

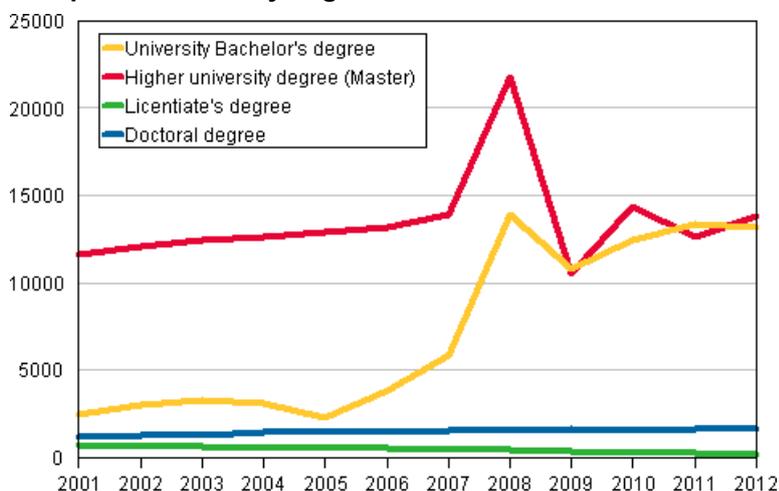
# University education 2012

## Persons with university degrees

### A total of 29,400 university degrees were attained in 2012

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 29,400 university degrees were attained in Finland in 2012. The number of lower university degrees was 13,100 and that of higher university degrees 13,800. Completed degrees at the doctorate level numbered 1,660. Sixty per cent of those that completed lower or higher university degrees and 52 per cent of those that completed doctorate degrees were women. The share of foreigners among all completed degrees was five per cent, but the share was as high as 16 per cent among doctorate degrees.

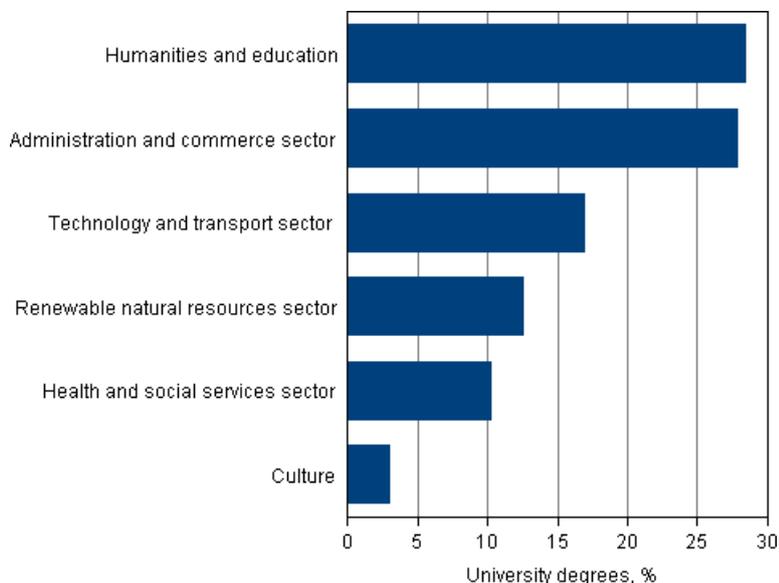
#### Completed university degrees 2001–2012



The figure shows clearly how the revision of the degree system completed in 2005 affected the number of degrees. According to the current degree system, as a rule all students complete a lower university degree before a higher university degree. Students also have the option to complete only a lower university degree. Students having studied according to the old degree system sought to complete their degree by 31 July 2008 and those who studied veterinary medicine, dentistry, medicine or technology by 31 July 2010, when the transition periods to the new degree system ended.

When the new degree system entered into force, the study right was also limited to seven years, which may have affected the increased number of higher university degrees. In 2012, nearly 1,200 more higher university degrees were completed than in 2011.

**Completed university degrees by fields of education (Educational Administration's classification 1995) in 2012**



In 2012, most degrees were completed in the female-dominated fields of humanities and education, 29 per cent. Nearly the same number of degrees was completed in administration and commerce, 28 per cent, and the third most degrees were completed in the field of technology and transport, 17 per cent. Most doctorate degrees were completed in health and welfare, 23 per cent.

In 2012, the median time for completing a higher university degree was 6.5 years. Examined by programme, the graduation times were shortest for Master of Arts (Dance), four years. Architects had the longest graduation times at eight years. The medians were calculated from gross study times, so the study times also include months of absence. In addition, studying may have been part-time. The study times were calculated at an accuracy of one month.

Examined by university, most degrees were completed at the University of Helsinki, 5,800. The second most degrees were completed at the University of Turku, 3,300 and the third most at Aalto University, 3,100. More detailed information on degrees attained at universities, for instance, by field of education and university, can be found in the [appendix tables](#).

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**Appendix table 1. Completed university degrees by level of education and fields of education (Educational Administration's classification 1995) in 2012**

Fields of education	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, men	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Completed qualifications and degrees, fields of education total</b>	<b>29 357</b>	<b>11 834</b>	<b>17 523</b>
Rebewable natural resources sector	3 714	1 847	1 867
Technology and transport sector	5 000	3 779	1 221
Administration and commerce sector	8 194	3 252	4 942
Health and social services sector	3 017	841	2 176
Culture	921	325	596
Humanities and education	8 380	1 662	6 718
Other	131	128	3
<b>University Bachelor's degree</b>	<b>Fields of education total</b>	<b>13 139</b>	<b>5 300</b>
	Rebewable natural resources sector	1 608	803
	Technology and transport sector	2 196	1 677
	Administration and commerce sector	3 892	1 626
	Health and social services sector	779	130
	Culture	356	139
	Humanities and education	4 183	802
	Other	125	123
<b>Higher university degree (Master)</b>	<b>Fields of education total</b>	<b>13 830</b>	<b>5 449</b>
	Rebewable natural resources sector	1 715	837
	Technology and transport sector	2 419	1 820
	Administration and commerce sector	3 995	1 481
	Health and social services sector	1 306	384
	Culture	531	171
	Humanities and education	3 864	756
<b>Professional specialisation in medicine, veterinary and dentistry</b>	<b>Fields of education total</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>195</b>
	Health and social services sector	554	195
<b>Licentiate's degree</b>	<b>Fields of education total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>78</b>
	Rebewable natural resources sector	27	12
	Technology and transport sector	49	34
	Administration and commerce sector	56	20
	Health and social services sector	1	-
	Culture	1	-
	Humanities and education	45	12
<b>Doctoral degree</b>	<b>Fields of education total</b>	<b>1 655</b>	<b>812</b>
	Rebewable natural resources sector	364	195
	Technology and transport sector	336	248
	Administration and commerce sector	251	125
	Health and social services sector	377	132
	Culture	33	15
	Humanities and education	288	92
	Other	6	5

**Appendix table 2. Completed university degrees by region of education in 2012**

Regions of Education	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, men	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Whole Country, Total</b>	<b>29 357</b>	<b>11 834</b>	<b>17 523</b>
Uusimaa	9 745	4 266	5 479
Varsinais-Suomi	3 606	1 249	2 357
Satakunta	456	179	277
Kanta-Häme	95	24	71
Pirkanmaa	3 987	1 860	2 127
Päijät-Häme	53	17	36
South Karelia	950	617	333
Etelä-Savo	293	53	240
Pohjois-Savo	1 162	338	824
North Karelia	1 333	486	847
Central Finland	2 648	873	1 775
Ostrobothnia	1 199	426	773
Central Ostrobothnia	94	14	80
North Ostrobothnia	2 436	1 084	1 352
Kainuu	171	36	135
Lapland	1 129	312	817

**Appendix table 3. Completed university degrees by universities in 2012**

University	Completed qualifications and degrees	Completed qualifications and degrees, men	Completed qualifications and degrees, women
<b>Total</b>	<b>29 357</b>	<b>11 834</b>	<b>17 523</b>
Theatre Academy Helsinki	97	45	52
Finnish Academy of Fine Arts	58	17	41
Sibelius Academy	286	109	177
University of Helsinki	5 809	1 768	4 041
Åbo Akademi University	940	311	629
University of Oulu	2 687	1 150	1 537
University of Tampere	2 655	771	1 884
University of Jyväskylä	2 745	889	1 856
Hanken School of Economics	505	269	236
University of Vaasa	818	318	500
Lappeenranta University of Technology	963	625	338
Tampere University of Technology	1 509	1 155	354
University of Lapland	1 037	277	760
National Defence University	131	128	3
Aalto University	3 125	2 048	1 077
University of Eastern Finland	2 702	836	1 866
University of Turku	3 290	1 118	2 172

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