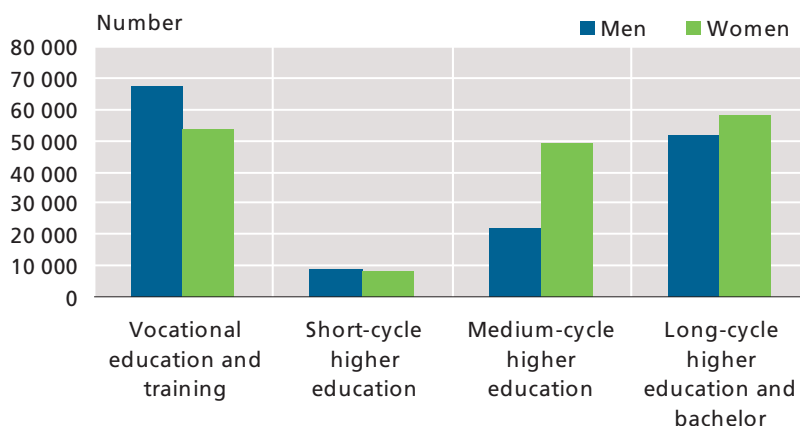


Vocational training in steady growth

Danes are better educated than ever before. Today two-thirds of the adult population have attended vocational training. The age groups that enter the labour market are better educated than those leaving the labour market.

STUDENTS ATTENDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDING THEM WITH PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2004



Young Danes decide to an increasing degree to enrol for an education that qualifies them for a certain type of jobs. The population's general educational level has increased markedly in the recent 25 years. While basic school was the highest level of education passed by 41 per cent of the 25-64-year-olds in 1981, this was true of only 26 per cent in 2005.

More persons have graduated from all types of education in the recent period. Especially, higher education and training has experienced growth. Medium-cycle higher education qualifies for jobs as, for example, school teachers, educationists or nurses. Long-cycle higher education qualifies for jobs as, for example, economists, doctors, vicars or lawyers. Vocational education and training qualifies for jobs as, for example, carpenters, cooks or clerks.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION. PER CENT (25-64-YEAR-OLDS)

	1981	1985	1991	1995	2000	2005
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Basic school 8.-10. class	41	43	38	34	30	26
General upper secondary education	3	3	4	5	6	6
Vocational education and training	30	33	36	38	38	38
Short-cycle higher education	3	3	3	4	4	5
Medium-cycle higher education	9	10	11	12	13	14
Bachelor	0	0	0	1	1	2
Long-cycle higher education	3	3	4	5	6	7
Not stated	12	4	2	2	2	3

••• DID YOU KNOW THAT

Danish children and youngsters spend many years in school. A child who starts nursery school today will on average spend 16-17 years studying books before attaining the final exam certificate. •••

In 2004 more Danish women than men were enrolled for long-cycle higher education for the first time. Women are also clearly overrepresented at medium-cycle higher education, while men still constitute the majority of those enrolled for vocational education and training. If this trend continues, women will in the long term be more highly educated than men.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Education and training programs that qualify for certain types of jobs, such as lawyer, teacher, educationist, economist, doctor or carpenter. It is education and training that follows after basic school or general upper secondary education.