

# Welcome to the VET Student Survey 2022! (Amisbarometri 2022)

We hope that you participate in the survey. Participation is voluntary.

Instructions:

- Choose the answer that is closest to your own situation or opinion.
- Answer the questions honestly.
- Make sure that you can answer in peace. Let others answer in peace as well.
- The survey takes about 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

We will not ask for your name in the survey. You cannot be identified from the survey results. All answers will be treated confidentially.

All respondents can enter into a prize draw to win gift cards to [...] (3x50€).

The purpose of the survey:

- With the help of your responses, the National Union of Vocational Students in Finland SAKKI ry promotes the interests of vocational students.
- The responses are also used for scientific research. The data storage locations are the Research Foundation for Studies and Education Otus sr and the Finnish Social Science Data Archive.
- Responses are also given to educational institutions. We will remove responses that may be used to identify you. The answers can be used to develop how educational institutions operate.

The results of the survey will be published in April 2022 on the website [amisbarometri.fi](http://amisbarometri.fi).

Med vänliga hälsningar,

[...]

1. Begin the questionnaire by declaring that you have understood the text on this page.
  - I have read and understood the above texts. I agree to participate in the study.
2. Please enter your registration key below, given to you by your teacher (four letters or numbers).
  - Registration key
3. What year were you born?
  - A list

## Current Studies

4. What vocational qualification are you pursuing at the moment? If you are pursuing more than one qualification, choose the one that you are primarily pursuing.
  - Vocational upper secondary qualification (180 cp)
  - Further vocational qualification (120 or 150 cp)
  - Specialist vocational qualification (180 cp)
  - Preparatory education (such as VALMA or TELMA)
  - Long-term study programme at a folk high school
  - Qualification unit or a smaller module
  - Other vocational education and training (e.g. training to receive a licence)
5. In what year of study are you for your primary vocational degree?
  - First year
  - Second year
  - Third year
  - Fourth year or more

If you are pursuing VALMA or TELMA: Skip over.

6. Which field are you studying (e.g. Metalwork and Machinery, Food Production, Surface Treatment Technology)?
  - A list: [https://www.otsu.fi/hanke/amisbarometri/amisbarometri-2022-kyselylomake\\_koulutusalista/](https://www.otsu.fi/hanke/amisbarometri/amisbarometri-2022-kyselylomake_koulutusalista/)
7. If you cannot find your field in the list, enter it here:
8. Are you currently pursuing a double degree or a combined degree?
  - No
  - Yes, I am pursuing a vocational degree and a matriculation examination
  - Yes, I am working towards two vocational qualifications at the same time
  - Yes, I am working towards a triple qualification
  - Yes, I am carrying out additional studies at some other institution

(This survey only applies to your vocational studies.)

9. Which of the following best describes your studying at the moment?
  - I study primarily
  - I work primarily and study while working
  - I primarily do something other than study or work (for example, I take care of a child at home)

10. Where do you get the money to live during your studies?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- My parents, guardians or relatives give me money
- I receive study grant
- I receive general housing allowance or student housing allowance
- I receive student loan
- I receive unemployment benefits (labour policy education or self-study)
- I receive adult education support
- I am on an apprenticeship
- I am in paid staff training
- I have insurance company financing
- I get paid for my work
- I have savings
- I receive other support (for example, rehabilitation allowance or disability allowance)

11. Have you moved to another city/town because of your current studies?

- Yes
- No

12. What was the postcode of your previous place of residence?

- Post code:

## Applying for Current Education

13. Had you been to any of the following before your current vocational studies?  
(You can choose more than one answer.)

- VALMA (preparatory education for vocational training)
- TELMA (preparatory training for working life)
- Voluntary additional basic education (tenth grade)
- Folk high school
- None of these
- I cannot say

14. How did you apply to your current vocational studies?

- Joint application system
- Continuous admission
- The place of study was assigned to me in VALMA (preparatory education for vocational training)
- The place of study was assigned to me in TELMA (preparatory training for working life)
- I cannot say

15. Did you get to study in the field you were most interested in?

- Yes
- No

16. What do you think about the following statements related to guidance and support?

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I received enough guidance and support when I was thinking about which field and which studies to apply to.						
Applying to study was easy.						
I was able to begin my studies smoothly.						
I was directed to apply to the right field.						
I got to know the other students well enough.						

17. Did you start your current vocational studies the following autumn after finishing comprehensive school (basic education)?

- Yes
- No

Answer this part if you were born 2003 or after that.

Also answer if you started your current vocational studies the following autumn after comprehensive school.

18. Was there talk of vocational studies in your family and school when you were in years 7-9 of comprehensive school?

(Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.)

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
My parents or guardians encouraged me to apply to vocational studies						
My parents or guardians recommended my current field of study						
The study counsellor at my high school recommended vocational studies to me						
The teachers at my high school spoke about vocational studies in a positive way						
My schoolmates wanted to continue to vocational school after comprehensive school						

19. Please assess the following statements concerning applying to your current studies?

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I already knew before applying that I wanted to study in a vocational school						
I also applied for or considered applying to another vocational school in the same field						
I also applied for or considered applying to another vocational school in a different field						
I applied for or considered going to upper secondary school						
I had no strong opinion on what field I wanted to study						
It was clear to me that I wanted to continue my studies straight after comprehensive school						

20. How were you graded in the following subjects in your comprehensive school diploma?

(Answer according to what you remember.)

- Average grade of all subjects (Choice from 4 to 4,5 up to 10 and "Doesn't apply to me")

25. Assess your performance in these subjects?

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Mathematics				
Finnish				
Swedish				
English				

Answer this part if you didn't start your current vocational studies the following autumn after comprehensive school.

21. Why have you applied to vocational studies?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- Career change
- Unemployment
- Developing competence
- Other, please specify

22. Where did you get the information and guidance to apply for your studies?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- I searched for information independently
- I received information from employment services
- I received information from an educational institution
- I received information from Ohjaamo (One-Stop Guidance Center)

23. Why did you end up in your current field of education?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- Supports my existing competence
- Good employment opportunities
- Interesting field
- The field was recommended to me

24. Have you studied at a level other than comprehensive school before your current studies?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- No
- In upper secondary education
- In another vocational institution
- Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences
- Master's degree from a university of applied sciences
- Bachelor's degree from a university
- Master's degree from a university

25. Assess your performance in these subjects?

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Mathematics				
Finnish				
Swedish				
English				

The following questions are for everyone.

## Experiences of studying and teaching

26. Have you been in on-the-job learning?

- Yes
- No
- I cannot say

27. Estimate how much time you spend studying during a typical WEEK?

	None	1-5 hours	6-10 hours	11-15 hours	16-20 hours	21-25 hours	26-30 hours	More than 30 hours
Contact instruction (instruction by a teacher, supervised work)								
Working independently at school without a teacher present								
Independent remote assignments								
Voluntary studying at school outside regular classes								
On-the-job learning								

28. What do you think about the amount of following things in your vocational studies?

	Could be much less	Could be slightly less	Current amount is enough	Could be slightly more	Could be much more
Teaching given by a teacher related to my field of study					
Independent work related to my field of study when the teacher is not present (for example, working on a thesis or other exercises)					
Lessons in common subjects (for example, Finnish or Swedish, mathematics, English)					
On-the-job learning					

29. What do you think about the following statements related to your personal studies?

	Completely disagree	Some what disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some what agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I need more support to study						
Studying is mentally difficult for me						
I find my studies easy						
Combining studies with the rest of my life is difficult for me						

30. Please assess the following statements concerning the teaching at your institution.

	Completely disagree	Some what disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some what agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
The teaching is mainly good						
I feel like I get enough feedback on my learning						
The assessment of study-related assignments is fair and impartial						
Teachers speak clearly and intelligibly						

31. What do you think about the following statements about your institution?

	Completely disagree	Some what disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some what agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I feel safe in my educational institution						
My study group has a good team spirit						
I feel a sense of belonging among the students of the same field at my educational institution						
There have been enough joint events, parties or excursions in my educational institution						
The premises, tools and work materials of the educational institution are in good condition						

32. Do you have the opportunity to use the following tools and learning materials in your studies?  
In what ways?

	Use on school premises	Loaned from an educational institution	Given by an educational institution	Self-procured	I do not need it	I cannot say
Textbooks and study materials						
Computer						
Calculator, calculator license						
Tools, workwear, work materials						
Permits and qualifications (such as driving licence, hygiene passport, hot work permit)						

33. How satisfied are you with the learning materials and tools provided by the educational institution that are at your disposal?

	Very dissatisfied	Quite dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Quite satisfied	Very satisfied	Doesn't apply to me
Textbooks and study materials						
Computer						
Calculator, calculator license						
Tools, workwear, work materials						
Permits and qualifications (such as driving licence, hygiene passport, hot work permit)						

34. How would you improve the workspaces, tools, or learning materials provided by the educational institution?

35. What do you think about the following statements related to PCDP?  
(PCDP = Personal Competence Development Plan)

	Completely disagree	Some what disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some what agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I was able to genuinely influence what and how I study.						
My existing competence was considered when planning studies.						
My plan has been updated as my studies progress.						
The plan also considered my own goals and career plans.						
The plan considered that I need support in my studies.						
The progress of my studies was planned precisely enough (there were no empty gaps in my studies, and there was enough to do for five days a week).						
Studies have progressed according to the plan						

36. What do you think of the guidance you received at your educational institution?

	Completely disagree	Some what disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some what agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I have received enough information from teachers about things related to studying						
I have received enough information from teachers about working life and jobs						
I have received support and guidance from my student counsellor for my current studies if I have needed it						
I have received enough information and guidance from the student counsellor concerning postgraduate studies						

If you haven't been in on the job learning: skip over question 37.

37. What do you think about the following statements related to on-the-job learning?

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
I was able to personally choose the workplace where I am learning.						
I received instructions from the educational institution before on-the-job learning workplace began						
My workplace instructor was involved in updating the PCDP on issues related to learning in the workplace						
The work community gave me a warm welcome						
My teacher actively took part in on-the-job learning						
My workplace instructor took part in updating my PCDP in terms of on-the-job learning						
I received a copy of my training agreement to keep						
I had adequate skills when I began my first learning period at the workplace						
I felt safe learning in the workplace						

38. Have you studied or worked in a student cooperative during your current studies?

(A student cooperative is a company, through which you can study or employ yourself as an entrepreneur. A student cooperative is also called an educational cooperative and a pedagogical cooperative.)

- Yes
- No
- I cannot say

If No or I cannot say: skip over question 39.

39. What do you like about the student cooperative? How would you improve the student cooperative?

40. I would like to join a student cooperative if my educational institution set up one.

- Completely disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Completely agree
- I cannot say

41. Estimate how much money you have spent on the materials and tools needed for your studies in total during your studies so far (for example, books, tools, writing instruments, calculators)?

- 0-50 euros
- 50-100 euros
- 100-200 euros
- 200-300 euros
- 300-400 euros
- 400-500 euros
- 500-600 euros
- 600-700 euros
- 700-800 euros
- 800-900 euros
- 900-1000 euros
- More than 1000 euros

42. Do you have a learning difficulty (such as reading difficulties) that has been diagnosed by a psychologist, speech therapist, special needs teacher, or a doctor? Or do you have an illness or disability that affects your studies (for example, epilepsy, brain damage)?

- No
- Dyslexia
- Asperger's syndrome
- Behavioural difficulties
- Mathematical learning difficulties
- Perception difficulties
- Attention deficit disorders (for example ADHD/ADD)
- Visual impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Other, please specify?

## Progress of Studies and Attachment to Studies

43. How satisfied are you with the progress of your studies in relation to your own goals?  
(You need to move the slider to save your answer.)

Not at all satisfied	0		10	Very satisfied
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44. Do you feel that you are studying the right field?

- Yes, to a great extent
- Yes, to some extent
- No, to some extent
- Not at all
- I cannot say

45. Do you believe that you will graduate from your current studies?

- Yes, I believe I will graduate
- No, I have been considering changing my field of study
- No, I have considered changing to another educational institution
- No, I have been considering dropping out

If Yes: Skip question 46.

46. Did any of the following reasons make you consider changing your field, changing your educational institution or dropping out of your studies?  
(You can choose more than one answer.)

- I am not interested in my current field
- I do not feel at ease in my study group
- The workload associated with my studies is too high
- I am not interested in studying
- Learning difficulties hinder my studies
- I have experienced discrimination or racism
- I have experienced bullying or harassment
- Language barriers hinder my studies
- Health reasons hinder my studies
- I took maternity, paternity or parental leave
- Worrying about money hinders my studies
- Family reasons hinder my studies
- The quality of teaching is poor
- The educational institution has planned the studies poorly
- Other, please specify?

47. Has any of the following slowed down your studies?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- It is difficult to reconcile studies with my life as a whole
- I have not received enough guidance for my studies
- There are gaps in my study skills
- Study materials and study tools are difficult to obtain
- Absences of teachers and cancelled lessons
- Teachers' teaching methods
- Workload related to studies
- Expectations on whether I will get a job after graduation
- My own attitude and motivation towards studying
- Financial difficulties
- Working while studying
- Lack of school friends
- Bad health
- Fatigue
- Mental health issues
- Relationships
- Hobbies and free time
- Bullying or harassment in an educational institution
- Bullying or harassment during on-the-job learning
- Distance education or other emergency arrangements during the coronavirus epidemic
- Other, please specify?
- None of the above

48. Did you receive support for distance education during the coronavirus epidemic from your current educational institution?

- I received a lot of support
- I received some support
- No, but I would have needed support
- I did not need support
- I did not receive distance education

49. What kind of support did you get? What kind of support would you have needed?

## Employment, Housing and Livelihood

50. During the last TERM, have you done work that is not related to your studies?

- No
- Yes, I have done paid work
- Yes, I have employed myself or worked as an entrepreneur

51. How many hours a WEEK have you normally worked?

- 1-10 hours
- 11-20 hours
- 21-30 hours
- More than 30 hours

52. What did you do in the summer (June-August)?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- I was on holiday
- I studied in an educational institution
- I did unpaid work (for example training agreement)
- I did paid work (apprenticeship contract)
- I did other paid work
- I employed myself or worked as an entrepreneur
- I was looking for a job or I was unemployed

53. Which of the following options describes your living arrangements during the term?

- I live with my parents, one of my parents, or a guardian
- I live in a student residence
- I live in a shared flat
- I live on my own
- I live with my spouse (married, cohabiting or in a registered partnership)
- I live with my spouse and a child or children
- I live alone with my child or children
- I live at my parents' place with my child or children
- I have some other living arrangement

54. What is the postcode of your current residence?

- Post code:

55. How long is the one-way trip from your home (your current place of residence) to the educational institution?

- 0–1,0 km
- 1,1–3,0 km
- 3,1–5,0 km
- 5,1–7,0 km
- 7,1–10,0 km
- 10,1–20,0 km
- 20,1–50,0 km
- Over 50 km

56. What has your financial situation been like during the past six months?  
(Choose the option that best describes your situation.)

- I had enough money
- I barely had enough money
- I had to cut back on my expenses
- I had constant problems with money

57. Which of the following statements are true?

- I have taken student loan
- I have taken payday loans or consumer credit at least once
- I have borrowed money from my friends
- I have borrowed money from my parents or guardians
- I have borrowed money from other relatives

58. If you have taken payday loans, consumer credit or any other loans, have you had any difficulty repaying them?

- No
- Yes
- I have not taken out a loan or loan repayment has not yet begun

## Working life and the Future

59. What do you think about the time after graduation? Evaluate how likely the following events are.

	Very unlikely	Quite unlikely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Quite likely	Very likely	I cannot say
I will get a job in the field I am currently studying						
I will find a job that I like						
I will change fields						
I will get a permanent job						
I will be unemployed for long stretches of time						
I will work abroad						
I will become an entrepreneur alone						
I will become an entrepreneur with other people						
I will employ myself through a cooperative						
I will study more or I will also pursue other degrees						

60. How well do you recognise yourself in the following statements related to work and working life?

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
My language skills are adequate for working life						
My professional skills and competence are adequate for working life						
I want to be an entrepreneur						
I want to work abroad						
At some point I want to switch to another field						
I want to work in a leadership position						

61. Are you going to continue your studies after your current studies?

- Yes, immediately or up to a year after I graduate
- Yes, but I want more than a year to pass after I graduate before continuing
- I do not plan on continuing my studies
- I cannot say

If I do not plan on continuing or I cannot say: Skip question 62.

62. What further studies do you intend to do?

(You can choose more than one answer.)

- Further vocational qualification
- Specialist vocational qualification
- Another vocational upper secondary qualification
- University of applied sciences degree
- University degree
- Upper secondary school or matriculation exam
- Courses at an open university or open university of applied sciences
- Studies at a folk high school or adult education centre
- Something else, specify?

## Well-being and Leisure Time

Answer this part if you were born 2003 or after that.

Also answer if you started your current vocational studies the following autumn after comprehensive school.

63. Think of your friends that you meet in your spare time. Is there anyone among your friends who...

- studies the same field at the same educational institution?
- studies a different field at the same educational institution?
- studies at an upper secondary school?
- is in basic education or in voluntary additional basic education?
- works but does not study?
- neither works nor studies?

64. Do you spend time with your friend or friends at least once a month in the following places? Choose 1 to 3 of your favourite places.

- My home
- My friends' homes
- Shops and shopping centres
- Libraries
- Bars, pubs, or nightclubs
- Cafés or restaurants
- Sports facilities
- Shared hobbies
- Service stations
- Hanging out with friends in the city, courtyards, or parks
- Internet (for example, playing games or using social media)
- Driving around in cars, on mopeds or motorcycles
- Youth facilities
- Nature, for example, in the forest

The following questions are for everyone.

65. Have you experienced bullying or violence during your vocational studies?

(Bullying may include name-calling, physical violence, talking behind your back, invalidating things you have said or done, being excluded, bullying on social media.)

	Never	Sometimes	Often
From other students			
From teachers			
From other employees of the educational institution			

66. Have you personally bullied other students during your vocational studies?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Often

67. Have you experienced sexual harassment at your educational institution?

(Any unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature is considered sexual harassment. It can be verbal, nonverbal or physical. Examples of sexual harassment include sexually explicit jokes, intimate and intrusive touching, pressure to have sex, offering payment for sex.)

	Never	Sometimes	Often
From other students			
From teachers			
From other employees of the educational institution			

68. Have you experienced that students or employees at your educational institution have discriminated against or demeaned you based on your ethnic or cultural background?

	Never	Sometimes	Often
Other students			
Teachers			
Other employees of the educational institution			

69. Have you experienced that students or employees at your institution have discriminated against or demeaned you based on your sexual orientation or how you experience your gender?

(Sexual orientation may be, for example, lesbian, gay, bi, pan or queer. Experiencing gender may be, for example, transgender or nonbinary.)

	Never	Sometimes	Often
Other students			
Teachers			
Other employees of the educational institution			

70. Have you experienced that other students or employees at your institution have discriminated against or demeaned you based on an illness or injury?

	Never	Sometimes	Often
Other students			
Teachers			
Other employees of the educational institution			

71. How well do the following statements describe your use of the Internet or social media?

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree	I cannot say
Using the Internet or social media causes problems in my relationships						
I have been bullied online or on social media						
The Internet or social media helps me to maintain relationships with my friends and other people						
I have made new friends online or through social media						
Using the Internet or social media causes problems in my studies						
Using the Internet or social media causes problems in my day rhythm						
I check my phone right before I go to sleep						

72. Choose the option that best describes your relationship with your studies over the past month.

	Completely disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Completely agree
I am full of energy when I study					
Studying is extremely meaningful to me					
Time seems to fly when I study					
I feel energetic when I study					
I am excited about studying					
When I focus on my studies, I forget everything else around me					
Studying inspires me					
When I wake up in the morning, it feels good to go and study					
I become absorbed in my studying					

## Background Information

### 73. Gender

- Female
- Male
- Other
- I do not wish to answer

### 74. Mother tongue

- Finnish
- Swedish
- Sami
- Russian
- Estonian
- English
- Arabic
- Somali
- Kurdish
- Chinese
- Other, please specify

### 75. For how long have you resided in Finland?

- My whole life
- More than ten years, not always
- 5 to 10 years
- 3 to 4 years
- 1 to 2 years
- Less than a year

### 76. As a child, did you usually speak a language other than Finnish or Swedish with your parents or guardians?

- No, only Finnish or Swedish
- Yes, with *one* of my parents or guardians, I used a language other than Finnish or Swedish
- Yes, with *two* of my parents or guardians, I used a language other than Finnish or Swedish

77. Are your parents or guardians currently working?

	I don't know or doesn't apply to me	Yes, in paid employment	Yes, an entrepreneur or self-employed	No, unemployed or laid off	No, receives disability pension, is on sick leave or in hospital	No, retired	No, cares for children at home	No, studies
Mother								
Father								
Other guardian								
Other guardian								

- Alternatives:

- I don't know or doesn't apply to me
- Yes, in paid employment
- Yes, an entrepreneur or self-employed
- No, unemployed or laid off
- No, receives disability pension, is on sick leave or in hospital
- No, retired
- No, cares for children at home
- No, studies

78. What is or was your parents' or guardians' highest level of education?

	I don't know or doesn't apply to me	No formal education	Comprehensive school (or primary or intermediate school)	Upper secondary school (matriculation examination)	Vocational qualification	College degree	Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences	Master's degree from a university of applied sciences	Bachelor's degree from a university	Master's degree from a university	Further university degree
Mother											
Father											
Other guardian											
Other guardian											

- Alternatives:
  - I don't know or doesn't apply to me
  - No formal education
  - Comprehensive school (or primary or intermediate school)
  - Upper secondary school (matriculation examination)
  - Vocational qualification
  - College degree
  - Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences
  - Master's degree from a university of applied sciences
  - Bachelor's degree from a university
  - Master's degree from a university
  - Further university degree (Licentiate degree or Doctorate)

## Feedback on the Survey

79. Please answer a few more questions about this survey.

	Completely disagree	Some what disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some what agree	Completely agree
The questions were easy to understand					
The topics of the survey were interesting					
The survey wasn't too long					
There was enough time to complete the survey					
I was able to answer in peace					

80. What other feedback would you like to give on the survey? Write freely.

Thank you for your valuable answers! If you want, you can leave your email address in the box on the following page to take part in the raffle. The information you leave cannot be connected to the answers you have given..

**Kiitos vastauksesta!**

**Tack för ditt svar!**

**Thank you for your participation!**

Jätä sähköpostiosoitteesi tähän, jos haluat osallistua arvontaan. Osoitettasi ei yhdistetä vastauksiisi. Arvomme kolme 50 € lahjakorttia [...].

Uppe din e-postadress här om du vill delta i utlottningen. Din adress kopplas inte till dina svar. Vi lottar ut tre presentkort till värdet av 50 euro till [...].

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