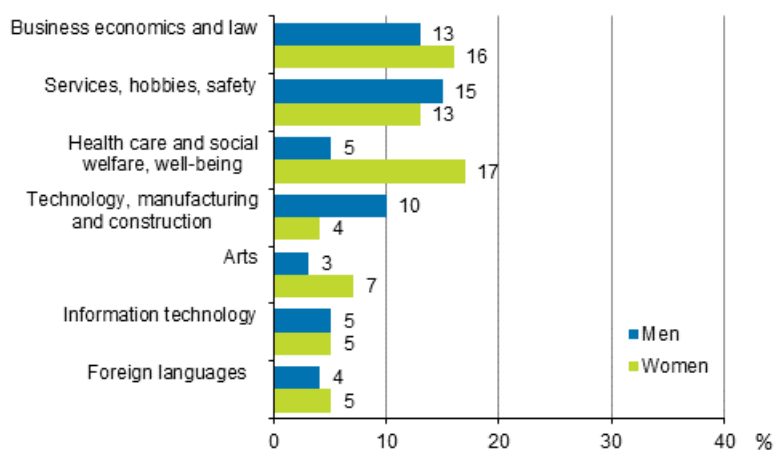


# Participation in adult education 2017

## Business economics and law, and services, hobbies and safety are studied in adult education and training

Studies related to business economics and law and services, hobbies and safety were the most common subjects of adult education and training. Training related to these subjects had been received by 14 per cent of persons aged 18 to 64 in 2017. This information derives from Statistics Finland's Adult Education Survey for 2017.

### Participation in adult education and training by content of education and sex in 2017 (population aged 18 to 64), %



NB Only the most common subjects included.

Sixteen per cent of women aged 18 to 64 studied business economics and law, 13 per cent of men. The biggest differences between sexes were in participation in training in female-dominated health care and social welfare (12 percentage points in favour of women) and in male-dominated fields of technology, manufacturing and construction (six percentage points in favour of men). Women also favoured courses in arts more often than men (Appendix table 1.).

The most popular subjects of personnel training received by wage and salary earners were the same as usual in adult education. Every fifth wage or salary earner aged 18 to 64, in total around 370,000 persons, had received personnel training in business economics and law in 2017. A total of 260,000 wage and salary earners received training related to services, hobbies and safety, 229,000 had training in health care.

The most popular subject of hobby-oriented adult education (not related to work or occupation) was arts, studied by 100,000 persons in 2017. Foreign languages were studied as a hobby by 80,000 and physical activity and sports by 77,000 adults.

The need for professional skills or career advancing training was reported by 42 per cent of persons aged 18 to 64 in 2017. The most need for training was felt for business economics and law. The next most common subjects were health care and social welfare and technology.

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**Appendix table 1. Participation in adult education and training by content of education in 2017 (population aged 18 to 64 having participated in education and training concerned)**

Content of education <sup>1)</sup>	Economics and law	Services, hobbies, safety	Health care and social welfare, well-being	Technology, manufacturing and construction	Information technology	Arts	Foreign languages	Participants total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Age</b>								
18–24	15	28	21	18	2	9	13	63
25–34	31	26	25	16	9	6	10	389
35–44	34	31	23	15	14	11	9	408
45–54	33	31	25	13	14	11	7	413
55–64	30	27	17	12	12	15	11	314
<b>Sex</b>								
Men	29	34	11	24	12	6	9	682
Women	31	25	32	7	10	14	10	905
<b>Socio-economic group</b>								
Farmers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Other self-employed persons	40	32	13	16	12	10	11	68
Upper-level employees	39	21	16	15	20	13	10	488
Lower-level employees	38	26	36	10	13	7	8	481
Workers	19	53	10	25	4	4	5	223
Students	17	29	28	15	3	11	14	123
Pensioners	5	23	15	2	8	42	28	39
Other or unknown	18	21	20	12	2	14	9	149
<b>Level of education</b>								
Basic level	19	33	15	16	8	7	18	125
Upper secondary level	24	35	25	17	6	10	6	641
Tertiary level	39	21	22	11	16	12	10	821
<b>Municipality group</b>								
Urban	33	28	23	14	12	9	11	1170
Semi-urban	24	32	22	14	7	12	8	221
Rural	21	30	18	17	8	14	4	196
<b>All</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1 587</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>477 153</b>	<b>456 815</b>	<b>356 245</b>	<b>230 233</b>	<b>173 371</b>	<b>163 938</b>	<b>149 701</b>	<b>1 584 069</b>

1) Only the most common subjects included. Summing up the proportions does not give 100 per cent, as the respondents could report several contents of education.

**Appendix table 2. Participation in adult education and training subsidised by the employer (personnel training) by content of education in 2017 (wage and salary earners aged 18 to 64 having participated in education and training concerned)**

Content of education <sup>1)</sup>	Business economics and law	Services, hobbies, safety	Health care and social welfare, well-being	Technology, manufacturing and construction	Information technology	Educational sciences	Social and behavioural sciences	Foreign languages	Arts	Participants total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Age</b>										
18–24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
25–34	38	21	25	17	11	4	5	3	2	242
35–44	39	24	22	16	19	6	6	3	4	286
45–54	36	30	23	14	16	7	6	5	3	307
55–64	36	25	19	14	15	6	4	2	1	219
<b>Sex</b>										
Men	36	33	11	26	14	3	4	4	2	476
Women	37	20	33	6	15	8	6	3	4	596
<b>Socio-economic group</b>										
Upper-level employees	42	14	14	15	22	10	9	5	5	443
Lower-level employees	40	22	37	10	14	4	3	4	2	427
Workers	17	58	11	25	4	0	2	1	2	183
Other or unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
<b>Level of education</b>										
Basic level	29	41	17	17	13	.	3	2	2	53
Upper secondary level	28	38	24	18	9	3	2	3	2	396
Tertiary level	44	15	23	13	19	8	8	5	3	623
<b>Municipality group</b>										
Urban	40	25	23	15	16	6	6	4	3	818
Semi-urban	28	32	21	15	10	5	4	3	4	137
Rural	25	28	21	19	12	4	3	1	3	117
<b>All</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1 072</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>367 713</b>	<b>260 699</b>	<b>228 521</b>	<b>152 322</b>	<b>146 796</b>	<b>54 422</b>	<b>51 869</b>	<b>36 601</b>	<b>28 392</b>	<b>1 004 137</b>

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**Appendix table 3. Participation in adult education and training not related to work or occupation by content of education in 2017 (persons aged 18 to 64, excl. students and conscripts, having participated in education and training concerned)**

Content of education <sup>1)</sup>	Arts	Foreign languages	Sports, physical activity	Health care and social welfare, well-being	Economics and law	Services	Agriculture	Social and behavioural sciences	Participants total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Age</b>									
18–24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
25–34	14	25	16	7	7	5	2	8	73
35–44	24	19	23	10	10	5	8	3	117
45–54	31	13	23	11	7	6	3	3	105
55–64	41	27	18	3	4	4	3	1	114
<b>Sex</b>									
Men	20	20	17	7	8	4	2	5	125
Women	30	21	22	8	7	5	5	3	292
<b>Socio-economic group</b>									
Farmers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Other self-employed persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Upper-level employees	32	20	21	9	6	5	4	3	143
Lower-level employees	20	17	26	8	5	4	3	6	125
Workers	17	23	10	4	11	8	5	4	34
Pensioners	44	33	21	7	3	3	9	.	33
Other or unknown	26	19	15	8	11	4	3	5	56
<b>Level of education</b>									
Basic level	20	25	9	9	22	4	.	3	27
Upper secondary level	28	21	21	6	4	5	3	4	127
Tertiary level	28	20	22	8	7	5	5	4	263
<b>Municipality group</b>									
Urban	25	23	20	8	8	5	4	5	298
Semi-urban	27	22	21	7	9	5	2	3	56
Rural	35	10	21	6	3	6	6	.	63
<b>All</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>103 307</b>	<b>80 228</b>	<b>77 251</b>	<b>28 678</b>	<b>28 294</b>	<b>18 956</b>	<b>15 206</b>	<b>14 738</b>	<b>385 562</b>

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