

Subject choices of students 2010

Subject choices of completers of upper secondary general school education

Subject choices of completers of upper secondary general school education in 2010

According to Statistics Finland, nearly all completers of the full upper secondary general school syllabus in 2010 had studied English, and Finnish or Swedish during their attendance of upper secondary general school. German had been studied by 26 per cent, French by 17 per cent, Spanish by 14 per cent and Russian by seven per cent of the completers of upper secondary general school education. The proportions of those having studied other, more unusual foreign languages remained at four per cent or below. They also vary considerably between genders in several languages.

Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2010

Studied language	Compulsory A-languages	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2, at least six courses	Elective language B3, at least six courses	Elective language, fewer than six courses	Total	Share of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, %
English	30 497	29	12	4	0	30 542	99.1
Swedish	2 524	25 475	3	5	48	28 055	91.0
Finnish	2 045	50	16	21	1	2 133	6.9
French	634	35	915	1 334	2 445	5 363	17.4
German	1 804	7	1 485	1 608	3 032	7 936	25.7
Russian	171	5	46	613	1 191	2 026	6.6
Sami	3	-	4	3	15	25	0.1
Latin	0	-	23	86	440	549	1.8
Spanish	11	-	56	1 510	2 671	4 248	13.8
Italian	0	-	15	246	826	1 087	3.5
Other	0	-	1	18	310	329	1.1

The completers of upper secondary general school studies had mainly taken English, Swedish or Finnish as a compulsory language subject. German, French, Spanish, Russian and other foreign languages had been mainly studied as an elective language. A total of 30,829 students completed the full upper secondary general school syllabus in spring 2010. 12,948 of the completers were men and 17,881 were women.

In spring 2010, 43 per cent of all completers of the full upper secondary general school syllabus - 36 per cent of female students and 53 per cent of male students - had taken the long syllabus in mathematics.

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Appendix table 1. Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2010, male

Studied language	Compulsory A-languages	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2, at least six courses	Elective language B3, at least six courses	Elective language, fewer than six courses	Total	Share of male completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, %
English	12 830	11	1	4	0	12 846	99.2
Swedish	810	10 905	0	0	21	11 736	90.6
Finnish	887	16	16	2	0	921	7.1
French	173	29	172	213	555	1 142	8.8
German	614	2	480	543	1 185	2 824	21.8
Russian	49	1	12	166	386	614	4.7
Sami	0	-	1	0	7	8	0.1
Latin	0	-	8	29	145	182	1.4
Spanish	2	-	18	327	665	1 012	7.8
Italian	0	-	4	48	216	268	2.1
Other	0	-	0	7	99	106	0.8

Appendix table 2. Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2010, female

Studied language	Compulsory A-languages	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2, at least six courses	Elective language B3, at least six courses	Elective language, fewer than six courses	Total	Share of female completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, %
English	17 667	18	11	0	0	17 696	99.0
Swedish	1 714	14 570	3	5	27	16 319	91.3
Finnish	1 158	34	0	19	1	1 212	6.8
French	461	6	743	1 121	1 890	4 221	23.6
German	1 190	5	1 005	1 065	1 847	5 112	28.6
Russian	122	4	34	447	805	1 412	7.9
Sami	3	-	3	3	8	17	0.1
Latin	0	-	15	57	295	367	2.1
Spanish	9	-	38	1 183	2 006	3 236	18.1
Italian	0	-	11	198	610	819	4.6
Other	0	-	1	11	211	223	1.2

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