

Subject choices of students 2009

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Language choices of comprehensive school pupils in 2009

According to Statistics Finland, English was the most commonly studied foreign language on grades 1 to 6 of comprehensive school in the autumn semester of 2009. Sixty-eight per cent of the pupils attending grades 1 to 6 studied English either as a compulsory or optional foreign language. The percentages of pupils studying other foreign languages remained at 5 per cent or below. A total of 347,060 pupils attended grades 1 to 6. 177 888 of the pupils were boys and 169 172 were girls. Nearly all pupils attending grades 7 to 9 studied both English and Swedish or Finnish either as mother tongue, or as a compulsory, optional or elective foreign language. German was studied by 11 per cent and French by 6 per cent of the pupils attending grades 7 to 9, mainly as an optional or elective foreign language. A total of 191,684 pupils attended grades 7 to 9. 97 957 of the pupils were boys and 93 727 were girls.

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		Compulsory language A1	Optional language A2	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2	Total	Share of pupils in grades 1-6 %	Share of pupils in grades 7-9 %
Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	221 473	13 214	.	.	234 687	67.6	.
	Swedish	2 907	12 921	.	.	15 828	4.6	.
	Finnish	14 164	1 127	.	.	15 291	4.4	.
	French	2 075	4 298	.	.	6 373	1.8	.
	German	3 113	9 633	.	.	12 746	3.7	.
	Russian	755	828	.	.	1 583	0.5	.
	Sami	1	235	.	.	236	0.1	.
	Other	252	436	.	.	688	0.2	.
Grades 7-9	English	174 252	15 569	333	75	190 229	.	99.2
	Swedish	2 239	12 393	161 550	8	176 190	.	91.9
	Finnish	10 447	1 032	200	2	11 681	.	6.1
	French	1 401	3 981	277	5 756	11 415	.	6.0
	German	2 103	10 304	350	8 760	21 517	.	11.2
	Russian	490	258	.	1 515	2 263	.	1.2
	Sami	4	35	.	12	51	.	0.0
	Latin	0	0	.	631	631	.	0.3
	Other	30	360	.	1 857	2 247	.	1.2

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		Compulsory language A1	Optional language A2	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2	Boys total	Share of boys in grades 1-6 %	Share of boys in grades 7-9 %
Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	113 039	6 520	.	.	119 559	67.2	.
	Swedish	1 383	5 768	.	.	7 151	4.0	.
	Finnish	7 292	593	.	.	7 885	4.4	.
	French	816	1 698	.	.	2 514	1.4	.
	German	1 475	4 284	.	.	5 759	3.2	.
	Russian	322	354	.	.	676	0.4	.
	Sami	1	116	.	.	117	0.1	.
	Other	123	192	.	.	315	0.2	.
Grades 7-9	English	89 316	7 562	160	40	97 078	.	99.1
	Swedish	1 024	5 493	83 310	4	89 831	.	91.7
	Finnish	5 345	453	113	1	5 912	.	6.0
	French	551	1 393	99	1 463	3 506	.	3.6
	German	938	4 502	149	3 418	9 007	.	9.2
	Russian	176	109	.	538	823	.	0.8
	Sami	2	14	.	2	18	.	0.0
	Latin	0	0	.	265	265	.	0.3
	Other	18	151	.	537	706	.	0.7

Language choices of comprehensive school pupils in 2009, girls

		Compulsory language A1	Optional language A2	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2	Girls total	Share of girls in grades 1-6 %	Share of girls in grades 7-9 %
Grades	Studied language							
Grades 1-6	English	108 434	6 694	.	.	115 128	68.1	.
	Swedish	1 524	7 153	.	.	8 677	5.1	.
	Finnish	6 872	534	.	.	7 406	4.4	.
	French	1 259	2 600	.	.	3 859	2.3	.
	German	1 638	5 349	.	.	6 987	4.1	.
	Russian	433	474	.	.	907	0.5	.
	Sami	0	119	.	.	119	0.1	.
	Other	129	244	.	.	373	0.2	.
Grades 7-9	English	84 936	8 007	173	35	93 151	.	99.4
	Swedish	1 215	6 900	78 240	4	86 359	.	92.1
	Finnish	5 102	579	87	1	5 769	.	6.2
	French	850	2 588	178	4 293	7 909	.	8.4
	German	1 165	5 802	201	5 342	12 510	.	13.3
	Russian	314	149	.	977	1 440	.	1.5
	Sami	2	21	.	10	33	.	0.0
	Latin	0	0	.	366	366	.	0.4
	Other	12	209	.	1 320	1 541	.	1.6

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