

Educational finances 2009

Current expenditure on regular education system increased in 2009

According to Statistics Finland, current expenditure on the regular education system increased by 4.1 per cent in 2009 compared with the previous year. Current expenditure on the regular education system totalled EUR 11.1 billion in 2009. Expenditure on comprehensive school education constitutes the biggest proportion of the current expenditure on the regular education system. Expenditure on comprehensive school education was EUR 4.0 billion in 2009. The next biggest proportions were university education and research, on which EUR 2.0 billion was expended, and vocational education on which EUR 1.5 billion was spent.

Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 2009

Type of expenditure	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	305	2,8
Comprehensive school education	3 978	35,9
Upper secondary general education	681	6,1
Vocational education	1 519	13,7
Apprenticeship training	194	1,7
Polytechnic education	865	7,8
University education and research ²⁾	2 020	18,2
Other education	428	3,9
Administration	240	2,2
Financial aid for students	860	7,8
Total	11 091	100,0

1) Pre-primary education for 6-year-old children (pre-school education) in day-care centres and comprehensive schools.

2) Includes universities' external financing for research.

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Type of expenditure	Year							Change
	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2008-2009
	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	..	94	269	272	285	294	305	3,7
Comprehensive school education ²⁾	2 379	2 734	3 413	3 538	3 667	3 889	3 978	2,3
Upper secondary general education ²⁾	429	503	600	618	635	665	681	2,4
Vocational education ³⁾	1 161	925	1 183	1 264	1 318	1 436	1 519	5,8
Apprenticeship training	32	96	132	139	169	212	194	-8,7
Polytechnic education ³⁾	145	525	704	762	784	834	865	3,7
University education and research ⁴⁾	945	1 364	1 671	1 736	1 806	1 925	2 020	5,0
Other education ⁵⁾	265	298	361	374	389	414	428	3,3
Administration	143	161	190	191	199	218	240	10,1
Financial aid for students	614	648	732	740	731	768	860	12,1
Total	6 113	7 348	9 253	9 634	9 985	10 655	11 091	4,1
Current expenditure as a percentage of GDP, %	6,4	5,6	5,9	5,8	5,6	5,8	6,5	

1) Free of charge pre-primary education for 6-year-old children (pre-school education) in day-care centres and comprehensive schools started in August 2000. Prior to August 2000 expenditure on pre-primary education in comprehensive schools is included in expenditure on comprehensive school education.

2) Calculatory employers' contribution fees for pension funds on municipal teaching personnel have been added to the figures in the years 1995–2000. In 2000–2009 also includes comprehensive school and upper secondary general education arranged in folk high schools.

3) Expenditure on vocational and polytechnic education does not include small outlays.

4) Includes universities' external financing for research. Includes rents of the State Real Estate Board for only part of the year 1995.

5) Not including education leading to a qualification or degree in folk high schools in 2000–2009.

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