

EDUCATION: The governments of the world agreed on...






"Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free...Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding [and] tolerance..."

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 26. 1948.

"To ensure that [by the year 2015] children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling and that girls and boys will have equal access to all levels of education."

Millennium Declaration, Paragraph 19. 2000.

	CHILDREN REACHING 5TH GRADE			ILLITERACY (15-24 YEARS OLD)			PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT RATIO (NET)		
	1990 (%)	1999/2000 (%)	Progress or regression	1990 (%)	2001 (%)	Progress or regression	1990/1991 (%)	2000/2001 (%)	Progress or regression
Countries in better situation									
Albania	82 ¹		→	5.2	2.0	→	95.1	97.6	→
Algeria	94	97.2	→	22.7	10.8	→	93.3	98.3	→
Argentina		90.3		1.8	1.4		93.8	107.5	→
Aruba		98.1						97.0	
Australia					0.1 ^P		99.2	95.7	←
Austria					2.0 ^P		87.7	90.9	→
Bahrain	89	98.9	→	4.4	1.5	→	99.0	95.9	←
Barbados		97.8		0.2	0.2		83.0 ^D	104.9	→
Belarus				0.2	0.2			108.1	
Belgium	81 ^A				2.0 ^P		96.2	100.5	→
Belize	67	81.5	→	4.0	1.9		94.0 ^F	100.1	→
Brunei Darussalam	95 ^F	91.8	←	2.1	0.6		91.0 ^F		
Bulgaria	91	93.0 ^H	→	0.6	0.3		86.1	94.3	→
Canada					3.0 ^P		97.7	98.6 ^N	
Cape Verde	60 ^C			18.5	11.4	→	99.0 ^D	98.8 ^M	
Chile	92 ¹	99.9	→	1.9	1.1		87.7	88.8	
China	86	98.2	→	4.7	2.1	→	97.4	93.2 ^N	←
Cuba	92	95.3	→	0.7	0.2		91.8	97.3	→
Cyprus	100	99.4		0.3	0.2		101.0	94.9	←
Czech Republic		99.2					86.7	90.3	→
Denmark	94	100.0 ¹	→		0.1 ^P		98.3	99.3 ^N	
Ecuador	77 ^H	77.8		4.5	2.7		90.0 ^H	99.3	→
Estonia	93 ^G	99.2	→	0.2	0.3		100.0	97.6	←
Fiji				2.2	0.8		101.0 ^F	99.3 ^M	
Finland	100	99.4			0.1 ^P		98.3	100.4	
France		98.0 ^M			1.0 ^P		100.9	99.8	
Germany					1.0 ^P		84.3	86.5 ^N	→
Greece	99			0.5	0.2		94.6	97.2	→
Guyana	87	94.8 ^M	→	0.2	0.2		88.9	97.9 ^N	→
Hong Kong (China)	100	100.0 ¹		1.8	0.6				
Hungary	98 ^F			0.3	0.2		91.3	90.2	
Iceland	99 ^H	99.0 ¹					101.3	102.2	
Indonesia	84	95.1	→	5.0	2.1	→	96.8	92.2	←
Ireland	100	98.5					90.4	90.2 ^N	
Israel				1.3	0.5		91.9	100.7	→
Italy	100	99.2		0.2	0.2		102.6	100.0	
Japan	100	100.0 ^H			1.0 ^P		99.7	100.8	
Jordan	100	97.7 ^M	←	3.3	0.7	→	94.1	93.6 ^N	
Kazakhstan				0.2	0.2		86.7	88.7	
Korea, Rep.	99	98.0 ^J		0.2	0.2		103.7	99.5	
Latvia				0.2	0.2		90.4	92.0	
Lithuania				0.2	0.2			94.6	
Luxembourg					0.1 ^P		81.6	96.7	→

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Macao (China)		99.4		2.8	1.0	▬	81.2	84.8	➡
Malaysia	98	99.0 ^H	➡	5.2	2.3	➡	93.7	98.5	➡
Maldives				1.9	0.9	▬		99.0	
Malta	100	99.5	▬	2.5	1.4	▬	97.0	99.1 ^N	➡
Mauritius	98	99.0 ^K	▬	8.9	6.0	➡	95.0	94.7	▬
Mexico	79.9	88.5	➡	4.8	2.8	▬	100.2	103.4	▬
Mongolia				1.1	0.9	▬	90.1	88.8	▬
Netherlands					1.0 ^P		95.3	100.1	➡
Netherlands Antilles				2.5	1.7	▬		94.5	
New Zealand	90	97.0 ^K	➡				101.3	99.3	▬
Norway	100	100.0 ^I	▬		0.1 ^P		100.0	101.4	▬
Oman	96	95.9	▬	14.4	1.8	➡	70.3	64.6	➡
Panama	82 ^C	91.9	➡	4.7	3.1	▬	91.4	100.2	➡
Peru	92 ^C	87.4	➡	5.5	3.1	➡	87.5	104.5 ^N	➡
Philippines	75 ^C			2.7	1.2	▬	96.8	92.7	➡
Poland	98	99.3	▬	0.2	0.2	▬	96.7	97.7	▬
Qatar	64	99.0 ^I	➡	9.7	5.0	➡	89.6	95.2 ^M	➡
Romania				0.7	0.4	▬	81.2	92.8	➡
Samoa	86 ^J	82.6 ^M	➡	1.0	0.6	▬	112.3	96.9	➡
Slovenia				0.2	0.2	▬	104.3	93.4	➡
Spain		98.0 ^G		0.4	0.2	▬	103.2	102.3	▬
Sweden	100	97.0 ^I	➡				99.8	102.4	▬
Switzerland		99.6			1.0 ^P		83.7	99.0	➡
Syrian Arab Republic	94	92.1	➡	20.1	12.3	➡	97.8	96.3	▬
Tajikistan				0.2	0.2	▬	76.7	102.6	➡
Thailand		94.1 ^M		1.9	1.0	▬	75.9	85.4	➡
Trinidad and Tobago	96	98.2	➡	0.4	0.2	▬	91.0	92.4	▬
Tunisia	87	93.1	➡	15.9	6.2	➡	93.5	99.2	➡
United Arab Emirates	79.9	98.1	➡	15.3	9.0	➡	92.4	86.6	➡
United Kingdom					1.0 ^P		97.0	98.9	▬
Uruguay	94	90.8	➡	1.3	0.9	▬	91.9	90.4	▬
Venezuela	86	90.8 ^M	➡	4.0	1.9	▬	88.1	88.0	▬
Viet Nam		85.7		5.9	4.6	▬	90.5	95.4	➡
West Bank and Gaza	100 ^I	100.0 ^I	▬					96.8	
Countries above average									
Armenia				0.5	0.2	▬		69.2	
Azerbaijan					3.0 ^P			91.3 ^N	
Bahamas				3.5	2.7	▬	96.0 ^F	82.8 ^N	➡
Bolivia		83.0		7.4	3.9	➡	90.7	96.9	➡
Botswana	97	86.6	➡	16.7	11.3	➡	94.1	84.3	➡
Brazil	72 ^F	71.0 ^H	➡	8.2	4.5	➡	86.4	97.0	➡
Costa Rica	82	80.2	▬	2.6	1.7	▬	86.3	91.1	➡
Dominican Republic		75.1 ^M		12.5	8.6	➡		92.5	
Egypt		99.0		38.7	29.5	➡	85.9	92.6	➡
Equatorial Guinea				7.3	2.8	➡		71.7	
Iran, Islamic Rep.	90	97.5	➡	13.7	5.8	➡	95.0 ^D	73.6	➡
Jamaica	96 ^D	88.9	➡	8.8	5.7	➡	95.7	94.9	▬
Lebanon		96.9		7.9	4.6	➡		74.2	
Macedonia, FYR	95 ^G	95.0 ^J	▬				94.4	92.3	➡
Moldova				0.2	0.2	▬	88.8	78.4	➡
Namibia	63 ^F	92.2	➡	12.6	8.1	➡	86.3	81.6	➡
Paraguay	70	78.1	➡	4.4	2.8	▬	92.8	92.1	▬
South Africa				11.5	8.5	➡	89.4	88.9	▬
Sri Lanka	94	83.0 ^J	➡	4.9	3.1	▬	87.3	97.0 ^M	➡

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Swaziland	76	84.2	➡	14.9	9.2	➡	89.2	92.8	➡
Tonga	84	92.0 ^G	➡					91.5	
Turkey	98	95.0 ^H	⬅	7.3	3.3	➡	89.4		
Uganda				29.9	20.6	➡		109.5	
Ukraine	59			0.2	0.1	⏸	80.2	71.7 ^M	⬅
United States of America					3.0 ^P		95.8	94.9	⏸
Uzbekistan				0.4	0.3	⏸	78.0	78.2 ^M	⏸
Vanuatu		82.9					70.7	95.9	➡
Zimbabwe	94	79.0 ^J	⬅	6.1	2.6	➡	89.2	79.6	⬅
Countries below average									
Benin	55	84.0	➡	59.6	45.7	➡	47.1	70.3 ^N	➡
Cambodia	49 ^H	62.8	➡	26.5	20.3	➡	98.0 ^K	95.4	⬅
Cameroon	66 ^D	80.7 ^M	➡	18.9	9.5	➡	73.4		
Colombia	62	66.6	➡	5.1	3.0	⏸	68.1	88.5	➡
Cook Islands		51.5 ^M						84.6	
El Salvador	58 ^F	70.7 ^M	➡	16.2	11.5	➡	73.0 ^D	80.9 ^N	➡
Eritrea	83 ^G	84.3 ^O	⏸	39.1	28.9	➡	16.9	41.0	➡
Gabon	66 ^B	59.0 ^I	⬅					87.6	
Ghana		92.2 ^O		18.2	8.4	➡	53.1	58.2	➡
Guatemala	50 ^J	56.0	➡	26.6	20.4	➡		84.3	
Guinea	59	84.4	➡				27.0 ^C	47.0	➡
Honduras				20.3	14.5	➡	89.0 ^F	87.6	⏸
Iraq	72 ^B			59.0	55.0	➡	101.6	93.1 ^N	⬅
Kenya				10.2	4.5	➡	74.1	68.5	⬅
Kuwait				12.5	7.3	➡	49.0	66.4 ^N	➡
Lesotho	71	74.5	➡	12.8	9.2	➡	75.8	78.4	➡
Liberia				42.8	30.2	➡		83.4 ^N	
Malawi	64	34.0 ^I	⬅	36.8	28.2	➡	49.0	100.6	➡
Morocco		80.0		44.7	31.6	➡	56.8	78.0	➡
Myanmar		55.2		11.8	8.8	➡	99.5	83.2	⬅
Rwanda	60	39.1	⬅	27.3	15.8	➡	66.9	97.3 ^N	➡
Saudi Arabia	83	93.7	➡	14.6	6.9	➡	62.1	57.9	⬅
Sudan	94	86.8 ^M	⬅	35.0	21.9	➡	43.6	46.3 ^N	➡
Tanzania	79	90.8 ^O	➡	16.9	8.9	➡	49.4	46.7	⬅
Togo	50	73.8	➡	36.5	23.5	➡	74.9	92.3	➡
Yemen				50.0	33.5	➡		67.1	
Zambia		80.6		18.8	11.3	➡		65.5	
Countries in worse situation									
Bangladesh		64.9		58.0	50.9	➡	71.1	88.9	➡
Burkina Faso	70	69.1	⏸	75.1	64.2	➡	25.7	35.5	➡
Burundi	74 ^F	58.4	⬅	48.4	34.9	➡	53.1	53.7	⏸
Central African Republic	24			47.9	31.3	➡	52.5	54.7	➡
Chad	53	53.9	⏸	52.0	31.7	➡	42.0	58.2	➡
Comoros	46 ^F	77.1	➡	43.3	41.2	⏸	56.8	56.2	⏸
Congo, Dem. Rep.	55	64.0 ^G	➡	31.1	17.3	➡	54.8	32.6 ^M	⬅
Côte d'Ivoire	73	77.7	➡	47.4	37.6	➡	44.5	64.2	➡
Djibouti	87	76.7 ^M	⬅	26.8	15.1	➡	33.3	32.6	⏸
Ethiopia	58 ^O	63.8	➡	57.0	43.8	➡	24.4	46.7	➡
Gambia	87 ^F	69.2 ^M	⬅	57.8	41.4	➡	52.0 ^D	68.7	➡
Guinea-Bissau		38.1 ^M		55.9	40.5	➡	45.0 ^B	53.5 ^N	➡
India	59 ^H	46.8 ^M	⬅	35.7	26.7	➡			
Lao PDR	53 ^F	53.2	⏸	29.9	21.4	➡	62.6	81.4	➡
Madagascar	22	51.1 ^M	➡	27.8	19.2	➡	64.8	67.7	➡
Mali	72	79.3 ^M	➡	72.4	62.9	➡	22.3	43.3 ^M	➡
Mauritania	75	61.2	⬅	54.2	50.7	➡	34.9	64.0	➡

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Mozambique	33	51.9 ^D	→	51.2	38.3	→	48.3	54.4	→
Nepal		62.2		53.4	38.4	→	87.8	72.4	←
Nicaragua	46	48.4	→	31.8	28.0	→	72.2	80.7	→
Niger	62	74.0	→	83.0	76.2	→	23.9	30.4	→
Pakistan				52.6	42.2	→	35.4	66.3	→
Papua New Guinea	59	59.0 ^I		31.4	23.7	→	68.5	83.8 ^N	→
Senegal	85	72.3	←	59.9	48.2	→	48.2	63.1	→
Countries with insufficient data to summarise the area									
Afghanistan							26.8		
Andorra					0.1 ^P				
Angola							55.6	36.9	←
Bhutan	82 ^H	90.4	→				13.9		
Congo, Rep.	62	55.0 ^I	←				90.1		
Croatia	100 ^G			0.4	0.2		78.8		
Dominica		86.2							
French Polynesia							104.0 ^D		
Georgia							97.1	95.2	
Grenada								84.2	
Haiti	47 ^D			45.2	34.7	→	22.1		
Kiribati	98	95.0 ^K	←						
Kyrgyzstan							92.3	82.5	←
Libya				9.0	3.3	→	96.3		
Liechtenstein					0.1 ^P				
Monaco					0.1 ^P				
Nauru								81.0 ^M	
New Caledonia	95 ^D						97.0		
Nigeria				26.4	12.2	→			
Niue								98.5 ^N	
Palau								111.0	
Portugal				0.5	0.2		101.7		
Puerto Rico				3.9	2.4				
Russian Federation				0.2	0.2		98.6		
San Marino	100	100.0 ^J							
Seychelles	93 ^F	99.0	→						
Singapore				1.0	0.2		96.4		
Slovakia								89.3	
Solomon Islands	85	81.0 ^H	←				83.3		
St. Lucia	95 ^F						95.3	99.8	→
Suriname	100 ^B						78.4	92.2	→
Tuvalu	96 ^H							103.6 ^M	

HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to universal education is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 26

CERD - Art. 5

CESCR - Art. 13 & 14

CEDAW - Art. 5, 10 & 14

CRC - Art. 28 & 29

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

CERD: International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

CESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Education is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goal 2

World Summit for Social Development - Commitment 1

Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform

for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

Sources:

Percentage of children reaching 5th grade: UNESCO Website Database, (www.unesco.org) and World Development Indicators 2003, World Bank.

Enrolment ratio: UNESCO Website Database, (www.unesco.org).

Illiteracy (15-24 years): UNESCO Website Database, (www.unesco.org) and World Development Indicators 2003, World Bank.

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