

Annex



# CHARACTERISTICS OF EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Table X1.1a. [1/2] **Upper secondary graduation rate: Typical graduation age and method used to calculate graduation rates (2011)**

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.


		Typical graduation ages						
		First-time	Programme orientation		Educational/labour market destination			
			General programmes	Pre-vocational or vocational programmes	ISCED 3A programmes	ISCED 3B programmes	ISCED 3C short programmes <sup>1</sup>	ISCED 3C long programmes <sup>1</sup>
OECD	Australia	17	17	17	17	a	a	17
	Austria	17-18	17-18	17-19	17-18	17-19	14-15	16-17
	Belgium	18	18	18	18	a	18	18
	Canada	17-18	17-18	17-18	17-18	a	a	17-18
	Chile	17	17	17	17	a	a	a
	Czech Republic	18-20	19-20	18-20	19-20	19-20	a	18-19
	Denmark	18-19	18-19	20-21	18-19	a	27	20-21
	Estonia	19	19	19	19	18-19	a	19
	Finland	19	19	19	19	a	a	a
	France	17-19	17-18	16-19	17-18	18-20	16-18	18-20
	Germany	19-20	19-20	19-20	19-20	19-20	19-20	a
	Greece	18	18	18	18	a	18	18
	Hungary	18	18	18-19	18	a	18	18-19
	Iceland	19	19	17	19	20	19	19
	Ireland	18-19	18	19	18	a	19	18
	Israel	17	17	17	17	a	a	17
	Italy	18	18	18	18	18	17	a
	Japan	17	17	17	17	17	15	17
	Korea	18	18	18	18	a	a	18
	Luxembourg	17-20	17-18	17-20	17-19	18-20	16-18	17-19
	Mexico	17-18	17-18	17-18	17-18	a	a	17-18
	Netherlands	17-19	17	19	17	a	a	18
	New Zealand	17-18	17-18	17-18	18	17	17	17
	Norway	18-20	18	19-20	18	a	m	19-20
	Poland	18-19	19	20	19	a	a	19
	Portugal	17	17	18	m	m	m	m
	Slovak Republic	18-19	18	18-19	18-19	a	17	17-18
	Slovenia	18	18	16-18	18	18	16	17
	Spain	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Sweden	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
	Switzerland	18-20	18-20	18-20	18-20	18-20	17-19	18-20
	Turkey	17	17	17	17	a	m	a
	United Kingdom	16	16	16	18	18	16	16
	United States	17	17	m	17	m	m	m
Other G20	Argentina	m	17	17	17	a	a	a
	Brazil	17-18	17	18	17-18	17-18	a	a
	China	17	17	17	17	m	17	17
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Indonesia	17	17	17	17	17	a	a
	Russian Federation	17	17	17	17	17	16	17
	Saudi Arabia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m

1. Duration categories for ISCED 3C: short – at least one year shorter than ISCED 3A/3B programmes; long – of similar duration to ISCED 3A or 3B programmes.

Source: OECD. Argentina, China, Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme).

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**Table X1.1a. [2/2] Upper secondary graduation rate: Typical graduation age and method used to calculate graduation rates (2011)**

		Graduation rate calculation: Gross versus net						
		First-time	Programme orientation		Educational/labour market destination			
			General programmes	Pre-vocational or vocational programmes	ISCED 3A programmes	ISCED 3B programmes	ISCED 3C short programmes <sup>1</sup>	ISCED 3C long programmes <sup>1</sup>
OECD	Australia	m	net	net	net	a	a	net
	Austria	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Belgium	m	net	net	net	a	net	net
	Canada	net	net	net	net	a	a	net
	Chile	net	net	net	net	a	a	a
	Czech Republic	net	net	net	net	gross	a	net
	Denmark	net	net	net	net	a	net	net
	Estonia	m	net	net	net	net	a	net
	Finland	net	net	net	net	a	a	a
	France	m	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Germany	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	a
	Greece	gross	gross	gross	gross	a	m	gross
	Hungary	net	net	net	net	a	m	net
	Iceland	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Ireland	net	net	net	net	a	net	net
	Israel	net	net	net	net	a	a	net
	Italy	gross	net	gross	net	gross	gross	a
	Japan	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	m	gross
	Korea	gross	gross	gross	gross	a	a	gross
	Luxembourg	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Mexico	net	net	net	net	a	a	net
	Netherlands	net	net	net	net	a	a	net
	New Zealand	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Norway	net	net	net	net	a	m	net
	Poland	net	net	net	net	a	a	net
	Portugal	net	net	net	m	m	m	m
	Slovak Republic	net	net	net	net	a	net	net
	Slovenia	gross	net	gross	net	gross	net	gross
	Spain	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross
	Sweden	net	net	net	net	n	n	net
	Switzerland	m	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross
	Turkey	net	net	net	net	a	m	a
	United Kingdom	gross	m	m	m	m	gross	gross
	United States	net	m	m	m	m	m	m
Other G20	Argentina	m	net	net	net	a	a	a
	Brazil	m	net	net	net	net	a	a
	China	gross	gross	gross	gross	m	gross	gross
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Indonesia	m	net	net	net	net	a	a
	Russian Federation	m	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross
	Saudi Arabia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m

1. Duration categories for ISCED 3C: short – at least one year shorter than ISCED 3A/3B programmes; long – of similar duration to ISCED 3A or 3B programmes.

Source: OECD. Argentina, China, Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme).

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Table X1.1b. **Post-secondary non-tertiary graduation rates: Typical graduation age and method used to calculate graduation rates (2011)**


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.

		Typical graduation ages			Graduation rate calculation: Gross versus net				
		First-time	Educational/labour market destination			Educational/labour market destination			
			ISCED 4A programmes	ISCED 4B programmes	ISCED 4C programmes	First-time graduates	ISCED 4A programmes	ISCED 4B programmes	ISCED 4C programmes
OECD	Australia	18-20	a	a	18-20	net	a	a	net
	Austria	18-19	18-19	19-20	23-24	net	net	net	net
	Belgium	19-21	19	19-21	19-21	m	net	net	net
	Canada	m	m	m	30-34	m	m	m	m
	Chile	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	Czech Republic	20-22	20-22	a	20-22	net	net	a	gross
	Denmark	21	21	a	a	net	net	a	a
	Estonia	21	a	21	a	m	a	net	a
	Finland	35-39	a	a	35-39	net	a	a	net
	France	m	m	m	m	m	gross	a	gross
	Germany	22	22	22	a	gross	gross	gross	a
	Greece	20	a	a	20	m	a	a	net
	Hungary	a	a	a	19-20	net	a	a	net
	Iceland	a	a	a	27	net	n	n	net
	Ireland	23	a	a	23	net	a	a	net
	Israel	m	m	m	a	m	m	m	a
	Italy	20	a	a	20	gross	a	a	gross
	Japan	18	18	18	18	m	m	m	m
	Korea	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	Luxembourg	21-25	a	a	21-25	net	a	a	net
	Mexico	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	Netherlands	20	a	a	20	net	a	a	net
	New Zealand	18	18	18	18	net	net	net	net
	Norway	20-22	20-22	a	21-22	net	net	a	net
	Poland	21	a	a	21	net	a	a	net
	Portugal	21	m	m	m	net	m	m	m
	Slovak Republic	20-21	20-21	a	a	net	net	a	a
	Slovenia	19-20	19-20	19-20	a	net	net	net	a
	Spain	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	Sweden	19-22	m	m	19-22	net	n	n	net
	Switzerland	21-23	21-23	21-23	a	m	gross	gross	a
	Turkey	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	United Kingdom	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	United States	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Other G20	Argentina	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
	Brazil	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
	China	18	18	18	18	m	gross	gross	gross
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	
	Indonesia	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
	Russian Federation	18	a	a	18	m	a	a	gross
	Saudi Arabia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	
	South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	

Source: OECD. Argentina, China, Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme).

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**Table X1.1c. [1/2] Tertiary graduation rate: Typical graduation ages and method used to calculate graduation rates (2011)**

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.

		Typical graduation ages						
		First-time tertiary-type B	Tertiary-type B (first degree)	First-time tertiary-type A	Tertiary-type A (first and second degrees)			Advanced research programmes
					3 to less than 5 years	5 to 6 years	More than 6 years	
OECD	Australia	20-21	20-21	21-22	21-22	22-23	24	26-29
	Austria	21-23	21-23	23-25	22-24	24-26	a	27-29
	Belgium	21-22	21-22	21	m	m	m	27-29
	Canada	21-24	21-24	22-24	22	23-24	25	27-29
	Chile	22-25	22-25	23-26	23-26	24-26	25-26	30-34
	Czech Republic	22	22	22-24	22-23	25-26	a	30-34
	Denmark	23-25	23-25	24	24	26	25-29	30-34
	Estonia	22	22	22-24	22	24	a	30-34
	Finland	30-34	30-34	25-29	24	a	a	30-34
	France	19-23	19-23	19-24	19-22	21-24	27-29	26-28
	Germany	21-23	21-23	24-27	24-26	25-27	a	28-29
	Greece	24-25	24-25	23-24	23-24	23-24	a	30-34
	Hungary	20	20	22-24	21-23	23-24	a	30-34
	Iceland	24	24	23	23	25	a	30-34
	Ireland	20-21	20-21	21	21	23	25	27
	Israel	m	a	26	26	28-29	a	30-34
	Italy	22-23	22-23	23	23	25	a	30-34
	Japan	19	19	21-23	21	23	a	26
	Korea	20	20	22-24	22-26	24-25	a	30-34
	Luxembourg	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Mexico	20	20	23	23	23-26	m	24-28
	Netherlands	m	27	23	23	a	a	28-29
	New Zealand	19-21	19-21	21-23	21-23	23	24	27-28
	Norway	24	24	22-27	22-23	24-25	26-27	30-34
	Poland	22	22	23-25	23	25	a	25-29
	Portugal	m	m	22	22	>40	a	30-34
	Slovak Republic	21-22	21-22	21-22	21-22	23-24	a	26-28
	Slovenia	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-24	24-25	a	28
	Spain	19-21	19-21	22-23	20-22	22-23	a	30-34
	Sweden	21-23	21-23	25	25	25	n	30-34
	Switzerland	23-29	23-29	24-26	24-26	25-27	25-27	30-34
	Turkey	21	21	22-24	23-24	25-26	30-34	30-34
	United Kingdom	19-24	19-24	20-25	20-22	22-24	23-25	25-29
	United States	19	19	21	21	23	24	26
Other G20	Argentina	m	20-24	m	20-24	25-29	a	25-29
	Brazil	m	m	22-24	22-24	m	m	30-34
	China	20	20	21	21	22	22	27
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Indonesia	24	24	22	22	24	26	27
	Russian Federation	20	20	22	21	22	23	25-26
	Saudi Arabia	19	19	21	21	22-23	24	26
	South Africa	20	20	21	21	22	22	25

Note: Where tertiary-type A data are available by duration of programme, the graduation rate for all programmes is the sum of the graduation rates by duration of programme.

Source: OECD. Argentina, China and Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme). Saudi Arabia: Observatory on Higher Education. South Africa: UNESCO Institute for Statistics. See Annex 3 for notes ([www.oecd.org/edu/eag.htm](http://www.oecd.org/edu/eag.htm)).

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Table X1.1c. [2/2] **Tertiary graduation rate: Typical graduation age and method used to calculate graduation rates (2011)**

		Graduation rate calculation: Gross versus net											
		Tertiary-type B (ISCED 5B)				Tertiary-type A (ISCED 5A)						Advanced research programmes (ISCED 6)	
		First-time		First degree		First-time		First degree		Second degree			
		Graduation rate (all students)	Graduation rate for international/foreign students only	Graduation rate (all students)	Graduation rate for international/foreign students only	Graduation rate (all students)	Graduation rate for international/foreign students only	Graduation rate (all students)	Graduation rate for international/foreign students only	Graduation rate (all students)	Graduation rate for international/foreign students only	Graduation rate (all students)	Graduation rate for international/foreign students only
OECD	Australia	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Austria	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Belgium	m	m	net	net	m	m	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Canada	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Chile	m	m	net	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Czech Republic	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Denmark	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Estonia	m	m	net	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Finland	net	net	net	n	net	m	net	net	net	net	net	net
	France	m	m	gross	m	m	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m
	Germany	gross	m	gross	m	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Greece	m	m	net	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	gross	m
	Hungary	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Iceland	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Ireland	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Israel	m	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Italy	gross	m	gross	gross	net	m	net	m	m	m	m	m
	Japan	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m
	Korea	m	m	net	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Luxembourg	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Mexico	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	gross	m	gross	m
	Netherlands	net	net	net	m	net	net	net	net	net	net	gross	m
	New Zealand	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Norway	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Poland	net	m	net	m	net	net	net	net	gross	net	gross	gross
	Portugal	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Slovak Republic	net	m	net	m	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Slovenia	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Spain	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Sweden	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Switzerland	gross	m	gross	m	net	m	net	net	net	net	net	net
	Turkey	net	m	net	m	gross	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	United Kingdom	net	m	net	net	net	m	net	net	net	net	net	net
	United States	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross
Other G20	Argentina	m	m	gross	m	m	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m
	Brazil	m	m	net	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	China	m	m	gross	m	m	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Indonesia	m	m	net	m	m	m	net	m	net	m	net	m
	Russian Federation	m	m	gross	m	m	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m
	Saudi Arabia	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross
	South Africa	m	m	gross	m	m	m	gross	m	gross	m	gross	m

Source: OECD. Argentina, China, Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme). Saudi Arabia: Observatory on Higher Education. South Africa: UNESCO Institute for Statistics. See Annex 3 for notes ([www.oecd.org/edu/eag.htm](http://www.oecd.org/edu/eag.htm)).

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**Table X1.1d. Tertiary entry rate: Typical age of entry and method used to calculate entry rates (2011)**

	Typical age of entry			Entry rate calculation: Gross versus net			Entry rate calculation: Gross versus net		
				All students			International students		
	ISCED 5A	ISCED 5B	ISCED 6	ISCED 5A	ISCED 5B	ISCED 6	ISCED 5A	ISCED 5B	ISCED 6
<b>OECD</b>	Australia	18	18	22-23	net	m	net	m	net
	Austria	19-20	20-21	25-26	net	net	net	net	net
	Belgium	18	18	m	net	net	m	m	m
	Canada	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Chile	18-19	18-19	24-28	net	net	net	net	net
	Czech Republic	19-20	19-20	24-25	net	net	m	m	m
	Denmark	20-21	20-21	25-27	net	net	net	net	net
	Estonia	19	19	24	net	net	m	m	m
	Finland	19	a	26-28	net	a	m	a	m
	France	18	19	23-25	net	m	m	m	m
	Germany	19-21	18-21	26-27	net	net	net	m	net
	Greece	18	18	24	net	net	m	m	m
	Hungary	19	19	24	net	net	m	m	m
	Iceland	20	20	25	net	net	net	n	net
	Ireland	18	18	m	net	net	m	net	m
	Israel	22-24	18	27-29	net	net	m	m	m
	Italy	19	a	24	net	a	net	a	net
	Japan	18	18	24	net	net	m	m	m
	Korea	18	18	24-29	net	net	gross	gross	m
	Luxembourg	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Mexico	18	18	24	net	net	m	m	m
	Netherlands	18-19	17-18	24-25	net	net	net	net	net
	New Zealand	18	18	23-24	net	net	net	net	net
	Norway	19-20	19	26-27	net	net	m	m	m
	Poland	19-20	19-20	m	net	net	m	m	m
	Portugal	18	22	24-29	net	net	net	net	net
	Slovak Republic	19	19	24	net	net	net	m	net
	Slovenia	19	19-20	24-26	net	net	net	net	net
	Spain	18	19-20	26-29	net	net	m	m	m
	Sweden	19	19	25-27	net	net	net	net	net
	Switzerland	19-21	20-25	25-27	net	net	net	m	net
	Turkey	18-19	18-19	25-26	net	net	m	m	m
	United Kingdom	18	18	22-24	net	net	m	m	m
	United States	18	18	24	net	m	gross	m	m
<b>Other G20</b>	Argentina	18	18	25	net	net	gross	m	m
	Brazil	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	China	17	17	21	gross	gross	gross	m	m
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Indonesia	18	18	25-26	net	net	net	m	m
	Russian Federation	17-19	18	23-24	net	gross	gross	m	m
	Saudi Arabia	18-22	18	24	gross	gross	gross	gross	gross
	South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m

Source: OECD. Argentina, China, Indonesia: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (World Education Indicators Programme). Saudi Arabia: Observatory on Higher Education. See Annex 3 for notes ([www.oecd.org/edu/eag.htm](http://www.oecd.org/edu/eag.htm)).

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OECD


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**Table X1.2b. School year and financial year used for the calculation of indicators, other G20 countries**

		Financial year												School year																													
		2009												2010												2011												2012					
Month		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
Other G20	Argentina																																										
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	India																																										
	Indonesia																																										
	Russian Federation																																										
	Saudi Arabia																																										
	South Africa																																										
Month		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
		2009												2010												2011												2012					

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