

TECHNICAL GLOSSARY

Adjusted Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) in Primary Education

Number of pupils in the primary education official age group enrolled in primary and secondary education expressed as a percentage of the corresponding population.

Gender Parity Index (GPI)

Ratio of female to male values of a given indicator. A GPI of 1 indicates parity between sexes; a GPI above or below 1 indicates a disparity in favour of one sex over the other.

Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)

Total enrolment in a specific level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education in a given school-year. The GER can exceed 100% due to early or late entry and/or grade repetition.

Gross Intake Ratio to the Last Grade of Primary (GIR LG)

Total number of new entrants in the last grade of primary education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the population at the theoretical entrance age to the last grade of primary.

Literate/Illiterate.

The term refers to a person who lacks basic literacy skills (i.e. who can/cannot read and write with understanding a simple statement related to his/her everyday life). In many cases, the current UIS literacy statistics rely largely on data sources that use a 'self-declaration' method: respondents are asked whether they and the members of their household are literate, as opposed to being asked a more comprehensive question or to demonstrate the skill. Some countries assume that persons who complete a certain level of education are literate. As definitions and methodologies used for data collection differ by country, data need to be used with caution.

Net Enrolment Ratio (NER)

Enrolment of the official age-group for a given level of education expressed as a percentage of the corresponding population.

Out of School Children

Children in the official primary school age range who are not enrolled in either primary or secondary schools.

Percentage of Adults (15-64 years) without Basic Literacy Skills

The percentage of population aged 15 years and over who can (cannot) both read and write with understanding a short simple statement on their everyday life. Generally, 'literacy' also encompasses 'numeracy', the ability to make simple arithmetic calculations. For 2005-2007, all countries that have national data are presented with their reference year. For countries without national data referring to the period 2005-2007, UIS uses its Global Age-specific Literacy Projections Model (GALP) which is based on national data less than 10 years old from 2007, to calculate estimations.

EFA Target Rate for Percentage of Adults (15-64 years) without Basic Literacy Skills

It is equal to 50% of the percentage of adults (15-64 years) without basic literacy skills registered in 2000. In those countries where this percentage is not available for the base year 2000, the percentage has been estimated by the authors based on the annual average variation registered in previous years.

Percentage of Private Enrolment

Enrolment in private educational institutions at a given level of education expressed as a percentage of total enrolment at the same level. By 'Private' is meant here all educational institutions not operated by a public authority, whether or not they receive financial support from such authorities.

Percentage of Trained Teachers

Number of teachers who have received the minimum organised teacher training (pre-service or in-service) required for teaching at the specified level of education in the given country, expressed as a percentage of the total number of teachers at the same level of education.

Public Current Expenditure on Primary Education as Percentage of Gross National Product

Total public expenditure on education (current and capital) expressed as a percentage of the Gross National Product (GNP) in a given financial year.

Pupil - Teacher Ratio

Average number of pupils (students) per teacher at a specific level of education in a given school-year. Teachers are defined as persons whose professional activity involves the transmitting of knowledge, attitudes and skills that are stipulated in a formal curriculum programme to students enrolled in a formal educational institution.

School Age Group

Age group officially corresponding to a given level of education.

School Life Expectancy

School life expectancy is defined as the total number of years of schooling which a child of a certain age can expect to receive in the future, assuming that the probability of his or her being enrolled in school at any particular age is equal to the current enrolment ratio for that age.

School Life Expectancy in Pre-Primary Education

See above and consider that based on the enrolment by age, it is expected that a child spends a number of years equal to duration in maximum in the pre-primary education level. When data by age are not available, SLE is calculated on the basis of GER. The indicator can be higher than the duration when there are a significant number of enrolments out of the theoretical age range.

Underweight

Moderate and severe - below minus two standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population; severe - below minus three standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population.

Youth Literacy Rate

Number of literate persons aged 15 to 24, expressed as a percentage of the total population in that age group

