

Combination programmes

*Voices of people with an immigrant background:
Inclusion in education, work and society*

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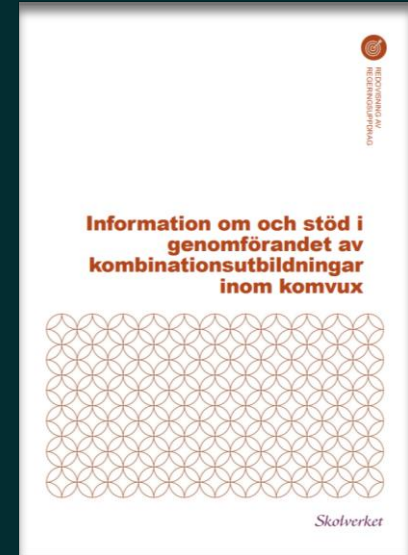
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The Swedish Government's assignment to the Swedish National Agency for Education on combination programmes

Information and support for the implementation of combination programmes within komvux



Completed initiatives during 2022

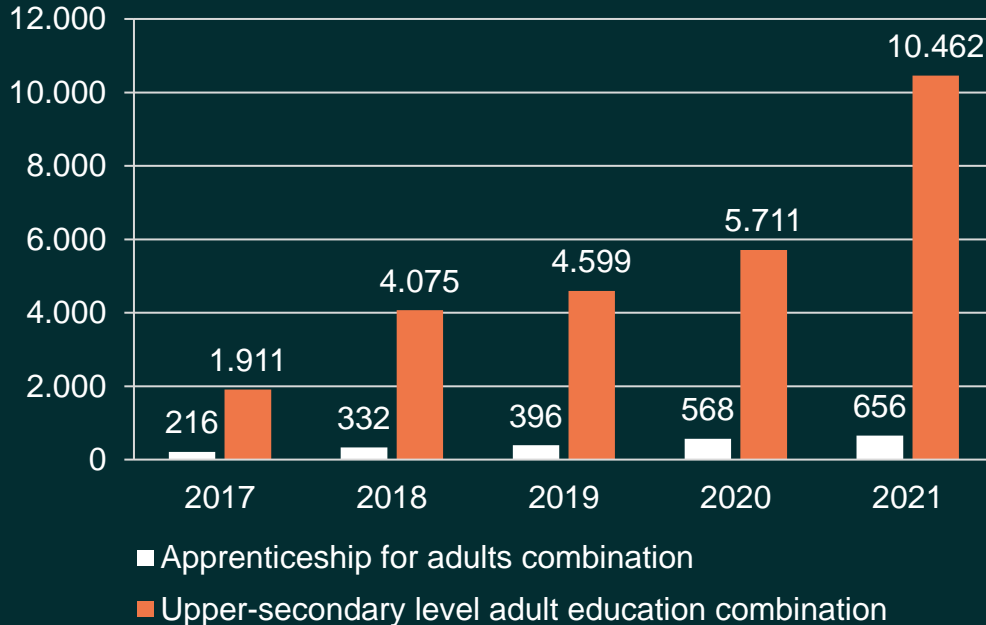
- Webinars on seven different themes
- Two different contract education courses
- Support to develop workplace-based learning in combination programmes
- Support provided on the Swedish National Agency for Education's website
- A network for functions such as headteachers, teachers and study and career counsellors who work with combination programmes.

The Swedish National Agency for Education's follow-up of combination programmes

- Students who have read an indirectly government funded combination programme in regional adult education 2017–2021
- Among other things, we have followed up:
 - the number of participating municipalities;
 - vocational specialisations;
 - credits awarded;
 - student completion; and
 - establishment on the labour market after completed studies.

Number of students 2017–2021

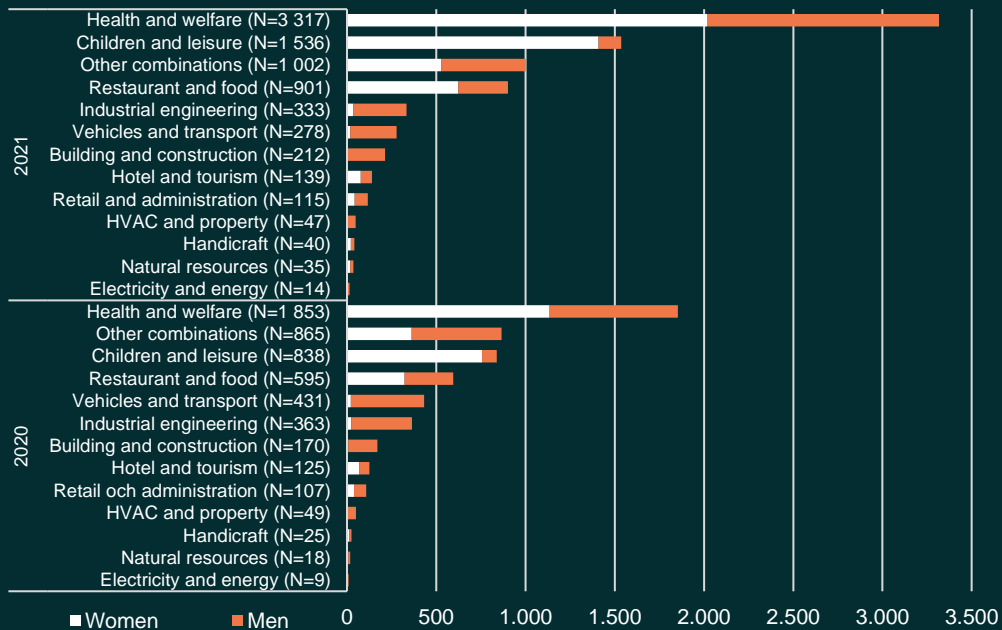
The number of students who read an indirectly government funded combination programme in regional adult education



- The number of students has increased, especially in vocational adult education combination
- One reason for the increase in 2021 is amendments to the ordinance containing provisions on indirect government funding for adult education
- Of those students who read vocational courses during 2021, 9 per cent did so as part of a combination programme.

Vocational specialisations

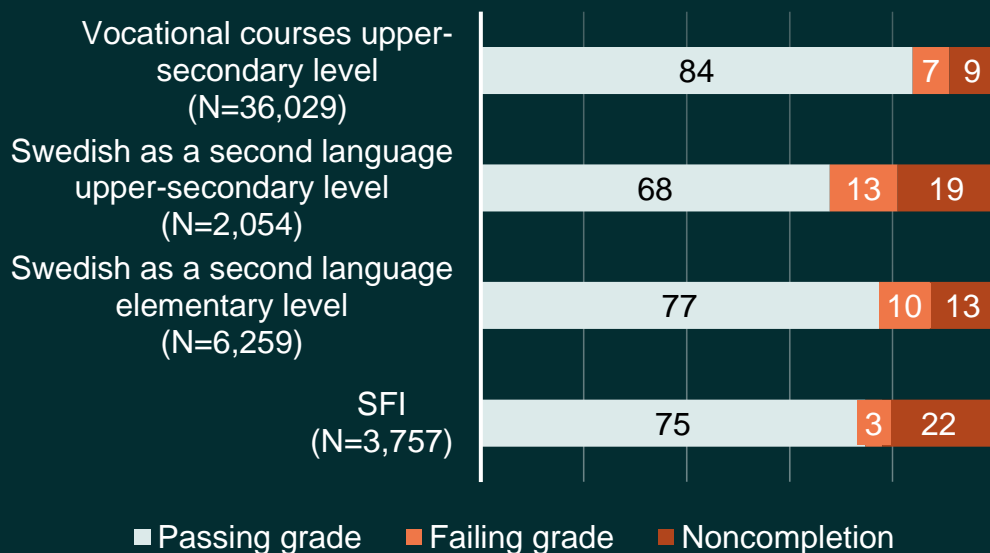
Vocational specialisations, students who read combination programmes in 2020 and 2021



- Health and welfare was the most common specialisation
- In 2021, 60% of students were female and 40% male

Credits awarded, 2021

Percentage of students completing courses with a passing grade, failing grade or not completing the course



- Students are more likely to pass vocational courses
- Results are better than those achieved by other foreign-born students attending Komvux, especially in SFI.

Student completion

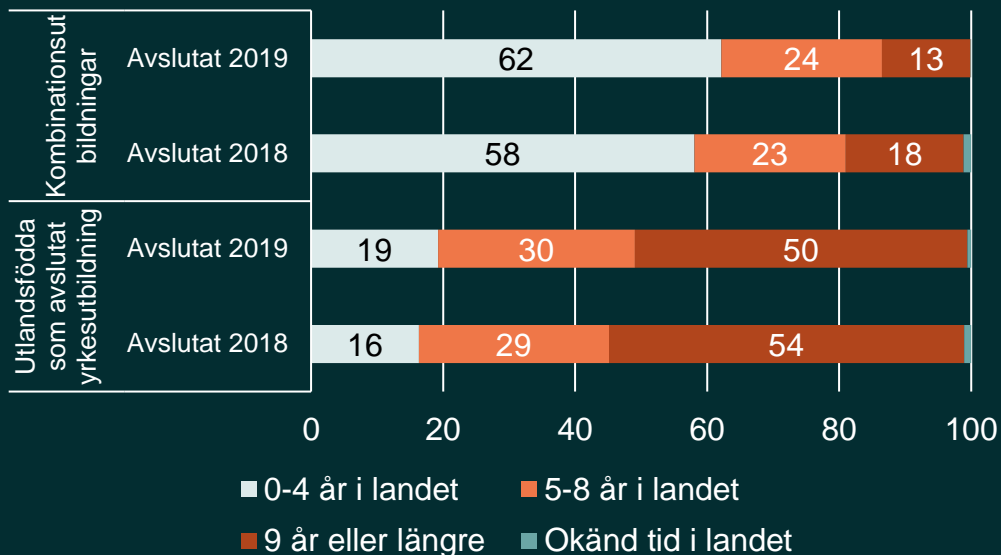
Students completing combination programmes 2017–2019, divided by length of studies



- Many students had fewer than 400 credits on completion
- Among those who completed a programme in 2019, 52% had read a vocational programme of at least 400 credits

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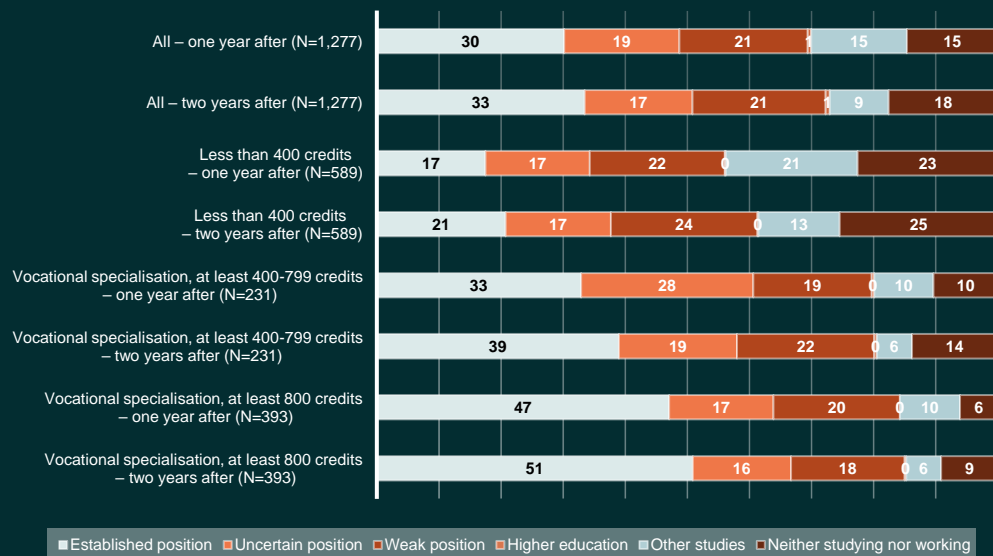
How long living in the country, students completing a combination programme or other vocational programme 2017



- Those who completed a combination programme have been in the country for significantly less time than other foreign-born students completing a vocational programme

Establishment in the labour market

Establishment status after completing studies, students completing a combination programme 2018



- Approximately one third are established in the labour market one year after completing their studies
- Those who completed a longer vocational programme are more likely to be established.

Planned initiatives during 2023

- The development of **guidelines** for the implementation of combination programmes.
- The development of the **network** for various functions such as headteachers, teachers and study and career counsellors who work with combination programmes.
- Providing **support and information concerning the organisation and implementation** of combination programmes, including continuing professional development.
- Clarifying **the general study and career counselling** that is such an important part of combination programmes.
- **Professional development courses** in working methods for integrating language and vocational studies.
- Investigating the possibility of **compiling data on combination programmes** as part of the Swedish National Agency for Education's regular collection of data for official statistics.

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