

## A total of 23,800 university degrees were attained in 2009

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 23,800 university degrees were attained in Finland in 2009. The number of university degrees completed returned in 2009 close to the level of 2007. The number of degrees attained in 2008 was exceptionally high (38,200). The record growth in the number of degrees in 2008 was explained by the ending of the transition period connected to the university degree revision in most fields of education in summer 2008. Of the degrees attained in 2009, 10,800 were lower university degrees and 10,500 higher university degrees. Completed degrees at the doctorate level numbered 1,600. The number of degrees attained by foreign citizens was 1,100. Women completed 62 per cent of all university degrees.

Completed university degrees by region 2009

Region	Total	Men	Women
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 831</b>	<b>9 148</b>	<b>14 683</b>
Uusimaa	8 009	3 352	4 657
Varsinais-Suomi	3 000	1 014	1 986
Satakunta	375	114	261
Kanta-Häme	104	13	91
Pirkanmaa	2 747	1 285	1 462
Päijät-Häme	18	2	16
Kymenlaakso	30	7	23
South Karelia	906	565	341
Etelä-Savo	270	70	200
Pohjois-Savo	1 088	268	820
North Karelia	1 073	374	699
Central Finland	2 297	655	1 642
South Ostrobothnia	2	1	1
Ostrobothnia	925	310	615
Central Ostrobothnia	69	10	59
North Ostrobothnia	2 042	866	1 176
Kainuu	158	31	127
Lapland	718	211	507

Source: Education 2009. Statistics Finland

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