

from the offering available in the different cantons. Generally speaking, cantons with high levels of baccalaureate rates (e.g. Basel-Stadt, Geneva, Vaud) also have a higher ratio of persons selecting a general education in health and social work than in cantons with a low level of baccalaureate rates. The breakdown in cantons with a high proportion of general education courses and cantons with a high proportion of vocational education and training courses is also apparent in the health sector.

Education paths of the FMS pupil population

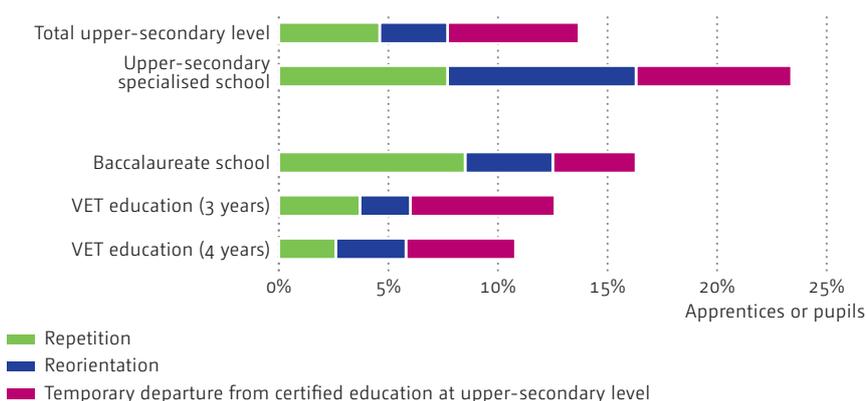
Since the modernisation of education statistics, individual longitudinal data has also become available for pupils at upper-secondary specialised schools (FSO, 2015c) as more detailed data is now available on completion, repetition and reorientation rates.

In 2013/14, only 76% of first-year upper-secondary specialised school pupils advanced to the next year. This is considerably lower than in the other upper-secondary level education pathways. The quarter that fails to seamlessly advance is composed of three more or less similarly sized groups (→ Figure 170): About 8% of the upper-secondary specialised school pupil population repeat the first year. A further 9% change course and repeat the first year as a result, with most pupils transferring to vocational education and training. The remaining 7% temporarily leave certified upper-secondary level education. The return rate for upper-secondary level education one year after a temporary departure is just under 50% for the upper-secondary specialised school entry cohort in 2012. About a fifth of them went back to an upper-secondary specialised school. The majority of other returnees completed a vocational and educational training programme (FSO, 2015c).

170 Repetitions and conversion

Pupils in the first year, transferrals 2013–2014

Data: FSO



Diplomas and transfers

Most qualifications from upper-secondary specialised schools are in health and education (→ Figure 171). This is partly because the specialised school leaving certificate and specialised baccalaureate in health offers access to the next level of nursing training in the non-university tertiary sector. In the