

Number of students in upper secondary general school continued to decrease

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 112,100 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to qualification in 2009. The number of students continued to decrease and was nearly two 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 398 upper secondary schools and 43 other educational institutions.

Students in upper secondary general education by region in 2009

Region of studying	Total	Men	Women
Whole country, total ¹⁾	112 088	48 149	63 939
Continental Finland	111 621	47 965	63 656
Uusimaa	35 019	15 668	19 351
Itä-Uusimaa	1 636	743	893
Varsinais-Suomi	8 813	3 673	5 140
Satakunta	4 206	1 729	2 477
Kanta-Häme	3 032	1 326	1 706
Pirkanmaa	10 360	4 398	5 962
Päijät-Häme	3 881	1 650	2 231
Kymenlaakso	3 029	1 250	1 779
South Karelia	2 288	979	1 309
Etelä-Savo	3 368	1 346	2 022
Pohjois-Savo	5 018	1 984	3 034
North Karelia	3 036	1 342	1 694
Central Finland	5 068	2 196	2 872
South Ostrobothnia	3 722	1 636	2 086
Ostrobothnia	3 424	1 405	2 019
Central Ostrobothnia	1 427	564	863
North Ostrobothnia	8 613	3 672	4 941
Kainuu	1 831	855	976
Lapland	3 850	1 549	2 301
Åland	411	159	252
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1) Includes the Aurinkoranta upper secondary general school located abroad, which had 56 students.

A total of 32,643 students passed the matriculation examination in 2009. Their number was 0.2 per cent up from the year before. In addition, the International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 342 students in 15 upper secondary schools, the Reifeprüfung by 39 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki) and the gymnasieexamen by 10 students in the Ålands lyceum.

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