

IRELAND Key Facts



Education at a Glance: OECD Indicators 2012

Indicator	Ireland	OECD average	Ireland rank*
Educational Access and Output			
Enrolment rates			
3-year-olds (in early childhood education)	65%	66%	21 of 36 countries
4-year-olds (in early childhood and primary education)	68%	81%	29 of 38 countries
5-14 year-olds (all levels)	102%	96%	5 of 39 countries
Percentage of population that has attained pre-primary or primary levels of education only			
25-64 year-olds	11%	m	15 of 37 countries
Percentage of population that has attained at least upper secondary education			
25-64 year-olds	73%	74%	21 of 40 countries
25-34 year-olds	87%	82%	14 of 36 countries
55-64 year-olds	50%	62%	27 of 36 countries
Percentage of population that has attained tertiary education			
25-64 year-olds	37%	31%	11 of 41 countries
25-34 year-olds	48%	38%	5 of 37 countries
55-64 year-olds	21%	23%	20 of 37 countries
Entry rates into tertiary education			
Vocational programmes (Tertiary-type B)	28%	17%	9 of 33 countries
University programmes (Tertiary-type A)	56%	62%	20 of 36 countries
Graduation rates			
Percentage of today's young people expected to complete upper secondary education in their lifetime	94%	84%	6 of 27 countries
Percentage of today's young people expected to complete university education (tertiary-type A) in their lifetime	47%	39%	9 of 28 countries
Economic and Labour Market Outcomes			
Unemployment rate of 25-64 year-olds			
Below upper secondary	19.5%	12.5%	6 of 33 countries
Upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary	13.7%	7.6%	3 of 34 countries
Tertiary	6.8%	4.7%	5 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	175	155	7 of 32 countries
Men	180	160	8 of 32 countries
Women	178	157	4 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	85	77	4 of 32 countries
Men	82	78	8 of 32 countries
Women	78	74	10 of 32 countries

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Percentage of people not in employment, education or training			
15-29 year-olds (2005 data)	10.5%	15.0%	23 of 32 countries
15-29 year-olds (2010 data)	21%	15.8%	6 of 32 countries
Financial Investment in Education			
Annual expenditure per student (in equivalent USD, using PPPs)			
Pre-primary education	m	6 670	m
Primary education	8 219	7 719	14 of 35 countries
Secondary education	11 831	9 312	6 of 37 countries
Tertiary education	16 420	13 728	9 of 37 countries
Total public and private expenditure on education			
As a percentage of GDP	6.3%	6.2%	12 of 37 countries
Total public expenditure on education			
As a percentage of total public expenditure	13.4%	13.0%	13 of 32 countries
Share of private expenditure on educational institutions			
Primary, secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education	2.3%	8.8%	28 of 32 countries
Tertiary education	16.2%	30%	22 of 31 countries
All levels of education	5.8%	16%	26 of 30 countries
Schools and Teachers			
Ratio of students to teaching staff			
Pre-primary education	19.8	14.4	6 of 32 countries
Primary education	15.9	15.8	20 of 36 countries
Secondary education	14.4	13.8	15 of 38 countries
Number of hours of compulsory instruction time per year			
7-8 year-olds	915	774 hours	6 of 33 countries
9-11 year-olds	915	821 hours	8 of 34 countries
12-14 year-olds	929	899 hours	11 of 34 countries
Number of hours of teaching time per year (for teachers in public institutions)			
Primary education	915	782 hours	6 of 35 countries
Lower secondary education	735	704 hours	12 of 34 countries
Upper secondary education	735	658 hours	11 of 35 countries
Ratio of teachers' salaries to earnings for full-time, full-year adult workers with tertiary education			
Primary school teachers	0.82	0.82	13 of 27 countries
Lower secondary school teachers	0.82	0.85	14 of 27 countries
Upper secondary school teachers	0.82	0.90	15 of 27 countries

* Countries are ranked in descending order of values.

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