

Number of students and degrees in polytechnics decreased slightly in 2006

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 132,600 students attended polytechnic education leading to a degree in autumn 2006. This was 200 students fewer than in 2005. The number of new students was 36,300, which is 2 per cent less than one year previously. A total of 21,000 degrees were obtained at polytechnics in 2006. The number of degrees went down by two per cent.

The number of foreign students attending education leading to a degree was 4,600, which is 16 per cent more than one year previously. Examined by continent, the highest number of foreign students came from the Asian countries, Africa and the EU and EEC countries. In 2006 the number of degrees obtained by foreign students went down by 15 per cent from the previous year and stood at slightly below 500.

The number of students attending education leading to a higher polytechnic degree was 2,100 in 2006, which is 1,000 students more than in 2005. Higher polytechnic degrees were obtained by 150 students, of whom 77 per cent were women.

As from autumn 2005, it has been possible to obtain higher polytechnic degrees, which replaced the earlier post-graduate polytechnic degrees, in all fields of education.

New students, students and degrees in polytechnics by region in 2006

Region	New students	Students	Degrees
Continental Finland	36,159	132,168	20,951
Uusimaa	9,452	34,891	5,243
Itä-Uusimaa	415	1,378	223
Varsinais-Suomi	2,954	10,747	1,762
Satakunta	1,727	6,116	1,009
Kanta-Häme	1,238	5,031	774
Pirkanmaa	2,752	10,045	1,627
Päijät-Häme	1,358	5,502	941
Kymenlaakso	1,081	4,339	647
South Karelia	793	2,922	522
Etelä-Savo	1,479	4,806	841
Pohjois-Savo	1,988	6,768	1,081
North Karelia	1,234	4,109	646
Central Finland	1,857	6,836	1,173
South Ostrobothnia	1,237	4,512	782
Ostrobothnia	1,353	5,489	805
Central Ostrobothnia	532	1,800	263
North Ostrobothnia	2,383	8,861	1,352
Kainuu	604	1,951	292
Lapland	1,722	6,065	968
Åland	117	392	55
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Total	36,276	132,560	21,006

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