

Notes

Cyprus

The following note is included at the request of Turkey:

“The information in this document with reference to « Cyprus » relates to the southern part of the Island. There is no single authority representing both Turkish and Greek Cypriot people on the Island. Turkey recognizes the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Until a lasting and equitable solution is found within the context of the United Nations, Turkey shall preserve its position concerning the « Cyprus issue »”.

The following note is included at the request of all the European Union Member States of the OECD and the European Commission:

“The Republic of Cyprus is recognized by all members of the United Nations with the exception of Turkey. The information in this document relates to the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus”.

Israel

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“It should be noted that statistical data on Israeli patents and trademarks are supplied by the patent and trademark offices of the relevant countries.”

2.1. BASIC SCIENTIFIC SKILLS

Length of time students have been using a computer and mean PISA science score, 2006

- Countries are ranked in descending order of mean PISA science scores.

2.2. TERTIARY EDUCATION

Transition from upper secondary education to graduation at the university level, 2007

- Year of reference for upper secondary graduation rates is 2006 for Australia.
- Includes ISCED 4A programmes in Austria (“Berufsbildende Höhere Schulen”).

Annual tuition fees charged by public universities and public subsidies to private entities, 2007

- Some levels of education are included with others for Japan and the Slovak Republic.
- Public institutions only for Turkey, Switzerland and Poland.

Private net present value for an individual obtaining tertiary education as part of initial education, 2005

- Cash flows (components) are discounted by 5% interest rate.
- Assuming that foregone earnings for all individuals refer to the minimum wage, except for the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Portugal, which report full-time earnings.

2.5. INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

International students, 2007

- For the purpose of measuring student mobility, international students are defined on the basis of their country of residence in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States. For the remaining countries international students are defined on the basis of their country of prior education (Finland, Iceland, Ireland and Switzerland).
- Excludes data on social advancement education in Belgium.
- Percentage in total tertiary education underestimated for the Netherlands, Canada and Switzerland because certain programmes are excluded.
- Excludes private institutions in Canada.

2.6. ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENT

Self-employed, by place of birth, 15-to-64-year-olds, 2008

- Self-employed excludes agriculture. For Canada, persons still in education are excluded.