

# University students numbered 176,500 in 2006

**Revised 24.1.2008.** The number of students in education leading to a bachelor's degree or master's degree has been revised.

**The table by region has been changed on 26 April 2007.** The numbers of Uusimaa, Päijät-Häme and Ostrobothnia have been changed.

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 176,500 students attended university education leading to a degree in 2006. In 2006 the highest numbers of students were studying in the fields of science and technology, natural sciences and humanities. Of all students, 25<sup>1)</sup> per cent were studying for a lower tertiary degree and 61<sup>2)</sup> for a higher tertiary degree. A total of 14 per cent of all students were studying at the doctorate level of attending specialist training of doctors.

The proportion of women of all students attending education leading to a degree was 54 per cent and their proportion of new students was 57 per cent. In relative terms, the highest number of women studied in the field of health sciences and the lowest in the field of science and technology.

In 2006 the number of foreign students attending university education leading to a degree was 5,400, which is 500 more than in 2005. Women made up 42 per cent of all foreign students. Examined by continent, the highest number of foreign students came from Europe and Asia. The highest numbers of foreign students were studying in the fields of science and technology, humanities and natural sciences.

New students and total number of students in universities by region in 2006

Region	New students			Students		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Uusimaa	6,317	2,894	3,423	62,517	30,008	32,509
Varsinais-Suomi	2,391	944	1,447	22,286	8,920	13,366
Satakunta	409	160	249	2,139	1,051	1,088
Kanta-Häme	64	21	43	687	186	501
Pirkanmaa	2,632	1,385	1,247	26,425	14,332	12,093
Päijät-Häme	25	3	22	181	34	147
Kymenlaakso	46	13	33	409	92	317
South Karelia	783	528	255	5,588	3,959	1,629
Etelä-Savo	288	69	219	1,389	296	1,093
Pohjois-Savo	853	271	582	6,131	2,089	4,042
North Karelia	1,073	452	621	7,004	2,814	4,190
Central Finland	1,813	626	1,187	13,740	5,041	8,699
South Ostrobothnia	-	-	-	14	11	3
Ostrobothnia	1,004	398	606	7,324	3,022	4,302
North Ostrobothnia	1,608	733	875	15,348	8,062	7,286
Kainuu	138	49	89	693	190	503
Lapland	706	217	489	4,680	1,401	3,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,150</b>	<b>8,763</b>	<b>11,387</b>	<b>176,555</b>	<b>81,508</b>	<b>95,047</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Figure was previously 24

<sup>2)</sup> Figure was previously 62

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