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**Few comments on education
funding, tertiary level
educational attainment and per
student expenditure**

Expenditure on educational institutions as % of GDP in 2022

All levels: **FIN** continues to invest in all levels education **more (5.2 %)** than OECD countries on average (4.7%), but **less** than in Norway (6.2%), Iceland (5.6%) Denmark (5.3%) and Sweden (5.3%)

- 5.0 % of **FIN** investment from public sources (OECD average 4.0%)

U/L secondary: **FIN** invests **more (2.3%)** than three other Nordics (Denmark 1.8%, Sweden 1.9%, Iceland 2.0) (Norway 2.3%) and **more** than OECD countries on average (1.9%)

Tertiary: **FIN** (1.5%) invests **less (1.5%)** than two other Nordics (Denmark and Norway 1.9%) to **tertiary education** (Sweden 1.5%), and slightly **more** than Iceland (1.3%) and OECD countries on average (1.4%)

→ **Public sector financing** for education continues to be strongly emphasized in the Nordic countries, slightly more so in **FIN** and Sweden than in Denmark and Norway.

→ **FIN** public sector contributions in education are the **fourth highest among OECD countries** (after Sweden 5.1, Belgium 5.2, Iceland 5.3, and Norway 5.9).

→ Strong emphasis on **U/L secondary education** in **FIN** is likely explained by the extension of **compulsory education to the upper secondary level**.

Table C1.2. Expenditure on educational institutions as a percentage of GDP, by level of education (2022)

Direct expenditure within educational institutions

	Total (government, private and non-domestic expenditure)						Government expenditure					
	Primary, secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary	Lower and upper secondary	Tertiary		Primary to tertiary		Primary, secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary	Lower and upper secondary	Tertiary		Primary to tertiary	
			Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D			Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	
OECD countries												
Australia	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.0	5.4	4.8	3.2	1.7	0.6	m	3.8	m
Austria	2.9	1.9	1.8	1.1	4.7	4.0	2.8	1.8	1.6	1.0	4.3	3.7
Belgium ¹	4.0	2.5 ^d	1.6	1.0	5.6	5.0	3.8	2.3 ^d	1.3	0.9	5.2	4.7
Canada ²	3.4 ^d	x(1)	2.0	m	5.5 ^d	m	3.1 ^d	1.1	1.0	m	4.1 ^d	m
Chile ³	3.4 ^d	1.9 ^d	2.5 ^d	2.4 ^d	5.9 ^d	5.8 ^d	2.8	1.5	1.0	0.9	3.7	3.6
Colombia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Costa Rica	m	m	1.4	m	m	m	3.6	1.9	1.3	1.3	4.9	4.9
Czechia	3.1	2.3	1.0	0.7	4.2	3.8	2.8	2.0	0.8	0.5	3.6	3.3
Denmark	3.4	1.8	1.9	0.9	5.3	4.2	3.2	1.7	1.5	0.8	4.7	4.0
Estonia	3.2	1.5	1.3	0.7	4.5	3.9	3.0	1.4	1.0	0.6	4.0	3.6
Finland¹	3.7	2.3^d	1.5	0.8	5.2	4.5	3.7	2.3^d	1.3	0.8	5.0	4.5
France	3.7	2.5	1.7	1.2	5.4	4.9	3.3	2.2	1.1	0.8	4.4	4.1
Germany	3.1	2.2	1.3	0.7	4.4	3.8	2.7	1.9	1.1	0.6	3.8	3.4
Greece	2.7	1.4	1.2	0.8	3.9	3.5	2.1	1.1	1.0	0.7	3.1	2.8
Hungary	2.2	1.4	1.2	1.0	3.4	3.2	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.6	2.7	2.5
Iceland	4.3 ^d	2.0 ^d	1.3	m	5.6 ^d	m	4.1	1.9	1.2	m	5.3	m
Ireland	2.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	2.8	2.7	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.3	2.3	2.1
Israel	4.7	2.1	1.3	1.0	6.1	5.7	4.3	1.8	0.7	0.3	4.9	4.6
Italy ¹	2.9	1.8 ^d	1.0	0.7	3.9	3.6	2.7	1.7 ^d	0.6	0.4	3.3	3.1
Japan ⁴	2.5 ^d	1.4 ^d	1.4 ^d	m	3.9 ^d	m	2.3 ^d	1.3 ^d	0.5 ^d	m	2.9 ^d	m
Korea	4.2	2.3	1.4	1.1	5.6	5.3	4.0	2.2	0.6	0.4	4.7	4.4
Latvia	2.7	1.4	1.1	0.8	3.8	3.5	2.5	1.3	0.6	0.4	3.1	2.9
Lithuania	2.5	1.7	1.1	0.8	3.7	3.3	2.4	1.6	0.8	0.5	3.2	2.9
Luxembourg	2.9	1.7	0.4	0.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	1.6	0.4	0.3	3.1	3.0
Mexico	3.0	1.5	1.3	1.1	4.3	4.1	2.5	1.2	0.8	0.6	3.2	m
Netherlands	3.4	2.1	1.6	1.1	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.8	1.2	0.8	4.2	3.7
New Zealand	3.8	2.2	1.3	0.9	5.1	4.8	3.4	1.9	0.8	0.6	4.1	3.9
Norway	4.4	2.3	1.9	1.2	6.2	5.6	4.2	2.1	1.7	1.1	5.9	5.4
Poland	3.0	1.9	1.1	0.7	4.1	3.7	2.6	1.6	0.9	0.6	3.4	3.1
Portugal ¹	3.6	2.2 ^d	1.2	0.9	4.8	4.4	3.2	1.9 ^d	0.7	0.4	3.9	3.6
Slovak Republic	3.1	1.9	1.1	0.8	4.2	3.9	2.8	1.8	0.9	0.6	3.7	3.5
Slovenia	3.4	1.7	1.2	1.0	4.6	4.4	3.0	1.5	1.0	0.8	4.0	3.8
Spain	3.2	1.9	1.4	1.0	4.5	4.2	2.8	1.7	0.9	0.6	3.8	3.5
Sweden	3.8	1.9	1.5	0.7	5.3	4.5	3.8	1.9	1.2	0.7	5.1	4.5
Switzerland ¹	m	1.1	m	m	m	m	3.1	1.6 ^d	1.2	0.6	4.3	3.7
Türkiye	2.1	1.5	1.3	0.9	3.4	3.0	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	2.7	2.4
United Kingdom	4.0	2.2	2.1	1.7	6.1	5.7	3.4	1.8	0.5	0.2	3.9	3.6
United States ⁵	3.5	1.8	2.3	2.0	5.8	5.5	3.2	1.7	0.9	0.7	4.1	3.9
OECD average	3.3	1.9	1.4	1.0	4.7	4.3	3.0	1.7	0.9	0.6	4.0	3.6

The aim of the national "Vision for Higher Education and Research in 2030" was to raise attainment to 50% by 2030, but in 2024 **FIN** (39%) seems to be going backwards (in 2017 it was 42%...)

Enrollment growth in % compared to 2019 level

	Universities	Universities of Applied Sciences
2020	+13 %	+16%
2021	+20%	+23%
2022	+21%	+28%
2023	+16%	+31%
2024	+28%	+36%

Source: Vipunen Education Statistics Finland

Table A1.2. Trends in the educational attainment of 25-34 year-olds, by gender (2019 and 2024)

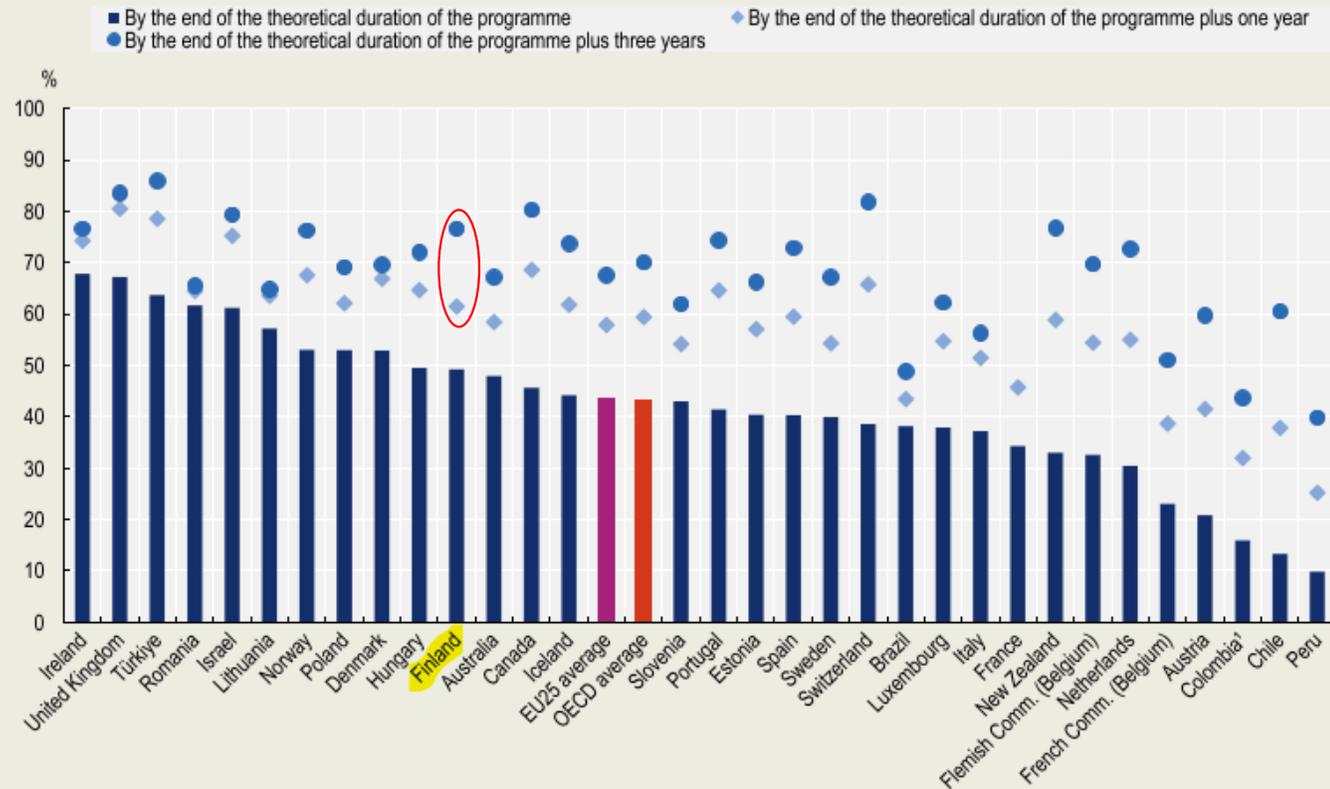
Percentage of 25-34 year-olds with a given level of education as the highest level attained

	Below upper secondary		Upper secondary or post-secondary non-tertiary		Tertiary				Total	
	2019	2024	2019	2024	Bachelor's or equivalent		Master's or equivalent		2019	2024
	(3)	(6)	(9)	(12)	2019	2024	2019	2024	(39)	(42)
OECD countries	(3)	(6)	(9)	(12)	(21)	(24)	(27)	(30)	(39)	(42)
Australia	9	8	38	35	32	36	10	11	52	57
Austria	11	10	48	46	11	14	14	15	42	44
Belgium	15	13	38	36	24	28	22	22	47	51
Canada	6	5	31	27	28	31	11 ^d	14 ^d	63	69
Chile ^{1, 2}	12	11	47	48	28	28	2 ^d	2	41	41
Colombia	27	17	42	47	31 ^d	m	x (39)	x(42)	31	37
Costa Rica	46	34	22	31	21	21	1	1	31	35
Czechia	7	8	60	59	12	13	20	20	33	33
Denmark	18	15	35	33	23	25	19	20	47	51
Estonia	11	12	46	44	26	23	17	20	43	43
Finland²	9	10	51	51	26	24	14	15	40	39
France	13	11	39	36	13	15	20	26	48	53
Germany	13	15	54	45	18	23	14	15	33	40
Greece	13	7	45	48	32	31	9	13	42	45
Hungary	13	12	57	55	12	9	15	21	31	32
Iceland ¹	22	19	36	38	25	22	15	17	42	44
Ireland	7	4	37	30	35	42	14	21	55	66
Israel	9	9	44	44	28	29	8	8	47	47
Italy	24	19	48	49	12	13	16	17	28	32
Japan	m	m	m	m	42 ^d	18 ^d	x(21)	x(24)	62	66
Korea	2	1	28	28	46	48	3 ^d	3 ^d	70	71
Latvia	11	10	45	44	24	25	12	12	44	45
Lithuania	7	6	38	36	39	41	16	16	55	58
Luxembourg	13	9	32	26	20	20	30	39	55	65
Mexico	49	41	28	30	22	27	1	2	24	29
Netherlands	12	10	38	35	29	31	19	22	50	56
New Zealand	13	11	43	41	35	36	5	6	44	48
Norway	17	16	34	25	22	27	15	19	49	59
Poland	6	5	51	49	13	14	30	31	43	46
Portugal	24	16	38	41	21	25	16	17	38	43
Slovak Republic	9	7	51	56	7	7	31	29	39	37
Slovenia	5	7	51	49	11	m	19	m	44	43
Spain	30	24	23	23	15	19	17	18	47	53
Sweden	16	12	35	32	23	26	13	18	48	56
Switzerland	6 ^b	9	41 ^b	40	29 ^{b, d}	29	22 ^{b, d}	19	53 ^b	51
Türkiye	41	28	24	28	22	28	3	3	35	44
United Kingdom	14	12	34	28	30	35	14	17	52	60
United States ¹	7	6	42	42	28	29	10	11	50	52
OECD average	15	13	40	39	24	25	14	16	45	48

....or are we still waiting for it to happen?

Figure B5.1. Completion rates of new entrants to bachelor's programmes, by timeframe (2023)

Completion rates of full-time students at any tertiary level



....in any case, **FIN** per student expenditure has **decreased** more than in anywhere else (except Mexico), and that's mostly because of the **increase in student numbers** rather than decrease in funding

Table C1.3. Change in expenditure on education, by level of education (2015 to 2022)

Change in per cent, constant 2020 prices in equivalent USD converted using PPPs

	Primary, secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary			Tertiary (including R&D)			Primary to tertiary (including R&D)				
	Change in expenditure on educational institutions per student	Change in the number of students	Change in expenditure on educational institutions	Change in expenditure on educational institutions per student	Change in the number of students	Change in expenditure on educational institutions	Change in expenditure on educational institutions per student	Change in the number of students	Change in expenditure on educational institutions	Change in government expenditure on educational institutions	Change in government expenditure on education as a share of government expenditure on all services
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
OECD countries											
Australia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Austria	0.7	2.8	3.6	12.4	2.5	15.2	4.9	2.7	7.8	5.1	-9.6
Belgium	6.8	1.2	8.0	9.7	10.0	20.6	8.2	2.9	11.3	10.2	0.2
Canada ¹	9.9 ^d	3.3	13.5 ^d	-6.9	17.2	9.1	5.1 ^d	6.4	11.8 ^d	8.9 ^d	-10.0 ^d
Chile ²	19.6 ^d	4.2	24.6 ^d	33.5 ^d	5.8	41.2 ^d	25.3 ^d	4.6	31.1 ^d	27.5	-3.9
Colombia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Costa Rica	m	-2.0	m	m	-54.7	m	m	-12.0	m	-5.4	-42.1
Czechia	26.2	10.9	40.0	19.2	-10.9	6.1	22.2	6.1	29.7	34.1	11.0
Denmark	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Estonia	19.8	12.5	34.8	8.9	-16.3	-8.8	12.0	5.7	18.5	27.2	-0.9
Finland	0.2	0.7	0.9	-13.5	12.2	-3.0	-3.2	3.0	-0.3	-1.2	-7.2
Netherlands	17.1	-3.8	12.7	-4.2	19.0	13.9	11.9	1.1	13.1	16.9	1.9
New Zealand	22.0	2.7	25.3	0.0	-12.0	-12.0	13.2	-0.1	13.1	22.3	-17.3
Norway	0.9	3.1	4.0	1.2	17.4	18.9	1.9	6.0	8.1	4.5	-6.1
Poland	23.2	0.7	24.0	30.4	-17.5	7.6	23.4	-3.4	19.1	14.6	-18.1
Portugal	11.9	-6.5	4.6	-8.7	21.8	11.1	7.4	-1.1	6.2	7.6	4.1
Slovak Republic	22.3	2.9	25.9	1.9	-18.1	-16.5	12.0	-1.1	10.8	15.4	2.3
Slovenia	15.4	11.2	28.4	54.3	-7.1	43.3	22.8	7.5	31.9	30.3	11.7
Spain	12.4	2.6	15.4	2.3	17.1	19.8	10.4	5.7	16.7	20.3	2.5
Sweden	5.3	14.9	21.0	-8.0	16.1	6.8	1.3	15.1	16.6	16.4	4.1
Switzerland	m	5.3	m	m	14.5	m	m	7.0	m	11.2	-1.0
Türkiye	-13.3	6.0	-8.2	-4.8	15.4	9.9	-9.0	7.6	-2.0	-1.1	-18.0
United Kingdom	6.8	-2.2	4.5	2.7	22.4	25.6	9.2	1.5	10.8	3.2	-13.4
United States	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
OECD average	13.5	2.1	15.7	8.6	5.0	14.2	11.9	2.5	14.7	13.1	-6.9

.....unfortunately
per student
expenditure in
monetary value
does not seem
to flatter **FIN**
either...

Table C5.1. Expenditure on tertiary educational institutions (2022)

In equivalent USD converted using PPPs for GDP, direct expenditure within educational institutions, by level of education

	Expenditure on educational institutions per student (in equivalent USD converted using PPPs for GDP)											
	Total (government, private and non-domestic expenditure)						Government expenditure					
	Short-cycle tertiary		Bachelor's, master's and doctoral or equivalent		All tertiary		Short-cycle tertiary		Bachelor's, master's and doctoral or equivalent		All tertiary	
	Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D	Including R&D	Excluding R&D
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	
OECD countries												
Australia	12 289	10 619	28 272	17 235	25 162	15 948	8 249	a	9 697	a	9 415	a
Austria	22 100	22 100	26 894	15 142	26 190	16 164	21 337	21 337	23 308	12 701	23 018	13 969
Belgium	17 696	17 696	26 373	16 679	25 989	16 724	16 065	16 065	22 198	14 908	21 927	14 959
Canada	21 340	m	31 225	17 566	27 582	m	10 952	m	15 278	6 210	13 684	m
Chile ¹	5 683 ^d	5 683 ^d	13 567 ^d	12 914 ^d	11 639 ^d	11 145 ^d	2 565	2 565	5 099	4 559	4 479	4 071
Colombia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Costa Rica	x(5)	m	x(5)	m	18 405	m	x(11)	x(12)	x(11)	x(12)	16 922	16 920
Czechia	31 144	31 144	17 177	11 083	17 221	11 147	29 563	29 563	12 723	7 821	12 777	7 890
Denmark	14 904	14 431	31 488	13 509	29 680	13 610	12 057	11 611	25 587	12 730	24 113	12 608
Estonia	a	a	19 011	10 447	19 011	10 447	a	a	15 291	9 163	15 291	9 163
Finland	a	a	20 456	10 850	20 456	10 850	a	a	18 141	10 631	18 141	10 631
Netherlands	15 216	14 443	25 054	16 341	24 874	16 306	13 312	12 599	18 608	11 603	18 511	11 621
New Zealand	11 890	11 890	19 875	13 786	18 729	13 514	8 589	8 589	11 921	8 078	11 444	8 151
Norway	22 851	22 851	30 170	19 150	29 917	19 278	18 483	18 483	27 571	17 881	27 256	17 902
Poland	2 615	2 615	15 907	10 353	15 897	10 348	2 332	2 332	12 566	8 111	12 558	8 107
Portugal	9 225	9 225	14 398	9 894	14 155	9 863	5 740	5 740	8 151	4 499	8 038	4 557
Slovak Republic	12 001	12 001	19 290	14 252	19 178	14 217	10 666	10 666	15 313	10 619	15 241	10 620
Slovenia	10 036	10 036	22 464	17 689	21 127	16 865	6 152	6 152	18 521	14 802	17 189	13 871
Spain	12 878	12 878	18 369	12 689	17 124	12 732	10 502	10 502	12 104	7 207	11 741	7 954
Sweden	8 231	8 231	31 503	14 898	28 823	14 130	8 231	8 231	26 102	13 494	24 044	12 888
Switzerland	m	m	m	m	m	m	x(11)	x(12)	x(11)	x(12)	32 505	15 569
Türkiye	x(5)	x(6)	x(5)	x(6)	10 825	7 119	x(11)	x(12)	x(11)	x(12)	7 698	5 344
United Kingdom	32 170	28 443	35 545	28 781	35 350	28 762	9 622	7 172	7 790	3 343	7 896	3 565
United States ³	x(5)	x(6)	x(5)	x(6)	36 274	31 610	x(11)	x(12)	x(11)	x(12)	14 046	11 245
OECD average	14 603	13 735	22 828	14 649	21 444	14 512	10 078	9 919	15 797	9 746	15 102	9 904

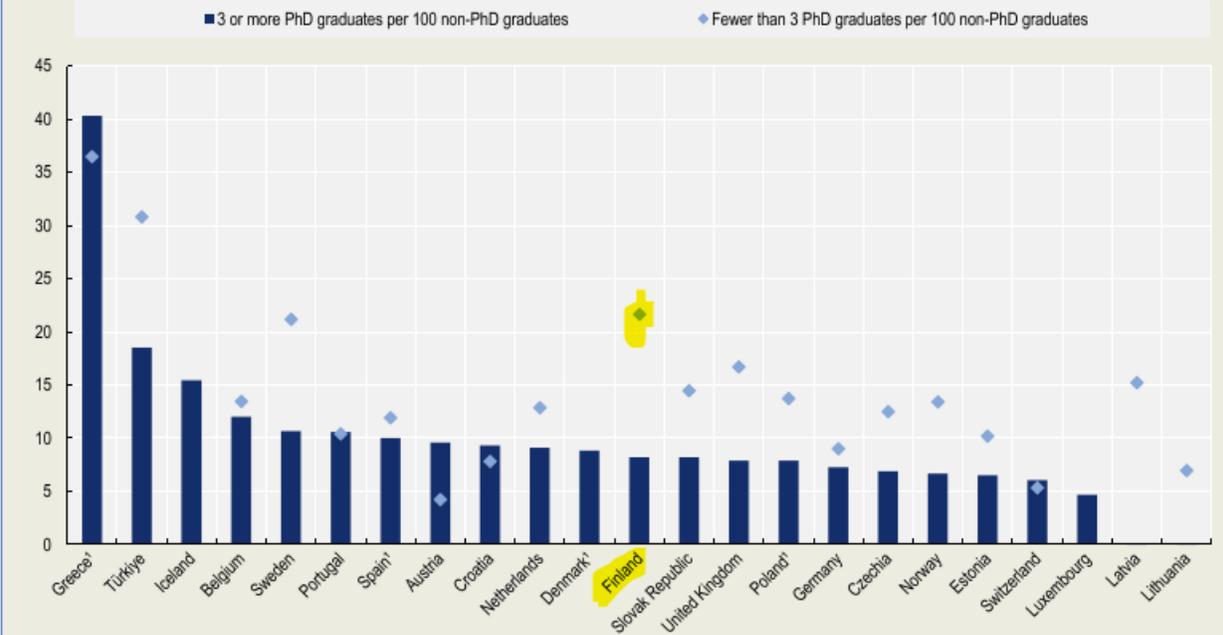
Table D5.1. Ratio of students to academic staff, by tertiary education level and type of institution (2023)

	Short-cycle tertiary			Bachelor's, master's and doctoral or equivalent			All tertiary				
	Public institutions	Private institutions	All institutions	Public institutions	Private institutions	All institutions	Public institutions	Private institutions	All institutions		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2013	2018	2023
OECD countries	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Australia	m	m	m	19	29	19	m	m	m	m	m
Austria	9	10	9	16	14	16	14	13	15	14	14
Belgium	33	14	18	28	19	22	28	19	21	21	22
Canada	m	m	m	22	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Chile	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Colombia ¹	48	7	24	23	32	28	30	23	19	28	26
Costa Rica	x(7)	m	m	x(7)	m	m	13	m	m	m	m
Czechia	10	14	11	17	17	17	17	17	22	15	17
Denmark ²	23	26	23	14	19	14	14	22	14	16	14
Estonia ²	a	a	a	11	37	11	11	37	15	13	11
Finland	a	a	a	13	18	15	13	18	14	15	15
Netherlands	a	14	14	11	15	14	11	15	15	15	14
New Zealand	16	12	15	17	16	17	17	13	17	17	16
Norway	14	19	16	8	20	9	8	20	10	9	9
Poland	11	55	18	10	34	12	10	34	15	14	12
Portugal	x(4)	x(5)	x(6)	12 ^d	14 ^d	12 ^d	12	14	14	14	12
Slovak Republic	8	8	8	12	19	12	12	17	14	11	12
Slovenia	13	12	13	12	11	11	12	11	18	14	12
Spain	9	15	10	11	18	13	11	17	12	12	12
Sweden	10	11	10	10	11	10	10	11	11	10	10
Switzerland	m	m	m	14	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Türkiye	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
United Kingdom	a	x(8)	x(11)	a	x(8)	x(11)	a	14	18	15	14
United States ³	x(7)	x(8)	x(11)	x(7)	x(8)	x(11)	14 ^d	11 ^d	15 ^d	14 ^d	13 ^d
OECD average	15	16	14	15	20	15	15	18	15	15	15

.....or does it?

.....but student to academic staff ratio still looks quite good...

Figure D5.2. Ratio of students to academic staff, by research intensity (2023)





Thank you!