

This data shows the wide difference across countries in educational attainment by showing the average years of schooling amongst the population aged 15 years and over.

Country	Average	Male	Female
Pakistan	3.9	5.1	2.5
Guinea-Bissau	0.8	0.9	0.7
Mali	0.9	1.2	0.6
Niger	1.0	1.4	0.7
Mozambique	1.1	1.4	0.8
Afghanistan	1.7	2.6	0.8
Sudan	2.1	2.7	1.6
Gambia	2.3	3.0	1.6
Benin	2.3	3.3	1.4
Sierra Leone	2.4	3.1	1.7
Nepal	2.4	3.4	1.5
Liberia	2.5	3.3	1.5
Central African Republic	2.5	3.4	1.7
Senegal	2.6	3.1	2.0
Rwanda	2.6	3.0	2.2
Bangladesh	2.6	3.3	1.8
Tanzania, U. Rep. Of	2.7	3.1	2.3
Haiti	2.8	3.5	2.1
Myanmar	2.8	3.0	2.5
Papua New Guinea	2.9	3.3	2.4
Congo, Dem. Rep. Of The	3.0	4.1	2.0
Malawi	3.2	3.6	2.8
Togo	3.3	4.6	2.1
Guatemala	3.5	3.8	3.1
Uganda	3.5	4.3	2.7
Cameroon	3.5	4.2	2.9
Iran, Islamic Rep. Of	5.3	6.1	4.5
Colombia	5.3	4.9	5.7
Turkey	5.3	6.2	4.3
Iran, Islamic Rep. Of	5.3	6.1	4.5
Zimbabwe	5.4	6.0	4.7
Algeria	5.4	6.2	4.5
Zambia	5.5	6.0	5.0
Egypt	5.5	6.5	4.5
Bolivia	5.6	6.1	5.1
Syrian Arab Republic	5.8	6.8	4.8
Portugal	5.9	6.1	5.7
Mauritius	6.0	6.5	5.6
Swaziland	6.0	5.8	6.2
Costa Rica	6.1	6.1	6.0
Bahrain	6.1	6.0	6.2
South Africa	6.1	5.7	6.6
Paraguay	6.2	6.3	6.1
Kuwait	6.2	7.2	6.9
Guyana	6.3	6.1	6.3
Botswana	6.3	6.2	6.3
China	6.4	7.6	5.1
Ecuador	6.4	6.4	6.4
Thailand	6.5	7.0	6.0
Venezuela	6.6	6.5	6.8
Malaysia	6.8	7.4	6.2
Sri Lanka	6.9	7.2	6.6
Jordan	6.9	7.7	6.0
Singapore	7.1	7.5	6.6
Italy	7.2	7.6	6.8
Mexico	7.2	7.6	6.9
Spain	7.3	7.4	7.1
Chile	7.6	7.6	7.5
Uruguay	7.6	7.2	7.9
Peru	7.6	8.0	7.1
Trinidad And Tobago	7.8	7.5	8.0
France	7.9	8.1	7.6
Philippines	8.2	8.2	8.2
Fiji	8.3	8.6	8.0
Austria	8.4	9.2	7.6
Panama	8.6	8.6	8.5
Greece	8.7	9.8	7.6
Barbados	8.7	8.8	8.6
Argentina	8.8	8.8	8.9
Iceland	8.8	9.0	8.6
Hungary	9.1	9.6	8.7
Cyprus	9.2	9.6	8.7
Belgium	9.3	9.6	9.1
Ireland	9.4	9.3	9.4
Netherlands	9.4	9.6	9.1
Hong Kong, China (SAR)	9.4	9.9	8.9
United Kingdom	9.4	9.5	9.4
Japan	9.5	9.9	9.1
Israel	9.6	9.8	9.4
Denmark	9.7	9.8	9.5
Poland	9.8	10.0	9.7
Finland	10.0	10.2	9.8
Switzerland	10.5	11.1	9.9
Korea, Rep. Of	10.8	11.7	10.0
Australia	10.9	11.2	10.7
Sweden	11.4	11.4	11.4
Canada	11.6	11.7	11.6
New Zealand	11.7	12.0	11.5
Norway	11.9	12.2	11.6
United States	12.1	12.1	12.0

Indicator: Average years of schooling
Year: 2000
Source: Barro, Robert J. and Jong-Wha Lee, International Data on Educational Attainment: Updates and Implications (CID Working Paper no. 42), Harvard University

Average Years of Schooling

inequality
(CANADA)

11.6 years

inequality
(PERU)

7.6 years

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(EGYPT)

5.5 years

inequality
(NEPAL)

2.6 years

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