

In English

Summary

Since the spring term 2007, all applications to higher education in Sweden are administrated via the Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR), previously Swedish Agency for Higher Education Services. The statistics presented in this report cover applications and admissions via the UHR coordinated admissions system to higher education at Swedish universities and higher education institutions. In previous terms, admissions were also possible via the local admissions systems of individual universities and higher education institutions, known as LANT. Apart from these two systems, it is possible to gain admission to higher education through special entrance tests administered by individual universities or higher education institutions.

Applications are made by people without previous studies in higher education and by students who have been enrolled before. Applications can be for entire programmes or for individual subject courses.

In the UHR coordinated admissions system, there are two admission rounds that apply to foreign students. These rounds are not part of the regular procedure for autumn 2014 and are therefore only reported separately under the heading "Foreign applications and admissions" in this report.

Continued increase in number of applicants to higher education

Prior to autumn 2014, 135 000 people without previous higher education studies applied to universities and institutions of higher education. This is an increase of one percent compared to the previous autumn when the figure was 134 000. Among those applying without previous higher education studies, 58 percent were women and 42 percent were men in autumn 2014.

The number of applicants without previous higher education studies has decreased for those aged 19 and 20, but 19-year-olds still account for the largest share of the applicants. However, the number of 19-year-old applicants in relation to the same-age population as a whole has increased compared to autumn 2013.

In addition to applicants without previous higher education studies, there is a large number of applicants who have already studied at university or institutions of higher education. A total of 425 000 persons applied to programmes and courses at universities and institutions of higher education in autumn 2014. This is an increase of three percent compared to the autumn of 2013. Out of the total number of applicants, 62 percent were women and 38 percent were men.

Drop in number of admissions without previous higher education studies

Up until the beginning of August 2014, 58 000 people without previous higher education studies were admitted. This is a decrease of two percent compared to the previous autumn. Of those admitted, 56 percent were women and 44 percent men.

A total of 243 000 applicants to programmes and courses were admitted in the autumn of 2014, which is an increase compared to the previous autumn.

Lower proportion of admissions compared to the previous autumn

Of those applicants without previous higher education studies, 43 percent were accepted in autumn 2014. The corresponding figure for autumn 2013 was 44 percent. Between 2000 and 2011 the number of applicants has varied but has constantly exceeded 50 percent and been as high as 57 percent in 2001. However, a relatively sharp decrease in the share of admissions has occurred over the last four years.

Compared to the previous autumn, the proportion of those admitted to their first choice of programmes out of the total number of those admitted to programmes has decreased from 56 to 54 percent for persons applying without previous higher education studies.

Master of Science (MSc) in engineering continues to increase in popularity

Of the 175 100 qualified applicants, 11 600 persons applied for the Master of Science in engineering as their first choice. The number of qualified first-choice applicants to the MSc engineering programme has increased from 9 300 to 11 600 over the last five years. The Bachelor of Science (BSc) in nursing programme had 8 600 applicants, and the MSc in law programme had 7 200.

Programmes can also be classified by specialisation. Most of the qualified first-choice applicants applied to programmes specialising in social science, law, trade and administration (55 100) followed by healthcare and medical services and social work (40 700), technology and manufacturing (25 400) as well as teaching methodology and teacher training (19 900).

Greatest competition for places in psychology and veterinary science programmes

Among professional degree programmes with at least 100 applicants, the programmes that had the most qualified first-choice applicants per admitted student were psychology (9.7 qualified first-choice applicants per admitted student), veterinary science (7.1), medicine (6.6) and law as well as physiotherapy (5.6). By and large, these programmes were the same as those that had the highest number of applicants in autumn of 2013.

Grouping the programmes by specialisation, the most popular were oriented towards agriculture and forestry as well as animal health and healthcare and social services (3.7 and 2.7 qualified first-choice applicants per admitted student respectively). Somewhat less popular were the areas of social science, law, trade and administration (2.5).

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Andel	Share, proportion
Ansökningstillfälle	Time of application
Ansökningar till	Applications for
Antagna studenter	Students admitted
Antal	Number
Avancerad nivå	Second cycle studies
Befolkning	Population
Behörig sökande	Qualified applicant
Boendekommun/län	Domicile municipality/county
Examen	Degree/diploma
Examinerad	Graduate
Förstahandssökande	First choice applicant
Grundnivå	First cycle studies
Högskola	Higher education institution
Högskolenybjörjare	New entrants
Högskoleutbildning	Higher education
Hösttermin	Autumn term
Inriktning	Field of education
Kurs	Course
Kvinnor	Women
Kön	Sex
Män	Men
Obehörig sökande	Unqualified applicant
Procent	Percent
Procentenhet	Percentage point
Program	Programme
Program som leder till yrkesexamen	Programme for professional degree
Registrerade studerande	Enrolled students
Som inte tidigare studerat i högskolan	Without previous Swedish higher education
Studerande	Student
Sökande till högskoleutbildning	Applicant for higher education
Tabell	Table
Totalt	Total
Universitet	University
Utbildning	Education
Yrkesexamensprogram	National programme for professional degree
Ålder	Age