Highest education completed#1 for persons aged 16 years and over per 1 October. SDF area#2

	Number							Percent#3				
				Tertiary	Tertiary							
			Upper	education	education	Unstated or			Upper	Tertiary	Tertiary	
		Basic	secondary	level,	level,	no		Basic	secondary	education	education	
	Total s	chool level	level#4	short#5	long#6	education	Total	school level	level	level, short	level, long	
1990	34 834	20 120	11 122	2 771	302	519	100,0	58,6	32,4	8,1	0,9	
1995	33 940	17 316	12 139	3 582	380	523	100,0	51,8	36,3	10,7	1,1	
2000	31 845	15 519	11 525	3 797	466	538	100,0	49,6	36,8	12,1	1,5	
2001	31 650	15 228	11 542	3 844	470	566	100,0	49,0	37,1	12,4	1,5	
2002	31 520	14 892	11 633	3 889	470	636	100,0	48,2	37,7	12,6	1,5	
2003	31 235	14 515	11 556	3 974	500	690	100,0	47,5	37,8	13,0	1,6	
2004	31 098	14 246	11 454	4 160	537	701	100,0	46,9	37,7	13,7	1,8	
2005	30 906	13 944	11 401	4 269	552	740	100,0	46,2	37,8	14,2	1,8	
2006	30 710	13 714	11 338	4 309	586	763	100,0	45,8	37,9	14,4	2,0	

^{#1} The definitions of the different levels of education used in statistics on the population's educational levels were changed in 2006. The 2006 definitions of level of education are used as the basis for all years.

Source: Education statistics, Statistics Norway.

^{#2} The geographical area of activity of the Sami Development Fund North of Saltfjellet. All years are based on the 2005 definition of the SDF area.

^{#3} Does not include persons with unstated or incomplete education.

^{#4} Includes intermediate level courses based on completed upper secondary level, but which are not accredited as tertiary education.

^{#5} Tertiary education level, short comprises higher education of up to 4 years' duration.

^{#6} Tertiary education, long comprises higher education of more than 4 years' duration, and post-graduate research.