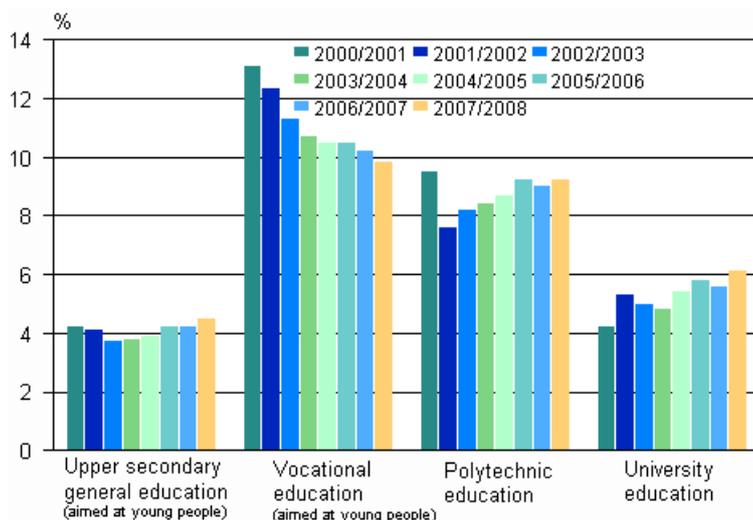


## Discontinuation of education 2008

### Discontinuation of education increased elsewhere except for vocational education

Six per cent of students attending education leading to a qualification or degree discontinued their studies and did not resume them in any education leading to a qualification or degree during the 2007/2008 academic year. In upper secondary general education aimed at young people the discontinuation percentage was 4.5, in vocational education aimed at young people it was ten, in polytechnic education nine, and in university education six per cent. Taking into consideration the students who have changed their sector of education, e.g. the students who have switched from upper secondary general school to vocational education, lowers the percentages of discontinuation. Compared with the previous academic year, discontinuation increased slightly in all sectors of education except for vocational education where it decreased. These data derive from Statistics Finland's Education Statistics.

#### Discontinuation of education in upper secondary general, vocational, polytechnic and university education in academic years from 2000/2001 to 2007/2008



Male students discontinued studies more frequently than female students. The difference between the genders in discontinuation of education was largest in polytechnic education where the rate of discontinuation was over 11 per cent among male students and 7.5 per cent among female students. Education was discontinued the most in the field of natural sciences and the least in the field of other education (e.g. police work) as well as in the fields of social welfare, health and physical exercise.

A total of 189 students had discontinued studies in comprehensive school during the 2008/2009 academic year. The number of those who had dropped out completely from compulsory education was 39 and of those over the

age of compulsory education having left comprehensive school without a leaving certificate was 150. The number of school drop-outs rose by 27 from the previous academic year.

**Discontinuation of education leading to a qualification or degree by sex and sector of education in academic year 2007/2008<sup>1)</sup>**

Sex / sector of education		Number of students used in the statistics on discontinuation of education 20. Sept. 2007	Discontinued in own sector of education	Changed sector of education	Discontinued completely education leading to a qualification or degree
			%	%	%
<b>Total</b>		<b>506 899</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>5,9</b>
	Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people)	103 903	4,5	2,3	2,2
	Vocational education (aimed at young people)	122 995	9,8	0,9	8,9
	Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees)	128 866	9,2	2,3	6,9
	University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees)	151 135	6,1	0,9	5,2
<b>Men</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>238 615</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>7,0</b>
	Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people)	44 676	4,8	2,4	2,4
	Vocational education (aimed at young people)	65 593	9,8	0,7	9,1
	Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees)	58 794	11,3	2,4	8,8
	University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees)	69 552	7,3	1,0	6,3
<b>Women</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>268 284</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>4,9</b>
	Upper secondary general education (aimed at young people)	59 227	4,3	2,3	1,9
	Vocational education (aimed at young people)	57 402	9,9	1,2	8,7
	Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees)	70 072	7,5	2,2	5,3
	University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees)	81 583	5,0	0,8	4,2

1) The number of students used in calculating discontinuation of education differs from the total number of students because some of the students had to be excluded from the data.

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## Appendix tables

### 1. Discontinuation of education in upper secondary general, vocational, polytechnic and university education in academic years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, %

Sector of education	Academic year 2006/2007	Academic year 2007/2008
Upper-secondary general education (aimed at young people)	4,2	4,5
Vocational education (aimed at young people)	10,2	9,8
Polytechnic education (Bachelor's degrees)	9,0	9,2
University education (Bachelor's and Master's degrees)	5,6	6,1

### 2. Comprehensive school drop-outs in academic years 1999/2000–2008/2009

Academic year	Those having dropped out completely from compulsory education during the academic year <sup>1</sup>	Those past the age of compulsory education, left school without a leaving certificate <sup>2</sup>				Number of 9th graders in spring term
		Receivers of a school leaving report	Left without a school leaving report	Total	In comparison with the number of 9th graders at the end of spring term	
1999/2000	90	69	124	193	0,29	66 821
2000/2001	69	79	131	210	0,33	64 512
2001/2002	63	82	109	191	0,31	62 095
2002/2003	79	63	98	161	0,26	61 419
2003/2004	67	94	84	178	0,28	64 456
2004/2005	70	94	124	218	0,34	64 350
2005/2006	60	86	92	178	0,27	66 473
2006/2007	55	79	73	152	0,23	66 230
2007/2008	47	56	59	115	0,17	67 388
2008/2009	39	69	81	150	0,23	65 687

1) Such persons of compulsory education age who did not take part at all in comprehensive school education during the academic year are regarded as having dropped out completely from compulsory education. There are those in each grade of school.

2) Those having left comprehensive school without a leaving certificate are those past the age of compulsory education who did not complete the whole comprehensive school syllabus during their compulsory education. Part of them received a school leaving report and part did not.

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