

# Subject choices of students 2013

## *Subject choices of completers of upper secondary general school education*

### **Subject choices of completers of upper secondary general school education in 2013**

According to Statistics Finland, nearly all completers of the full upper secondary general school syllabus in 2013 had studied English, and Finnish or Swedish during their attendance of upper secondary general school. German had been studied by 23 per cent, Spanish and French by 16.5 per cent and Russian by 8 per cent of the completers of upper secondary general school education. The proportions of those having studied other foreign languages remained at three per cent or below. They also vary considerably between genders in several languages.

#### **Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2013**

Studied language	Compulsory A-languages	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2, at least six courses	Elective language B3, at least six courses	Elective language, fewer than six courses	Total	Share of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, %
English	30 099	46	3	0	1	30 149	99.7
Swedish	2 285	25 395	0	7	32	27 719	91.7
Finnish	2 040	49	0	57	7	2 153	7.1
French	565	22	777	1 159	2 445	4 968	16.4
German	1 303	15	1 216	1 298	3 129	6 961	23.0
Russian	235	4	87	654	1 435	2 415	8.0
Sami	1	-	0	3	5	9	0.0
Latin	0	-	14	62	389	465	1.5
Spanish	16	-	99	1 706	3 209	5 030	16.6
Italian	1	-	2	206	708	917	3.0
Other	0	0	17	6	460	483	1.6

The completers of upper secondary general school studies had mainly taken English, Swedish or Finnish as a compulsory language subject. German, Spanish, French, Russian and other foreign languages had been mainly studied as an elective language. A total of 30,231 students completed the full upper secondary general school syllabus in spring 2013. 12,855 of the completers were men and 17,376 were women.

In spring 2013, 40 per cent of all completers of the full upper secondary general school syllabus - 33 per cent of female students and 50 per cent of male students - had taken the long syllabus in mathematics.

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**Appendix table 1. Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2013, male**

Studied language	Compulsory A-languages	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2, at least six courses	Elective language B3, at least six courses	Elective language, fewer than six courses	Total	Share of male completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, %
English	12 820	10	0	0	0	12 830	99.8
Swedish	701	11 020	0	2	15	11 738	91.3
Finnish	888	22	0	27	4	941	7.3
French	170	6	159	250	531	1 116	8.7
German	431	10	430	502	1 257	2 630	20.5
Russian	76	0	36	195	499	806	6.3
Sami	0	-	0	2	3	5	0.0
Latin	0	-	4	32	144	180	1.4
Spanish	6	-	19	353	816	1 194	9.3
Italian	1	-	1	58	153	213	1.7
Other	0	0	2	3	154	159	1.2

**Appendix table 2. Language choices of completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus 2013, female**

Studied language	Compulsory A-languages	Compulsory language B1	Elective language B2, at least six courses	Elective language B3, at least six courses	Elective language, fewer than six courses	Total	Share of female completers of full upper secondary general school syllabus, %
English	17 279	36	3	0	1	17 319	99.7
Swedish	1 584	14 375	0	5	17	15 981	92.0
Finnish	1 152	27	0	30	3	1 212	7.0
French	395	16	618	909	1 914	3 852	22.2
German	872	5	786	796	1 872	4 331	24.9
Russian	159	4	51	459	936	1 609	9.3
Sami	1	-	0	1	2	4	0.0
Latin	0	-	10	30	245	285	1.6
Spanish	10	-	80	1 353	2 393	3 836	22.1
Italian	0	-	1	148	555	704	4.1
Other	0	0	15	3	306	324	1.9

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