

Educational finances 2008

Current expenditure on regular education system increased in 2008

According to Statistics Finland, current expenditure on the regular education system increased by 6.7 per cent in 2008 compared with the previous year. Current expenditure on the regular education system totalled EUR 10.7 billion in 2008. 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 3.9 billion in 2008. The next biggest proportions were university education and research, on which EUR 1.9 billion was expended, and vocational education on which EUR 1.4 billion was spent.

Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 2008

Type of expenditure	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	294	2,8
Comprehensive school education	3 889	36,5
Upper secondary general education	665	6,2
Vocational education	1 436	13,5
Apprenticeship training	212	2,0
Polytechnic education	834	7,8
University education and research ²⁾	1 925	18,1
Other education	414	3,9
Administration	218	2,0
Financial aid for students	768	7,2
Total	10 655	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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Current expenditure on regular education system by type of expenditure 1995–2008

Type of expenditure	Year						Change 2007-2008
	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	
	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	EUR million	%
Pre-primary education ¹⁾	..	94	269	272	285	294	3,2
Comprehensive school education ²⁾	2 379	2 734	3 413	3 538	3 667	3 889	6,0
Upper secondary general education ²⁾	429	503	600	618	635	665	4,7
Vocational education ³⁾	1 161	925	1 183	1 264	1 318	1 436	9,0
Apprenticeship training	32	96	132	139	169	212	25,6
Polytechnic education ³⁾	145	525	704	762	784	834	6,3
University education and research ⁴⁾	945	1 364	1 671	1 736	1 806	1 925	6,6
Other education ⁵⁾	265	298	361	374	389	414	6,3
Administration	143	161	190	191	199	218	9,6
Financial aid for students	614	648	732	740	731	768	5,0
Total	6 113	7 348	9 253	9 634	9 985	10 655	6,7
Current expenditure as a percentage of GDP, %	6,4	5,6	5,9	5,8	5,6	5,8	

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 2000–2008 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 2000–2008.

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