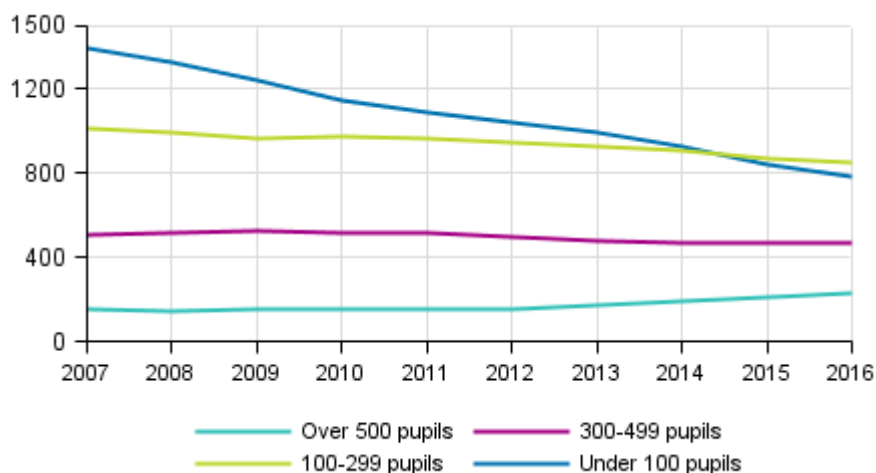


Providers of education and educational institutions 2016

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

According to Statistics Finland’s register of providers of education and register of educational institutions, there were 737 active providers of education and 3,395 educational institutions in which 1.85 million students pursued studies at the end of 2016. There were 2,339 active comprehensive schools, 789 of which had under 100 pupils. The number of comprehensive schools has decreased by 24 per cent in ten years.

Number of comprehensive schools by number of pupils 2007–2016



There were 2,339 active comprehensive schools which had 532,700 pupils. Special education schools at the comprehensive school level numbered 75 and they had 4,400 pupils. A total of 72 comprehensive schools or comprehensive school level special education schools were closed down or merged with another educational institution. Of these, 10 were educational institutions with under 20 pupils, 17 had between 20 and 49 pupils while 35 had at least 50 pupils. The number of closures was the highest in the region of South Ostrobothnia.

Comprehensive school pupils are studying in bigger educational institutions than before. In ten years, the number of comprehensive schools with under 100 pupils has declined by 43 per cent, while the number of comprehensive schools with over 500 pupils has grown by 54 per cent. In 2007, the number of comprehensive schools with over 500 pupils was 151, whereas at the end of year 2016 the number was 233. The share of comprehensive schools of over 500 pupils in all comprehensive schools has grown by 10 percentage points over the same period.

Educational institutions of the school system and numbers of students by type of educational institution in 2016

Type of educational institution	Number	Change from previous year ¹⁾	Students ²⁾
11 Comprehensive schools	2 339	-58	532 700
12 Comprehensive school level special education schools	75	-10	4 400
15 Upper secondary general schools	342	-8	112 200
19 Comprehensive and upper secondary general level schools	41	-	27 800
21 Vocational institutes	99	-3	164 500
22 Special needs vocational institutes	6	-	5 100
23 Specialised vocational institutes	27	-2	29 900
24 Vocational adult education centres	23	-3	30 200
28 Fire, police and security service institutes	1	-	300
29 Military vocational institutes	6	-	
41 Universities of applied sciences	26	-	144 400
42 Universities	14	-	158 700
43 Military academies	1	-	900
61 Music schools and colleges	86	-	65 200
62 Sports institutes	14	-	5 700
63 Folk high schools	74	-2	18 500
64 Adult education centres	183	-2	482 400
65 Study circle centres	12	-	34 900
66 Summer universities	20	-	28 100
99 Other educational institutions	6	-	500
Total	3 395	-88	1 846 400

1) The exact change is described in the appendix table 1. Changes from the previous year made to educational institutions of the school system by type of educational institution in 2016.

2) The data on the number of students are mainly as on 20 September 2016 and include the number of all students in educational institutions belonging to the type of educational institution independent of the level of education. Data on the number of students at universities, universities of applied sciences, vocational institutes and upper secondary institutions is preliminary.

The number of providers of education was 11 lower than in 2015. Of the providers of education, 46 per cent were municipalities or joint municipal authorities, six per cent were central government units and 45 per cent private. The remaining three per cent of the providers of education operated in the Region of Åland. In 2016, one new provider of education was added to the register of providers of education. The number of educational institutions was 88 lower than the year before.

According to preliminary data for 2016, there were 1.29 million students in education leading to a qualification or degree. These data derive from education statistics compiled by Statistics Finland. Data on the subject matter 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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Type of educational institution	Number	Total change	New	Closed down	Merged	Not in operation	Operation re-started	Students ¹⁾
11 Comprehensive schools	2 339	-58	9	-44	-18	-5	-	532 700
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Total	3 395	-88	11	-56	-38	-5	-	1 846 400

1) The data on the number of students are mainly as on 20 September 2016 and include the number of all students educational institutions belonging to the type of educational institution independent of the level of education.

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