

In English

Summary

The number of students and university entrants decreased

The number of students decreased by 10 500 persons to 414 400 students during the 2012/13 academic year. The decrease principally concern students on free-standing courses.

Even university entrants decreased during the 2012/13 academic year by 900 persons to 90 400 students. This decrease only concern men.

The new foreign students increased by 900 persons during the 2012/13 academic year. The new Swedish entrants, that is, new students excluding foreign students, decreased by 1 800 persons and amounted to 68 800 during the 2012/13 academic year.

More than half under age 22

Of all university entrants, 54 percent were under age 22 during the 2012/13 academic year. During the 2003/04–2011/12 academic years, the percentage of those under age 22 gradually increased from 45 to 54 percent.

Among Swedish university entrants, the percentage of those under age 22 increased from 50 to 61 during the 2003/04–2012/13 academic years. Among women the share was 60 percent and among men 63 percent during the 2012/13 academic year.

A larger number of higher education degrees than before

74 400 higher education degrees were awarded at the first and second cycle levels during the 2012/13 academic year, which was 4 300 more than the previous academic year and a higher figure than any academic year previously. The number of students gaining higher education degrees was 62 900, also the highest number ever. Of those gaining higher education degrees in the 2012/13 academic year, 11 200 had previously gained a higher education degree at first cycle or second cycle level.

During the 2012/13 academic year, 63 percent of all higher education degrees were awarded to women. They also represented 63 percent of students awarded higher education degrees. The proportion of women who for the first time gained a higher education degree was somewhat lower, at 61 percent.

Number of Bachelor degrees doubled in ten years

The number of general degrees is nowadays considerably larger than the number of professional degrees, partly due to the structure of degrees in 2007. The most common general degree at the first cycle level is a Bachelor's degree. In the 2012/13 academic year, 25 300 degrees were awarded, 12 700 more than ten years earlier and 2 300 more than the previous academic year. The Master's degree (120 credits), a general degree at the second cycle level, was introduced with the degree structure of 2007. In the 2012/13 academic year, 8 800 Master's degrees were awarded, an increase of 1 400 compared to the previous academic year.

Students gaining higher education degrees are younger than 10 years ago

The median age of students gaining higher education degrees in the 2012/13 academic year was 27.0 years. The women were slightly older than the men, 27.1 years old compared to 26.9 years old. Ten years earlier the women's median age was 28.6 years and the men's median age was 27.5 years.

Women were younger than men among students who for the first time gained a higher education degree in the 2012/13 academic year. The women's median age was 26.3 years and the men's median age was 26.6 years.

Increase in higher education degrees with at least five years of full-time studies

During the 2012/13 academic year, 13 000 persons gained a degree requiring at least 300 credits, which corresponds to 5 years of full-time studies. The number of degrees gained in the longest education programmes has increased by 11 000 since the new education and degree structure was introduced in 2007. Most of the increase is due to a growing number of Master's degrees awarded. The fact that some programmes, such as Master of Science in engineering, were extended from 4.5 years to 5 years in 2007 also had an impact on the increasing the number of higher education degrees in the longest education programmes.

Half of the Master's degrees were awarded to incoming foreign students

During the last ten years the proportion of students from abroad has increased among those gaining higher education degrees. Between the 2003/04 and the 2012/13 academic years the proportion increased from 4 to 13 percent. The introduction of the Master's degree (120 credits) has been important for the increase. Half of the Master's degrees (120 credits) were awarded to incoming foreign students in the 2012/13 academic year.

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List of terms

Andel	Share
Antal	Number
Avancerad nivå	Second cycle
Befolkning	Population
Distansutbildning	Distance education
Därav	Of which
Examen	Higher education qualification, degree
Examensgrupp	Group of degrees
Examinerad	Graduate
Generell examen	General degree
Grundnivå	First cycle
Gymnasieskola	Upper secondary school
Humaniora	Humanities
Högskola	Institute of higher education
Högskolenybjörjare	University entrants
Högskolepoäng	Higher education credits
Högskoleutbildning	Higher education
Inresande studenter	Students from abroad/ Incoming foreign students
Inriktning	Orientation
Juridik	Law
Kommun	Municipality
Konstnärlig utbildning	Fine and applied arts
Kurs	Course
Kvinnor (Kv)	Women
Kön	Sex, gender
Lantbruk	Agriculture
Län	County
Läsår	Academic year
Medianålder	Median age
Medicin	Medicine
Män	Men
Naturvetenskap	Natural science
Nybjörjare vid visst universitet/högskola (högskolanybjörjare)	First-year student at a certain university/institute of higher education
Nybjörjare på program mot yrkesexamen	First-year student in a professional degree pro- gramme
Odontologi	Odontology
Okänd/okänt	Unknown
Område	Field
Person	Person
Procent	Per cent
Program	Programme
Program som leder till yrkesexamen	Professional degree programme
Regional rekrytering	Regional recruitment
Registrerade studenter	Students enrolled
Rekryteringslän	Home county
Samhällsvetenskap	Social sciences
Skogsbruk	Forestry
Studerande	Student
Tabell	Table
Teknik	Technology
Teologi	Religion and theology
Tidigare	Previous
Totalt	Total
Undervisning	Teacher training
Universitet	University
Uppgift saknas	Data not available
Utbildning	Education
Utbildningsbakgrund:	Previous education:
– Gymnasieskolutbildning	– Upper secondary education
– Kommunal vuxenutbildning (Komvux)	– Adult secondary education
Utbildningsnivå	Education level, education cycle
Vård och omsorg	Health-related science
Yrkesexamen	Professional degree
Ålder	Age
Årskull	Age group
Ämne	Subject
Ämnesgrupp	Group of subjects
Övrigt/Övriga	Other