

South and West Asia

General information

2006

Total population (000)		27 641
Annual population growth rate (%) *	(2005)	2.0
Population 0-14 years (%)		36
Rural population (%) *	(2005)	84
Total fertility rate (births per woman) *	(2005)	3.5
Infant mortality rate (0/00) *	(2005)	56
Life expectancy at birth (years) *	(2005)	63

* World Bank World Development Indicators

HIV rate (%) in adults (15-49 years) *	(2005)	0.5
Poverty (% of pop. on less than \$2 a day) *	(2004)	69
GDP per capita (PPP) US\$ *	(2005)	1 550
GDP growth rate (%) *	(2005)	2.7
Total debt service as a % of GNI (%) *	(2005)	1.6
Children of primary school-age who are out-of-school (%)	(2007)	24

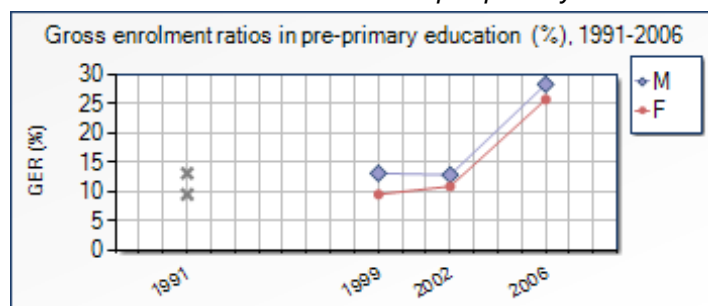
Participation in education

Percentages of children in school are represented by Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER) and Net Enrolment Rates (NER). GER is the number of pupils enrolled in a given level of education regardless of age expressed as a percentage of the population in the theoretical age group for that level of education. NER is the number of pupils in the theoretical age group who are enrolled expressed as a percentage of the same population.

Pre-primary enrolment

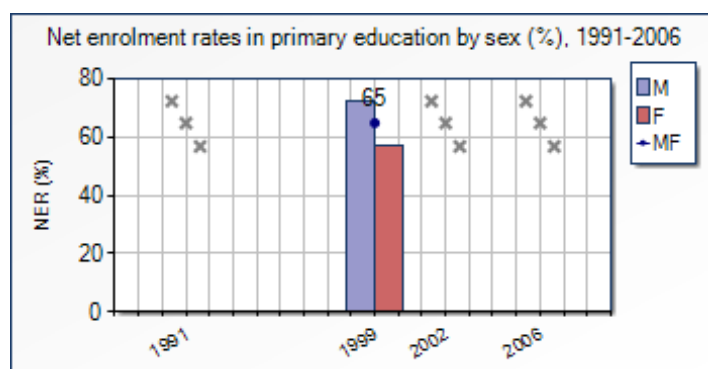
Pre-primary		1991	1999	2002	2006	2006 Regional average
GER(%)	MF	...	(**) 11	12	27	...
	M	...	(**) 13	13	28	...
	F	...	(**) 10	11	26	...

27% of children are enrolled in pre-primary school



Primary enrolment

Primary		1991	1999	2002	2006	2006 Regional average
GER(%)	MF	...	114	114	126	108
	M	...	128	122	129	111
	F	...	98	105	123	105
NER(%)	MF	...	(*) 65	...	...	86
	M	...	(*) 72	...	...	88
	F	...	(*) 57	...	...	83



Secondary enrolment

Secondary		1991	1999	2002	2006	2006 Regional average
GER(%)	MF	...	34	42	(**) 43	...
	M	...	40	48	(**) 46	...
	F	...	28	36	(**) 40	...
NER(%)	MF	...	...	...	...	...
	M	...	...	...	...	...
	F	...	...	...	...	...

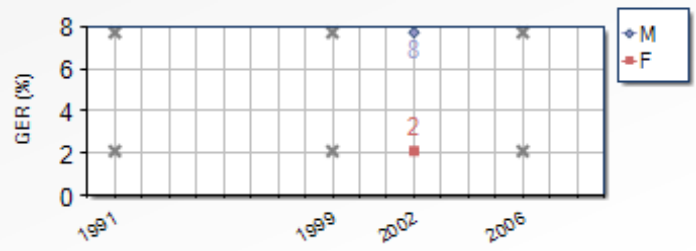
Net enrolment rates in secondary education by sex (%), 1991-2006

Data not available.

Tertiary enrolment

Tertiary		1991	1999	2002	2006	2006 Regional average
GER(%)	MF	...	...	5	...	11
	M	...	...	8	...	12
	F	...	...	2	...	9

Gross enrolment ratios in tertiary education by sex (%), 1991-2006



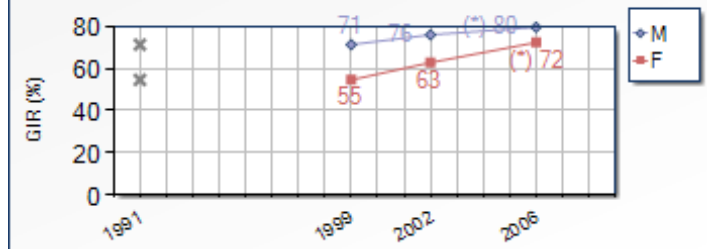
Progression and completion in education

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School life expectancy ISCED 1-6 (years)	(**,2003)	8.9
Percentage of repeaters, primary (%)		21
Survival rate to grade 5 (%)	(2005)	79
Gross intake rate to last grade of primary (%)		76
Primary to secondary transition rate (%)	(**,2003)	77

76% of children complete a full course of primary

Gross intake ratio to last grade of primary (%), 1991-2006

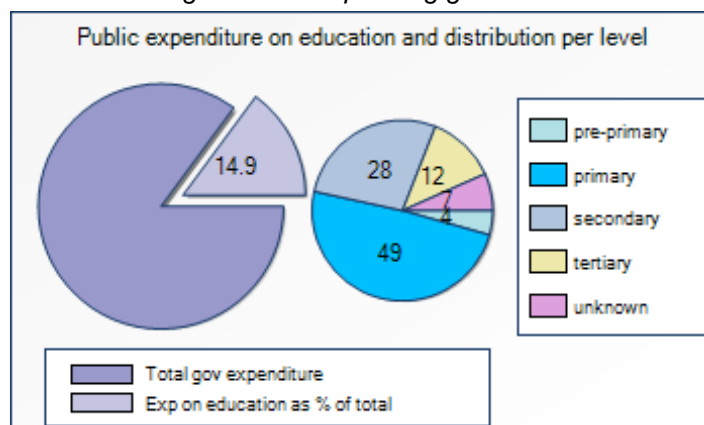


Resources for education

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Pupil / teacher ratio (primary)	(**)	40
Public expenditure on education :		
as % of GDP	(2003)	3.1
as % of total government expenditure	(2003)	14.9
Distribution of public expenditure per level (%) - 2003 :		
pre-primary	(**)	4
primary	(**)	49
secondary		28
tertiary		12
unknown		7

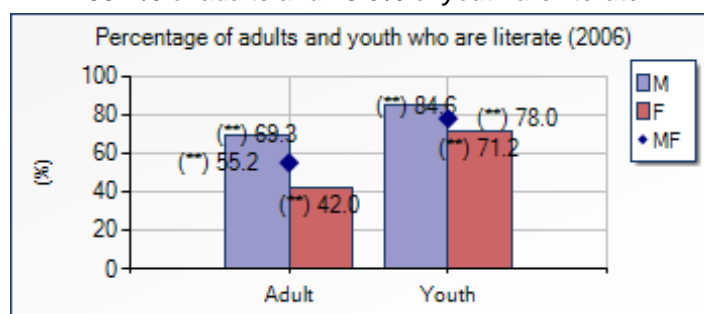
14.9% of government spending goes to education



Literacy rates

Literacy rates		1991	2006	2006 Regional average
Adult (15+) %	MF	33.0	(**) 55.2	64.3
	M	49.2	(**) 69.3	74.6
	F	17.4	(**) 42.0	53.5
Youth (15-24) %	MF	49.6	(**) 78.0	79.9
	M	68.2	(**) 84.6	84.5
	F	32.7	(**) 71.2	75.0

55.2% of adults and 78.0% of youth are literate



Symbols used :

-	Magnitude nil or negligible value
...	Data not available
.	Category not applicable
x	Charts symbol: Data not available

Footnotes:

All the education statistics, with the exception of the literacy data, refer to the year 2006 unless otherwise noted. For more information on rates of out-of-school children, or other indicators see the online education glossary.

** UIS estimation

* National Estimation