

## EDUCATION: The governments of the world agreed on...

"Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free... Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding [and] tolerance..."

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 26, 1948.

"To ensure that [by 2015] children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling and that girls and boys will have equal access to all levels of education."

Millennium Declaration, Paragraph 19, 2000.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to universal education is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 26      CEDAW - Art. 5, 10 & 14  
CERD - Art. 5      CRC - Art. 28 & 29  
CESCR - Art. 13 & 14

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Education is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goal 2  
World Summit for Social Development - Commitment 1  
Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

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—	Afghanistan	—													1.1	
●	Albania	76	94.8	98.6	→	95.1	95.6 <sup>R</sup>			69.7 <sup>N</sup>	73.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	6.9	16.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Algeria	69	77.3	92.0	→	88.8	97.1	→	96.2	53.4	66.2	→	11.3	19.6	→	
●	Andorra	—				90.0 <sup>D</sup>	88.5	←		68.9 <sup>D</sup>	71.4	→	7.5 <sup>D</sup>	9.4	→	
—	Angola	—				50.3	52.8 <sup>M</sup>	→					0.7	0.9 <sup>R</sup>		
●	Argentina	53	98.2	98.7			100.0 <sup>N</sup>		92.2 <sup>P</sup>	73.9 <sup>M</sup>	80.8 <sup>Q</sup>	→	38.1	61.1 <sup>Q</sup>	→	
●	Armenia	51	99.5	99.8		81.3 <sup>D</sup>	96.8	→		84.7 <sup>D</sup>	88.7	→	23.7 <sup>N</sup>	26.2	→	
●	Aruba	—				97.8 <sup>N</sup>	97.7		96.3	79.3 <sup>N</sup>	74.3	←	26.3 <sup>N</sup>	28.6	→	
●	Australia	28				99.1	94.8 <sup>R</sup>	←	98.7 <sup>Q</sup>	79.3	85.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	39.2	74.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	
—	Austria	6				87.7				88.8 <sup>D</sup>	89.2 <sup>R</sup>		34.0	48.7 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Azerbaijan	103				88.8	83.8	←		73.2 <sup>N</sup>	76.7 <sup>R</sup>	→	23.6	14.8	←	
●	Bahamas	60	96.5	97.5		89.7	83.7	←		77.1 <sup>Q</sup>	73.8	←				
●	Bahrain	25	95.6	99.0	→	99.0	96.8		99.8	85.0	89.9	→	17.6	34.4	→	
○	Bangladesh	159	42.0	51.5	→				52.6 <sup>Q</sup>	42.7 <sup>M</sup>	48.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	5.8 <sup>N</sup>	6.5 <sup>R</sup>		
●	Barbados	37	99.8	99.8		80.1	99.6	→	96.8	88.2 <sup>N</sup>	95.1	→	27.2	37.7 <sup>P</sup>	→	
●	Belarus	37	99.8	99.8		86.2	95.3	→		79.1 <sup>P</sup>	87.3	→	50.2	60.5	→	
●	Belgium	6				96.2	99.9 <sup>R</sup>	→		86.7	96.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	39.3	60.7 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Belize	89	96.0	98.6		94.0	99.4	→	91.0 <sup>D</sup>	30.7	71.4	→		2.6		
○	Benin	126	40.4	59.0	→	41.0	82.6	→	69.4	15.9 <sup>N</sup>	17.1 <sup>P</sup>	→	2.4	3.0 <sup>P</sup>		
●	Bermuda	—							96.3 <sup>P</sup>		86.1 <sup>Q</sup>			62.3 <sup>D</sup>		
—	Bhutan	139							91.0 <sup>D</sup>							
●	Bolivia	110	92.6	97.0	→	95.9 <sup>M</sup>	95.3		86.4	67.7 <sup>P</sup>	73.6	→	21.5	40.6	→	
●	Botswana	88	83.3	90.4	→	83.4	82.0 <sup>R</sup>		89.3 <sup>D</sup>	35.0	59.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	3.7	6.2		
●	Brazil	82	91.8	96.1	→	84.7	97.3 <sup>Q</sup>	→	83.0 <sup>AD</sup>	17.4	74.5 <sup>Q</sup>	→	11.3	20.1 <sup>Q</sup>	→	
—	British Virgin Islands	—				95.6 <sup>N</sup>	94.7			79.8 <sup>N</sup>	79.5					
●	Brunei Darussalam	47	97.9	99.6		92.0			93.0 <sup>D</sup>	71.0			9.7 <sup>N</sup>	14.7 <sup>T</sup>	→	
●	Bulgaria	41	99.4	99.7		86.1	94.2 <sup>R</sup>	→		63.3	88.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	31.1	40.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Burkina Faso	132	24.9	40.3	→	29.2	40.5	→	75.8	9.1 <sup>N</sup>	9.5		0.7	1.5 <sup>R</sup>		
○	Burundi	156	51.6	69.4	→	52.9	57.0	→	63.0		8.3		0.7	2.3		
●	Cambodia	153	73.5	81.9	→	69.3	98.0	→	59.7	16.1 <sup>M</sup>	24.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	0.7	2.9		
○	Cameroon	134	81.1	92.8	→	73.6			63.7 <sup>Q</sup>				3.2	5.3		
●	Canada	28				97.7	99.5 <sup>P</sup>			88.8	94.1 <sup>N</sup>	→	95.2	57.2 <sup>Q</sup>	←	
●	Cape Verde	89	81.5	90.7	→	91.1	91.8		91.2	54.1 <sup>Q</sup>	55.0	→	3.4 <sup>Q</sup>	5.6	→	
●	Cayman Islands	—				97.4 <sup>D</sup>	87.2	←	93.4 <sup>N</sup>	88.9 <sup>D</sup>	90.9	→		18.8 <sup>P</sup>		
—	Central African Republic	—	52.1	74.0	→	51.9							1.5	1.8 <sup>D</sup>		
○	Chad	162	48.0	74.4	→	34.7	56.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	45.8	7.1 <sup>N</sup>	10.8 <sup>R</sup>	→		0.8 <sup>P</sup>		
●	Chile	22	98.1	99.2		89.3	85.9 <sup>R</sup>	←	99.2 <sup>D</sup>	55.4	77.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	21.3	43.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	China	81	95.3	98.6	→	97.4			99.0 <sup>D</sup>				3.0	15.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	

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○	Colombia	93	94.9	97.6	▬	68.6	83.2	→	77.5	34.4	54.9	→	14.0	26.9	→
○	Comoros	129	56.7	59.5	▬	56.7	55.1 <sup>O</sup>	▬	62.7				1.0 <sup>N</sup>	2.3	→
—	Congo, Dem. Rep.	—	68.9	86.4	→	54.1						2.3	1.3 <sup>N</sup>	▬	
—	Congo, Rep.	—	92.5	98.5	→	79.4						4.7	3.7 <sup>R</sup>	▬	
○	Cook Islands	105					84.8 <sup>N</sup>		51.5 <sup>M</sup>	60.1 <sup>M</sup>	57.2 <sup>O</sup>	←			
●	Costa Rica	54	97.4	98.6	▬	87.5	91.8	→	92.4	37.8	50.2	→	27.9	19.0 <sup>R</sup>	←
○	Côte d'Ivoire	133	52.6	66.3	→	44.7	56.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	69.1 <sup>N</sup>	17.7 <sup>N</sup>	20.0 <sup>O</sup>	→		6.5 <sup>N</sup>	
○	Croatia	33	99.6	99.8	▬	78.8	87.3 <sup>R</sup>	→		63.2	85.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	23.9	38.7 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Cuba	28	99.3	99.8	▬	93.2	96.2	→	97.7	69.6	86.6	→	21.0	53.6	→
●	Cyprus	17	99.7	99.8	▬	86.9	96.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	99.3 <sup>O</sup>	69.0	92.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	12.8	32.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Czech Republic	26				86.7	86.7 <sup>R</sup>	▬	97.7 <sup>O</sup>	88.3 <sup>P</sup>	90.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	16.0	36.9 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Denmark	6				98.3	99.9 <sup>R</sup>	▬	99.7 <sup>O</sup>	86.8	94.6 <sup>R</sup>	→	36.5	66.8 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	Djibouti	114	73.2	87.9	→	28.7	32.8	→	87.7 <sup>P</sup>	14.6 <sup>P</sup>	18.7	→	0.3 <sup>N</sup>	1.6	→
●	Dominica	75					87.7		84.3		90.4				
○	Dominican Republic	100	87.5	92.5	→	57.4	86.0	→	59.2	18.7 <sup>M</sup>	49.3	→		33.0	
○	Ecuador	109	95.5	97.9	▬	97.7	99.5	▬	76.3	44.8 <sup>M</sup>	52.2	→	20.0		
○	Egypt	94	61.3	73.5	→	84.1	94.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	98.0 <sup>O</sup>		79.1 <sup>O</sup>		15.8	28.5 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	El Salvador	115	83.8	90.0	→	80.6 <sup>M</sup>	90.9	→	68.2	39.3 <sup>M</sup>	48.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	16.8	17.7	▬
○	Equatorial Guinea	154	92.7	98.1	→	90.6	59.3	←	32.6 <sup>P</sup>		23.6 <sup>P</sup>		1.8	2.6 <sup>O</sup>	▬
○	Eritrea	141	60.9	74.5	→	15.5	47.8	→	80.3	19.2 <sup>N</sup>	19.2	▬	1.1 <sup>N</sup>	1.1	▬
○	Estonia	28	99.8	99.7	▬	99.4	94.6 <sup>R</sup>	←	98.4 <sup>O</sup>	83.4 <sup>O</sup>	87.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	26.3	64.5 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	Ethiopia	161	43.0	61.0	→	22.0	56.3 <sup>T</sup>	→	57.0 <sup>P</sup>	14.3 <sup>N</sup>	27.8 <sup>T</sup>	→	0.7	2.5	▬
○	Fiji	61	97.8	99.5	▬	99.4 <sup>M</sup>	96.2	←	89.8 <sup>O</sup>	76.5 <sup>M</sup>	77.9 <sup>O</sup>	→	11.9	15.3	→
●	Finland	1				98.3	99.9 <sup>R</sup>	▬	99.9 <sup>O</sup>	93.0	94.0 <sup>R</sup>	▬	48.9	86.9 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	France	26				100.0	99.9 <sup>R</sup>	▬	98.0 <sup>N</sup>	94.1 <sup>N</sup>	95.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	39.6	55.3 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Gabon	106				85.5	76.8 <sup>P</sup>	←	69.3 <sup>O</sup>					6.6 <sup>N</sup>	
○	Gambia	138	42.2	64.4	→	48.0	72.8 <sup>P</sup>	→		25.9 <sup>N</sup>	32.7 <sup>R</sup>	→	1.1 <sup>N</sup>	1.2	▬
○	Georgia	78				97.1	92.8	←		77.0 <sup>N</sup>	69.2	←	36.7	41.5	→
—	Germany	6				84.3							33.8	50.1 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	Ghana	142	81.8	93.8	→	53.7	65.0 <sup>T</sup>	→	63.3 <sup>O</sup>	31.5 <sup>N</sup>	37.0 <sup>T</sup>	→	1.0	3.1	▬
●	Greece	6	99.5	99.8	▬	94.6	97.7 <sup>R</sup>	→		83.2	84.5 <sup>R</sup>	▬	36.3	72.2 <sup>R</sup>	→
—	Grenada	83							79.0 <sup>O</sup>						
○	Guatemala	131	73.4	81.6	→	77.8 <sup>M</sup>	93.0	→	77.9	21.7 <sup>M</sup>	33.7	→		9.6 <sup>O</sup>	
○	Guinea	140				27.2	63.8	→	82.0	12.5 <sup>N</sup>	21.2	→	1.0	2.2	▬
○	Guinea-Bissau	151	44.1	65.0	→	38.1	45.2 <sup>P</sup>	→			8.7 <sup>P</sup>		0.4 <sup>N</sup>	0.4 <sup>P</sup>	▬
○	Guyana	108	99.8	99.8	▬	89.0	99.5	→	64.3 <sup>P</sup>	66.6				9.1	
—	Haiti	—	54.8	68.8	→	22.1									
○	Honduras	130	79.7	87.3	→	89.4	90.7	▬	66.0	20.6			8.9	16.4	→
●	Hong Kong (China)	—	98.2	99.5	▬	97.8 <sup>P</sup>	97.3	▬	99.9	73.6 <sup>P</sup>	77.7	→	29.5 <sup>P</sup>	32.1	→
●	Hungary	35	99.7	99.8	▬	91.3	89.0 <sup>R</sup>	▬		74.8	91.6 <sup>R</sup>	→	14.0	51.9 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Iceland	1				99.6	99.0 <sup>R</sup>	▬	99.7 <sup>O</sup>	84.7 <sup>N</sup>	86.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	24.9	61.7 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	India	128	64.3	76.3	→	83.3 <sup>O</sup>	87.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	83.8 <sup>O</sup>				6.0	11.5 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	Indonesia	102	95.0	98.5	→	96.6	96.1 <sup>R</sup>	▬	89.1 <sup>O</sup>	39.1	55.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	9.2	16.2 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	Iran, Islamic Rep.	80	86.3	95.9	→	92.4	88.6	←	93.7 <sup>P</sup>		78.1		10.2	22.5	→
○	Iraq	121	41.0	46.5	→	94.0	87.7	←	65.6 <sup>N</sup>	29.6 <sup>N</sup>	37.9	→	11.5 <sup>N</sup>	15.4	→
●	Ireland	17				90.4	96.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	99.2 <sup>O</sup>	79.7	85.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	29.2	55.3 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Israel	17	98.7	99.7	▬	91.9	99.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	99.4 <sup>O</sup>	86.2 <sup>N</sup>	88.6 <sup>R</sup>	→	34.6	57.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Italy	40	99.8	99.8	▬	99.8	99.3 <sup>R</sup>	▬	96.5 <sup>P</sup>	84.8 <sup>N</sup>	91.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	32.3	59.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
○	Jamaica	73	91.2	95.1	→	95.7	88.5 <sup>R</sup>	←	89.7 <sup>O</sup>	63.6	75.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	6.9	19.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Japan	1				99.7	99.9 <sup>R</sup>	▬		96.8	99.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	29.6	52.1 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Jordan	42	96.7	99.6	▬	94.1	92.8 <sup>R</sup>	▬	97.1 <sup>O</sup>	79.2 <sup>N</sup>	82.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	22.9	35.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Kazakhstan	54	99.8	99.8	▬	89.3	98.3	→		85.3 <sup>O</sup>	92.1	→	41.5	48.0	→
—	Kenya	—	89.8	96.7	→	57.2 <sup>M</sup>	76.4	→							
—	Kiribati	—					92.2 <sup>O</sup>								
●	Korea, Rep.	6	99.8	99.8	▬	99.7	99.8	▬	99.9	85.8	88.3	▬	38.6	88.5	→
○	Kuwait	92	87.5	94.0	→	49.0	86.0	→		88.7 <sup>N</sup>	77.6 <sup>O</sup>	←	23.2 <sup>N</sup>	22.3	▬

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—	Kyrgyzstan	—				92.3	90.1							14.3	39.7	→
○	Lao PDR	155	70.1	81.4	→	62.6	84.4	→	62.6	26.7 <sup>N</sup>	37.1	→	2.5 <sup>N</sup>	5.9	→	
●	Latvia	37	99.8	99.8		92.1	86.6 <sup>R</sup>	←		85.2 <sup>N</sup>	87.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	25.6	71.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Lebanon	56	92.1	96.3	→	72.6	93.2	→	97.6				36.3 <sup>N</sup>	47.6	→	
○	Lesotho	137	87.2	92.0	→	71.5	85.9	→	63.4	14.7	23.1	→	1.4	2.8 <sup>R</sup>		
○	Liberia	145	57.2	74.0	→		65.7 <sup>O</sup>				17.1 <sup>O</sup>			15.5 <sup>O</sup>		
—	Libya	—	91.0	97.7	→	95.9							14.5	56.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Lithuania	35	99.8	99.8		96.0 <sup>N</sup>	92.4 <sup>R</sup>	←		91.2 <sup>N</sup>	94.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	33.5	69.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Luxembourg	49				96.0 <sup>N</sup>	90.3 <sup>R</sup>	←	92.0 <sup>O</sup>	79.5 <sup>N</sup>	80.0 <sup>R</sup>		10.5 <sup>N</sup>	12.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Macao (China)	—	97.2	99.3		81.1	89.2	→	99.7 <sup>O</sup>	62.0 <sup>N</sup>	76.8	→	25.4	68.8	→	
●	Macedonia, FYR	62				94.4	91.8 <sup>R</sup>	←		79.2 <sup>N</sup>	81.1 <sup>O</sup>	→	16.8	27.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Madagascar	144	72.2	83.4	→	64.2	88.8	→	57.0		11.3 <sup>N</sup>		3.2	2.5		
●	Malawi	148	63.2	74.5	→	48.4	95.3	→	43.8 <sup>P</sup>	25.9 <sup>M</sup>	24.7		0.6	0.4		
●	Malaysia	73	94.8	98.3	→	97.4 <sup>M</sup>	93.2 <sup>O</sup>	←	87.1 <sup>P</sup>	68.9 <sup>M</sup>	69.9 <sup>O</sup>	→	8.2	28.8 <sup>O</sup>	→	
●	Maldives	113	98.1	99.4		98.3 <sup>M</sup>	89.7 <sup>O</sup>	←		31.7 <sup>N</sup>	51.3 <sup>O</sup>	→		0.2 <sup>R</sup>		
○	Mali	143	27.6	40.8	→	20.9	46.5	→	78.6	5.1			0.6	2.1		
●	Malta	17	97.5	98.9		97.0	94.3 <sup>R</sup>	←	99.3 <sup>O</sup>	78.3	85.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	12.7	29.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Marshall Islands	95					84.4 <sup>O</sup>				64.9 <sup>O</sup>			17.0 <sup>O</sup>		
○	Mauritania	120	45.8	50.7	→	35.3	74.3	→	81.6	14.5 <sup>P</sup>	14.1		2.8	3.5		
●	Mauritius	33	91.1	94.9	→	91.3	95.1	→	98.9 <sup>P</sup>	64.5 <sup>M</sup>	74.6	→	4.1	17.2	→	
●	Mexico	85	95.2	97.7		97.8	100.0 <sup>R</sup>		93.0 <sup>O</sup>	43.8	62.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	14.4	22.5 <sup>R</sup>	→	
—	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	—												14.1 <sup>N</sup>		
●	Moldova	63	99.8	99.8		88.8	77.5	←		68.8 <sup>N</sup>	68.7		35.5	31.7	←	
●	Mongolia	70	98.9	99.2		90.1	84.2	←		55.4 <sup>N</sup>	82.3	→	14.0	38.9	→	
●	Morocco	112	55.3	72.8	→	55.9	86.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	81.2 <sup>O</sup>	30.7 <sup>O</sup>	35.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	10.6	10.6		
○	Mozambique	150	48.8	66.3	→	42.8	71.0	→	49.2 <sup>P</sup>	2.4 <sup>M</sup>	4.0	→	0.6 <sup>N</sup>	1.2		
●	Myanmar	136	88.2	92.0	→	97.8	85.1 <sup>R</sup>	←	64.6 <sup>O</sup>	30.7 <sup>N</sup>	34.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	4.2	11.3 <sup>O</sup>	→	
●	Namibia	98	87.4	93.2	→	74.4 <sup>M</sup>	73.7 <sup>R</sup>		88.1 <sup>O</sup>	29.9 <sup>M</sup>	37.5 <sup>R</sup>	→	3.0	6.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Nepal	157	46.6	66.0	→		65.7 <sup>O</sup>		64.9 <sup>O</sup>				5.6	5.6		
●	Netherlands	6				95.3	99.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	99.8 <sup>O</sup>	83.6	88.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	39.8	58.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Netherlands Antilles	—	97.5	98.5					88.5 <sup>P</sup>	81.6 <sup>O</sup>	76.9 <sup>R</sup>	←	23.2 <sup>N</sup>	23.6 <sup>O</sup>		
●	New Zealand	6				97.5	100.0 <sup>R</sup>	→		85.1	92.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	45.2	71.6 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Nicaragua	127	68.2	73.2	→	72.6	87.9	→	56.5	35.1 <sup>O</sup>	40.7	→	7.9	17.9 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Niger	158	17.0	26.7	→	22.3	39.2	→	73.6	5.1	6.8		0.6	0.8		
●	Nigeria	146	73.6	91.1	→		87.8				28.3 <sup>R</sup>			10.2		
—	Niue	—							75.8 <sup>M</sup>							
●	Norway	1				100.0	99.5 <sup>R</sup>		99.5 <sup>O</sup>	87.7	95.4 <sup>R</sup>	→	42.3	80.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Oman	48	85.6	99.4	→	69.2	77.9	→	97.6	64.8 <sup>N</sup>	74.7	→	4.1	12.9	→	
○	Pakistan	152	47.4	61.3	→	33.4	66.2	→					3.4	3.0		
●	Palau	77				96.8 <sup>N</sup>	96.5 <sup>P</sup>		84.2 <sup>N</sup>				32.7 <sup>O</sup>	40.9 <sup>O</sup>	→	
●	Panama	86	95.3	97.4		96.5 <sup>M</sup>	99.8	→	84.3	60.1 <sup>M</sup>	63.7	→	22.8	45.8	→	
○	Papua New Guinea	122	68.6	78.8	→				69.4 <sup>P</sup>					2.1 <sup>M</sup>		
●	Paraguay	107	95.6	97.6		94.3	89.3 <sup>O</sup>	←	69.7 <sup>P</sup>	26.4	51.1 <sup>O</sup>	→	13.1 <sup>N</sup>	25.9 <sup>O</sup>	→	
●	Peru	101	94.5	97.6	→	99.8 <sup>M</sup>	99.7 <sup>O</sup>		83.6 <sup>P</sup>	62.2 <sup>M</sup>	69.2 <sup>O</sup>	→	31.9	31.5 <sup>P</sup>		
●	Philippines	117	97.3	99.2		96.5	93.8 <sup>R</sup>	←	76.0 <sup>O</sup>	49.3 <sup>M</sup>	59.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	27.1	29.4 <sup>R</sup>		
●	Poland	22	99.8	99.8		96.7	97.9 <sup>R</sup>		99.3 <sup>O</sup>	75.9	91.5 <sup>R</sup>	→	21.7	59.5 <sup>R</sup>	→	
●	Portugal	6	99.5	99.8		98.4				82.9 <sup>N</sup>	82.3 <sup>R</sup>		23.0	55.5 <sup>R</sup>	→	
—	Puerto Rico	—	96.1	98.0												
●	Qatar	57	90.3	96.1	→	89.4	89.8			69.6	87.2	→	23.2	18.3	←	
●	Romania	65	99.3	99.7		81.2	90.0 <sup>R</sup>	→		74.7 <sup>N</sup>	81.1 <sup>R</sup>	→	9.7	36.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	
—	Russian Federation	—	99.8	99.8		98.6							52.1	65.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	
○	Rwanda	160	72.7	87.2	→	66.0	73.2	→	45.8	7.3			0.9 <sup>N</sup>	2.7	→	
●	Samoa	50	99.0	99.5		95.3 <sup>M</sup>	93.8 <sup>O</sup>	←	93.8 <sup>O</sup>	70.6 <sup>M</sup>	65.5 <sup>O</sup>	←	8.9 <sup>M</sup>	7.5 <sup>P</sup>	←	
○	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	116					84.8 <sup>N</sup>				28.5 <sup>O</sup>		1.0 <sup>O</sup>	1.0 <sup>O</sup>		
●	Saudi Arabia	67	85.4	94.9	→	59.3	53.1	←	93.6	30.9	52.4	→	10.3	27.7	→	
○	Senegal	124	40.1	56.2	→	43.5	66.1	→	78.2		15.3		2.9	5.0		

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PRESENT SITUATION		BCI RANKING (OUT OF 162 COUNTRIES)	LITERACY (15-24 YEARS OLD)			PRIMARY EDUCATION ENROLMENT RATIO (NET)			CHILDREN REACHING 5TH GRADE*	SECONDARY EDUCATION ENROLMENT RATIO (NET)			TERTIARY EDUCATION ENROLMENT RATIO (GROSS)		
			1990 (%)	2005 (%)	Progress or regression	1991 (%)	2004 (%)	Progress or regression		2003 (%)	1991 (%)	2004 (%)	Progress or regression	1991 (%)	2004 (%)
—	Serbia and Montenegro	—				69.4	95.8 <sup>P</sup>	→		62.2			33.9 <sup>N</sup>	36.3 <sup>P</sup>	→
●	Seychelles	—				99.1 <sup>M</sup>	99.6 <sup>Q</sup>		98.7 <sup>Q</sup>	99.4 <sup>M</sup>	98.3 <sup>R</sup>	←			
—	Sierra Leone	—				43.3							1.3	2.1 <sup>Q</sup>	
—	Singapore	—	99.0	99.8									20.5		
⊖	Slovakia	57				89.3 <sup>P</sup>	85.1 <sup>R</sup>	←		85.1 <sup>P</sup>	88.0 <sup>R</sup>	→	26.2 <sup>N</sup>	34.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Slovenia	32	99.8	99.8		96.4	96.4 <sup>R</sup>			91.4 <sup>N</sup>	95.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	23.8	70.1 <sup>R</sup>	→
—	Solomon Islands	—					79.6				17.7 <sup>Q</sup>	26.6 <sup>Q</sup>	→		
—	Somalia	—				9.0									
⊖	South Africa	96	88.5	92.5	→	89.5	88.8 <sup>R</sup>		84.1 <sup>Q</sup>	44.7	61.7 <sup>Q</sup>	→	12.3	15.3 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Spain	6	99.6	99.8		99.8	99.6 <sup>R</sup>			88.3 <sup>N</sup>	94.8 <sup>R</sup>	→	36.7	63.5 <sup>R</sup>	→
—	Sri Lanka	—	95.1	97.4			98.6 <sup>R</sup>						4.3		
—	St. Kitts and Nevis	66							86.5 <sup>Q</sup>						
⊖	St. Lucia	57				95.2	97.6		90.1	61.3 <sup>N</sup>	62.6	→	4.9	14.4	→
⊖	St. Vincent and Grenadines	63				90.5 <sup>Q</sup>	93.9	→	88.0 <sup>Q</sup>	57.9 <sup>Q</sup>	62.3	→			
⊖	Sudan	110	65.0	81.9	→	40.0	43.2 <sup>Q</sup>	→	91.9				2.7	6.1 <sup>Q</sup>	→
⊖	Suriname	91				81.2	92.4 <sup>R</sup>	→		63.7 <sup>P</sup>	63.2 <sup>R</sup>	←		12.4 <sup>Q</sup>	
⊖	Swaziland	118	85.1	92.5	→	74.7	76.7 <sup>R</sup>		76.8 <sup>Q</sup>	30.1	29.0 <sup>R</sup>		3.7	4.4 <sup>R</sup>	
●	Sweden	1				99.8	99.7 <sup>R</sup>			85.3	98.3 <sup>R</sup>	→	32.0	81.8 <sup>R</sup>	→
⊖	Switzerland	6				83.7	94.3 <sup>R</sup>	→		79.8	82.6 <sup>R</sup>	→	25.7	45.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
⊖	Syrian Arab Republic	97	79.9	90.0	→	90.9	98.1	→	92.4 <sup>P</sup>	42.7	58.1	→	17.7		
⊖	Tajikistan	103	99.8	99.8		76.7	97.8	→		62.6 <sup>N</sup>	79.4	→	22.1	16.4	←
⊖	Tanzania	125	83.1	93.1	→	49.4	91.4 <sup>T</sup>	→	87.8		4.6 <sup>M</sup>		0.3	1.2	
●	Thailand	45	98.1	99.2		75.8	86.9	→					32.5 <sup>N</sup>	41.0	→
—	Timor-Leste	—									20.1 <sup>P</sup>			10.2 <sup>Q</sup>	
⊖	Togo	135	63.5	80.4	→	64.0	78.8	→	76.0	15.3	22.2 <sup>Q</sup>	→	2.6	3.6 <sup>P</sup>	
⊖	Tonga	79				92.0 <sup>M</sup>	97.9	→	92.5 <sup>Q</sup>	67.4 <sup>M</sup>	71.3 <sup>P</sup>	→	3.3 <sup>N</sup>	3.4 <sup>P</sup>	
⊖	Trinidad and Tobago	45	99.6	99.8		90.9	92.2		100.0	72.5 <sup>N</sup>	71.9		6.7	11.9	→
●	Tunisia	70	84.1	95.7	→	94.1	97.2 <sup>R</sup>	→	96.2 <sup>Q</sup>	69.3 <sup>P</sup>	64.0 <sup>R</sup>	←	8.5	26.2 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	Turkey	83	92.7	97.6	→	89.2	89.5 <sup>R</sup>			42.0			12.7	28.0 <sup>R</sup>	→
—	Turkmenistan	—											21.7		
⊖	Turks and Caicos Islands	—				88.0 <sup>Q</sup>	81.5	←	45.9 <sup>Q</sup>	86.0 <sup>Q</sup>	77.7	←		0.4	
●	Uganda	146	70.1	82.3	→		98.4		63.6 <sup>P</sup>	7.8 <sup>N</sup>	13.0 <sup>T</sup>	→	1.3	3.4	
●	Ukraine	42	99.8	99.9		80.2	86.3	→		89.3 <sup>Q</sup>	83.5	←	46.6	65.5	→
⊖	United Arab Emirates	42	84.7	92.6	→	99.0	71.2	←	94.7	59.6	62.4	→	7.6	22.5 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	United Kingdom	17				98.3	100.0 <sup>R</sup>			81.4	95.5 <sup>R</sup>	→	31.0	62.8 <sup>R</sup>	→
●	United States of America	22				97.0	93.9 <sup>R</sup>	←		84.6	88.7 <sup>R</sup>	→	73.6	82.6 <sup>R</sup>	→
⊖	Uruguay	52	98.7	99.2		91.0	90.4 <sup>Q</sup>		92.9 <sup>P</sup>	65.6 <sup>M</sup>	73.2 <sup>Q</sup>	→	30.1	37.8 <sup>Q</sup>	→
⊖	Uzbekistan	—	99.6	99.7		78.2							30.4	15.3 <sup>R</sup>	←
⊖	Vanuatu	99				91.2 <sup>M</sup>	93.9	→	72.1 <sup>N</sup>	17.3	39.3	→	4.0 <sup>N</sup>	5.0	
⊖	Venezuela	72	96.0	98.6		87.5	92.0	→	91.0	18.4	61.0	→	28.7	39.3 <sup>R</sup>	→
⊖	Viet Nam	87	94.1	96.0		90.2	92.9 <sup>Q</sup>	→	89.0 <sup>P</sup>	59.1 <sup>N</sup>	62.0 <sup>P</sup>	→	1.9	10.2 <sup>R</sup>	→
⊖	West Bank and Gaza	67				97.5 <sup>N</sup>	86.3	←		76.2 <sup>N</sup>	89.4	→	11.0 <sup>M</sup>	37.9	→
⊖	Yemen	149	50.0	72.4	→	50.9	75.3	→	73.2		33.7 <sup>Q</sup>		10.4 <sup>N</sup>	9.4	←
⊖	Zambia	123	81.2	90.6	→	64.9 <sup>M</sup>	79.8	→	98.5 <sup>P</sup>	15.5 <sup>M</sup>	23.7	→	2.3 <sup>M</sup>	2.3 <sup>Q</sup>	
⊖	Zimbabwe	119	93.9			81.1 <sup>M</sup>	81.9 <sup>R</sup>		69.7 <sup>Q</sup>	39.9 <sup>M</sup>	33.9 <sup>R</sup>	←	5.2	3.7 <sup>R</sup>	

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**CESCR:** International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
**CEDAW:** Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women  
**CRC:** Convention on the Rights of the Child

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