

# Annex 1. Characteristics of education systems

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Table X1.1. Typical graduation ages, by level of education (2018)

The typical age refers to the age of the students at the beginning of the school year; students will generally be one year older than the age indicated when they graduate at the end of the school year. The typical age is used for the gross graduation rate calculation.

	Upper secondary		Post secondary non-tertiary		Tertiary								
	General programmes	Vocational programmes	General programmes	Vocational programmes	Short-cycle tertiary		Bachelor's or equivalent			Master's or equivalent			Doctoral or equivalent
					General programmes	Vocational programmes	First degree (3-4 years)	Long first degree (more than 4 years)	Second or further degree, (following a bachelor's)	Long first degree (at least 5 years)	Second or further degree, (following a bachelor's)	Second or further degree, (following a master's or equivalent programme)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
<b>OECD</b>													
<b>Countries</b>													
Australia	17-18	18-32	a	18-37	19-24	18-30	20-23	22-25	22-34	a	22-30	29-44	26-35
Austria	17-18	16-18	a	19-30	a	18-19	21-24	a	a	24-27	24-28	a	28-34
Belgium	18-19	18-19	a	20-22	a	21-25	21-23	a	22-24	a	22-24	23-32	27-31
Canada	17-18	19-34	m	m	a	20-24	22-24	22-24	22-29	22-24	24-29	24-29	29-34
Chile	17-17	17-17	a	a	a	21-27	22-27	22-28	23-26	24-26	26-35	m	29-36
Colombia	16-17	16-17	18-21	a	a	19-24	m	m	m	a	25-34	27-39	31-42
Costa Rica	16-18	17-18	a	a	20-25	20-25	22-27	22-30	a	24-37	a	a	27-49
Czech Republic	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Denmark	18-19	19-25	a	22-38	a	20-24	22-25	a	37-48	35-39	24-27	a	27-32
Estonia	18-19	18-20	a	20-28	a	a	21-25	a	a	24-26	23-28	a	28-34
Finland	19-20	19-26	a	32-46	a	a	23-26	a	a	26-28	25-30	30-41	29-37
France	17-18	16-19	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	26-30
Germany	18-19	19-22	20-23	21-24	a	22-26	22-25	a	24-30	24-27	24-27	24-27	28-32
Greece	17-18	17-18	a	20-22	a	a	m	m	m	a	m	m	m
Hungary	17-19	17-19	a	19-21	a	20-22	21-24	a	27-41	23-26	23-26	a	27-32
Iceland	18-19	19-26	24-35	22-36	a	22-34	22-25	a	26-41	25-26	24-33	a	28-37
Ireland	17-18	18-25	a	20-26	m	m	21-23	23-25	23-33	m	m	m	27-32
Israel	17-18	17-18	m	m	m	m	24-28	27-29	24-33	m	27-36	m	31-37
Italy	18-19	18-19	a	18-19	a	20-22	21-24	m	m	24-26	24-26	m	27-33
Japan	17-17	17-17	18-18	18-18	19-19	19-19	21-21	a	a	23-23	23-23	m	26-26
Korea	18-19	18-19	a	a	a	20-22	23-25	m	a	a	25-31	a	29-38
Latvia	18-19	20-21	a	20-24	a	21-26	22-24	23-25	24-35	25-29	24-27	a	28-36
Lithuania	17-18	19-24	a	19-26	a	a	21-22	a	23-30	23-24	24-26	27-29	28-31
Luxembourg	17-19	17-20	a	21-28	a	21-23	22-24	a	a	a	24-28	25-31	28-32
Mexico	17-18	17-18	a	a	a	20-22	20-24	m	a	a	23-26	a	24-28
Netherlands	16-18	18-21	a	a	a	21-27	21-23	a	a	a	23-26	24-27	28-31
New Zealand	17-18	16-31	17-23	16-27	18-46	18-26	20-23	22-24	21-28	a	23-30	a	27-35
Norway	18-19	18-22	a	19-32	22-28	21-27	21-24	a	26-32	24-26	24-29	25-29	28-35
Poland	19-19	19-20	a	21-25	a	23-38	22-24	a	22-34	24-25	24-25	a	29-32
Portugal	17-17	17-18	a	19-26	a	20-21	21-22	a	33-39	23-24	23-26	a	28-37
Slovak Republic	18-19	18-19	a	19-27	a	20-23	21-22	a	a	23-24	23-24	24-30	26-29
Slovenia	18-19	17-19	a	a	a	21-25	21-23	a	a	24-25	24-26	a	27-32
Spain	17-17	17-21	a	25-45	a	20-23	21-23	a	a	22-25	22-26	28-32	28-38
Sweden	18-19	18-19	19-23	19-32	21-28	22-30	22-26	a	a	24-28	24-30	a	28-34
Switzerland	18-22	18-24	21-23	a	a	22-36	23-28	a	30-39	24-29	25-32	26-32	28-34
Turkey	17-17	17-17	a	a	a	19-22	22-24	a	a	23-24	25-30	a	30-35
United Kingdom	15-17	16-19	a	a	19-25	18-30	20-22	22-24	20-27	a	23-28	22-33	25-32
United States	17-18	a	a	19-22	20-21	20-21	21-23	a	a	a	24-31	24-31	26-32
<b>Partners</b>													
Argentina <sup>1</sup>	18-20	18-20	m	m	22-24	22-24	22-24	22-24	m	a	24-26	m	27-29
Brazil	16-17	16-18	a	18-26	m	19-28	20-27	a	m	a	25-31	a	29-37
China	18-20	18-20	m	m	20-22	20-22	22-24	22-24	m	a	24-26	m	27-29
India	16-18	16-18	m	m	21-23	21-23	21-23	21-23	m	23-25	23-25	m	28-30
Indonesia	19-21	19-21	m	m	20-22	20-22	23-25	23-25	m	a	25-27	m	28-30
Russian Federation	17-18	17-18	a	18-22	a	19-20	21-23	a	a	22-25	22-25	a	25-27
Saudi Arabia	18-20	18-20	m	m	20-22	20-22	22-24	22-24	m	24-26	24-26	m	28-30
South Africa <sup>1</sup>	19-21	19-21	m	m	21-23	21-23	22-24	22-24	m	a	24-26	m	27-29

Note: The range of typical age contain at least 50% of the share of graduation rates.

1. Year of reference 2017.

Source: OECD (2020). See Source section for more information and Annex 3 for notes (<https://doi.org/10.1787/69096873-en>).

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**Table X1.2. Typical age of entry, by level of education (2018)**

The typical age refers to the age of the students at the beginning of the school year.

	Short-cycle tertiary	Bachelor's or equivalent	Master's or equivalent	Doctoral or equivalent
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>OECD</b>				
<b>Countries</b>				
Australia	m	18-20	21-25	22-30
Austria	17-18	19-21	19-25	25-29
Belgium	18-20	18-20	21-23	23-27
Canada	m	m	m	m
Chile	18-21	18-19	18-31	24-32
Colombia	17-21	17-21	23-33	25-36
Costa Rica	17-18	17-18	24-31	28-39
Czech Republic	19-21	19-20	22-24	24-28
Denmark	19-26	20-22	23-25	25-28
Estonia	a	19-20	22-27	24-28
Finland	a	19-21	22-30	26-32
France	18-20	18-20	21-23	23-26
Germany	22-26	18-21	19-24	25-28
Greece	a	18-19	22-28	23-32
Hungary	19-21	19-20	19-23	24-27
Iceland	20-28	20-22	23-29	25-32
Ireland	18-30	18-19	21-27	22-27
Israel	18-24	20-24	24-32	26-33
Italy	19-20	19-19	19-23	24-27
Japan	18-18	18-18	22-23	24-28
Korea	18-18	18-18	22-27	23-32
Latvia	19-23	19-22	22-25	24-30
Lithuania	a	19-19	23-25	25-28
Luxembourg	19-22	19-21	22-27	24-28
Mexico	18-19	18-19	21-34	25-39
Netherlands	19-23	18-20	22-24	24-28
New Zealand	17-25	18-20	21-28	22-30
Norway	20-24	19-20	20-25	25-31
Poland	19-33	19-20	19-23	24-26
Portugal	18-20	18-19	18-22	23-33
Slovak Republic	19-21	19-20	22-23	24-26
Slovenia	19-21	19-19	22-24	24-28
Spain	18-20	18-18	18-24	23-30
Sweden	19-27	19-21	19-24	24-30
Switzerland	22-26	18-25	22-26	24-30
Turkey	18-22	18-20	23-27	26-30
United Kingdom	17-29	18-21	21-30	21-30
United States	18-22	18-19	22-28	22-27
<b>Partners</b>				
Argentina <sup>1</sup>	m	m	22-24	24-26
Brazil	m	m	m	m
China	18-20	18-20	22-24	24-26
India	18-20	18-20	21-23	23-25
Indonesia	19-21	19-21	23-25	25-27
Russian Federation	17-18	17-20	21-24	17-20
Saudi Arabia	18-20	18-20	22-24	25-27
South Africa <sup>1</sup>	m	m	m	m

**Note:** The range of typical age contain at least 50% of the share of entry rates.

1. Year of reference 2017.

**Source:** OECD (2020). See *Source* section for more information and Annex 3 for notes (<https://doi.org/10.1787/69096873-en>).Please refer to the *Reader's Guide* for information concerning symbols for missing data and abbreviations.StatLink  <https://doi.org/10.1787/888934166099>

Table X1.3. School year and financial year used for the calculation of indicators, OECD countries



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Table X1.5. Starting and ending age for students in compulsory education and by level of education (2018)

The age refers to the age of the students at the beginning of the school year

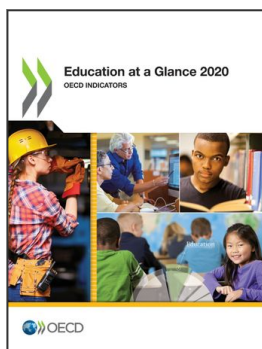
	Compulsory education		Primary education		Lower secondary education		Upper secondary education	
	Starting age	Ending age	Starting age	Ending age	Starting age	Ending age	Starting age	Ending age
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<b>OECD Countries</b>								
Australia	6	17	5	11	12	15	16	17
Austria	6	15	6	9	10	13	14	17
Belgium	6	18	6	11	12	13	14	17
Canada	6	16-18	6	11	12	14	15	17
Chile	6	17	6	11	12	13	14	17
Colombia	5	16	6	10	11	14	15	16
Costa Rica	4	16	6	11	12	14	15	16
Czech Republic	6	15	6	10	11	14	15	18
Denmark	6	16	6	12	13	15	16	18
Estonia	7	16	7	12	13	15	16	18
Finland	7	16	7	12	13	15	16	18
France	6	16	6	10	11	14	15	17
Germany	6	18	6	9	10	15	16	18
Greece	5	14-15	6	11	12	14	15	17
Hungary	3	16	7	10	11	14	15	18
Iceland	6	16	6	12	13	15	16	19
Ireland	6	16	5	12	13	15	16	17
Israel	3	17	6	11	12	14	15	17
Italy	6	16	6	10	11	13	14	18
Japan	6	15	6	11	12	14	15	17
Korea	6	14	6	11	12	14	15	17
Latvia	5	16	7	12	13	15	16	18
Lithuania	7	16	7	10	11	16	17	18
Luxembourg	4	16	6	11	12	14	15	18
Mexico	3	17	6	11	12	14	15	17
Netherlands	5	18	6	11	12	14	15	17
New Zealand	5	16	5	10	11	14	15	17
Norway	6	16	6	12	13	15	16	18
Poland	6	16	7	12	13	15	16	18
Portugal	6	18	6	11	12	14	15	17
Slovak Republic	6	16	6	9	10	14	15	18
Slovenia	6	14	6	11	12	14	15	18
Spain	6	16	6	11	12	14	15	17
Sweden	6	15	7	12	13	15	16	18
Switzerland	4-5	15	7	12	13	15	16	19
Turkey	5-6	17	6	9	10	13	14	17
United Kingdom	4-5	16	4-5	10	11	13	14	17
United States	4-6	17	6	11	12	14	15	17
<b>Partners</b>								
Argentina	4	17	6	11	12	14	15	17
Brazil	4	17	6	10	11	14	15	17
China	6	14	6	11	12	14	15	17
India	6	13	6	10	11	13	14	17
Indonesia	7	15	7	12	13	15	16	18
Russian Federation	7	17	7	10	11	15	16	17
Saudi Arabia	6	14	6	11	12	14	15	17
South Africa	7	15	7	13	14	15	16	18

**Note:** Ending age of compulsory education is the age at which compulsory schooling ends. For example, an ending age of 18 indicates that all students under 18 are legally obliged to participate in education.

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