

DENMARK Key Facts



Education at a Glance: OECD Indicators 2012

Indicator	Denmark	OECD average	Denmark rank*
Educational Access and Output			
Enrolment rates			
3-year-olds (in early childhood education)	87%	66%	10 of 36 countries
4-year-olds (in early childhood and primary education)	98%	81%	6 of 38 countries
5-14 year-olds (all levels)	99%	96%	19 of 39 countries
Percentage of population that has attained pre-primary or primary levels of education only			
25-64 year-olds	0%	m	34 of 37 countries
Percentage of population that has attained at least upper secondary education			
25-64 year-olds	76%	74%	19 of 40 countries
25-34 year-olds	80%	82%	26 of 36 countries
55-64 year-olds	68%	62%	18 of 36 countries
Percentage of population that has attained tertiary education			
25-64 year-olds	33%	31%	18 of 41 countries
25-34 year-olds	38%	38%	22 of 37 countries
55-64 year-olds	28%	23%	11 of 37 countries
Entry rates into tertiary education			
Vocational programmes (Tertiary-type B)	25%	17%	14 of 33 countries
University programmes (Tertiary-type A)	65%	62%	14 of 36 countries
Graduation rates			
Percentage of today's young people expected to complete upper secondary education in their lifetime	86%	84%	13 of 27 countries
Percentage of today's young people expected to complete university education (tertiary-type A) in their lifetime	50%	39%	4 of 28 countries
Economic and Labour Market Outcomes			
Unemployment rate of 25-64 year-olds			
Below upper secondary	9%	12.5%	22 of 33 countries
Upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary	6.1%	7.6%	22 of 34 countries
Tertiary	4.6%	4.7%	14 of 34 countries
Average earnings premium for 25-64 year-olds with tertiary education (compared to people with upper secondary education; upper secondary = 100)			
Men and women	129	155	29 of 32 countries
Men	141	160	25 of 32 countries
Women	126	157	32 of 32 countries
Average earnings penalty for 25-64 year-olds who have not attained upper secondary education (compared to people with upper secondary education; upper secondary = 100)			
Men and women	81	77	9 of 32 countries
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Women	83	74	6 of 32 countries

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Percentage of people not in employment, education or training			
15-29 year-olds (2005 data)	8.2%	15.0%	28 of 32 countries
15-29 year-olds (2010 data)	10.5%	15.8%	25 of 32 countries
Financial Investment in Education			
Annual expenditure per student (in equivalent USD, using PPPs)			
Pre-primary education	8 785	6 670	4 of 34 countries
Primary education	11 166	7 719	3 of 35 countries
Secondary education	11 036	9 312	8 of 37 countries
Tertiary education	18 556	13 728	6 of 37 countries
Total public and private expenditure on education			
As a percentage of GDP	7.9%	6.2%	3 of 37 countries
Total public expenditure on education			
As a percentage of total public expenditure	15.1%	13.0%	9 of 32 countries
Share of private expenditure on educational institutions			
Primary, secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education	2.5%	8.8%	27 of 32 countries
Tertiary education	4.6%	30%	29 of 31 countries
All levels of education	4.2%	16%	28 of 30 countries
Schools and Teachers			
Ratio of students to teaching staff			
Pre-primary education	m	14.4	m
Primary education	m	15.8	m
Secondary education	m	13.8	m
Number of hours of compulsory instruction time per year			
7-8 year-olds	701	774 hours	19 of 33 countries
9-11 year-olds	813	821 hours	14 of 34 countries
12-14 year-olds	900	899 hours	17 of 34 countries
Number of hours of teaching time per year (for teachers in public institutions)			
Primary education	650	782 hours	28 of 35 countries
Lower secondary education	650	704 hours	18 of 34 countries
Upper secondary education	377	658 hours	35 of 35 countries
Ratio of teachers' salaries to earnings for full-time, full-year adult workers with tertiary education			
Primary school teachers	0.87	0.82	11 of 27 countries
Lower secondary school teachers	0.87	0.85	11 of 27 countries
Upper secondary school teachers	1.01	0.90	10 of 27 countries

* Countries are ranked in descending order of values.

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