

Table 4
Access to primary education

Country or territory	Compulsory education (age group)	Legal guarantee of free education ¹	New entrants (000)		GROSS INTAKE RATE (GIR) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION (%)							
			School year ending in 1999	2004	School year ending in 1999				2004			
					Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)
Arab States												
1 Algeria ²	6-16	Yes	745	628	101	102	100	0.98	102	103	100	0.98
2 Bahrain	...	Yes	13	13	101	99	103	1.04	100	100	99	0.99
3 Djibouti	6-15	No	6	8	30	34	25	0.74	39	42	35	0.83
4 Egypt ³	6-13	Yes	1451**	1577**	92**	94**	90**	0.96**	99**	99**	99**	0.99**
5 Iraq	6-11	Yes	709**	826	102**	109**	95**	0.88**	107	110	103	0.94
6 Jordan ²	6-16	Yes	126	133	102	101	102	1.00	92	91	92	1.01
7 Kuwait ²	6-14	Yes	35	41**	97	97	98	1.01	97**	96**	97**	1.01**
8 Lebanon ^{2,3}	6-12	Yes	71	71	102	106	98	0.92	100	100	99	0.99
9 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya ²	6-15	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Mauritania ³	6-14	Yes	...	89	...	...	...	...	106	106	105	0.99
11 Morocco ³	6-14	Yes	731	623	112	115	109	0.94	98	100	96	0.96
12 Oman	...	Yes	52	44	86	86	86	1.00	74	74	75	1.02
13 Palestinian A. T.	6-15	...	95	93	105	104	106	1.01	84	85	84	0.99
14 Qatar ³	6-14	Yes	11**	11**	111**	112**	109**	0.98**	100**	100**	100**	1.00**
15 Saudi Arabia ³	6-11	Yes	379	402	66	66	65	0.99	66	66	66	1.00
16 Sudan ³	6-13	Yes	...	637	...	...	...	...	68	73	62	0.85
17 Syrian Arab Republic ²	6-12	Yes	466	543	107	110	103	0.94	120	122	118	0.97
18 Tunisia	6-16	Yes	204	162	101	101	100	1.00	95	94	96	1.02
19 United Arab Emirates ³	6-15	Yes	47	54	91	93	90	0.97	89	89	88	0.99
20 Yemen ³	6-14	Yes	440	691**	78	91	65	0.71	110**	122**	97**	0.80**
Central and Eastern Europe												
21 Albania	6-13	Yes	67**	60 ^z	102**	103**	102**	0.99**	102 ^z	103 ^z	102 ^z	0.99 ^z
22 Belarus ³	6-16	Yes	173	91	131	132	130	0.99	102	103	102	0.99
23 Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	...	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24 Bulgaria ^{2,3}	7-16	Yes	93	72.4	101	102	100	0.98	106	107	104	0.98
25 Croatia	7-15	Yes	50	49 ^z	94	95	93	0.98	98 ^z	99 ^z	97 ^z	0.98 ^z
26 Czech Republic	6-15	Yes	124	92	101	102	100	0.98	97	97	96	0.99
27 Estonia	7-15	Yes	18	13	100	100	99	0.98	101	101	101	1.00
28 Hungary	7-16	Yes	127	104	102	104	100	0.97	95	96	94	0.98
29 Latvia ³	7-15	Yes	32	19	96	96**	96**	0.99**	90	90	89	0.99
30 Lithuania ²	7-16	Yes	54	40	105	105	104	0.99	101	101	102	1.01
31 Poland ^{2,4}	7-18	Yes	535	422	101	...	...	...	97	97**	97**	1.00**
32 Republic of Moldova ³	6-16	Yes	62	48	85	85**	85**	1.00**	88	89	88	0.99
33 Romania ³	7-14	Yes	269	276	94	94	94	0.99	126	126	126	1.00
34 Russian Federation ³	6-15	Yes	1659	1313	86	...	...	...	97	98**	97**	0.99**
35 Serbia and Montenegro ⁵	7-14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36 Slovakia ²	6-16	Yes	75	58	102	102	101	0.99	96	97	96	0.99
37 Slovenia ²	7-15	Yes	21	26	99	99	99	0.99	142	142	141	0.99
38 TFYR Macedonia ^{2,3}	7-15	Yes	32	27	102	102	102	1.00	98	98	97	0.99
39 Turkey ³	6-14	Yes	...	1311	...	...	...	...	91	93	88	0.95
40 Ukraine ³	6-17	Yes	623	457	93	94	93	0.99	105	105*	105*	1.00*
Central Asia												
41 Armenia ³	7-15	Yes	...	44	...	...	...	...	99	96	101	1.06
42 Azerbaijan ³	6-17	Yes	175	137	94	94	95	1.01	95	96	93	0.97
43 Georgia ³	6-14	Yes	74	58	99	99**	100**	1.02**	106	107	105	0.98
44 Kazakhstan	7-17	Yes	...	241	...	...	...	...	105	106	105	0.99
45 Kyrgyzstan ³	7-15	Yes	120*	108	99*	99*	100*	1.02*	98	99	97	0.98
46 Mongolia	8-16	No	70	61	111	111	111	1.00	114	113	115	1.02
47 Tajikistan ³	7-15	Yes	177	164	99	101	96	0.95	96	98**	94**	0.96**
48 Turkmenistan	7-15	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
49 Uzbekistan ³	7-16	Yes	...	596**	...	...	...	...	102**	102**	102**	1.00**
East Asia and the Pacific												
50 Australia	5-15	Yes	...	271	...	...	...	...	104	105	104	0.99
51 Brunei Darussalam	5-16	No	8	7	107	107	106	0.99	101	103	100	0.97
52 Cambodia ³	...	Yes	404**	495	117**	120**	114**	0.95**	148	154	143	0.93
53 China ^{3,6}	6-14	Yes	...	18339	94	95	93	0.98
54 Cook Islands ⁵	5-15	...	1	0.4 ^z	131	80** ^z	81** ^z	78** ^z	0.96** ^z

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	School year ending in								School year ending in						
	1999				2004				1999			2004			
	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
Arab States															
77	79	76	0.97	90	91	89	0.98	...	...	...	12.5**	12.6**	12.5**	1
86	83	88	1.06	83	83	82	0.98	13.1**	12.6**	13.7**	14.2**	13.7**	14.8**	2	
22	25	19	0.75	30	34	27	0.80	3.2**	...	...	4.0**	4.6**	3.4**	3
68**	67**	69**	1.02**	92**	92**	91**	0.99**	12.5**	...	...	12.0**	...	...	4
79**	83**	75**	0.90**	82	86	79	0.92	8.2**	9.4**	7.0**	9.6**	10.9**	8.2**	5	
...	...	...	...	60	60	60	1.00	...	...	...	13.1**	12.9**	13.2**	6
62	63	61	0.97	64**	63**	66**	1.04**	13.7**	13.0**	14.4**	12.5**	11.7**	13.3**	7	
75**	77**	74**	0.95**	79	79	78	0.99	13.2**	13.0**	13.3**	14.1**	13.9**	14.4**	8	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.2** ^Z	15.7** ^Z	16.8** ^Z	9
...	...	...	...	36**	37**	35**	0.95**	6.9**	...	...	7.5**	7.8**	7.2**	10
51	53	49	0.93	80	82	79	0.96	8.0**	8.9**	7.1**	9.9**	10.5**	9.2**	11	
70	69	70	1.01	53	53	54	1.02	...	...	...	11.5**	11.6**	11.3**	12
...	...	...	...	62	63	61	0.96	12.0	11.9	12.0	13.4	13.2	13.6	13
...	...	...	...	72**	74**	70**	0.95**	12.9**	12.2**	13.8**	12.7**	12.4**	13.4**	14
40	48	32	0.68	45**	47**	44**	0.95**	9.9**	10.1**	9.7**	9.9**	10.0**	9.7**	15	
...	...	...	...	38	41	35	0.84	4.7**	...	...	...	...	...	16
60	61	60	0.98	63	63	62	0.98	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
...	...	...	...	88	88	89	1.02	12.9**	13.0**	12.7**	13.7**	...	...	18
48	48	47	0.99	37	38	35	0.93	11.2**	10.7**	12.0**	10.3** ^Z	9.7** ^Z	11.2** ^Z	19	
26	31	21	0.68	...	...	...	...	7.7**	10.4**	4.8**	8.8**	11.0**	6.5**	20
Central and Eastern Europe															
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.1**	11.1**	11.0**	11.3 ^Z	11.2 ^Z	11.3 ^Z	21
76	77	76	0.99	85*	86*	85*	0.99*	13.5**	13.3**	13.8**	14.4	14.1	14.7	22	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
...	...	...	...	87 ^Y	87 ^Y	87 ^Y	1.01 ^Y	13.0	12.6	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.2	24
68	69	66	0.97	71 ^Z	73 ^Z	70 ^Z	0.95 ^Z	12.0	11.9	12.2	12.9 ^Z	12.7 ^Z	13.1 ^Z	25	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.5**	13.4**	13.5**	14.7	14.6	14.9	26
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.5	14.0	15.0	15.8	14.8	16.8	27
...	...	...	...	65**	67**	63**	0.94**	13.8**	13.6**	14.1**	15.0	14.6	15.4	28
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.7	12.9	14.4	15.4	14.4	16.3	29
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.1	13.6	14.6	15.6	14.9	16.4	30
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.0	14.4	15.6	31
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.8**	9.6**	10.0**	10.3	9.9	10.6	32
...	...	...	...	78 ^Y	78 ^Y	77 ^Y	0.99 ^Y	11.9	11.7	12.0	13.3	13.0	13.6	33
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.4**	12.8**	13.9**	34
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.3	13.3	13.4	...	...	...	35
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.1**	13.0**	13.3**	14.1	13.9	14.4	36
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.8**	14.4**	15.3**	16.6**	16.1**	17.2**	37
...	...	...	...	75 ^Y	76 ^Y	74 ^Y	0.98 ^Y	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.1	11.9	12.3	38
...	...	...	...	72**	74**	71**	0.96**	...	...	...	11.1	12.0	10.1	39
66	...	...	...	78*	78*	78*	1.00*	12.6**	12.4**	12.8**	13.7	13.5*	14.0*	40
Central Asia															
...	...	...	...	88	85	91	1.07	...	...	...	11.3	10.9	11.7	41
...	...	...	...	63	64	62	0.97	10.1	10.2	10.0	10.8	11.0	10.7	42
69	68**	69**	1.02**	90	90	90	1.00	11.6**	11.5**	11.6**	12.3	12.2	12.4	43	
...	...	...	...	67	69	65	0.95	12.0	11.8	12.2	14.7	14.3	15.1	44
58*	59*	58*	0.99*	60	61	59	0.95	11.5	11.4	11.7	12.4	12.1	12.7	45	
83	83	82	1.00	57	58	55	0.95	8.7**	7.8**	9.6**	11.6	10.8	12.5	46	
66	68	65	0.95	...	...	...	...	9.7**	10.5**	8.8**	10.7	11.7	9.7	47
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
...	...	...	...	85 ^Z	85** ^Z	85** ^Z	1.0** ^Z	...	...	...	11.4**	11.6**	11.2**	49
East Asia and the Pacific															
...	...	...	...	71	69	74	1.07	20.0**	19.8**	20.3**	20.3	20.2	20.4	50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.4**	13.1**	13.7**	13.8**	13.5**	14.2**	51
69**	70**	68**	0.97**	86	88	85	0.96	9.7** ^Z	10.5** ^Z	8.9**	52	
...	11.2**	11.3**	11.1**	53	
...	10.6**	10.5**	10.6**	10.0** ^Z	10.0** ^Z	10.0** ^Z	54	

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			1999	2004	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	
55	DPR Korea	6-15	Yes
56	Fiji	6-15	No	...	19	...	...	...	...	104	105	103	0.98
57	Indonesia	7-15	No	...	4877	...	...	...	...	118	121	116	0.96
58	Japan ⁴	6-15	Yes	...	1182**	...	...	...	...	98**	98**	98**	1.00**
59	Kiribati ⁵	6-15	No	3	3	109	106	113	1.06	126	124	127	1.02
60	Lao PDR	6-10	No	180	186	121	128	114	0.89	118	123	114	0.93
61	Macao, China	5-14	...	6	5	88	88	89	1.01	96	102	91	0.89
62	Malaysia	...	No	...	525 ^z	...	...	...	...	94 ^z	94 ^z	94 ^z	1.00 ^z
63	Marshall Islands ²	6-14	No	1	2** ^z	...	...	...	...	115** ^z	116** ^z	113** ^z	0.98** ^z
64	Micronesia	6-13	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	Myanmar	5-9	No	1226	1158**	112	111	113	1.02	117**	117**	116**	0.99**
66	Nauru ⁵	6-16	No	...	0.3Y	...	...	...	...	97Y	99Y	95Y	0.97Y
67	New Zealand ⁴	5-16	Yes	...	56**	...	...	...	...	100**	100**	99**	0.99**
68	Niue ⁵	5-16	...	0.05	0.02	105	79	137	1.73	70	47	100	2.11
69	Palau ^{2, 5}	6-17	Yes	0.4**	...	118**	120**	115**	0.96**	...	...	...	...
70	Papua New Guinea	6-14	No	154	152** ^z	105	109	100	0.92	95** ^z	101** ^z	90** ^z	0.89** ^z
71	Philippines ³	6-12	Yes	2551	2615	133	137	130	0.95	134	138	129	0.93
72	Republic of Korea ^{2, 4}	6-15	Yes	711	658	106	105	107	1.02	106	105	107	1.02
73	Samoa	5-14	No	5	6**	105	106	104	0.98	101**	101**	101**	1.00**
74	Singapore	6-16	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
75	Solomon Islands	...	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
76	Thailand	6-14	No	1037**	...	97**	101**	94**	0.93**	...	...	...	...
77	Timor-Leste	7-15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
78	Tokelau ⁷	...	...	...	0.03 ^z	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	Tonga	6-14	No	3	3	107	109	104	0.95	119	127	112	0.88
80	Tuvalu ⁵	7-14	No	0.2**	0.2**	89**	94**	83**	0.89**	93**	91**	96**	1.05**
81	Vanuatu	6-12	No	6**	7	109**	109**	109**	1.00**	121	124	118	0.96
82	Viet Nam ³	6-14	Yes	2035	1569	107	111	103	0.93	98	101	95	0.95
Latin America and the Caribbean													
83	Anguilla	5-17	...	0.2	0.2	...	...	...	...	101**	78**	134**	1.72**
84	Antigua and Barbuda	5-16	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	Argentina ^{2, 3}	5-15	Yes	781	762 ^z	112	111	112	1.00	110 ^z	110 ^z	110 ^z	1.00 ^z
86	Aruba ⁵	6-16	...	1	2	106	109	103	0.94	104	106	102	0.96
87	Bahamas	5-16	No	7	6	117	122	111	0.91	92	94	89	0.95
88	Barbados	4-16	Yes	4	4	110	110	109	0.99	110	111	109	0.97
89	Belize	5-14	Yes	8	8	129	130	127	0.98	115	115	115	1.00
90	Bermuda	5-16	...	...	0.8Y	...	...	...	...	101Y	...	...	...
91	Bolivia ³	6-13	Yes	282	278**	124	124	125	1.01	120**	119**	120**	1.01**
92	Brazil ³	7-14	Yes	...	3964 ^z	...	...	...	...	117 ^z	...	...	...
93	British Virgin Islands ⁵	5-16	...	0.4	0.4	106	109	103	0.95	105	113	98	0.87
94	Cayman Islands	5-16	...	0.6	1	...	...	...	...	86**	88**	83**	0.94**
95	Chile ²	6-14	Yes	284	260	95	95	94	0.99	98	99	97	0.98
96	Colombia ^{2, 3}	5-15	No	1267	1168	134	137	131	0.96	123	126	120	0.95
97	Costa Rica ³	6-15	Yes	87	87	104	104	105	1.01	107	108	107	0.99
98	Cuba	6-14	Yes	164	147	100	103	97	0.95	104	105	103	0.98
99	Dominica ⁵	5-16	No	2	1	111	118	104	0.88	74	75	74	0.98
100	Dominican Republic ³	5-13	Yes	267	212	138	143	133	0.93	111	118	104	0.88
101	Ecuador ³	5-14	Yes	374	388	134	134	134	1.00	135	136	134	0.99
102	El Salvador ³	4-15	Yes	196**	207	132**	136**	128**	0.94**	132	134	129	0.96
103	Grenada ⁵	5-16	No	2	2 ^z	117	119	115	0.97	96 ^z	97 ^z	94 ^z	0.97 ^z
104	Guatemala	7-15	Yes	425	452	132	136	128	0.94	127	129	125	0.97
105	Guyana ³	6-15	Yes	18	21**	123	120	126	1.05	140**	140**	140**	1.00**
106	Haiti	6-11	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
107	Honduras ^{2, 3}	6-13	Yes	...	243	...	...	...	...	128	129	127	0.99
108	Jamaica	6-11	No	...	53	...	...	...	...	92	93	92	0.99
109	Mexico ³	6-15	Yes	2509	2362	109	109	109	0.99	106	106	105	0.99
110	Montserrat ⁵	5-14	...	0.1	0.1	...	...	...	...	104	95	117	1.23
111	Netherlands Antilles	6-15	...	4**	3** ^z	116**	114**	119**	1.05**	112** ^z	109** ^z	115** ^z	1.06** ^z
112	Nicaragua ³	6-16	Yes	203	200	147	150	143	0.95	140	144	135	0.94
113	Panama ³	6-11	Yes	69	79	112	113	111	0.99	119	121	118	0.97

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Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
...	...	...	...	71	71	71	0.99	...	...	...	13.3**	13.1**	13.5**	56
...	...	...	...	40	41	39	0.94	...	...	...	11.7	11.9	11.5	57
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.4**	14.6**	14.3**	14.8**	15.0**	14.7**	58
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.7	11.2	12.2	12.6*	12.0*	13.2*	59
55	56	54	0.96	61	61	61	1.00	8.4**	9.4**	7.4**	9.3**	10.2**	8.3**	60
63	60	65	1.07	76	79	72	0.91	12.1**	12.4**	11.9**	15.3	16.4	14.4	61
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.3**	12.1**	12.4**	12.9z	12.3z	13.5z	62
...	...	...	...	65**y	62**y	67**y	1.08**y	...	...	...	13.0**z	13.0**z	12.9**z	63
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
77**	...	...	...	98z	97z	98z	1.01z	...	...	...	7.3**y	...	...	65
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.9**z	7.8**z	8.0**z	66
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.7**	16.9**	18.5**	18.2	17.3	19.0	67
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.9	11.5	12.4	11.1	10.8	11.6	68
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.0**	6.3**	5.6**	...	...	...	70
47**	48**	45**	0.95**	49	47	52	1.11	11.6**	11.4**	11.9**	12.0**	11.7**	12.4**	71
99	98	100	1.02	95**	94**	96**	1.03**	15.0**	15.8**	14.1**	16.2	17.2	15.2	72
77	77	77	1.00	...	...	...	...	12.3**	12.1**	12.5**	...	...	...	73
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.1	7.5	6.6	8.0**z	8.4**z	7.5**z	75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.4**	12.3**	12.4**	76
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.2**y	...	...	77
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
50	51	49	0.95	...	...	...	...	13.3**	13.0**	13.5**	13.4**	13.3**	13.6**	79
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
...	...	...	...	56	57	55	0.97	9.1**	...	...	10.5**	10.9**	10.1**	81
80	...	...	...	82**y	...	...	...	10.3**	10.7**	9.8**	10.5**	10.9**	10.1**	82
Latin America and the Caribbean														
...	...	...	...	72**	57**	93**	1.63**	...	...	...	11.9**	11.8**	12.3**	83
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
...	...	...	...	91z	91z	91z	1.00z	15.1**	14.4**	15.9**	15.4z	14.5z	16.2z	85
88	89	86	0.98	84	86	81	0.94	13.3**	13.2**	13.4**	13.4	13.3	13.5	86
84	85	83	0.97	62	62	61	0.99	13.3	13.5	13.0	11.0	10.9	11.2	87
85**	86**	85**	0.99**	94	94	94	1.00	14.0**	13.4**	14.6**	...	...	...	88
79**	80**	77**	0.96**	67	68	66	0.97	...	...	...	13.3**	13.3**	13.3**	89
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.3**y	...	...	90
69**	68**	69**	1.03**	71**	71**	71**	1.01**	13.5**	...	...	14.3**	...	...	91
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.2**	13.9**	14.4**	14.0z	13.6z	14.3z	92
73**	70**	76**	1.09**	67**	70**	64**	0.92**	15.8**	15.0**	16.7**	15.9**	14.6**	17.1**	93
...	...	...	...	58	60	56	0.94	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.8**	12.9**	12.7**	13.7**	13.9**	13.5**	95
58**	60**	57**	0.96**	...	...	...	...	11.1**	10.8**	11.4**	11.5**	11.3**	11.8**	96
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.3**	10.2**	10.4**	10.7**z	...	...	97
97**	100**	95**	0.95**	99	100	98	0.98	12.3**	12.1**	12.4**	14.4**	14.4**	14.3**	98
80	83	78	0.94	46	46	46	1.01	12.3**	11.7**	13.0**	13.4**	13.2**	13.6**	99
60	60	60	1.00	59**z	62**z	57**z	0.9**z	...	...	...	12.5**	11.9**	13.2**	100
84	83	84	1.01	85	85	85	1.01	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
...	...	...	...	59**	59**	59**	1.00**	10.7**	10.9**	10.6**	11.5**	11.6**	11.5**	102
74**	74**	74**	1.00**	61**z	60**z	61**z	1.00**z	...	...	...	12.1**	11.8**	12.3**	103
57	59	54	0.92	69	70	68	0.97	...	...	...	9.3**z	9.9**z	8.8**z	104
90**	88**	91**	1.04**	99**z	100**z	98**z	0.98**z	...	...	...	12.5**z	...	...	105
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
...	...	...	...	60	59	61	1.03	...	...	...	11.0**	10.5**	11.5**	107
...	...	...	...	74**	73**	76**	1.04**	...	...	...	11.5**z	11.0**z	12.0**z	108
87	87	87	1.00	89z	89z	89z	1.00z	11.6**	11.7**	11.5**	12.6	12.5	12.7	109
...	...	...	...	63	54	73	1.36	...	...	...	13.6	13.5	13.7	110
80**	75**	84**	1.12**	75**y	67**y	82**y	1.22**y	15.3**	15.0**	15.6**	14.3y	13.8y	14.7y	111
41	42	40	0.95	38	39	36	0.93	10.8**z	10.6**z	11.0**z	112
84**	84**	84**	1.00**	88**	87**	89**	1.02**	12.6**	12.1**	13.1**	13.4**	12.8**	14.0**	113

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			School year ending in		1999				2004				
			1999	2004	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	
114	Paraguay ³	6-14	Yes	179**	164**	122**	125**	120**	0.96**	107**	109**	106**	0.97**
115	Peru ³	6-16	Yes	676	639	111	111	111	1.00	105	105	106	1.01
116	Saint Kitts and Nevis ⁵	5-16	No	...	1	...	...	...	...	100	99	101	1.02
117	Saint Lucia	5-16	No	4**	3	98**	99**	96**	0.97**	101	103	98	0.95
118	St Vincent/Grenad.	5-15	No	...	2	...	...	...	...	92	94	89	0.94
119	Suriname ³	6-11	Yes	...	10** ^z	...	...	...	...	104** ^z	109** ^z	98** ^z	0.90** ^z
120	Trinidad and Tobago ²⁻³	5-12	Yes	20	17*	98	99	97	0.98	96*	97*	96*	0.98*
121	Turks and Caicos Islands ³	4-16	...	0.3**	0.3	...	...	...	...	89	86	93	1.09
122	Uruguay ³	6-15	Yes	60	60**	107	107	107	1.00	106**	106**	106**	1.00**
123	Venezuela ³	6-15	Yes	537	556	98	99	97	0.98	101	103	100	0.97
North America and Western Europe													
124	Andorra ²	6-16	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	110**	108**	112**	1.04**
125	Austria ²⁻⁴	6-15	Yes	100	89**	106	107	104	0.98	105**	105**	105**	1.00**
126	Belgium ⁴	6-18	Yes	...	120**	...	...	...	...	103**	103**	104**	1.01**
127	Canada	6-16	Yes	...	387** ^y	...	...	...	...	97** ^y	97** ^y	96** ^y	0.99** ^y
128	Cyprus ²⁻⁵	6-15	Yes	...	10	...	...	...	...	100	100	101	1.01
129	Denmark	7-16	Yes	66	69	100	100	100	1.00	98	98	99	1.01
130	Finland	7-16	Yes	65	61	100	101	100	1.00	98	98	97	0.99
131	France	6-16	Yes	736	...	102	103**	101**	0.98**	...	...	...	...
132	Germany	6-18	Yes	869	844	100	101	100	1.00	105	105	105	1.00
133	Greece ²	6-15	Yes	...	109**	...	...	...	...	102**	103**	102**	0.99**
134	Iceland	6-16	Yes	4	4**	99	101	97	0.96	99**	102**	96**	0.94**
135	Ireland	6-15	Yes	51	56	99	100	98	0.98	101	102	101	0.99
136	Israel ³	5-15	Yes	...	123	...	...	...	...	101	99	102	1.03
137	Italy ²	6-16	Yes	558	557	100	101	99	0.99	103	103	103	1.00
138	Luxembourg	6-15	Yes	5	6	97	...	...	...	101	101	101	1.00
139	Malta ²	5-16	Yes	5	5	102	102	101	0.99	97	96	98	1.01
140	Monaco ²	6-16	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
141	Netherlands ²⁻⁴	6-17	Yes	199	197	100	101	99	0.99	100	100	99	0.99
142	Norway	6-16	Yes	61	61	99	100	99	0.98	98	98	98	1.00
143	Portugal ²	6-15	Yes	...	107**	...	...	...	...	97**	97**	97**	1.01**
144	San Marino ²	6-16	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
145	Spain	6-16	Yes	403**	391**	106**	106**	105**	0.99**	100**	101**	100**	0.99**
146	Sweden	7-16	Yes	127	97**	104	105	103	0.98	93**	92**	93**	1.01**
147	Switzerland	7-15	Yes	82	77	96	94	98	1.04	91	89	94	1.05
148	United Kingdom	5-16	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
149	United States	6-17	No	4 235	4 010**	102	105	100	0.95	99**	100**	99**	0.99**
South and West Asia													
150	Afghanistan	7-12	...	...	1 563	...	...	...	...	180	226	131	0.58
151	Bangladesh	6-10	Yes	4 005	4 318	121	122	119	0.98	130	129	131	1.02
152	Bhutan ³⁻⁸	6-16	Yes	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
153	India ³	6-14	Yes	29 639	31 813	127	138	115	0.83	135	139	130	0.94
154	Iran, Islamic Republic of	6-10	Yes	1 563	1 374	90	91	90	0.99	110	102	118	1.15
155	Maldives	6-12	No	8	7**	93	93	94	1.01	83**	83**	83**	1.00**
156	Nepal	6-10	Yes	...	794	...	...	...	...	110	115	105	0.91
157	Pakistan	5-9	No	...	4 422*	...	...	...	...	111*	126*	95*	0.76*
158	Sri Lanka ²	5-14	Yes	...	303**	...	...	...	...	93**	90**	96**	1.06**
Sub-Saharan Africa													
159	Angola ²⁻³	6-14	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	Benin	6-11	No	...	247	...	...	...	...	103	112	94	0.84
161	Botswana	6-15	Yes	50	47	111	112	110	0.99	105	108	102	0.94
162	Burkina Faso	6-15	No	154	272	45	53	38	0.72	71	76	66	0.87
163	Burundi	7-12	No	146**	189	72**	79**	65**	0.83**	91	95	86	0.91
164	Cameroon	6-11	No	335**	474	79**	87**	71**	0.81**	108	115	100	0.87
165	Cape Verde ²	6-16	No	13**	11	101**	102**	100**	0.98**	90	90	89	0.99
166	Central African Republic	6-15	No	...	71* ^y	...	...	...	...	64* ^y	75* ^y	52* ^y	0.69* ^y
167	Chad ²⁻³	6-14	Yes	175	242**	72	84	59	0.70	84**	98**	70**	0.71**
168	Comoros ²	6-14	No	13	15	70	76	64	0.84	70	74	66	0.89

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School year ending in								School year ending in					
1999				2004				1999			2004		
Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.1**	11.1**	11.1**	11.5** ^Z	11.4** ^Z	11.6** ^Z
79	79	80	1.00	76	76	76	1.01	...	...	...	13.7**	13.5**	14.0**
...	...	...	...	66**	66**	67**	1.00**	...	...	...	13.4**	13.2**	13.7**
69**	69**	68**	0.99**	71** ^Z	72** ^Z	70** ^Z	0.97** ^Z	...	...	...	12.9**	12.2**	13.6**
...	...	...	...	62** ^Z	62** ^Z	62** ^Z	1.00** ^Z	...	...	...	11.7**	11.8**	11.6**
...	...	...	...	71** ^Z	71** ^Z	71** ^Z	1.00** ^Z	...	...	...	12.2** ^Y	11.3** ^Y	13.2** ^Y
69	69	70	1.01	68*	68*	68*	1.00*	11.9**	11.7**	12.1**	12.3**	12.1**	12.5**
...	...	...	...	55	50	59	1.17	...	...	...	12.4**	11.4**	13.3**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.9**	13.1**	14.8**	15.2** ^Z	13.9** ^Z	16.2** ^Z
60**	60**	61**	1.01**	63	63	64	1.00	...	...	...	11.7** ^Z	11.5** ^Z	12.0** ^Z
North America and Western Europe													
...	...	...	...	54**	53**	56**	1.05**	...	...	...	11.3**	11.3**	11.3**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.2**	15.3**	15.2**	15.3	15.2	15.5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.8**	17.4**	18.2**	16.0**	15.8**	16.2**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.0**	15.7**	16.3**	15.7** ^Y	15.3** ^Y	16.2** ^Y
...	...	...	...	91 ^Y	90 ^Y	92 ^Y	1.02 ^Y	12.5	12.4	12.7	13.6	13.5	13.6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.1**	15.6**	16.6**	16.7	16.0	17.3
...	...	...	...	93**	92**	93**	1.01**	17.4**	16.7**	18.2**	17.0	16.5	17.6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.7**	15.4**	16.0**	15.8	15.4	16.1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.1**	16.2**	15.9**	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	96**	96**	96**	1.00**	13.8**	13.5**	14.1**	15.8	15.5	16.2
...	...	...	...	97**	100**	94**	0.94**	16.7**	16.1**	17.3**	18.3**	17.3**	19.3**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.4**	15.9**	16.8**	17.8	17.6	18.1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.0**	14.6**	15.4**	15.4	15.0	15.8
...	...	...	...	95 ^Z	96 ^Z	95 ^Z	1.00 ^Z	14.9**	14.6**	15.1**	15.9	15.6	16.3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.1**	13.1**	13.2**	13.5**	13.4**	13.7**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.8	14.9	14.7
...
...	...	...	...	98 ^Z	98 ^Z	97 ^Z	0.98 ^Z	16.5**	16.8**	16.3**	16.5	16.6	16.4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.5**	16.9**	16.9**	17.7	16.9	18.4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.7**	15.4**	16.1**	15.2	14.7	15.7
...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.9	15.5	16.2	16.2	15.8	16.7
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19.1**	17.5**	20.7**	16.0	15.1	16.9
...	...	...	...	55 ^Z	55 ^Z	56 ^Z	1.01 ^Z	15.1**	15.7**	14.5**	15.2	15.6	14.8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.0**	19.3**	20.7**	16.6	16.1	17.1
...	...	...	...	70**	68**	72**	1.05**	15.9**	...	...	15.8**	15.2**	16.5**
South and West Asia													
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.7**	9.4**	3.8**
91	91	91	1.00	96** ^Z	96** ^Z	97** ^Z	1.01** ^Z	9.2**	9.3**	9.1**	9.2 ^Z	9.0 ^Z	9.3 ^Z
...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.1**	10.9**	9.4**
44**	44**	43**	0.97**	90	90	90	0.99	11.5**	12.1**	10.9**	12.5**	12.7**	12.2**
80**	79**	80**	1.01**	70 ^Y	70 ^Y	70 ^Y	1.00 ^Y	11.8**	11.7**	11.9**	11.2**	11.1**	11.4**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.9** ^Z	8.8** ^Z	8.0** ^Z
...	...	...	...	88*	100*	76*	0.76*	...	...	...	6.2**	7.1**	5.2**
...	...	...	...	90**	87**	92**	1.06**	...	...	...	6.5**	7.3**	5.6**
Sub-Saharan Africa													
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.7**	4.0**	3.4**	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	48	52	44	0.84	6.3**	7.9**	4.8**	...	...	...
22	20	24	1.20	...	...	...	...	11.2**	11.1**	11.3**	11.9**	11.6**	12.2**
19	23	16	0.71	26	29	24	0.85	3.5**	4.2**	2.8**	4.1**	4.7**	3.5**
...	...	...	...	35	37	34	0.91	...	...	...	5.9**	6.6**	5.3**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.7**	...	...	10.6**	11.9**	9.4**
65**	64**	66**	1.03**	70	69	70	1.01	11.0**	11.0**	11.0**
...
22	25	18	0.71	29 ^Y	33 ^Y	24 ^Y	0.73 ^Y
16	18**	13**	0.70**	6.5**	7.1**	5.9**	8.0**	8.7**	7.3**

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			1999	2004	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	
169	Congo ³	6-15	Yes	...	78	65	66	63	0.95
170	Côte d'Ivoire	6-15	No	309	354 ^{*,z}	65	72	58	0.80	72 ^{*,z}	75 ^{*,z}	68 ^{*,z}	0.91 ^{*,z}
171	D. R. Congo ³	6-13	Yes	767	...	51	49	52	1.07	...	...	...	...
172	Equatorial Guinea	7-11	Yes	33	16 ^y	269	313	225	0.72	123 ^y	137 ^y	110 ^y	0.80 ^y
173	Eritrea	7-13	No	57	69	59	65	52	0.81	58	63	52	0.82
174	Ethiopia	7-12	No	1537	3143	78	93	63	0.69	141	148	135	0.91
175	Gabon	6-16	No	...	35 ^{**,z}	...	...	...	...	94 ^{**,z}	94 ^{**,z}	94 ^{**,z}	1.00 ^{**,z}
176	Gambia	...	Yes	28	31	83	85	80	0.94	81	79	83	1.04
177	Ghana ^{2,3}	6-15	Yes	469	538	86	88	84	0.96	95	94	96	1.02
178	Guinea	6-12	No	119	215	51	55	45	0.82	83	87	79	0.92
179	Guinea-Bissau ³	7-12	Yes	36 ^{**}	...	93 ^{**}	110 ^{**}	76 ^{**}	0.69^{**}	...	...	...	...
180	Kenya ³	6-13	Yes	892	1169 [*]	103	105	102	0.97	124 [*]	127 [*]	121 [*]	0.95 [*]
181	Lesotho	6-12	No	51	62	106	106	107	1.01	137	144	131	0.91
182	Liberia ²	6-16	No	50	...	59	72	46	0.63	...	...	...	...
183	Madagascar ³	6-14	Yes	495	897	107	108	106	0.98	166	168	164	0.97
184	Malawi	6-13	Yes	616	712	177	176	178	1.01	171	164	178	1.08
185	Mali ³	7-15	Yes	173 ^{**}	254	51 ^{**}	58 ^{**}	44 ^{**}	0.77 ^{**}	64	69	58	0.85
186	Mauritius ³	...	Yes	22	20	98	96	99	1.04	102	102	102	1.00
187	Mozambique	6-12	No	536	771	102	110	93	0.85	134	138	129	0.94
188	Namibia ³	6-15	Yes	54	58 ^{**,z}	92	90	93	1.03	99 ^{**,z}	99 ^{**,z}	99 ^{**,z}	0.99 ^{**,z}
189	Niger ³	7-12	Yes	133	242	40	46	33	0.71	59	68	51	0.75
190	Nigeria ³	6-11	Yes	...	4210^{**}	...	...	...	...	112 ^{**}	120 ^{**}	103 ^{**}	0.86 ^{**}
191	Rwanda ³	6-12	Yes	295	456	134	119	148	1.25	183	183	183	1.00
192	Sao Tome and Principe	7-12	Yes	4	5	109	110	108	0.98	116	116	117	1.01
193	Senegal	7-12	Yes	190	284	64	66 ^{**}	63 ^{**}	0.96 ^{**}	90	89	91	1.03
194	Seychelles ⁵	6-15	Yes	2	1	117	116	118	1.02	116	119	113	0.94
195	Sierra Leone	...	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
196	Somalia	6-13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
197	South Africa	7-15	No	1157	1188 ^z	114	115	112	0.98	115 ^z	118 ^z	112 ^z	0.94 ^z
198	Swaziland	6-12	No	31	31 ^z	100	102	98	0.96	107 ^z	110 ^z	104 ^z	0.94 ^z
199	Togo	6-15	No	139	149	91	97	86	0.88	86	90	82	0.91
200	Uganda	...	No	...	1550	...	...	...	...	163	164	163	1.00
201	United Republic of Tanzania ³	7-13	Yes	714	1342	72	72	72	0.99	125	125	124	0.99
202	Zambia	7-13	No	252	380	78	77	78	1.01	110	110	110	1.00
203	Zimbabwe	6-12	No	398	417 ^z	110	111	108	0.97	120 ^z	122 ^z	118 ^z	0.97 ^z

			Sum	Sum	Weighted average							
I	World	...	130129	134132	106	110	101	0.92	111	115	108	0.94
II	Countries in transition	...	4232	3376	94	94	94	0.99	100	101	100	0.99
III	Developed countries	...	12288	11622	101	103	100	0.98	101	101	101	1.00
IV	Developing countries	...	113609	119134	107	112	101	0.91	113	116	109	0.94
V	Arab States	...	6186	6747	89	92	85	0.92	94	97	92	0.94
VI	Central and Eastern Europe	...	5479	4612	94	96	93	0.97	98	99	97	0.98
VII	Central Asia	...	1785	1529	101	101	100	1.00	102	103	102	0.99
VIII	East Asia and the Pacific	...	38021	33761	105	105	104	0.99	102	103	101	0.98
IX	East Asia	...	37460	33179	105	106	105	0.99	102	103	101	0.98
X	Pacific	...	561	582	102	103	101	0.98	106	108	104	0.96
XI	Latin America/Caribbean	...	13159	12813	119	122	116	0.95	115	118	113	0.96
XII	Caribbean	...	565	548	164	162	166	1.02	162	161	164	1.02
XIII	Latin America	...	12595	12265	117	121	114	0.94	114	116	111	0.96
XIV	N. America/W. Europe	...	9243	8852	102	104	101	0.97	101	101	101	0.99
XV	South and West Asia	...	40273	44892	118	128	107	0.84	131	138	125	0.90
XVI	Sub-Saharan Africa	...	15982	20924	88	94	82	0.88	105	109	101	0.92

1. Source: Tomasevsky (2003).

2. Information on compulsory education comes from the Reports under the United Nations Human Rights Treaties.

3. Some primary school fees continue to be charged despite the legal guarantee of free education (World Bank, 2002; Bentaouet-Kattan, 2005).

4. No tuition fees are charged but some direct costs have been reported (World Bank, 2002; Bentaouet-Kattan, 2005).

5. National population data were used to calculate enrolment ratios.

6. Children can enter primary school at age 6 or 7.

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School year ending in								School year ending in					
1999				2004				1999			2004		
Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	GPI (F/M)	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.7** ^Z	8.5** ^Z	7.0** ^Z
27	30	24	0.79	27* ^Z	28* ^Z	26* ^Z	0.94* ^Z	6.2**	7.4**	4.9**	...	...	...
23	22	24	1.09	...	...	...	...	4.3**	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	49 ^Y	62 ^Y	36 ^Y	0.58 ^Y	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	20	17	0.89	25	26	23	0.87	4.5**	5.1**	3.9**	5.6**	6.7**	4.5**
20	23	18	0.80	31	33	30	0.92	3.8**	4.8**	2.9**	5.6**	6.6**	4.6**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.9**	12.3**	11.5**	...	...	...
48**	49**	47**	0.96**	...	...	...	...	7.0**	7.8**	6.1**	7.8**	8.0**	7.7**
29**	29**	29**	1.00**	29**	29**	30**	1.03****	...	...	...	8.3**	8.7**	7.9**
19	20	18	0.89	35	36	35	0.97	...	...	...	6.9	8.1	5.6
...
30**	29**	31**	1.05**	42** ^Z	41** ^Z	43** ^Z	1.05** ^Z	...	...	...	9.9**	10.2**	9.5**
28	27	29	1.06	61**	61**	62**	1.01**	9.3	8.8	9.8	10.9** ^Z	10.6** ^Z	11.2** ^Z
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.1**	9.6**	6.5**	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	47** ^Z	46** ^Z	48** ^Z	1.05** ^Z	6.1**	6.2**	5.9**	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.1**	11.8**	10.4**	9.6**	9.8**	9.5**
...	...	...	...	23	26	21	0.82	4.0**	...	...	5.4**	6.3**	4.5**
72	71	74	1.03	81	81	81	1.00	12.1**	12.2**	12.0**	13.5**	13.6**	13.3**
18	18	17	0.93	30**	29**	30**	1.01**	5.4**	...	...	7.6**	8.4**	6.8**
52**	51**	54**	1.07**	55** ^Z	54** ^Z	57** ^Z	1.06** ^Z	...	...	...	10.9** ^Z	10.8** ^Z	11.1** ^Z
25	30	20	0.68	37	43	31	0.72	...	...	...	3.2**	3.8**	2.6**
...	...	...	...	69**	74**	64**	0.86**	...	...	...	8.8**	9.7**	7.9**
...	...	...	...	91**	90**	92**	1.03**	6.8**	...	...	8.2**	8.3**	8.2**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.6**	8.4**	6.9**	10.1	10.2	10.1
36	36**	35**	0.96**	58	57	59	1.02	5.0**	...	...	6.2**	...	...
75	74	77	1.03	69 ^Z	67 ^Z	72 ^Z	1.06 ^Z	14.0	13.9	14.2	12.8**	12.4**	13.2**
...
...
43	44	42	0.96	44 ^Z	45 ^Z	43 ^Z	0.97 ^Z	13.3**	13.1**	13.5**	13.0** ^Z	12.7** ^Z	13.0** ^Z
42	41	44	1.06	47 ^Z	46 ^Z	47 ^Z	1.01 ^Z	9.8**	10.1**	9.5**	9.4** ^Z	9.6** ^Z	9.2** ^Z
37	40	35	0.87	39	41	37	0.90	9.1**	11.1**	7.1**	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	64	63	65	1.03	10.1**	10.8**	9.5**	10.4**	10.7**	10.2**
14	13	15	1.16	90	89	90	1.02	5.1**	5.2**	5.1**	...	...	...
35	33	36	1.07	39	38	41	1.06	6.5**	6.9**	6.1**	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	45 ^Z	45 ^Z	46 ^Z	1.03 ^Z	9.7**	...	...	9.1** ^Z	9.3** ^Z	8.9** ^Z

Median								Weighted average					
...	...	...	...	67	70	64	0.92	9.9	10.3	9.4	10.7	11.0	10.4
...	...	...	...	81	81	81	1.00	11.9	11.8	12.0	12.7	12.5	12.9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.8	15.5	16.1	15.7	15.4	16.1
...	...	...	...	64	63	65	1.03	9.1	9.7	8.5	10.1	10.5	9.7
62	63	61	0.97	63	63	64	1.01	9.6	10.3	8.9	10.3	10.8	9.7
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.9	12.9	12.8
...	...	...	...	67	69	65	0.95	10.9	11.1	10.8	11.7	11.8	11.6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.5	10.6	10.3	11.5	11.6	11.5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.4	10.6	10.2	11.5	11.6	11.4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.5	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7
79	80	78	0.98	69	69	68	0.98	12.5	12.4	12.6	13.0	12.8	13.2
80	75	84	1.12	67	70	64	0.92	11.0	11.1	10.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
69	68	69	1.03	71	71	71	1.01	12.6	12.4	12.7	13.0	12.8	13.2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.2	15.8	16.6	15.9	15.5	16.4
...	...	...	...	90	87	92	1.06	8.3	9.3	7.2	9.6	10.3	8.8
28	27	29	1.06	45	45	45	1.00	6.5	7.2	5.8	7.6	8.3	6.9

7. Enrolment ratios were not calculated due to lack of United Nations population data by age.
8. Enrolment ratios were not calculated due to inconsistencies between enrolment and the United Nations population data.

Data in bold are for the school year ending in 2005.
(z) Data are for the school year ending in 2003.
(y) Data are for the school year ending in 2002.