

SWITZERLAND Key Facts



Education at a Glance: OECD Indicators 2012

Indicator	Switzerland	OECD average	Switzerland rank*
Educational Access and Output			
Enrolment rates			
3-year-olds (in early childhood education)	3%	66%	35 of 36 countries
4-year-olds (in early childhood and primary education)	41%	81%	36 of 38 countries
5-14 year-olds (all levels)	100%	96%	10 of 39 countries
Percentage of population that has attained pre-primary or primary levels of education only			
25-64 year-olds	3%	m	27 of 37 countries
Percentage of population that has attained at least upper secondary education			
25-64 year-olds	86%	74%	9 of 40 countries
25-34 year-olds	90%	82%	10 of 36 countries
55-64 year-olds	81%	62%	7 of 36 countries
Percentage of population that has attained tertiary education			
25-64 year-olds	35%	31%	15 of 41 countries
25-34 year-olds	40%	38%	17 of 37 countries
55-64 year-olds	28%	23%	12 of 37 countries
Entry rates into tertiary education			
Vocational programmes (Tertiary-type B)	23%	17%	15 of 33 countries
University programmes (Tertiary-type A)	44%	62%	28 of 36 countries
Graduation rates			
Percentage of today's young people expected to complete upper secondary education in their lifetime	m	84%	m
Percentage of today's young people expected to complete university education (tertiary-type A) in their lifetime	31%	39%	20 of 28 countries
Economic and Labour Market Outcomes			
Unemployment rate of 25-64 year-olds			
Below upper secondary	8%	12.5%	23 of 33 countries
Upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary	4.9%	7.6%	26 of 34 countries
Tertiary	3%	4.7%	29 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	153	155	15 of 32 countries
Men	143	160	23 of 32 countries
Women	148	157	24 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	75	77	19 of 32 countries
Men	78	78	17 of 32 countries
Women	77	74	13 of 32 countries

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Percentage of people not in employment, education or training			
15-29 year-olds (2005 data)	10.4%	15.0%	24 of 32 countries
15-29 year-olds (2010 data)	9.7%	15.8%	28 of 32 countries
Financial Investment in Education			
Annual expenditure per student (in equivalent USD, using PPPs)			
Pre-primary education	5 147	6 670	22 of 34 countries
Primary education	10 597	7 719	5 of 35 countries
Secondary education	15 645	9 312	2 of 37 countries
Tertiary education	21 577	13 728	2 of 37 countries
Total public and private expenditure on education			
As a percentage of GDP	6%	6.2%	22 of 37 countries
Total public expenditure on education			
As a percentage of total public expenditure	16.4%	13.0%	5 of 32 countries
Share of private expenditure on educational institutions			
Primary, secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education	13.7%	8.8%	6 of 32 countries
Tertiary education	m	30%	m
All levels of education	m	16%	m
Schools and Teachers			
Ratio of students to teaching staff			
Pre-primary education	17.5	14.4	9 of 32 countries
Primary education	14.9	15.8	23 of 36 countries
Secondary education	11.4	13.8	28 of 38 countries
Number of hours of compulsory instruction time per year			
7-8 year-olds	m	774 hours	m
9-11 year-olds	m	821 hours	m
12-14 year-olds	m	899 hours	m
Number of hours of teaching time per year (for teachers in public institutions)			
Primary education	m	782 hours	m
Lower secondary education	m	704 hours	m
Upper secondary education	m	658 hours	m
Ratio of teachers' salaries to earnings for full-time, full-year adult workers with tertiary education			
Primary school teachers	m	0.82	m
Lower secondary school teachers	m	0.85	m
Upper secondary school teachers	m	0.90	m

* Countries are ranked in descending order of values.

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