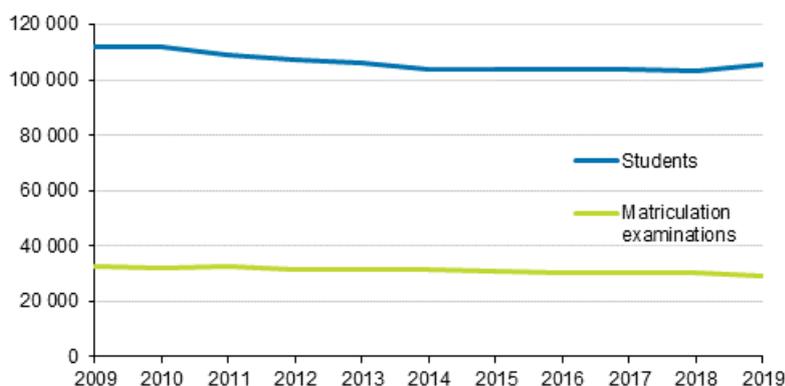


Upper secondary general education 2019

Number of upper secondary general school students 105,200

According to Statistics Finland's education statistics, a total of 105,200 students attended upper secondary general school education leading to a qualification in 2019. A total of 29,100 matriculation examinations were completed. The figure was almost 1,300 lower than one year before. Fifty-eight per cent of the students and passers of the matriculation examination were women.

Students in upper secondary general education and matriculation examinations in 2009 to 2019*



*Data on students for 2019 are not fully comparable with data from previous years.

As regards data on students for 2019, Statistics Finland started using the National Board of Education's KOSKI data warehouse with the exception of a few educational institutions. The review stage of the data revealed under-coverage of earlier data, which may be the reason for the growing number of students compared with the previous year. Further information about the change stage in the [quality description](#) (in Finnish only).

Upper secondary general education was provided in 383 educational institutions. There were 335 upper secondary general schools, one fewer than one year earlier. Education in Swedish was offered in 36 upper

secondary schools and six per cent of the students in upper secondary general school education studied at these schools.

Of all students, 1,927 studied for an international matriculation examination. The International Baccalaureate examination was passed by 469 students in 17 upper secondary schools, the European Baccalaureate examination by 19 students at the European School of Helsinki, and the DIA qualification by 39 students in the Helsingin saksalainen koulu (the German School of Helsinki).

From 2009 to 2019, the number of educational institutions providing upper secondary general school education has fallen by 58. Over the same period, the number of students in upper secondary general schools has diminished by six per cent. The number of matriculation examinations has gone down by 11 per cent in ten years. Throughout the 2000s, over one-half of the students and passers of the matriculation examination have been women.

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Appendix table 1. Students and completed qualifications in upper secondary general education 2019

	New students, total	New students, women	Students total	Students, women	Completed qualifications, total	Completed qualifications, women
Matriculation examination	36 391	21 635	103 321	60 089	29 078	16 848
International Baccalaureate examination	771	459	1 757	1 056	469	319
Deutsches Internationales Abitur	44	22	103	50	39	25
European Baccalaureate examination	25	14	67	32	19	9
Total	37 531	22 130	105 248	61 227	29 605	17 201

Appendix table 2. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination by region in 2019

	Students, total	Students, women	Completers of matriculation examination, total	Completers of matriculation examination, women
Mainland Finland	104 730	60 933	28 935	16 770
Uusimaa	36 395	20 344	9 497	5 321
Varsinais-Suomi	8 277	4 824	2 514	1 449
Satakunta	3 465	2 022	1 003	584
Kanta-Häme	2 738	1 563	795	481
Pirkanmaa	9 862	5 917	2 689	1 614
Päijät-Häme	3 667	2 165	998	608
Kymenlaakso	2 627	1 568	829	493
South Karelia	1 900	1 129	578	323
Etelä-Savo	3 692	2 315	688	417
Pohjois-Savo	4 362	2 593	1 218	734
North Karelia	2 585	1 510	756	454
Central Finland	4 796	2 930	1 369	779
South Ostrobothnia	3 361	2 007	1 061	619
Ostrobothnia	3 321	1 953	1 037	597
Central Ostrobothnia	1 342	836	387	250
North Ostrobothnia	8 451	4 950	2 333	1 340
Kainuu	1 158	686	392	231
Lapland	2 731	1 621	791	476
Åland total	450	250	127	69
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Whole country, total¹⁾	105 248	61 227	29 078	16 848

1) Includes the Aurinkorannikon suomalainen koulu (Colegio Finlandés) located in Spain, with 68 students in upper secondary general education of whom 44 are female and with 16 completers of matriculation examination of whom nine are female.

Appendix table 3. Students in upper secondary general education and completers of matriculation examination in 2001 to 2019

Year	Educational institutions providing upper secondary general education	Students, total	Students, women	Matriculation examinations, total	Matriculation examinations, women
2001	483	128 642	74 309	35 283	20 538
2002	484	124 644	71 778	36 224	21 338
2003	483	121 816	69 742	35 182	20 642
2004	479	120 531	68 714	34 652	20 386
2005	471	118 111	66 921	34 058	19 624
2006	461	117 260	66 726	32 786	18 871
2007	449	115 253	65 806	33 066	19 186
2008	449	114 240	65 305	32 592	18 628
2009	441	112 088	63 939	32 643	18 835
2010	439	111 778	63 333	32 324	18 752
2011	433	109 046	61 701	32 413	18 571
2012	428	107 412	60 864	31 595	18 244
2013	421	105 898	60 008	31 693	18 181
2014	414	103 914	59 201	31 620	18 074
2015	397	104 060	59 561	30 617	17 589
2016	389	103 550	59 170	30 531	17 834
2017	388	103 753	59 672	30 189	17 518
2018	384	103 440	59 820	30 365	17 754
2019	383	105 248	61 227	29 078	16 848

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