

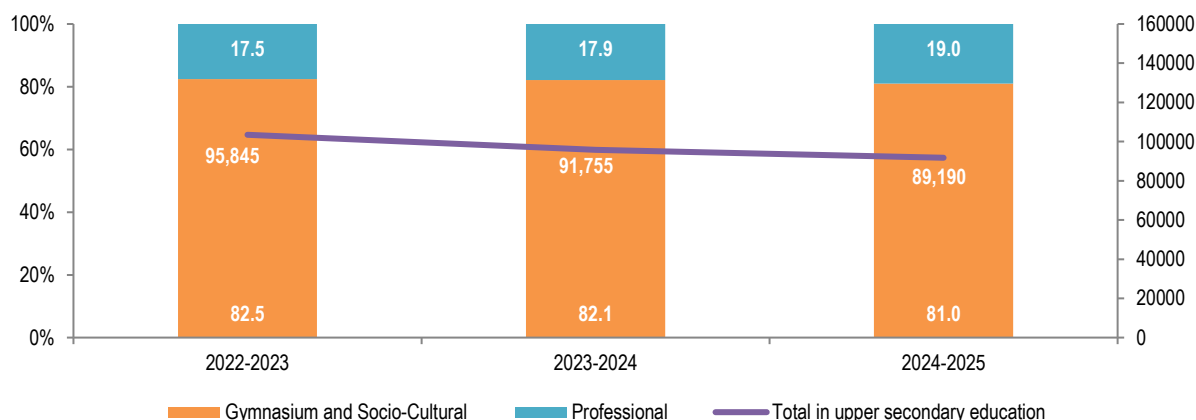
Enrollment statistics in education

2024 - 2025

Tirana, 8 August 2025: In the 2024-2025 school year, a total of 528,602 pupils and students were enrolled in formal education, distributed across different levels of the education system:

- 12.5% in kindergartens
- 47.4% in 9-year education
- 16.9% in upper secondary education
- 0.1% in post-secondary non-tertiary education
- 23.1% in tertiary education

Fig. 1 Enrollments in Upper Secondary Education



Pre-University Education

There are a total of 405,989 students enrolled in pre-university education, marking a decrease of 2.6% compared to the previous school year. This includes:

- 65,914 children in preschool education (-1.2%);
- 250,617 students in 9-year education (-2.9%);
 - 88.1% in public schools;
 - 48.0% of them are girls.

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Tertiary Education

During the academic year 2024-2025, a total of 122,613 students enrolled in all tertiary education programs, marking an increase of 2.1% compared to the previous year. Among them, 70.9% are studying at public tertiary education institutions.

In the “Bachelor” study cycle, for the same period, 68,080 students registered, marking a decrease of 0.8% compared to the academic year 2023-2024.

As in the previous year, the most preferred field of study remains “Business, Administration, and Law”, where about a quarter of all students are concentrated. Other preferred fields include:

- “Health and Welfare” with 20.7%;
- “Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction” with 18.8%.

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Methodology

Education in Albania is organized according to these programs and classified according to ISCED-2011 Classification, used internationally in education statistics:

Level 0 - Early childhood education - Early childhood / Pre-primary education;

Level 1 - Primary education or first cycle of basic education;

Level 2 - Lower Secondary Education or second cycle of basic education;

Level 3 - Upper Secondary Education - Gymnasium / Socio-cultural / Professional;

Level 4 - Post-secondary, not tertiary;

Level 5 - Higher Education Short Cycle;

Level 6 - Bachelor or equivalent;

Level 7 - Master or equivalent;

Level 8 - PHD or equivalent

DEFINITIONS

Formal Education is defined as institutionalized, intentional and planned education through public and private institutions, recognized by the national education authority, that in their entirety constitute the official education system of a country. Formal education programs are recognized as such by the relevant national education authorities, equivalent or subordinate education providers. Formal education consists more of education starting from the first grade and continues regularly year after year, mainly in the full-time system (before becoming part of the labor market), of vocational education, of education for special needs and some parts of adult education, often recognized as part of the formal education system.

Basic education consists of two cycles: primary education that is conducted in grades 1-5 and upper cycle or lower secondary education that is conducted in grades 6-9. Basic education is compulsory at age 6 and lasts 9 years. The student is required to attend basic education up to the age of 16 years old.

Upper secondary education includes gymnasium and socio-cultural education as well as, professional education.

Data Source:

Statistical data of basic education, general upper secondary and tertiary education are provided by the Ministry of Education and Sport. Whereas data on professional education are provided by the Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation, with annual periodicity.

Data on the statistics of enrollments in tertiary education, *Doctoral and Long-Term Specializations study programs*, for 2024-25, are preliminary and subject to review. For more, refer to: [STATISTICAL REVISION POLICY](#).

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Based on Instruction No. 28, dated 16.10.2023, "On the Conditions and Procedures for Transfer from General Education (Gymnasium) to Professional Education and Vice Versa", data of professional education for the school year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 include also the transfers of pupils from general upper secondary education to professional upper secondary education during the first quarter of the school year.