

# VET in Sweden –

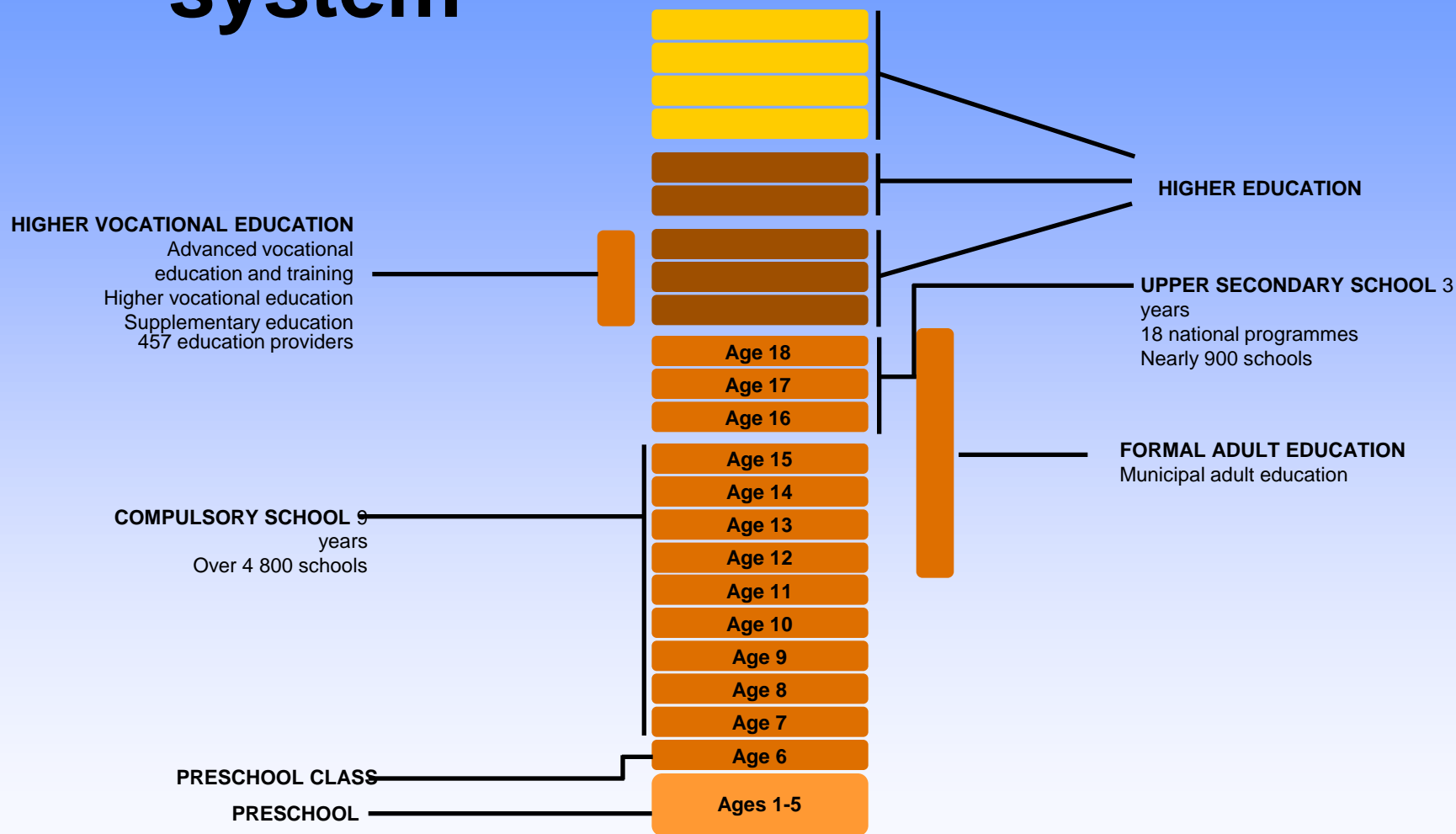
## recent developments, challenges and policy initiatives

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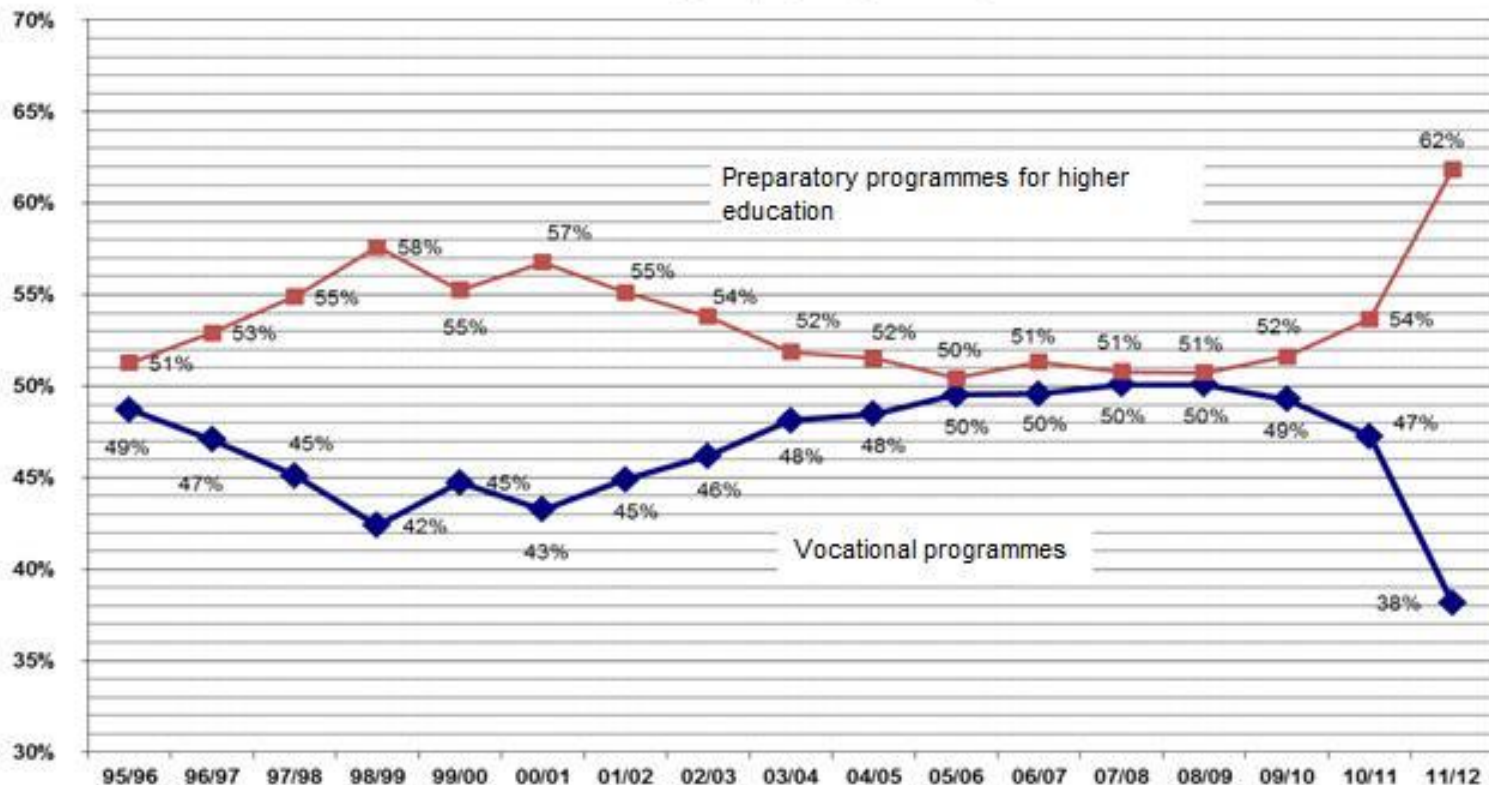


# The Swedish education system



## Dropping interest for vocational programmes – a worrying trend

Elever i åk 1 på gymnasieskolans nationella program (och motsvarande) 1995/96 - 2011/12  
Fördelning per programtyp, okorrigerat



## Initial VET in upper secondary education (new reform in 2011)

- Integrated system of upper secondary schooling
- Stricter eligibility criteria
- 12 vocational programmes (of 18 national programmes)
- Apprenticeship training introduced
- More time allocated to vocational subjects than before
- Vocational diploma
- National and local programme councils

## The institutional setting for supporting high quality IVET in Sweden

- OECD (2008) recommendation on closer cooperation between school and working life → national and local programme councils introduced
- The national school agencies have been strengthened to support and inspect VET in Sweden
- A national training scheme for trainers
- A training scheme for vocational teachers
- Financial incentive for schools and companies to engage in apprenticeship training (prerequisite - learning contract between pupil, employer and school).

## Development of a system for high quality apprenticeships and WBL

- a shift from school based learning to work based learning takes time!
- institutional underpinning of the system is important
- employers must provide attractive jobs and WBL/apprenticeship places for young people
- teachers and trainers must be equipped with the right training, special initiatives to this end have been taken
- the vocational programmes must be relevant and lead to jobs

## Higher Vocational Education (HVE)

- National Agency for HVE established in 2009
- Post-secondary form of education
  - Combines theoretical and practical studies in close cooperation with employers and industry
- Programmes are offered in specific fields where there is an explicit demand for competence
  - **Aim:** students should acquire advanced vocational education tailored to the needs of the labour market
- 85 % in employment after HVE

**Thank you!**