Providers of education and educational institutions 2019

Number of comprehensive schools fell further, educational institutions bigger than before

Corrected 8 May 2020: Tables were corrected. The corrections are indicated in red.

According to Statistics Finland’s register of providers of education and register of educational institutions, there were 704 active providers of education and 3,175 educational institutions in which around 1.84 million students pursued studies at the end of 2019. A total of 2,187 comprehensive schools were in operation, 22 per cent of which were joint schools comprising grades 1 to 9. The share of joint schools in comprehensive schools has risen by 10 percentage points in ten years.

Number of comprehensive schools by grade 2010–2019

In 2019, there were 2,187 active comprehensive schools and they had a total of 550,400 pupils. The active special education schools at the comprehensive school level numbered 63 and they had 4,200 pupils. Comprehensive schools were more often than earlier joint schools comprising grades 1 to 9. In 2010, the number of active joint schools was 323, while the corresponding figure in 2019 was 470. In ten years, the share of joint schools in comprehensive schools has risen by 10 percentage points. During the same period,
the share of primary schools has decreased by seven percentage points and the share of secondary schools by three percentage points.

**Numbers of closed down and merged comprehensive schools and special education schools at the comprehensive school level in 2019**

A total of 61 comprehensive schools or comprehensive school level special education schools were closed down or merged with another educational institution. Twelve per cent of them were educational institutions with under 20 pupils, 39 per cent had between 20 and 49 pupils while 49 per cent had at least 50 pupils. Most comprehensive schools and comprehensive school level special education schools were closed down in Uusimaa, 13 in total. Second most were closed down or merged in Pirkanmaa and North Ostrobothnia, seven in both.
Measured by the average number of students, comprehensive schools are bigger units than before. In ten years, the average size of joint schools has grown most. In 2010, an average of 360 pupils studied at joint schools, while the corresponding figure in 2019 was 460, i.e. a growth of 28 per cent in the average number of pupils. The growth in the average number of pupils in primary and secondary schools has been lower than in joint schools. In 2010, an average of 139 pupils attended primary schools, while the corresponding figure in 2019 was 169, i.e. a growth of 22 per cent in the average size. The corresponding figures for secondary schools were 312 pupils in 2010 and 329 pupils in 2019, i.e. a growth of six per cent in the average size.
Educational institutions of the school system and numbers of students by type of educational institution in 2019 (The table was corrected on 8 May 2020)

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In 2019, the number of providers of education was in total 11 lower than one year earlier. Of the providers of education, 48 per cent were municipalities or joint municipal authorities, five per cent were central government units and 45 per cent private. The remaining two per cent of the providers of education operated in the region of Åland. In 2019, five new providers of education were added to the register of providers of education. The number of educational institutions was 63 lower than in the year before.

According to preliminary data for 2019, there were 1.3 million students in education leading to a qualification or degree. These data derive from education statistics compiled by Statistics Finland. Data on the subject are published on Statistics Finland’s websites on the statistics on students and qualifications of educational institutions, pre-primary and comprehensive school education, upper secondary general education, vocational education, university of applied sciences education, university education and adult education of educational institutions.
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