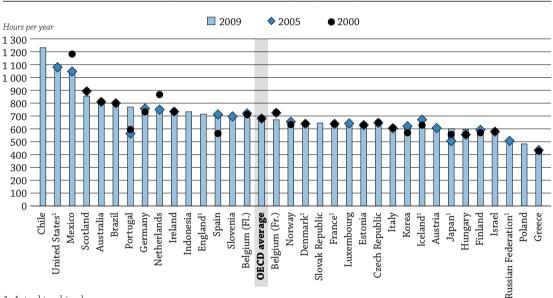
# HOW MUCH TIME DO TEACHERS SPEND TEACHING?

- The number of teaching hours in public schools averages 779 hours per year in primary, 701 in lower secondary and 656 in upper secondary.
- The average teaching time remained largely unchanged between 2000 and 2009 at all levels of education.

# INDICATOR D4

### Chart D4.1. Number of teaching hours per year in lower secondary education in 2000, 2005 and 2009 Net statutory contact time in hours per year in public institutions



1. Actual teaching hours.

*Countries are ranked in descending order of the number of teaching hours per year in lower secondary education in 2009.* **Source:** OECD. Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme). Table D4.2. See Annex 3 for notes (*www.oecd.org/edu/eag2011*).

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### Context

Although statutory working hours and teaching hours only partly determine teachers' actual workload, they do give valuable insight into the demands placed on teachers in different countries. Together with teachers' salaries (see Indicator D3) and average class size (see Indicator D2), this indicator presents some key measures regarding the working lives of teachers. Teaching hours and the extent of non-teaching duties may also affect the attractiveness of the teaching profession.

The proportion of working time spent teaching provides information on the amount of time available for activities such as lesson preparation, correction, in-service training and staff meetings. A large proportion of working time spent teaching may indicate that less time is devoted to tasks such as student assessment and lesson preparation.

In addition to class size and the ratio of students to teaching staff (see Indicator D2), students' hours of instruction (see Indicator D1) and teachers' salaries (see Indicator D3), the amount of time teachers spend teaching also affects the financial resources countries need to allocate to education (see Indicator B7).

## Other findings

- The average number of teaching hours in public primary schools is 779 per year, but ranges from less than 600 in Greece, Hungary and Poland to over 1 000 hours in Chile, Indonesia and the United States.
- The number of teaching hours in public lower secondary schools averages 701 hours per year, but ranges from less than 500 hours in Greece and Poland to over 1 000 hours in Argentina, Chile, Mexico and the United States.
- The average number of teaching hours in public upper secondary general education is 656 per year, but ranges from 377 in Denmark to 1 368 in Argentina.
- The composition of teachers' annual teaching time, in terms of weeks and days of instruction and hours of teaching time, varies considerably. As a result, the average number of hours per day that teachers teach also varies widely, ranging, at the lower secondary level, from three hours or less per day in Greece, Japan, Korea, Poland and the Russian Federation, to more than five hours in Argentina, Chile, Mexico and the United States.
- Regulations concerning teachers' required working time vary significantly. In most countries, teachers are formally required to work a specific number of hours per year. In some, teaching time is only specified by the number of lessons per week and assumptions may be made about the amount of non-teaching time required per lesson, at school or elsewhere.

#### Trends

In most OECD countries with available data, teaching time remained largely unchanged between 2000 and 2009. However the number of teaching hours changed dramatically in a few countries. It decreased by more than 30% in Denmark at the upper secondary level, while it increased by more than 25% in the Czech Republic at the primary level and in Portugal and Spain at the secondary level.

# **INDICATOR** D4

#### **Analysis**

#### Teaching time in primary education

In both primary and secondary education, countries vary in terms of the number of teaching hours per year required of the average public school teacher. Teachers are usually required to teach more hours in primary education than in secondary education.

Annual teaching hours in primary schools range from less than 600 hours in Greece, Hungary and Poland to 900 or more in France, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United States, to over 1 200 in Chile and Indonesia (Chart D4.2 and Table D4.1).

There is no set rule on how teaching time is distributed throughout the year. In Spain, for example, teachers must teach 880 hours per year, 101 hours more than the OECD average, yet the teaching hours are spread over fewer days of instruction than the OECD average because teachers in Spain teach an average of five hours per day compared to the OECD average of 4.2 hours. In contrast, primary teachers in Korea must complete a very large number of days of instruction – more than five days a week, on average – but their average teaching time per day is only 3.8 hours. Chile and Indonesia also provide an interesting contrast. They have the highest net teaching times in hours, 1 232 and 1 255 respectively, but teachers in Indonesia must complete 60 days of instruction more than teachers in Chile. The difference between the two is explained by the number of hours taught per day of instruction. Primary school teachers in Chile complete fewer days of instruction than teachers in Indonesia, but each of these days includes an average of 6.5 hours of teaching compared to 5 hours in Indonesia. Chile's teachers must provide one-and-a-half hours more teaching time per day of instruction they must complete each year.

In most countries, teaching time in primary schools remained about the same between 2000 and 2009. However, in the Czech Republic, primary teachers were required to teach 28% more hours, and in Japan 11% more hours, in 2009 than in 2000. In Scotland, net teaching time in primary education dropped by 10% between 2000 and 2009 (Table D4.2).

#### Teaching time in secondary education

Lower secondary school teachers teach an average of 701 hours per year. The teaching time ranges from less than 600 hours in Finland, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Poland and the Russian Federation to more than 1 000 hours in Argentina, Chile, Mexico and the United States (Chart D4.1 and Table D4.1).

The teaching time in upper secondary general education is usually lighter than that in lower secondary education. A teacher of general subjects has an average teaching load of 656 hours per year, ranging from 377 hours in Denmark to 800 or more in Brazil (800), Mexico (843) and Scotland (855) and over 1 000 hours in Argentina (1 368), Chile (1 232) and the United States (1 051) (Chart D4.2 and Table D4.1).

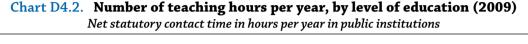
As is the case for primary school teachers, the number of hours of teaching time and the number of days of instruction for secondary school teachers vary. As a result, the average number of hours per day that teachers teach also varies widely, ranging, at the lower secondary level, from three hours or less per day in Greece, Japan, Korea, Poland and the Russian Federation, to more than five hours in Mexico and the United States and more than six hours in Argentina and Chile.

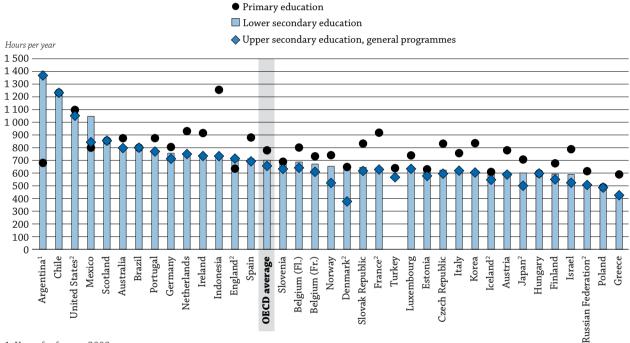
Similarly, at the upper secondary general level, teachers in Denmark, Finland, Greece, Israel, Japan, Korea, Norway, Poland and the Russian Federation teach for three hours or less per day, on average, compared to more than five hours in Argentina, Chile and the United States. Including breaks between classes in teaching time in some countries, but not in others, may explain some of these differences.

About half of the OECD countries for which data are available saw at least a 5% change, most often as an increase, in the amount of teaching time, in either lower and upper secondary schools, between 2000 and 2009. Secondary school teachers were required to teach over 25% more in 2009 than in 2000 in Portugal and Spain (up to 50% more in Portugal at the upper secondary level). In contrast, in Denmark, teaching time dropped by 33% in upper secondary education between 2005 and 2009 (Table D4.2).

#### Differences in teaching time between levels of education

In most countries, primary teachers are required to teach more hours per year than secondary school teachers. In the Czech Republic, France, Greece, Israel and Korea, the annual teaching time is at least 30% higher for primary school teachers than for lower secondary school teachers and up to 71% higher in Indonesia. In contrast, the difference does not exceed 3% in Poland and the United States and there is no difference in Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Scotland and Slovenia. Argentina, England and Mexico are the only countries in which the teaching load for primary school teachers is lighter than that for lower secondary school teachers (Table D4.1 and Chart D4.2).





1. Year of reference 2008.

Countries are ranked in descending order of the number of teaching hours per year in lower secondary education.

**Source:** OECD. Argentina, Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme). Table D4.1. See Annex 3 for notes (*www.oecd.org/edu/eag2011*).

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In most countries teaching time at the lower and upper secondary levels are similar. However, in Japan, Mexico and Norway, the annual required teaching time at the lower secondary level is at least 20% higher than at the upper secondary level and over 70% higher in Denmark.

## Teachers' working time

How teachers' hours of work are regulated varies considerably from country to country. While some countries formally regulate contact time only, others also set total working hours. In some countries, time is allocated for teaching and non-teaching activities within the formally established working time.

In most countries, teachers are formally required to work a specified number of hours per week, including teaching and non-teaching time, to earn their full-time salary. Within this framework, however, countries differ in how they allocate time for each activity (Chart D4.3). The number of hours for teaching is usually specified, except in Sweden; but some countries also regulate the time a teacher has to be present in the school.

<sup>2.</sup> Actual teaching hours.

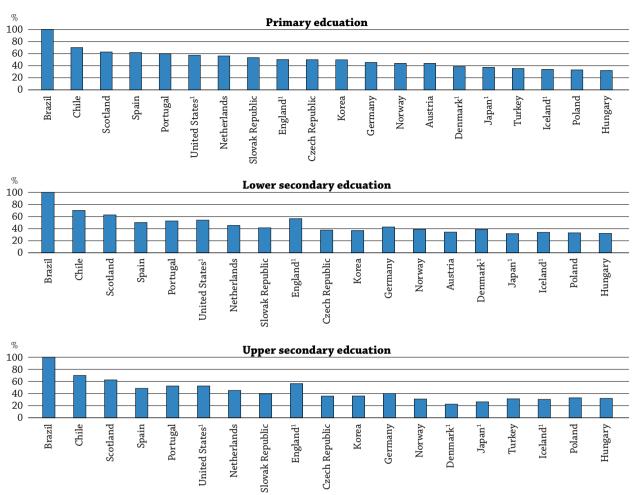


Chart D4.3. Percentage of teachers' working time spent teaching, by level of education (2009) Net teaching time as a percentage of total statutory working time

1. Actual teaching and working time.

Countries are ranked in descending order of the percentage of teachers' working time spent teaching in primary education. Source: OECD. Table D4.1. See Annex 3 for notes (*www.oecd.org/edu/eag2011*). StatLink **mgP** http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888932462073

Australia, Belgium (Flemish Community for primary education), Brazil, Chile, Denmark, England, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States all specify the time during which teachers are required to be available at school, for both teaching and non-teaching activities.

Greece reduces teaching hours according to how many years a teacher has served. At the secondary level, teachers are required to teach 21 hours per week. After 6 years, this drops to 19 hours and after 12 years to 18 hours. After 20 years of service, teachers are required to teach 16 hours a week – more than 25% less than teachers who have just started their careers. However, the remaining hours of teachers' working time must be spent at school.

In Austria (primary and lower secondary education), the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Poland and Scotland, teachers' total annual working time, at school or elsewhere, is specified, but the allocation of time spent at school and time spent elsewhere is not. In some countries, the number of hours to be spent on non-teaching activities is partially specified; but what is not specified is whether teachers have to spend the non-teaching hours at school.

## Non-teaching time

In the 20 countries that specify both teaching and total working time, the percentage of teachers' working time spent teaching ranges from less than 40% in Denmark, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Poland and Turkey at all levels of education, to 100% in Brazil. In 12 countries, the proportion of non-teaching time is higher at the secondary level than at the primary level (Chart D4.3).

In Belgium (French Community), Finland, France, Italy, the Russian Federation and Slovenia, there are no formal requirements regarding time spent on non-teaching activities in primary and secondary education. However, this does not mean that teachers are given total freedom to carry out other tasks. In Austria, provisions concerning teaching time are based on the assumption that teachers' duties, including preparing lessons and tests, marking and correcting papers, overseeing examinations and handling administrative tasks, total 40 hours per week. In Belgium (Flemish Community), the additional non-teaching hours at school are set at the school level. There are no regulations regarding the time devoted to preparing lessons, correcting tests, marking students' papers, etc. The government defines only the minimum and maximum number of teaching periods a week (50 minutes each) at each level of education (Table D4.1).

# Definitions

The **number of teaching days** is the number of teaching weeks multiplied by the number of days per week a teacher teaches, less the number of days on which the school is closed for holidays.

The number of teaching weeks refers to the number of weeks of instruction excluding holiday weeks.

**Teaching time** is defined as the number of hours per year that a full-time teacher teaches a group or class of students as set by policy. It is normally calculated as the number of teaching days per year multiplied by the number of hours a teacher teaches per day (excluding periods of time formally allowed for breaks between lessons or groups of lessons). Some countries provide estimates of teaching time based on survey data. At the primary school level, short breaks between lessons are included if the classroom teacher is responsible for the class during these breaks.

**Working time** refers to the normal working hours of a full-time teacher. It does not include paid overtime. According to a country's formal policy, working time can refer to:

- the time directly associated with teaching and other curricular activities for students, such as assignments and tests; and
- the time directly associated with teaching and hours devoted to other activities related to teaching, such as preparing lessons, counselling students, correcting assignments and tests, professional development, meetings with parents, staff meetings, and general school tasks.

**Working time in school** refers to the time teachers are required to spend working in school, including teaching and non-teaching time.

# Methodology

Data are from the 2010 OECD-INES Survey on Teachers and the Curriculum and refer to the school year 2008-09.

In interpreting differences in teaching hours among countries, net contact time, as used here, does not necessarily correspond to the teaching load. Contact time is a substantial component, but preparing for classes and necessary follow-up, including correcting students' work, also need to be included when comparing teachers' workloads. Other relevant elements, such as the number of subjects taught, the number of students taught, and the number of years a teacher teaches the same students, should also be taken into account.

Notes on definitions and methodologies for each country are provided in Annex 3 at www.oecd.org/edu/eag2011.

The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.

#### Table D4.1. Organisation of teachers' working time (2009)

Number of teaching weeks, teaching days, net teaching hours, and teachers' working time over the school year, in public institutions

| Participant     Participant < |       |                                 |    | nber of w |     |     | nber of c |     | Net   | teaching |       |         | ng time ro |         |       | atutory                      |       |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-------|----------|-------|---------|------------|---------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| G0     G20     G30     G30 <thg30< th="">     G30     <thg30< th=""></thg30<></thg30<>  |       |                                 | of | instructi | on  | of  | instructi |     |       | in hours |       | at sc   | hool in h  | ours    | tır   | ne in hou                    | urs   |
| 9     Australia     40     40     197     197     193     874     812     797     1201     1204     1266     a     <  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       | Lower secondary<br>education |       |
| Belgium (P1)     37     37     37     178     179     170     170     671     671     670 670     670 </th <th></th> <th>(13)</th> <th>(14)</th> <th>(15)</th>  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         | (13)  | (14)                         | (15)  |
| Belgium (P1)     37     37     37     178     179     170     170     671     671     670 670     670 </th <th>G</th> <th></th>   | G     |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
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| Chile     40     40     40     191     191     192     1232     1232     1760     1700 <th></th>  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Cacch Republic     40     40     40     189     189     189     621     624     505     1 <th1< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></th1<>  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Denman <sup>1</sup> 42     42     200     200     648     648     377     648     577     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     158     636     630     630     630     158     126   |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| England <sup>1</sup> 38     38     38     190     190     635     714     714     7125     7155     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     716     7   |       | -                               |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Baronia     39     39     175     175     175     630     570     1540     1570<   |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Finland<br>Prace'38383838188188188677592550aaa<   |       | 0                               |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| France <sup>1</sup> 35     35     35     36     m     <   |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Germany     40     40     40     193     193     193     180     756     713     1a     a     a     1775     1775     a       Greece     36     32     32     177     157     157     158     589     426     426     140     1100     1100     a     a     1864  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Greece     36     32     32     177     157     157     589     426     426     140     1170     170     18     18     181     181     587     597     597     3     a     a     a     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a     b     a  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Hungary<br>Iceland <sup>1</sup> 37     37     181     180     1800  |       | ,                               |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Iceland     36     36     35     176     171     609     609     547     1650     1650     1720     1800     1800     1800       Ireland     37     33     33     183     167     176     176     735     173     173     173     173     173     173     173     173     173     173     173     175     175     175     175   |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Ireland     37     33     33     183     167     167     915     735     1036     735     735     1a     a     a     a       Isael     43     42     42     183     176     176     788     589     524     1069     802     704     a  |       | • •                             |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
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| Jan <sup>1</sup> 40     40     40     201     201     198     707     602     500     a     a     a     189     1899     1899       Korea     40     40     40     200     220     220     836     618     605     a     a     a     1680     1680     1680       Mexico     36     36     36     36     176     176     176     707     630     634     634     900     828     828     a  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Japan <sup>1</sup> 404040201201198707602500aaa189189918991899Korea404040200220220220836618605aaaa160160Mexico363636361761767796001048436001167971aaaaaMexico40mmm   |       | Italy                           | 39 | 39        | 39  | 172 | 172       | 172 | 757   | 619      | 619   | а       | а          | а       | а     | a                            | а     |
| Luxembourg     36     36     36     176     176     779     634     634     900     828     828     a     a     a     a       Mexico     42     42     36     200     200     172     800     1047     843     800     1167     971     a   |       |                                 | 40 | 40        | 40  | 201 | 201       | 198 | 707   | 602      | 500   | а       | а          | а       | 1 899 | 1 899                        | 1 899 |
| Mexico     42     42     36     200     200     172     800     1047     843     800     1167     971     a   |       | Korea                           | 40 | 40        | 40  | 220 | 220       | 220 | 836   | 618      | 605   | а       | а          | а       | 1 680 | 1 680                        | 1 680 |
| Netherlands     40     m     m     195     m     m     930     750     750     a     a     a     a     b     a     b     a     m  |       | Luxembourg                      | 36 | 36        | 36  | 176 | 176       | 176 | 739   | 634      | 634   | 900     | 828        | 828     | а     | a                            | a     |
| New Zealand     m <th< th=""><th>Mexico</th><th>42</th><th>42</th><th>36</th><th>200</th><th>200</th><th>172</th><th>800</th><th>1 047</th><th>843</th><th>800</th><th>1 167</th><th>971</th><th>а</th><th>a</th><th>а</th></th<>   |       | Mexico                          | 42 | 42        | 36  | 200 | 200       | 172 | 800   | 1 047    | 843   | 800     | 1 167      | 971     | а     | a                            | а     |
| Norway     38     38     38     190     190     190     741     654     523     1300     1225     1150     1688     1688     1688       Poland     37     37     37     181     179     180     489     483     486     a     a     a     1480     1464     1472       Portugal     37     37     37     175     175     175     875     770     770     1289     1289     1464     1464     1464       Scotland     38     38     38     190     190     190     855     855     855     a     a     a     a     1365     1365     1365       Slovak Republic     38     38     38     187     187     187     832     645     617     m     m     m     m     150     150     150       Sovak Republic     38     38     187     177     171     880     713     633     140  |       | Netherlands                     | 40 | m         | m   | 195 | m         | m   | 930   | 750      | 750   | а       | а          | а       | 1 659 | 1 659                        | 1 659 |
| Poland     37     37     37     181     179     180     489     483     486     a     a     a     1480     1464     1472       Portugal     37     37     37     37     175     175     175     875     770     770     1289     1289     1289     1464     1464     1464       Scotland     38     38     38     190     190     190     855     855     a     a     a     a     1365     1365     1365       Slovak Republic     38     38     38     187     187     187     832     645     617     m     m     m     1464     1464     1472       Slovenia     40     40     40     190     190     190     690     633     a <th></th> <th>New Zealand</th> <th>m</th>  |       | New Zealand                     | m  | m         | m   | m   | m         | m   | m     | m        | m     | m       | m          | m       | m     | m                            | m     |
| Portugal     37     37     175<   |       | Norway                          | 38 | 38        | 38  | 190 | 190       | 190 | 741   | 654      | 523   | 1 300   | 1 225      | 1 150   | 1 688 | 1 688                        | 1 688 |
| Solution     38     38     38     190     190     190     855     855     a     a     a     a     a     1365     1365     1365       Slovak Republic     38     38     38     187     187     187     832     645     617     m     m     m     1560     1560     1560       Slovenia     40     40     40     190     190     190     690     633     a </th <th>Poland</th> <th></th>   |       | Poland                          |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Slovak Republic     38     38     38     187     187     187     832     645     617     m     m     m     1560     1560     1560       Slovenia     40     40     40     190     190     190     690     690     633     a   |       | e e                             |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       | 1 289   | 1 289      | 1 289   |       |                              |       |
| Slovenia     40     40     40     40     190     190     190     690     633     a  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       | а       | а          | а       |       |                              |       |
| Spain     37     36     176     176     171     880     713     693     1140     1140     140     1425  |       | -                               |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       | m       | m          | m       | 1 560 | 1 560                        | 1 560 |
| Normal     a <th></th>  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Switzerland     m <th< th=""><th></th><th>•</th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></th<>   |       | •                               |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Turkey   38   a   38   a   38   180   a   180   639   a   567   870   a   756   1808   a   1808     United States <sup>1</sup> 36   36   36   36   36   180   180   1097   1068   1051   1381   1381   1378   1913   1977   1998     OECD average   38   38   38   186   185   183   779   701   656   1182   1198   1137   1665   1660   1663     EU21 average   38   38   37   184   181   181   755   659   628   1124   1108   1078   1596   1594   1590     Full   Argentina <sup>2</sup> 36   36   36   170   171   171   680   1368   1368   m   |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| United States <sup>1</sup> 36   36   36   180   180   1097   1068   1051   1381   1381   1378   1913   1977   1998     OECD average<br>EU21 average   38   38   38   186   185   183   779   701   656   1182   1198   1137   1665   1660   1663     FU21 average   38   38   37   184   181   181   755   659   628   1124   1108   1078   1596   1594   1594   1594     FU21 average   36   36   36   170   171   171   680   1368   1368   m   |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| EU21 average     38     38     37     184     181     175     659     628     1124     1108     1078     1596     1594     1580       Vertication     36     36     36     170     171     171     680     1368     1368     m     <  |       |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| EU21 average     38     38     37     184     181     175     659     628     1124     1108     1078     1596     1594     1580       Vertication     36     36     36     170     171     171     680     1368     1368     m     <  |       | OFCD average                    | 28 | 38        | 3.2 | 186 | 185       | 182 | 770   | 701      | 656   | 1 1 9 2 | 1 1 0 2    | 1 1 2 7 | 1 665 | 1 660                        | 1 663 |
| Brazil     40     40     40     200     200     800 <th></th> <th>0</th> <th></th>  |       | 0                               |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Brazil     40     40     40     200     200     800 <th>2</th> <th>Argentina<sup>2</sup></th> <th>36</th> <th>36</th> <th>36</th> <th>170</th> <th>171</th> <th>171</th> <th>680</th> <th>1 368</th> <th>1 368</th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th>   | 2     | Argentina <sup>2</sup>          | 36 | 36        | 36  | 170 | 171       | 171 | 680   | 1 368    | 1 368 | m       | m          | m       | m     | m                            | m     |
| India     m <th>5</th> <th></th>  | 5     |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| India     m <th rowspan="2">Other</th> <th></th>  | Other |                                 |    |           |     |     |           |     |       |          |       |         |            |         |       |                              |       |
| Indonesia     44     44     44     251     163     163     1255     734     734     m <th></th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th> <th>m</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>m</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>m</th> <th></th>  |       |                                 | m  | m         | m   |     |           |     | m     |          |       |         |            |         |       | m                            |       |
| Saudi Arabia m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m  |       |                                 | 44 | 44        | 44  | 251 | 163       | 163 | 1 255 | 734      | 734   | m       | m          | m       | m     | m                            | m     |
|   |       | Russian Federation <sup>1</sup> | 34 | 35        | 35  | 164 | 169       | 169 | 615   | 507      | 507   | а       | a          | a       | а     | a                            | a     |
| South Africa m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m  |       | Saudi Arabia                    | m  | m         | m   | m   | m         | m   | m     | m        | m     | m       | m          | m       | m     | m                            | m     |
|   |       | South Africa                    | m  | m         | m   | m   | m         | m   | m     | m        | m     | m       | m          | m       | m     | m                            | m     |

1. Actual teaching and working time.

2. Year of reference 2008.

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## Table D4.2. Number of teaching hours per year (2000, 2005-09)

Net statutory contact time in hours per year in public institutions by level of education from 2000, 2005 to 2009

|           |   | Primary level                 |          |          |          |          |          | Lower secondary level |          |          |              |         |                               | Upper secondary level |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|           |   | 2000 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 |          |          |          |          |          |                       |          |          |              |         | 2000 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 |                       |       |       |       |       |       |
|           |   | (1)                           | (2)      | (3)      | (4)      | (5)      | (6)      |                       | (8)      | (9)      | 2007<br>(10) | (11)    | (12)                          | (13)                  | (14)  | (15)  | (16)  | (17)  | (18)  |
| OECD      | Australia   | 882                           | 888      | 884      | 877      | 873      | 874      | (7)<br>811            | 810      | (9)      | 815          | 812     | 812                           | 803                   | (14)  | 817   | 813   | 810   | 797   |
|           | Austria   |                               | 774      | 774      | 774      | 779      | 779      |                       | 607      | 607      | 607          | 607     | 607                           |                       | 589   | 589   | 589   | 589   | 589   |
|           | Belgium (Fl.)   | m<br>826                      | 806      | 797      | 806      | 810      | 801      | m<br>712              | 720      | 684      | 691          | 695     | 687                           | m<br>668              | 675   | 638   | 645   | 649   | 642   |
|           | Belgium (Fr.)   | 804                           | 722      | 724      | 724      | 724      | 732      | 728                   | 720      | 662      | 662          | 662     | 671                           | 668                   | 664   | 603   | 603   | 603   | 610   |
|           | Canada  | m                             | 722<br>m | 724<br>m | 724<br>m | 724<br>m | 732<br>m | 720<br>m              | 724<br>m | 002<br>m | m            | m       | 071<br>m                      | m                     | m     | m     | m     | m     | m     |
|           | Chile   | m                             | m        | 864      | 860      | m        | 1 232    | m                     | m        | 864      | 860          | m       | 1 232                         | m                     | m     | 864   | 860   | m     | 1 232 |
|           | Czech Republic  | 650                           | 813      | 854      | 849      | 849      | 832      | 650                   | 647      | 640      | 637          | 637     | 624                           | 621                   | 617   | 611   | 608   | 608   | 595   |
|           | Denmark <sup>1</sup>  | 640                           | 640      | 648      | 648      | 648      | 648      | 640                   | 640      | 648      | 648          | 648     | 648                           | 560                   | 560   | 364   | 364   | 364   | 377   |
|           | England <sup>1</sup>  | m                             | m        | m        | 631      | 654      | 635      | m                     | m        | m        | 714          | 722     | 714                           | m                     | m     | m     | 714   | 722   | 714   |
|           | Estonia   | 630                           | 630      | 630      | 630      | 630      | 630      | 630                   | 630      | 630      | 630          | 630     | 630                           | 578                   | 578   | 578   | 578   | 578   | 578   |
|           | Finland   | 656                           | 677      | 677      | 677      | 677      | 677      | 570                   | 592      | 592      | 592          | 592     | 592                           | 527                   | 550   | 550   | 550   | 550   | 550   |
|           | France <sup>1</sup>   | 907                           | 918      | 910      | 914      | 926      | 918      | 639                   | 639      | 634      | 632          | 644     | 642                           | 611                   | 625   | 616   | 618   | 630   | 628   |
|           | Germany   | 783                           | 808      | 810      | 806      | 805      | 805      | 732                   | 758      | 758      | 758          | 756     | 756                           | 690                   | 714   | 714   | 714   | 715   | 713   |
|           | Greece  | 609                           | 604      | 604      | 590      | 593      | 589      | 426                   | 434      | 429      | 426          | 429     | 426                           | 429                   | 430   | 421   | 423   | 429   | 426   |
|           | Hungary   | 583                           | 583      | 583      | 583      | 597      | 597      | 555                   | 555      | 555      | 555          | 597     | 597                           | 555                   | 555   | 555   | 555   | 597   | 597   |
|           | Iceland <sup>1</sup>  | 629                           | 671      | 671      | 671      | 671      | 609      | 629                   | 671      | 671      | 671          | 671     | 609                           | 464                   | 560   | 560   | 560   | 560   | 547   |
|           | Ireland   | 915                           | 915      | 915      | 915      | 915      | 915      | 735                   | 735      | 735      | 735          | 735     | 735                           | 735                   | 735   | 735   | 735   | 735   | 735   |
|           | Israel  | 731                           | 731      | 731      | 731      | 731      | 788      | 579                   | 579      | 579      | 579          | 579     | 589                           | 524                   | 524   | 524   | 524   | 524   | 524   |
|           | Italy   | 744                           | 739      | 735      | 735      | 735      | 757      | 608                   | 605      | 601      | 601          | 601     | 619                           | 608                   | 605   | 601   | 601   | 601   | 619   |
|           | Japan <sup>1</sup>  | 635                           | 578      | m        | 705      | 709      | 707      | 557                   | 505      | m        | 600          | 603     | 602                           | 478                   | 429   | m     | 498   | 500   | 500   |
|           | Korea   | 865                           | 883      | 864      | 848      | 840      | 836      | 570                   | 621      | 588      | 612          | 616     | 618                           | 530                   | 605   | 596   | 599   | 604   | 605   |
|           | Luxembourg  | m                             | 774      | 774      | 774      | 739      | 739      | m                     | 642      | 642      | 642          | 634     | 634                           | m                     | 642   | 642   | 642   | 634   | 634   |
|           | Mexico  | 800                           | 800      | 800      | 800      | 800      | 800      | 1 182                 | 1 047    | 1047     | 1 0 4 7      | 1 0 4 7 | 1 047                         | m                     | 848   | 843   | 843   | 848   | 843   |
|           | Netherlands   | 930                           | 930      | 930      | 930      | 930      | 930      | 867                   | 750      | 750      | 750          | 750     | 750                           | 867                   | 750   | 750   | 750   | 750   | 750   |
|           | New Zealand   | 985                           | 985      | 985      | 985      | 985      | m        | 968                   | 968      | 968      | 968          | 968     | m                             | 950                   | 950   | 950   | 950   | 950   | m     |
|           | Norway  | 713                           | 741      | 741      | 741      | 741      | 741      | 633                   | 656      | 654      | 654          | 654     | 654                           | 505                   | 524   | 523   | 523   | 523   | 523   |
|           | Poland  | m                             | m        | m        | m        | 513      | 489      | m                     | m        | m        | m            | 513     | 483                           | m                     | m     | m     | m     | 513   | 486   |
|           | Portugal  | 815                           | 855      | 860      | 855      | 855      | 875      | 595                   | 564      | 757      | 752          | 752     | 770                           | 515                   | 513   | 688   | 684   | 752   | 770   |
|           | Scotland  | 950                           | 893      | 893      | 855      | 855      | 855      | 893                   | 893      | 893      | 855          | 855     | 855                           | 893                   | 893   | 893   | 855   | 855   | 855   |
|           | Slovak Republic   | m                             | m        | m        | m        | m        | 832      | m                     | m        | m        | m            | m       | 645                           | m                     | m     | m     | m     | m     | 617   |
|           | Slovenia  | m                             | 697      | 697      | 682      | 682      | 690      | m                     | 697      | 697      | 682          | 682     | 690                           | m                     | 639   | 639   | 626   | 626   | 633   |
|           | Spain   | 880                           | 880      | 880      | 880      | 880      | 880      | 564                   | 713      | 713      | 713          | 713     | 713                           | 548                   | 693   | 693   | 693   | 693   | 693   |
|           | Sweden  | a                             | a        | a        | a        | a        | a        | a                     | a        | а        | a            | a       | а                             | a                     | a     | a     | a     | a     | а     |
|           | Switzerland   | 884                           | m        | m        | m        | m        | m        | 859                   | m        | m        | m            | m       | m                             | 674                   | m     | m     | m     | m     | m     |
|           | Turkey  | 639                           | 639      | 639      | 639      | 639      | 639      | a                     | a        | а        | a            | a       | а                             | 504                   | 567   | 567   | 567   | 567   | 567   |
|           | United States <sup>1</sup>  | m                             | 1 080    | 1 080    | 1 080    | 1 097    | 1 097    | m                     | 1 080    | 1 080    | 1 080        | 1 068   | 1 068                         | m                     | 1 080 | 1 080 | 1 080 | 1 051 | 1 051 |
|           | OECD average  | 773                           | 781      | 792      | 780      | 770      | 779      | 693                   | 696      | 711      | 706          | 696     | 701                           | 620                   | 653   | 662   | 657   | 649   | 656   |
|           | OECD average for<br>countries with data<br>available for all<br>reference years | 764                           | 772      | 773      | 770      | 771      | 771      | 679                   | 681      | 684      | 683          | 685     | 684                           | 609                   | 625   | 618   | 616   | 622   | 623   |
|           | EU21 average for<br>countries with data<br>available for all<br>reference years | 770                           | 776      | 778      | 775      | 777      | 778      | 659                   | 662      | 668      | 665          | 669     | 670                           | 629                   | 635   | 626   | 623   | 632   | 634   |
| 120       | Argentina   | m                             | m        | m        | m        | 680      | m        | m                     | m        | m        | m            | 1 368   | m                             | m                     | m     | m     | m     | 1 368 | m     |
| Other G20 | Brazil  | 800                           | 800      | 800      | 800      | 800      | 800      | 800                   | 800      | 800      | 800          | 800     | 800                           | 800                   | 800   | 800   | 800   | 800   | 800   |
|           | China   | m                             | m        | m        | m        | m        | m        | m                     | m        | m        | m            | m       | m                             | m                     | m     | m     | m     | m     | m     |
|           | India   | m                             | m        | m        | m        | m        | m        | m                     | m        | m        | m            | m       | m                             | m                     | m     | m     | m     | m     | m     |
|           | Indonesia   | m                             | m        | m        | m        | 1 260    | 1 255    | m                     | m        | m        | m            | 738     | 734                           | m                     | m     | m     | m     | 738   | 734   |
|           | Russian Federation <sup>1</sup>   | m                             | 615      | 615      | 615      | 615      | 615      | m                     | 507      | 507      | 507          | 507     | 507                           | m                     | 507   | 507   | 507   | 507   | 507   |
|           | Saudi Arabia  | m                             | m        | m        | m        | m        | m        | m                     | m        | m        | m            | m       | m                             | m                     | m     | m     | m     | m     | m     |
|           | South Africa  | m                             | m        | m        | m        | m        | m        | m                     | m        | m        | m            | m       | m                             | m                     | m     | m     | m     | m     | m     |

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