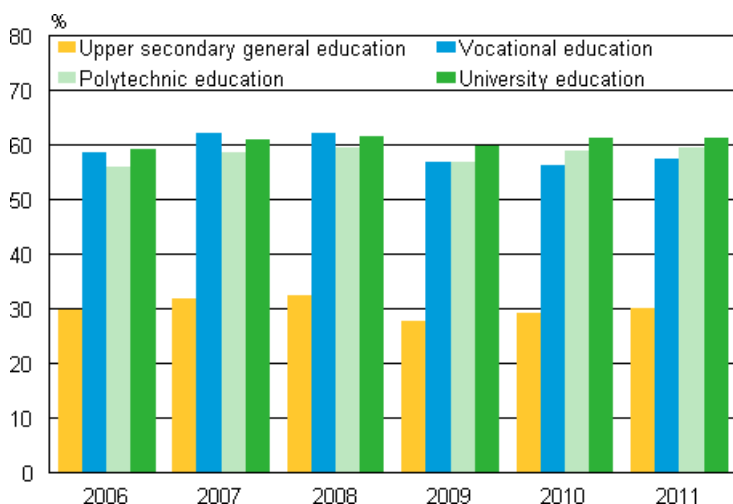


Employment of students 2011

More than half of students were employed during their studies

According to Statistics Finland's data, employment during studies was more widespread in 2011 than one year earlier. Fifty-seven per cent of students were employed during their studies. The share of students employed during studies grew by nearly one percentage point from the previous year. Employment during studies was most widespread among university students, as 61 per cent of them had an employment contract while studying. The share of students employed during polytechnic studies was 59 per cent, and employment among students in upper secondary vocational education was 57 per cent.

Shares of employed students aged at least 18 of all students in 2006-2011



Women worked while studying more frequently than men: 60 per cent of women and 53 per cent of men had an employment contract while studying. The proportion of employed women in upper secondary general education and in polytechnic education was ten percentage points higher than that of men.

Employment during studies grew more widespread the older the students were. Twenty-five per cent of 18-year-old students, 46 per cent of 21-year-old students and 56 per cent of 24-year-old students had an employment relationship. Among students aged 25 or over, 70 per cent were employed during their studies.

Employment of students during studies varied by field of education. Sixty-nine per cent of students in the fields of social sciences, and business and administration were employed at the end of 2011. In the fields of safety and security, 67 per cent of students, in social services, health and sports, 64 per cent of students, and in the fields of humanities and education, 58 per cent of students were employed during studies.

Employment during studies was more common than the average for the whole country in the regions of Uusimaa, Ostrobothnia, Kanta-Häme and Varsinais-Suomi, and in Åland.

More information related to the progress of studies is available from statistics describing [Discontinuation of education](#) and [Progress of studies](#).

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Sector of education	Students total 2011	Employed students 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Upper secondary general education	45 931	13 834	30,1	29,1	27,6	32,3	31,6	29,8	30,0
Vocational education	225 582	129 567	57,4	56,3	56,6	62,0	62,1	58,6	56,2
Polytechnic education	139 767	83 066	59,4	58,9	56,8	59,5	58,5	55,8	53,6
University education	168 968	103 446	61,2	61,2	59,6	61,4	60,9	59,1	57,5
Total	580 248	329 913	56,9	56,1	55,2	58,7	58,3	55,6	53,6

Appendix table 2. Students and employed students aged at least 18 years by level of education and age in 2011

Level of education	Students total	Employed students	18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years-	
		%									
Upper secondary general education	45 931	13 834	30,1	7 481	3 052	640	399	295	254	193	1 520
Upper secondary vocational education	225 498	129 483	57,4	8 049	5 293	4 150	5 030	5 077	4 712	4 075	93 097
Post-secondary non-higher vocational education	84	84	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
Polytechnic degree (Bachelor)	132 446	76 238	57,6	31	2 261	4 676	7 108	8 294	8 213	6 507	39 148
Lower university degree (Bachelor)	99 389	53 990	54,3	35	1 301	2 780	4 278	4 857	4 769	4 067	31 903
Higher polytechnic degree (Master)	7 321	6 828	93,3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6 826
Higher university degree (Master)	45 704	29 663	64,9	2	25	107	207	504	1 363	2 315	25 140
Specialisation in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry	3 688	3 468	94,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3 466
Licentiate's degree	2 014	1 722	85,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1 720
Doctoral degree	18 173	14 603	80,4	-	-	-	1	1	14	58	14 529
Total	580 248	329 913	56,9	15 598	11 932	12 353	17 023	19 028	19 325	17 221	217 433
Share of employed students of all students, %				25,2	34,5	38,2	46,1	50,6	53,6	55,9	70,1

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