

# Polytechnic students numbered 135,000 in 2009

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 135,000 students attended polytechnic education leading to a degree in autumn 2009. This was 2,500 students more than in 2008. The number of new students was 38,200, which is three per cent more than one year previously. The numbers of students were highest in the fields of technology, transport and welfare, health and physical exercise.

The number of students attending education leading to a higher polytechnic degree was 5,500 in 2009, which is 1,000 students more than in 2008.

Examined by the number of students, the biggest polytechnics were the Metropolia Polytechnic, the Haaga-Helia Polytechnic and the Turku Polytechnic. The proportion of women of polytechnic students was 54 per cent.

New students and students in polytechnics by region in 2009

Region	New students		Students	
	Total	Women	Total	Women
<b>Whole country</b>	<b>38,197</b>	<b>20,937</b>	<b>135,033</b>	<b>73,217</b>
<b>Continental Finland</b>	<b>38,036</b>	<b>20,867</b>	<b>134,537</b>	<b>73,033</b>
Uusimaa	9,678	5,483	35,119	19,878
Itä-Uusimaa	389	278	1,423	1,031
Varsinais-Suomi	3,066	1,776	10,760	5,933
Satakunta	1,775	957	6,050	3,339
Kanta-Häme	1,671	884	5,816	3,192
Pirkanmaa	2,894	1,475	10,531	5,161
Päijät-Häme	1,544	926	5,330	3,123
Kymenlaakso	1,132	598	4,212	2,234
South Karelia	781	445	2,919	1,573
Etelä-Savo	1,710	1,039	5,255	3,060
Pohjois-Savo	1,979	1,020	6,756	3,627
North Karelia	1,199	645	4,090	2,176
Central Finland	1,818	976	6,774	3,533
South Ostrobothnia	1,287	722	4,730	2,554
Ostrobothnia	1,586	747	5,588	2,628
Central Ostrobothnia	525	285	1,771	935
North Ostrobothnia	2,564	1,338	9,093	4,582
Kainuu	612	298	2,062	1,092
Lapland	1,826	975	6,258	3,382
Åland	<b>161</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>184</b>
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