

Average years of schooling

Canada
11.6

Nepal
2.6

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This data shows the wide difference across countries in educational attainment by showing the average years of schooling amongst the population aged 15 years and over.

Indicator: Average years of schooling
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Year: 2000

Average Years of Schooling	Average	Male	Female
Guinea-Bissau	0.8	0.9	0.7
Mali	0.9	1.2	0.6
Niger	1.0	1.4	0.7
Mozambique	1.1	1.4	0.8
Afghanistan	1.7	2.6	0.8
Sudan	2.1	2.7	1.6
Gambia	2.3	3.0	1.6
Benin	2.3	3.3	1.4
Sierra Leone	2.4	3.1	1.7
Nepal	2.4	3.4	1.5
Liberia	2.5	3.3	1.5
Central African Republic	2.5	3.4	1.7
Senegal	2.6	3.1	2.0
Rwanda	2.6	3.0	2.2
Bangladesh	2.6	3.3	1.8
Tanzania, U. Rep. Of	2.7	3.1	2.3
Haiti	2.8	3.5	2.1
Myanmar	2.8	3.0	2.5
Papua New Guinea	2.9	3.3	2.4
Congo, Dem. Rep. Of The	3.0	4.1	2.0
Malawi	3.2	3.6	2.8
Togo	3.3	4.6	2.1
Guatemala	3.5	3.8	3.1
Uganda	3.5	4.3	2.7
Cameroon	3.5	4.2	2.9
Pakistan	3.9	5.1	2.5
Ghana	3.9	5.7	2.2
Iraq	4.0	4.6	3.3
Kenya	4.2	4.7	3.7
Lesotho	4.2	3.6	4.8
Nicaragua	4.6	4.5	4.6
Honduras	4.8	5.6	4.0
Brazil	4.9	5.4	4.4
Dominican Republic	4.9	4.9	5.0
Indonesia	5.0	5.5	4.5
Tunisia	5.0	5.8	4.2
India	5.1	6.3	3.7
Congo	5.1	5.8	4.6
El Salvador	5.2	5.2	5.1
Jamaica	5.3	4.9	5.6
Colombia	5.3	4.9	5.7
Turkey	5.3	6.2	4.3
Iran, Islamic Rep. Of	5.3	6.1	4.5
Zimbabwe	5.4	6.0	4.7
Algeria	5.4	6.2	4.5
Zambia	5.5	6.0	5.0
Egypt	5.5	6.5	4.5
Bolivia	5.6	6.1	5.1
Syrian Arab Republic	5.8	6.8	4.8
Portugal	5.9	6.1	5.7
Mauritius	6.0	6.5	5.6
Swaziland	6.0	5.8	6.2
Costa Rica	6.1	6.1	6.0
Bahrain	6.1	6.0	6.2
South Africa	6.1	5.7	6.6
Paraguay	6.2	6.3	6.1
Kuwait	6.2	7.2	6.9
Guyana	6.3	6.1	6.3
Botswana	6.3	6.2	6.3
China	6.4	7.6	5.1
Ecuador	6.4	6.4	6.4
Thailand	6.5	7.0	6.0
Venezuela	6.6	6.5	6.8
Malaysia	6.8	7.4	6.2
Sri Lanka	6.9	7.2	6.6
Jordan	6.9	7.7	6.0
Singapore	7.1	7.5	6.6
Italy	7.2	7.6	6.8
Mexico	7.2	7.6	6.9
Spain	7.3	7.4	7.1
Chile	7.6	7.6	7.5
Uruguay	7.6	7.2	7.9
Peru	7.6	8.0	7.1
Trinidad And Tobago	7.8	7.5	8.0
France	7.9	8.1	7.6
Philippines	8.2	8.2	8.2
Fiji	8.3	8.6	8.0
Austria	8.4	9.2	7.6
Panama	8.6	8.6	8.5
Greece	8.7	9.8	7.6
Barbados	8.7	8.8	8.6
Argentina	8.8	8.8	8.9
Iceland	8.8	9.0	8.6
Hungary	9.1	9.6	8.7
Cyprus	9.2	9.6	8.7
Belgium	9.3	9.6	9.1
Ireland	9.4	9.3	9.4
Netherlands	9.4	9.6	9.1
Hong Kong, China (SAR)	9.4	9.9	8.9
United Kingdom	9.4	9.5	9.4
Japan	9.5	9.9	9.1
Israel	9.6	9.8	9.4
Denmark	9.7	9.8	9.5
Poland	9.8	10.0	9.7
Finland	10.0	10.2	9.8
Switzerland	10.5	11.1	9.9
Korea, Rep. Of	10.8	11.7	10.0
Australia	10.9	11.2	10.7
Sweden	11.4	11.4	11.4
Canada	11.6	11.7	11.6
New Zealand	11.7	12.0	11.5
Norway	11.9	12.2	11.6
United States	12.1	12.1	12.0

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