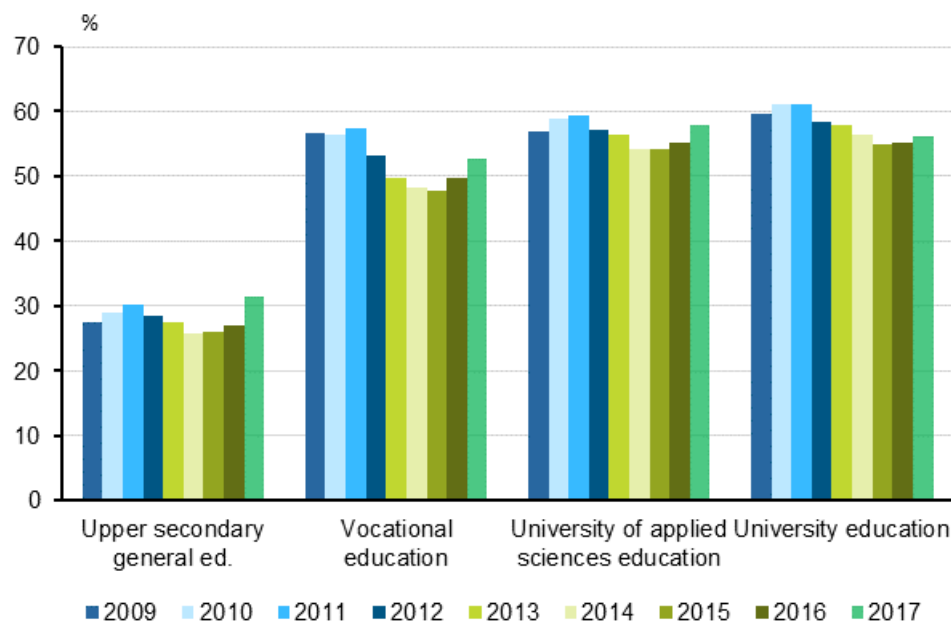


Employment of students 2017

Share of employed students grew

According to Statistics Finland's Education Statistics, employment among students increased by 2.5 percentage points in 2017 from the previous year. Over one-half of students were employed during their studies. Working was most common in connection with university and university of applied sciences studies.

Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2009–2017



Fifty-six per cent of university students and 58 per cent of university of applied sciences students had an employment contract while studying. Fifty-three per cent of students attending vocational education were employed during their studies.

Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 56 per cent of women and 50 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The proportion of employed women in upper secondary general education and in university of applied sciences education was around ten percentage points higher than that of men. Thirty-six per cent of women in upper secondary general education were working

alongside studies and 59 per cent of women studying for a university of applied sciences degree. Fifty-five per cent of women in vocational education worked, which was five percentage points more than for men.

There were differences in employment during studies among students of different ages. While 29 per cent of students aged 18 were working, and correspondingly, 40 per cent of students aged 21 and 52 per cent of students aged 24 had an employment contract. Among students aged 25 or over, 64 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Sixty per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, journalism and information, 59 per cent of students in the fields of health and welfare, and 48 per cent of students in the fields of arts and humanities had a valid employment contract at the end of 2017.

Employment during studies was more common than the average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Ostrobothnia and Southeast Finland and in Åland.

More information on the employment of students can be found from the [Tables in databases](#). More information related to the progress of studies is available from statistics describing [Progress of studies](#) and [Discontinuation of education](#).

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Appendix table 1. Employment of students aged at least 18 years in 2017 and the share of employed students of all students in 2005-2017

Sector of education	Students total 2017	Employed students 2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Upper secondary general education	43 165	13 582	31,5	27,0	26,0	25,8	27,4	28,4	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	240 147	126 479	52,7	49,7	47,8	48,2	49,8	53,2	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
University of applied sciences education	141 234	81 661	57,8	55,2	54,3	54,3	56,3	57,1	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	153 261	86 109	56,2	55,2	55,0	56,3	57,9	58,4	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
Total	577 807	307 831	53,3	50,8	49,7	50,3	52,0	53,7	56,9	56,1	55,2	58,7	58,3	55,6	53,6

Appendix table 2. Employment of students aged at least 18 by level of education and gender in 2017

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		Female students total	Of whom employed		Male students total	Of whom employed	
			%			%			%
General upper secondary education	43 165	13 582	31,5	24 447	8 854	36,2	18 718	4 728	25,3
Vocational upper secondary education and training	160 199	66 775	41,7	85 515	38 618	45,2	74 684	28 157	37,7
Further qualification	54 514	37 657	69,1	29 773	20 208	67,9	24 741	17 449	70,5
Specialist qualification	25 434	22 047	86,7	14 589	12 684	86,9	10 845	9 363	86,3
Polytechnic bachelors degree	129 036	70 945	55,0	66 476	39 465	59,4	62 560	31 480	50,3
University bachelor degree	78 256	37 309	47,7	40 136	21 169	52,7	38 120	16 140	42,3
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	12 198	10 716	87,9	7 969	7 026	88,2	4 229	3 690	87,3
Higher university degree (Master)	56 215	34 604	61,6	31 739	19 605	61,8	24 476	14 999	61,3
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	169	159	94,1	159	149	93,7	10	10	100,0
Licentiate degree	919	718	78,1	440	364	82,7	479	354	73,9
Doctoral or equivalent level	17 702	13 319	75,2	9 385	7 094	75,6	8 317	6 225	74,8
Total	577 807	307 831	53,3	310 628	175 236	56,4	267 179	132 595	49,6

Appendix table 3. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2017

Level of education	Students total	Employed students		18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-
			%								
General upper secondary education	43 165	13 582	31,5	8 570	2 730	410	231	218	182	172	1 069
Vocational upper secondary education and training	160 199	66 775	41,7	7 899	3 344	2 438	2 865	2 921	2 935	2 565	41 808
Further qualification	54 514	37 657	69,1	9	88	361	756	849	990	1 040	33 564
Specialist qualification	25 434	22 047	86,7	-	-	22	47	89	142	231	21 516
Polytechnic bachelors degree	129 036	70 945	55,0	23	817	2 795	5 038	6 945	7 524	6 685	41 118
University bachelor degree	78 256	37 309	47,7	22	1 009	2 299	3 786	4 239	3 955	2 887	19 112
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	12 198	10 716	87,9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 716
Higher university degree (Master)	56 215	34 604	61,6	5	33	120	181	650	1 864	3 334	28 417
Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry	169	159	94,1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159
Licentiates degree	919	718	78,1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	717
Doctoral or equivalent level	17 702	13 319	75,2	-	-	-	1	-	9	42	13 267
Total	577 807	307 831	53,3	16 528	8 021	8 445	12 905	15 911	17 601	16 957	211 463

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