



Education

The Education theme provides Timor-Leste's education statistics, including enrollment rates for primary, secondary and tertiary education, literacy rates and survival rates. Types of disaggregation for these statistics include administrative level of disaggregation (national, region, district, urban/rural) and sex.

Education System in Timor-Leste

The education system in Timor-Leste is organised into a six-three-three education model of Primary Education (six years), Pre-Secondary (three years) and Secondary (three years). Secondary education is structured into general and vocational education. For higher education or tertiary education, the system is structured into university or similar degree.

The official age groups of specific education level are as follows: primary education 6-11 years old; pre-secondary education 12-14 years old; secondary education 15-17 years old; and tertiary education 18-23 years old.

Gross Enrollment Rate (GER)

Gross Enrollment Rate (GER) is defined as total enrollment in a specific level of education, regardless of age. It is calculated as the number of students enrolled at the specific level of education divided by the number of students in the official school age.

GER is often higher than 100% because of repetition and overage students. GER are calculated for primary, pre-secondary, secondary and tertiary education.

GER at various education levels are calculated using the following formula:

$$GER \text{ primary} = \frac{\text{population enroll in primary schools}}{\text{total population aged 6-11}} \times 100$$

$$GER \text{ pre-secondary} = \frac{\text{population enroll in pre-secondary schools}}{\text{total population aged 12-14}} \times 100$$

$$GER \text{ secondary} = \frac{\text{population enroll in secondary schools}}{\text{total population aged 15-17}} \times 100$$

$$GER \text{ tertiary} = \frac{\text{population enroll in tertiary education}}{\text{total population aged 18-23}} \times 100$$

Net Enrollment Rate (NER)

Net Enrollment Rate (NER) is defined as total enrollment in a specific level of education based on the official age group. It is calculated as the number of students enrolled in a given level of education who belong to the age group that officially corresponds to schooling, divided by the number of students in the official school age.

NER at various education levels are calculated using the following formula:

$$NER \text{ primary} = \frac{\text{population aged 6-11 who enroll in primary schools}}{\text{total population aged 6-11}} \times 100$$

$$NER \text{ pre-secondary} = \frac{\text{population aged 12-14 who enroll in pre-secondary schools}}{\text{total population aged 12-14}} \times 100$$

$$NER \text{ secondary} = \frac{\text{population aged 15-17 who enroll in secondary schools}}{\text{total population aged 15-17}} \times 100$$

$$NER \text{ tertiary} = \frac{\text{population aged 18-23 who enroll in tertiary education}}{\text{total population aged 18-23}} \times 100$$

Adult Literacy Rate

Literacy involves the ability of basic reading and writing skills. In Timor-Leste, literacy refers to the ability to read and write at least a letter without difficulty. Adult literacy rate is defined as the proportion of adult (aged 15 years and above) who have achieved or exceeded a given level of proficiency in literacy.

Adult literacy rate is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Adult literacy rate} = \frac{\text{population aged 15 years that able to read and write a letter without difficulty}}{\text{total population aged 15 and older}} \times 100$$

Survival Rate by Grade

Survival rate is defined as the percentage of population aged 24-27 years who were able to reach each successive grade in education system.