

Students in upper secondary general school education numbered 114,240 in 2008

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 114,240 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to qualification in 2008. The number of students continued to decrease and was nearly one per cent lower than the year before.

Fifty-seven per cent of the students in upper secondary general school education leading to a qualification were women. Upper secondary education was offered at 406 upper secondary schools and 43 other educational institutions.

Students in upper secondary general education by region in 2008

Region of studying	Total	Men	Women
Whole country, total ¹⁾	114,240	48,935	65,305
Continental Finland	113,785	48,741	65,044
Uusimaa	35,181	15,699	19,482
Itä-Uusimaa	1,624	746	878
Varsinais-Suomi	8,994	3,717	5,277
Satakunta	4,485	1,877	2,608
Kanta-Häme	3,043	1,330	1,713
Pirkanmaa	10,381	4,325	6,056
Päijät-Häme	4,033	1,733	2,300
Kymenlaakso	3,064	1,277	1,787
South Karelia	2,321	970	1,351
Etelä-Savo	3,353	1,318	2,035
Pohjois-Savo	5,339	2,121	3,218
North Karelia	3,186	1,386	1,800
Central Finland	5,273	2,302	2,971
South Ostrobothnia	3,862	1,689	2,173
Ostrobothnia	3,409	1,390	2,019
Central Ostrobothnia	1,543	583	960
North Ostrobothnia	8,542	3,686	4,856
Kainuu	1,949	870	1,079
Lapland	4,203	1,722	2,481
Åland	410	174	236
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¹⁾ Includes the Aurinkoranta upper secondary general school located abroad, which had 45 students.

A total of 32,592 students passed the matriculation examination in 2008. Their number was over one per cent less than the year before. In addition, the International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 321 students in 15 upper secondary schools, the Reifeprüfung by 35 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki) and the gymnasieexamen by 15 students in the Ålands lyceum.

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