

Number of students in polytechnics increased slightly and the number of degrees was nearly unchanged from the year before

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 133,300 students attended polytechnic education leading to a degree in autumn 2007. This was 700 students more than in 2006. The number of new students was 36,600, which is one per cent more than one year previously. A total of 21,000 degrees were obtained at polytechnics in 2007.

The number of foreign students attending education leading to a degree was 5,400, which is 17 per cent more than one year previously. In 2007 the number of degrees obtained by foreign students increased by 11 per cent from the previous year and stood at slightly over 500.

The number of students attending education leading to a higher polytechnic degree was 3,400 in 2007, which is 1,300 students more than in 2006. Higher polytechnic degrees were obtained by 360 students, of whom 64 per cent were women.

New students, students and degrees in polytechnics by region in 2007

Region	New students	Students	Degrees
Continental Finland	36,495	132,876	20,927
Uusimaa	9,278	34,916	5,240
Itä-Uusimaa	400	1,442	234
Varsinais-Suomi	2,847	10,512	1,686
Satakunta	1,592	6,111	916
Kanta-Häme	1,520	5,340	810
Pirkanmaa	2,779	10,149	1,704
Päijät-Häme	1,404	5,387	931
Kymenlaakso	1,162	4,349	701
South Karelia	896	3,011	539
Etelä-Savo	1,412	4,811	910
Pohjois-Savo	1,925	6,706	1,069
North Karelia	1,128	4,017	694
Central Finland	1,738	6,703	1,176
South Ostrobothnia	1,422	4,662	748
Ostrobothnia	1,378	5,625	755
Central Ostrobothnia	507	1,780	280
North Ostrobothnia	2,637	9,133	1,298
Kainuu	644	2,082	326
Lapland	1,826	6,140	910
Åland	137	408	42
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Total	36,632	133,284	20,969

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