

In English

Summary

Since the spring term 2007, all applications to higher education in Sweden are administrated via the Swedish Agency for Higher Education Services (VHS)/Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) coordinated admissions system, known as NyA. The statistics presented in this report cover applications and admissions via the UHR coordinated admissions system to higher education programmes at Swedish universities and university colleges. In previous terms, admissions were also possible via the local admissions systems of individual universities and university colleges, known as LANT. As from spring 2007, however, LANT has been replaced by NyA.

A certain percentage of admissions take place outside the two major systems UHR (previously VHS) and LANT. These include most artistic programmes and some continuation courses in the healthcare and nursing sector.

In the NyA system, there are two admission rounds that apply to foreign students. These rounds are not part of the regular procedure for autumn 2013 and are therefore only reported separately under the heading "Foreign applications and admissions" in this report.

Number of applicants to higher education continues to rise

Prior to autumn 2013, 134 000 people without previous higher education studies applied to universities and university colleges. This is an increase of seven percent compared to the previous autumn when the figure was 126 000.

The number of applicants without previous higher education studies has increased in most age groups. The greatest increase (+13 percent) was however in the 22-25 age group. The number of 19-year-old applicants has increased from 34 300 in autumn 2012 to 35 600 in autumn 2013 (+4 percent). As usual, it is this age group that is responsible for the largest proportion of applications. The number of 19-year-old applicants in relation to the same-age population as a whole has also risen compared to autumn 2012.

In addition to applicants without previous higher education studies, there is a large number of applicants who have already studied at university or university college. A total of 413 000 persons applied to programmes and courses at universities and university colleges in autumn 2013. This is an increase of two percent compared to the autumn of 2012. Out of the total number of applicants, 62 percent were women and 38 percent were men.

Among those applying without previous higher education studies, 58 percent were women and 42 percent were men in autumn 2013. The proportion of women has fluctuated between 57 and 60 percent since 1998.

Fall in admissions

Up until the beginning of August 2013, 59 000 people without previous higher education studies were admitted. This is a decrease of one percent compared to the previous autumn term. Of those admitted, 56 percent were women and 44 percent men.

A total of 242 000 applicants were accepted to programmes and courses, a decrease of three percent compared to the previous autumn.

Lower proportion of admissions compared to the previous autumn

Of those applicants without previous higher education studies, 44 percent were accepted in autumn 2013. The corresponding figure for autumn 2012 was 48 percent. Compared to autumn 1998, however, the proportion admitted has increased from 41 percent to 44 percent in autumn 2013.

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 57 to 56 percent for persons applying without previous higher education studies.

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

Of the 168 900 qualified first-choice applicants to different programmes, 11 400 applied to the MSc engineering programme. The number of qualified first-choice applicants to the MSc engineering programme has increased from 9 700 to 11 400 over the last five years. The Bachelor of Science (BSc) in nursing programme had 8 000 applicants, and the MSc in law programme had 6 500.

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* (53 300) followed by *healthcare and medical services and social work* (38 300), *technology and manufacturing* (25 500) as well as *teaching methodology and teacher training* (17 100).

Greatest competition for places on 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 (9.3 qualified first-choice applicants per admitted student), veterinary science (6.9), medicine (5.8) and physiotherapy (5.6). By and large, these programmes were the same as those that had the highest number of applicants in autumn of 2012.

Grouping the programmes by specialisation, the most popular were oriented towards *agriculture and forestry as well as animal health and healthcare and social services* (3.5 and 2.6 qualified first-choice applicant per admitted student respectively). Somewhat less popular were the areas of *social science, law, trade and administration* (2.4).

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List of terms

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