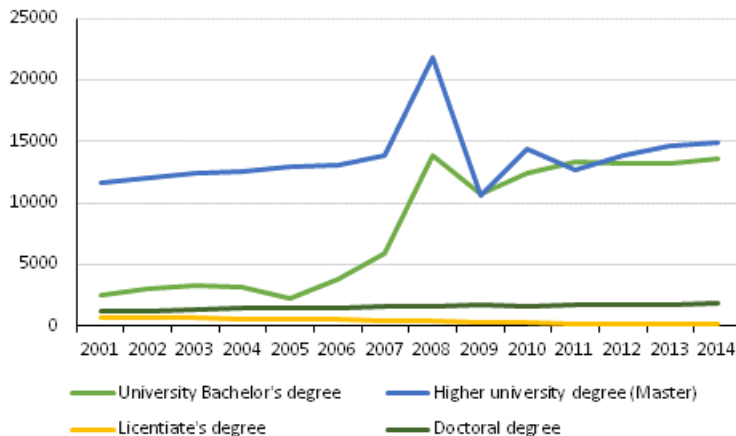


# University education 2014

## Number of university students decreased and that of degrees increased in 2014

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, a total of 163,800 students attended university education leading to a degree in 2014. The number of students went down by two per cent compared to the previous year. Altogether 31,200 degrees were attained, which was almost three per cent more than in the year before. The number of doctorate degrees grew most, by eight per cent.

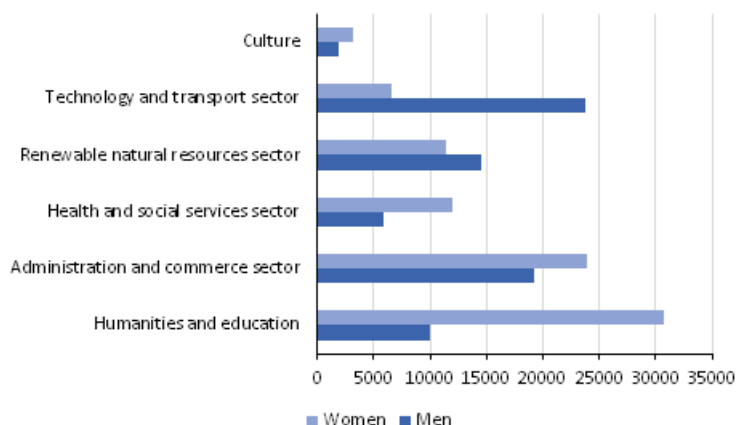
### Completed university degrees 2001–2014



## University students

In all, 89,900 students were studying for a lower university degree and 49,700 for a higher university degree. There were 4,400 students studying for professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry and 1,400 studying for licentiate's degrees. The share of those studying for a doctorate degree among all students was 11 per cent, or 18,500 students. The numbers of new students studying for a lower and higher university degree grew slightly, but the number of those studying for a doctorate degree went down. In 2014, 17,500 students started studying for a lower university degree and 7,000 for a higher university degree. Fewer than 1,700 students started studies for a doctorate degree.

## University students by fields of education (Educational Administration's classification 1995) and gender in 2014



In 2014, the highest numbers of students were studying in the field of administration and commerce, 26 per cent. There were nearly as many students in the field of humanities and education, 25 per cent. The third most students were studying in the field of technology and transport, 19 per cent. The proportion of women of all students attending education leading to a degree was 54 per cent but the variation was large when viewed by field of education. In the field of humanities and education, the proportion of women was 75 per cent and in the field of health and social services it was 67 per cent, but in the field of technology and transport the proportion was only 22 per cent.

The number of students was highest at the University of Helsinki, 34,800. The second most students were found at Aalto University, 18,300 and the third most at the University of Turku, 16,800.

## University degrees

The number of degrees attained at universities increased. In 2014, the number of higher university degrees was 14,900 and that of lower university degrees 13,600. Completed degrees at the doctorate level numbered almost 1,900. Of all degrees completed at universities, over six per cent were attained by foreign students, the figure being nine per cent for higher university degrees and 21 per cent for doctorate degrees.

In 2014, most degrees were completed in the field of administration and commerce and in the field of humanities and education, 28 per cent in both. The third most degrees were completed in the field of technology and transport, 18 per cent. Most doctors graduated in the field of natural resources, 23 per cent.

Examined by university, most degrees were completed at the University of Helsinki, 6,100. The second most degrees were attained at Aalto University and the University of Turku, in both 3,500 degrees. Data on university students and degrees pertaining to 2014 were for the first time produced from the national database of universities. More detailed time series data on university students and degrees by education and university are available in the [tables in databases](#).

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**Appendix table 1. Students in universities and completed university degrees by level of education, fields of education (Educational Administration's classification 1995) and gender in 2014**

Level of education		New students, total	New students, women	Students, total	Students, women	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Fields of education, total</b>		<b>26 998</b>	<b>14 899</b>	<b>163 759</b>	<b>87 614</b>	<b>31 164</b>	<b>18 263</b>
	Renewable natural resources sector	4 539	2 068	25 957	11 370	3 841	1 919
	Technology and transport sector	4 400	1 046	30 302	6 564	5 478	1 321
	Administration and commerce sector	7 414	4 268	43 006	23 845	8 743	5 167
	Health and social services sector	2 960	1 951	17 812	11 963	3 188	2 330
	Culture	815	525	5 014	3 140	1 002	655
	Humanities and education	6 523	5 027	40 738	30 698	8 702	6 867
	Other	347	14	930	34	210	4
<b>University Bachelor's degree</b>	<b>Fields of education, total</b>	<b>17 538</b>	<b>9 853</b>	<b>89 853</b>	<b>45 624</b>	<b>13 640</b>	<b>7 988</b>
	Renewable natural resources sector	3 439	1 589	16 831	7 013	1 655	844
	Technology and transport sector	2 588	584	17 040	3 138	2 352	542
	Administration and commerce sector	4 914	2 679	25 140	13 005	4 047	2 304
	Health and social services sector	898	723	3 248	2 489	756	639
	Culture	419	271	2 086	1 292	372	236
	Humanities and education	5 120	3 999	25 032	18 673	4 317	3 423
	Other	160	8	476	14	141	0
<b>Higher university degree (Master)</b>	<b>Fields of education, total</b>	<b>7 033</b>	<b>3 682</b>	<b>49 671</b>	<b>28 555</b>	<b>14 920</b>	<b>8 800</b>
	Renewable natural resources sector	809	355	5 820	2 820	1 729	855
	Technology and transport sector	1 439	344	8 501	2 078	2 682	663
	Administration and commerce sector	2 137	1 377	13 945	8 637	4 372	2 675
	Health and social services sector	1 139	625	7 319	4 480	1 449	1 000
	Culture	331	212	2 397	1 539	586	393
	Humanities and education	999	764	11 304	8 987	4 037	3 210
	Other	179	5	385	14	65	4
<b>Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry</b>	<b>Fields of education, total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>4 365</b>	<b>2 965</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>410</b>
	Health and social services sector	668	424	4 365	2 965	580	410

Level of education		New students, total	New students, women	Students, total	Students, women	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Licentiate's degree</b>	<b>Fields of education, total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1 420</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>96</b>
	Renewable natural resources sector	9	6	74	30	29	14
	Technology and transport sector	3	1	573	121	31	14
	Administration and commerce sector	42	31	378	261	46	29
	Health and social services sector	1	1	24	20	1	1
	Culture	0	0	6	3	3	2
	Humanities and education	53	47	364	280	45	36
	Other	0	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Doctoral degree</b>	<b>Fields of education, total</b>	<b>1 651</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>18 450</b>	<b>9 754</b>	<b>1 869</b>	<b>969</b>
	Renewable natural resources sector	282	118	3 232	1 507	428	206
	Technology and transport sector	370	117	4 188	1 227	413	102
	Administration and commerce sector	321	181	3 543	1 942	278	159
	Health and social services sector	254	178	2 856	2 009	402	280
	Culture	65	42	525	306	41	24
	Humanities and education	351	217	4 038	2 758	303	198
	Other	8	1	68	5	4	0

**Appendix table 2. Students in universities and completed university degrees by region in 2014**

Regions of Education	New students, total	New students, women	Students, total	Students, women	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Whole Country, Total</b>	<b>26 998</b>	<b>14 899</b>	<b>163 759</b>	<b>87 614</b>	<b>31 164</b>	<b>18 263</b>
<b>Mainland Finland</b>	<b>26 998</b>	<b>14 899</b>	<b>163 758</b>	<b>87 613</b>	<b>31 161</b>	<b>18 260</b>
Uusimaa	8 719	4 545	57 176	29 526	10 497	5 831
Varsinais-Suomi	3 455	2 016	19 714	11 326	3 951	2 470
Satakunta	485	331	2 295	1 474	508	325
Kanta-Häme	0	0	12	0	0	0
Pirkanmaa	3 326	1 726	23 343	11 437	4 083	2 154
Päijät-Häme	33	25	227	162	58	33
Kymenlaakso	0	0	4	0	0	0
South Karelia	971	284	5 053	1 403	988	331
Etelä-Savo	270	204	1 099	847	276	228
Pohjois-Savo	1 332	862	6 952	4 359	1 279	921
North Karelia	1 531	892	8 051	4 749	1 371	891
Central Finland	2 435	1 526	12 866	7 725	2 731	1 754
South Ostrobothnia	24	4	29	7	3	1
Ostrobothnia	1 422	845	7 510	4 256	1 382	857
Central Ostrobothnia	50	45	195	149	102	91
North Ostrobothnia	2 232	1 102	14 847	7 150	2 896	1 607
Kainuu	13	2	36	11	9	2
Lapland	700	490	4 349	3 032	1 027	764
<b>Åland</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Åland	0	0	1	1	3	3

**Appendix table 3. Students in universities and completed university degrees by universities in 2014**

University	New students, total	New students, women	Students, total	Students, women	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 998</b>	<b>14 899</b>	<b>163 759</b>	<b>87 614</b>	<b>31 164</b>	<b>18 263</b>
Aalto University	2 585	898	18 343	5 844	3 492	1 189
Hanken School of Economics	484	254	2 433	1 101	526	274
Lappeenranta University of Technology	971	284	5 004	1 402	1 010	335
National Defence University	347	14	929	33	210	4
Tampere University of Technology	1 152	280	8 804	1 887	1 598	388
University of Eastern Finland	3 011	1 882	15 752	9 747	2 842	1 983
University of Helsinki	5 278	3 362	34 833	22 131	6 088	4 278
University of Jyväskylä	2 498	1 573	13 057	7 880	2 840	1 847
University of Lapland	700	490	4 349	3 032	1 027	764
University of Oulu	2 232	1 102	14 822	7 143	2 896	1 607
University of Tampere	2 310	1 508	15 134	9 791	2 571	1 813
University of Turku	2 932	1 811	16 788	10 145	3 536	2 284
University of Vaasa	985	549	5 387	2 803	937	530
University of the Arts Helsinki	328	188	1 985	1 110	465	267
Åbo Akademi University	1 185	704	6 139	3 565	1 126	700

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