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PRIMARY EDUCATION

The legal basis

The legal basis for the implementation statistical surveys in the area of primary education statistics is the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No. 18/12 and 47/19) and Annual plan of statistical surveys.

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Purpose of survey

The purpose of the statistics of primary education is to provide data on the condition; structure of the development of kindergartens; structure and movement of children and educators; results of education; and factors influencing them.

The purpose of basic education and upbringing is the acquisition of general knowledge, and it is realized according to a unique curriculum.

Primary education is a part of standard educational system. Primary education is organised as: mainstream (regular); education of children with special educational needs in resource centres.

Data sources and coverage

The data on primary education are the result of statistical processing of MEIS (Ministry of Education Information System) database. The data refer to all primary institutions in Montenegro obtained the work license from competent ministry.

The collection of education statistics data covers basic education in Montenegro and every school unit, regardless of whether it is an independent school, home school, a unit in the composition (regional department) or a department of another type of school. The data is collected on the basis of the Cooperation Agreement concluded between the Statistical Office and the Ministry of Education.

The data are the result of a regular annual statistical survey at the beginning and end of the school year from the processing of the database of the Ministry of Education - MEIS.

Education of adult is the result of a regular annual statistical survey at the beginning and end of the school year from the processing of questionnaires received from reporting units (primary schools for adults).

Data confidentiality

On the basis of the Cooperation Agreement concluded between the Statistical Office and the Ministry of Education, the data submitted to the Statistical Office do not contain any features that enable identification of persons.

The obtained data are used exclusively for statistical purposes. Data are aggregated at certain classification levels and published in summary form.

Definitions

Primary education is provided in primary school, it is compulsory and free of charge for all children aged six to fifteen. Primary education lasts nine years, it is organized as regular education and education that includes education of children with special educational needs and education of adults.

Primary school is considered as a separate school unit, each incomplete (four-grade, five-grade, six-grade) and a full (nine-grade) elementary school, which is organisationally linked to central primary schools, with which it has a common administration or the same director, and is spatially central school.

School for primary education and upbringing of children with special educational needs, as well as every department that was formed at the primary regular school.

School for primary education of adults and classes that are under joint administration with regular schools of the same type.

School year is a period within which the regular classes are given and other types of educational work. School in the education statistics is a group of pupils organized in one school unit, with one or more teachers giving classes of certain type by defined program of instruction, regardless the school is independent, regional department or department in other type of school. School is also considered a territorially separate unit in the composition of primary school.

Department is a group of pupils instructed in the same time and in the same premise during a school year by a teacher or several teachers in a successive manner. With regard to the classes from which they are composed, classes can be uncombined or combined.

A non-combined class is a class in which there are students from only one grade, and a combined class is a class in which there are students from two or more grades.

Class is level of education under which pupils obtain a certain scope of knowledge in a certain time period, during one school year, and in accordance with the program of instruction and program of appropriate School. The student's connections with the department and class may be different. Students of the same class can be divided into two or more classes (when a larger number of students are enrolled in one class). Students from two or more classes can form one class (combined). Students of one grade can make up one class.

The completed class is considered to be the class in which the student acquires the right to continue regular classes in the sitting class. A student completes basic education and upbringing when he successfully completes the ninth grade.

Regular student means a person enrolled in school with the aim of attending classes. By enrolling in the first grade of school, the child acquires the status of a student. A repeat student is a student who enrolls in the same class a second time or more than once. A student instructed to repeat a class is a student who at the end of the school year received a negative grade in several subjects (according to regulations for that type of school) or one who does not pass the remedial or class exam at the end of the school year.

Children with special educational needs: children with physical, mental and sensor difficulties behavior disturbance; severe chronically diseases; emotional disturbances; combined difficulties; long time ill children and other children having difficulties in studying who need education according to educational program with adjusted teaching performance and additional professional assistance or special educational program.

Adult education provides adults with an education that complements their general knowledge, which they did not acquire through regular schooling during their school-age years. Schools for adults' education provide possibility to persons over 15 years (adults) who are not regularly attending primary school, to acquire elementary education and training.

Representativeness of the data

Data are collected for the entire territory of Montenegro, at the level of municipalities where (public and private) primary school institutions are located.

Harmonization with EU regulations

The survey on statistics of education and lifelong learning is harmonized with the regulation <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/education-and-training/legislation>.

National classification of education (aligned with the International Standard Classification of Education - ISCED 2011).

The International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) is a framework that enables standardized reporting of a wide range of relevant education statistics in accordance with an internationally accepted set of common definitions and concepts, ensuring international comparability of the obtained indicators.

Organisation of survey

The Statistical Office - Department of Education, Culture and Justice Statistics and the Ministry of Education participate in the preparation and implementation of the statistical survey, which provides the primary education database (MEIS).

Instruments of survey

- ❖ Reception of the MEIS database - enrollment of students in primary education with a balance of 30 September of the school year, and the end of the school year with the balance on August 31 of the school year. The Ministry of Education delivers the database at the end of November;
- ❖ Tabulation, control (logical and computational), creation of results – January, February;
- ❖ Drafting of the announcement – March and April.
- ❖ Drafting of announcements for adult education – December

Dissemination

The publication of data is done in accordance with the Statistical Release Calendar of the Statistical Office, according to a predefined date and manner of publishing data.

Published data are available to users in the release on the primary education, as well as in the statistical publications (Statistical Yearbook, Women and men in Montenegro, Montenegro in Figures).