

Indicator D7. What is the profile of vocational teachers and what is the student-vocational teacher ratio?

Highlights

- On average across OECD countries, 43% of teachers in vocational education and training (VET) at the upper secondary level are aged 50 or over. This reflects an ageing VET teacher workforce, as well as the fact that some VET teachers gain industry experience before joining the teaching profession.
- On average, there is one teacher per 14 students in general programmes and one per 15 students in vocational programmes. However, student-teacher ratios vary more widely across countries in vocational programmes than in general programmes.
- The vocational teaching workforce has become more female dominated in many countries. Between 2013 and 2021, the share of male teachers in upper secondary vocational programmes fell by 2 percentage points (from 47% to 45%) on average across OECD countries.

Context

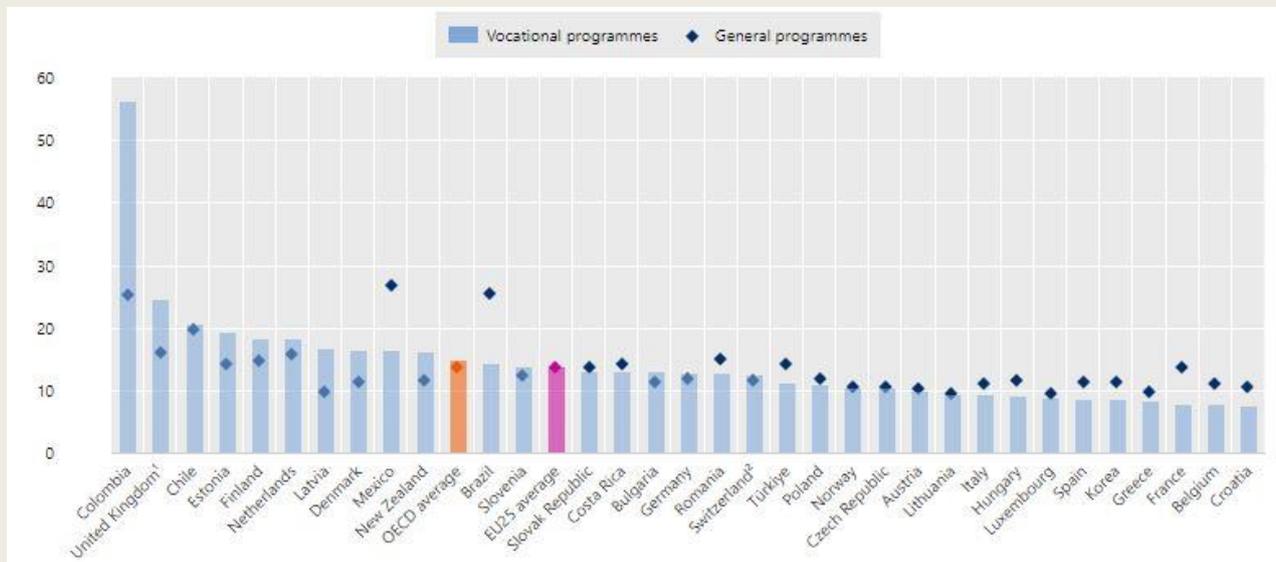
Teaching staff are essential for the effective provision of vocational education and training (VET). They prepare young people for work by teaching not only occupational skills but also cross cutting skills. VET teachers are generally required to have both pedagogical and occupational knowledge and experience (OECD, 2021^[1]).

Despite efforts to recruit and retain sufficient numbers of skilled VET teachers, challenges persist. In particular, many OECD countries have significant VET teacher shortages, partially due to the limited attractiveness of the profession. The supply of VET teachers could be increased by making a career in VET teaching more attractive and by employing industry professionals as VET teachers (OECD, 2021^[1]).

Digitalisation, automation and the transition to greener economies affect the skills needed in the labour market, and therefore also the skills required from VET teachers and trainers. In this context, VET teachers need to keep abreast of changes to be able to teach and train their students effectively (OECD, 2021^[1]). The in-service training of teachers needs to be adjusted to those new requirements by including the necessary technical and pedagogical competencies.

Figure D7.1. Ratio of students to teaching staff in upper secondary education, by programme orientation (2021)

In per cent



1. Upper secondary vocational programmes include vocational programmes at lower secondary, Bachelor's and Master's levels.

2. Public institutions only

Countries are ranked in descending order of the ratio of students to teaching staff in upper secondary vocational programmes.

Source: OECD/UIS/Eurostat (2023), Table D7.1. See *Source* section for more information and (OECD, 2023^[2]), *Education at a Glance 2023 Sources, Methodologies and Technical Notes*, <https://doi.org/10.1787/d7f76adc-en> for notes.

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Other findings

- The age distribution of the VET teaching staff varies considerably across countries, but overall, the share of teachers aged under 30 in VET programmes is low in all OECD countries, peaking at 14% in Korea.
- Despite substantial representation among the VET teaching staff at upper secondary level, women in the profession continue to be paid less than men.
- Countries where more than half of upper secondary vocational students are enrolled in combined school- and work-based programmes tend to have an equal or higher number of students per teacher in vocational programmes than in general ones.

Note

The data in this section include all teachers of vocational subjects in upper secondary vocational programmes. Importantly, the data exclude teachers of general subjects within VET. In-company trainers (e.g. those supervising apprentices) are also excluded.

Analysis

A well-prepared teaching and training workforce with the right set of skills is vital for quality VET provision. Ensuring that a sufficient and continuing number of skilled VET teachers are entering and retained in the profession is of central importance in many of the OECD countries reporting concerns about VET teacher shortages in relevant occupations. Germany estimates that the number of VET teachers will only meet 80% of the demand in the coming decade, while in Sweden, it is estimated that the supply of new VET teachers will meet less than half of the demand. In Korea, new VET teachers replaced only 70% of retirees in the past five years. Even countries where VET teacher shortages are not pronounced, such as Finland, Japan, the Netherlands and Norway, anticipate shortages in specific fields and localities (OECD, 2021^[1]).

The VET teaching profession may also suffer from teacher shortages due to the limited attractiveness of the profession as a career. Salary levels are one significant explanation for why teaching in VET programmes does not necessarily attract enough entrants. In several countries, the profession does not offer competitive salaries compared to industry or other educational institutions, especially in high-demand sectors such as information and communication technologies (ICT). In addition, many VET teachers feel that their profession is not valued by society. High workloads, poor management of VET institutions and lack of career development opportunities also impact on job satisfaction, which in turn influences VET teacher retention (OECD, 2021^[1]).

Age distribution of teaching staff in vocational programmes

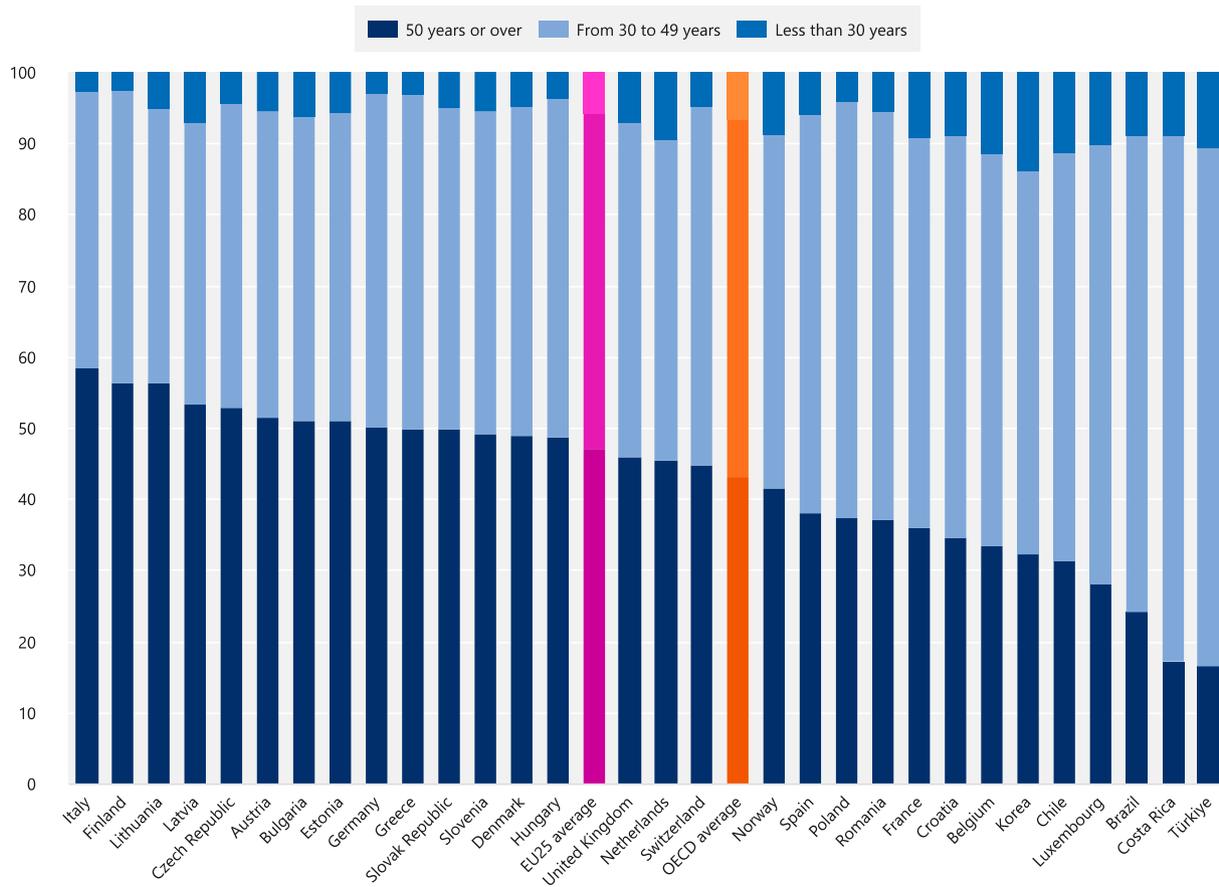
The VET teaching workforce is ageing. On average across the 25 OECD countries with available data, 43% of teachers in upper secondary VET programmes were 50 years old or older in 2021, compared to 41% in 2013 (*Education at a Glance Database*). This is higher than the share for general education teachers (39% in 2021), where there has been a similar 1 percentage point increase between 2013 and 2021.

The age distribution of the vocational workforce varies considerably across countries, but overall the share of young staff members (less than 30 years) in VET programmes is low in all OECD countries. Korea has the largest share of young teachers, at 14% of the teaching staff. Similarly, in more than half of OECD countries, those aged 50 or over make up the largest share of VET teaching staff. On average, 43% of the VET teaching workforce at upper secondary level in OECD countries are aged 50 or over. However, there is a large degree of variation across countries, with the share ranging from 17% in Costa Rica and Türkiye to 59% in Italy. At post-secondary non-tertiary level, the share of teaching staff aged 50 or over is even higher, averaging 45% across OECD countries (Table D7.2).

These large proportions of older teaching staff reflect the wider challenge of an ageing teacher workforce in many countries, but could also be compounded by the usual practice of VET teachers gaining industry experience before joining the profession. Results from the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) show that VET teachers tend to have more non-teaching work experience than general education teachers at upper secondary level (OECD, 2021^[3]). VET staff often start their professional trajectory in industry or outside the education sector, with teaching usually coming as a second vocation. TALIS found that teaching was the first choice of career for a smaller share of teachers in VET schools (62%) than it was for teachers in other schools (70%) (OECD, 2021^[3]).

Figure D7.2. Age profile of teachers in upper secondary vocational programmes (2021)

In per cent



Countries are ranked in descending order of the share of teachers aged 50 years or over in upper secondary vocational programmes.

Source: OECD/UIS/Eurostat (2023), Table D7.2. See Source section for more information and (OECD, 2023^[2]), *Education at a Glance 2023 Sources, Methodologies and Technical Notes*, <https://doi.org/10.1787/d7f76adc-en> for notes.

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The diverse experience and up-to-date knowledge that some teachers in VET programmes may bring from their non-education roles in industry are great assets for learners in vocational programmes. However, attention should also be paid to supporting these staff in their pedagogical role to ensure that they are able to properly transfer essential skills to students (OECD, 2021^[1]).

Gender profile of upper secondary vocational teaching staff

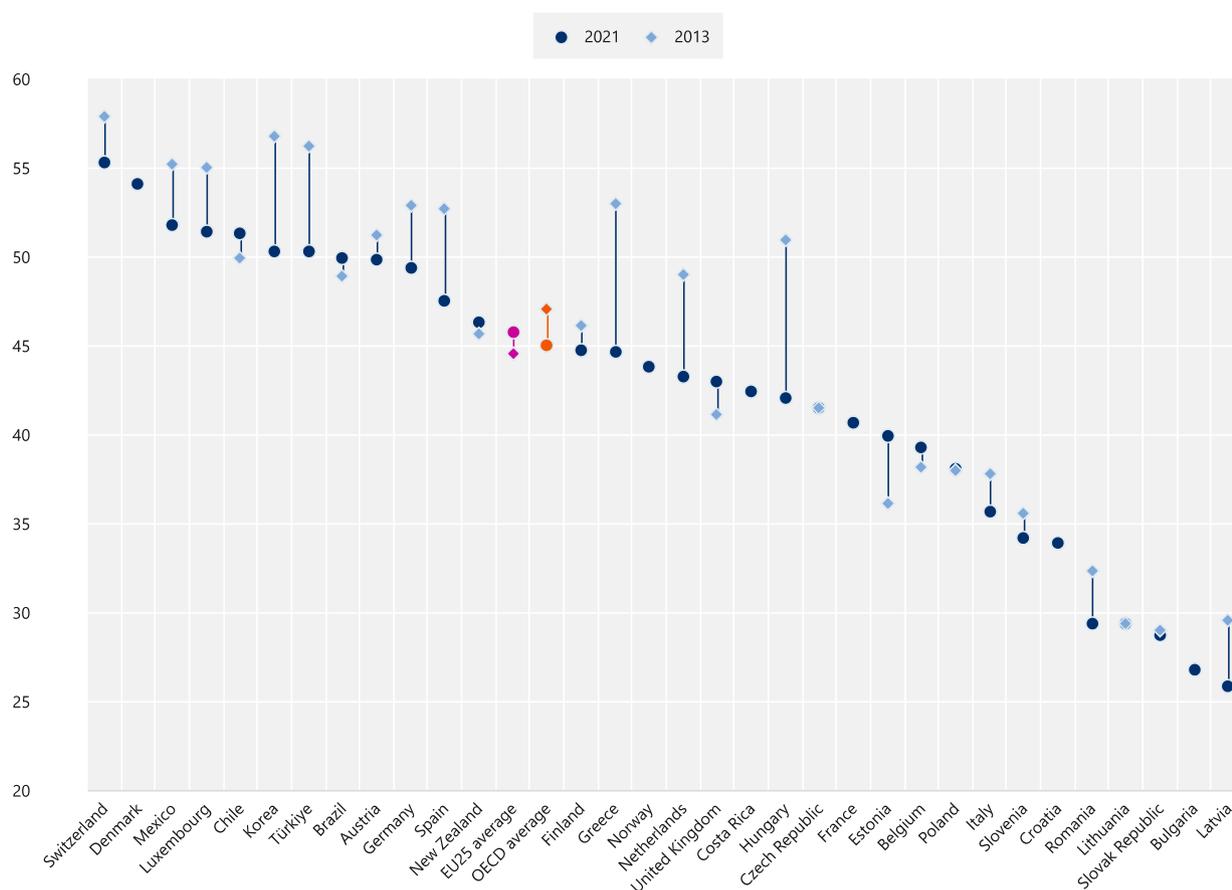
Teachers in upper secondary vocational programmes are more likely to be men than those in general ones. Overall, 41% of upper secondary teachers are men on average across OECD countries in 2021, but men account for 45% of teachers in vocational upper secondary programmes, compared to 39% of those in general ones. The share of male teachers is higher in vocational programmes than in general ones in almost all OECD countries except the Netherlands, where the share of male teachers in general programmes is slightly more than the share in vocational ones, by 2 percentage point. In Norway and Slovenia, the share of male teachers is similar for both general and vocational programmes (Table D7.3).

However, there are significant variations across countries in the gender profile of teaching staff at upper secondary level. Overall, at upper secondary level, male teachers form the majority only in Colombia (55%), Japan (68%) and Switzerland (54%). In contrast, in Bulgaria, Canada, Latvia and Lithuania, men represent only one-quarter or less of all upper secondary teaching staff. In vocational upper secondary programmes, there are more female than male teachers in all countries except Chile (49%), Denmark (46%) Luxembourg (49%), Mexico (48%) and Switzerland (45%). In Austria, Brazil, Korea and Türkiye, the share of teachers is similar for both women and men (Table D7.3).

Despite their significant representation among the VET teaching staff at upper secondary level, female teachers are still earning less than their male colleagues. In most countries for which data are available, the actual salaries of 25-64 year-old female upper secondary VET teachers are much lower than those of male teachers (Table D3.9). Female VET teachers are also more likely to work part time than their male peers, but there is no information on whether this is a desired arrangement or a consequence of precarious contracts (OECD, 2021^[11]).

Figure D7.3. Share of male teachers in upper secondary vocational programmes (2013 and 2021)

In per cent, based on head counts



Countries are ranked in descending order of the ratio of male teachers in upper secondary vocational programmes.

Source: OECD/UIS/Eurostat (2023), Table D7.3. See Source section for more information and (OECD, 2023^[2]), *Education at a Glance 2023 Sources, Methodologies and Technical Notes*, <https://doi.org/10.1787/d7f76adc-en> for notes.

Between 2013 and 2021, the gender imbalance has been exacerbated, with the share of male teachers falling by 2 percentage points, from 47% to 45% in upper secondary vocational programmes. The share of male VET teachers fell in almost all countries with available data, with Hungary seeing the largest drop, from 51% in 2013 to 43% in 2021. In contrast, Estonia saw a 4-percentage point increase in the share of male teachers, the largest increase over that period (Figure D7.3).

Ratio of students to teaching staff in vocational programmes

The student-teacher ratio in upper secondary vocational programmes varies widely, from 8 students per teacher in Belgium, France and Greece to 56 students in Colombia (Figure D7.1). Although the average ratio in vocational programmes across OECD countries is relatively similar to general programmes, with 15 students per teacher compared to 14 in general programmes, the variation across countries is much larger. While in many countries, the ratio of students to teachers in vocational programmes is identical or very similar to general programmes, in Colombia, Latvia and the United Kingdom, there are at least seven more students per teacher in vocational programmes than in general ones. In other countries, such as Brazil, France and Mexico, the difference is reversed: there are over six more students per teacher in general programmes (Table D7.1).

A combination of factors may influence the differences in student-teacher ratios between vocational and general upper secondary programmes. The amount of work-based learning is one determining aspect. Countries with more work-based learning tend to have a larger number of students per teacher, as students spend less time in school-based settings (OECD, 2017^[4]). In such programmes practical training is delivered mostly within companies and schools focus on general subjects and theoretical instruction, which may happen in larger classes. In contrast, VET systems with a substantial school-based learning component tend to have similar or smaller student-teacher ratios than in general education (OECD, 2020^[5]). This reflects the need to deliver practical training within school settings, which requires smaller groups of students than the teaching of general subjects or vocational theory. In particular, countries where more than half of upper secondary vocational students are enrolled in combined school- and work-based programmes tend to have an equal or larger number of students per teacher in vocational than in general programmes. For instance, in Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia and Switzerland, where about 9 out of 10 upper secondary vocational students are enrolled in combined school- and work-based programmes (Table B1.3), ratios of students to teaching staff are consistently higher in vocational than general programmes.

However, other factors, such as field of study, also influence the student-teacher ratio in vocational programmes. Some fields require greater instructor attention and supervision, particularly those where students have access to more sophisticated equipment (Hoeckel, 2008^[6]). This may be particularly the case in technical fields such as engineering, manufacturing and construction, or some specialties in health and welfare. For example, Latvia and the United Kingdom have some of the lowest shares of upper secondary vocational students graduating from the combined fields of engineering, manufacturing and construction and health and welfare across OECD countries (*Education at a Glance Database*). Both countries have among the highest differences in student-teacher ratios between vocational and general programmes across OECD countries. In contrast, the fields of study of upper secondary vocational graduates in Austria, Germany and Switzerland are more diversified, which may explain the similar student-teacher ratios between vocational and general programmes in these countries. These differences have important implications for the cost of vocational instruction, as advanced vocational training in specialised fields of study requires both complex machinery and a greater level of human resources (Klein, 2001^[7]). In most countries with available data, the cost per student in upper secondary vocational programmes is higher than in general ones (Indicator C1).

Definitions

- **Vocational education teachers** (International Standard Classification of Occupations) teach or instruct vocational or occupational subjects in initial, adult and further education institutions and to senior students

in secondary schools and colleges. They prepare students for employment in specific occupations or occupational areas for which university or higher education is not normally required, whether they work in a general secondary school or in a vocational or technical school or college. This includes vocational teachers not only in VET programmes but also in general programmes but excludes general subject teachers in VET programmes.

Methodology

The ratio of students to teaching staff compares the number of students (full-time equivalents) to the number of teachers (full-time equivalents) at a given level of education and in similar types of institutions. This ratio does not consider the amount of instruction time students have relative to the length of teachers' working days, nor how much time teachers spend teaching.

For the ratio of students to teaching staff to be meaningful, consistent coverage of personnel and enrolment data are needed. For instance, if teaching staff in religious institutions are not reported in the personnel data, then students in those institutions must also be excluded.

For more information, please see *the OECD Handbook for Internationally Comparative Education Statistics 2018* (OECD, 2018^[8]) and (OECD, 2023^[2]), [Education at a Glance 2023 Sources, Methodologies and Technical Notes](#), for country-specific notes.

Source

Data refer to the academic year 2020/21 and are based on the UNESCO-UIS/OECD/Eurostat data collection on education statistics administered by the OECD in 2022 (for details, see [Education at a Glance 2023 Sources, Methodologies and Technical Notes](#)).

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Cut-off date for the data: 17 June 2023. Any updates on data can be found on line at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/eag-data-en>. More breakdowns can also be found at <http://stats.oecd.org/>, *Education at a Glance Database*.

Table D7.1. Ratio of students to teaching staff in educational institutions, by level of education (2021)

	Primary	Secondary					Post-secondary non-tertiary	Tertiary		
		Lower secondary	Upper secondary			All secondary		Short-cycle tertiary	Bachelor's, master's and doctoral equivalent	All tertiary
			General programmes	Vocational programmes	All programmes					
OECD countries	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Australia	15	x(3)	12 ^d	m	12	m	m	m	21	m
Austria	12	9	10	10	10	9	12	9	16	14
Belgium ¹	12	8	11	8	9	9	15	18	22	22
Canada	16 ^d	x(1)	x(5)	x(5)	12	m	m	m	21	m
Chile	18	20	20	21	20	20	a	m	m	m
Colombia	24	29	25	56	23	27	m	26	29	28
Costa Rica	11	14	14	13	14	14	a	m	m	m
Czech Republic	17	12	10	10	10	11	15	10	17	16
Denmark	12	11	11	16	13	12	a	23	14	14
Estonia	12	10	14	19 ^d	16 ^d	13 ^d	x(5)	a	12	12
Finland	13	8	15	18	17	12	18	a	13	13
France	18	15	14	8	11	13	19	12	19	17
Germany	15	13	12	13	12	13	12	11	12	12
Greece	8	8	10	8	9	8	m	a	m	m
Hungary	10	11	11	9	10	11	11	x(10)	x(10)	11
Iceland	10	10	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Ireland	14	x(3)	12 ^d	a	12 ^d	12	7	m	m	23
Israel	15	12	m	m	m	m	m	m	17	m
Italy	11	11	11	9 ^d	10 ^d	10 ^d	x(4)	a	21	21
Japan	15	13	x(5)	x(5)	11 ^d	12 ^d	x(5)	m	m	m
Korea	16	13	11	9	11	12	a	m	m	m
Latvia	12	10	10	17	12	11	23	13	5	14
Lithuania	14	10	10	9	10	10	9	a	13	13
Luxembourg	9	10	9	9	10	10	8	9	4	5
Mexico	24	30	27	16	22	26	a	x(10)	x(10)	20
Netherlands	16	16	16	18	17	17	a	16	15	15
New Zealand	16	17	12	16	12	14	20	16	18	17
Norway	10	8	11	11	11	9	16	16	9	10
Poland	12	10	12	11	11	11	39	13	13	13
Portugal	12	9	x(5)	x(5)	11 ^d	10 ^d	x(5)	x(10)	x(10)	15
Slovak Republic	17	13	14	13	13	13	13	7	12	12
Slovenia	10 ^d	x(1)	12	14	13	m	a	9	15	14
Spain	12	11	11	9	10	11	a	11	13	13
Sweden	13	11	x(5)	x(5)	13	12	10	10	10	10
Switzerland ²	15	12	12	13 ^d	12 ^d	12 ^d	x(5)	a	15	15
Türkiye	17	14	14	11	13	13	a	41	19	22
United Kingdom ³	19	17	16	25 ^d	18 ^d	18 ^d	a	x(10)	x(10)	14
United States	14	15	15	a	15	15	x(10)	x(10)	x(10)	13 ^d
OECD average	15	13	14	15	13	13	16	16	17	17
Partner and/or accession countries										
Argentina	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Brazil	23	25	25	15	23	24	30	4	26	26
Bulgaria	10	11	11	13	12	11	3	a	12	12
China	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Croatia	12	8	10	7	8	8	a	x(10)	x(10)	12
India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Indonesia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Peru ⁴	18	m	m	m	m	14	a	0	m	m
Romania	19	11	15	13	14	12	61	a	21	21
Saudi Arabia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
EU25 average	15	12	14	14	13	13	19	13	17	18
G20 average	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m

Note: See StatLink and Box D7.1 for the notes related to this Table.

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Table D7.2. Age profile of teachers, by level of education (2021)

Percentage of teachers in public and private institutions, by level of education and age group, based on head counts

	Upper secondary									Post-secondary non-tertiary			Short-cycle tertiary		
	General programmes			Vocational programmes			All programmes								
	< 30 years	30-49 years	>= 50 years	< 30 years	30-49 years	>= 50 years	< 30 years	30-49 years	>= 50 years	< 30 years	30-49 years	>= 50 years	< 30 years	30-49 years	>= 50 years
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	
OECD countries															
Australia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Austria	11	48	40	5	43	52	8	45	47	3	42	55	6	43	51
Belgium ¹	12	57	31	11	55	34	12	56	33	6	48	45	8	60	31
Canada ²	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	10	62	28	m	m	m	7	46	47
Chile	15	61	25	11	57	31	14	60	26	a	a	a	m	m	m
Colombia	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	7	50	43	2	68	30	6	66	28
Costa Rica	10	72	18	9	74	17	9	73	18	a	a	a	32	61	7
Czech Republic	4	43	53	4	43	53	4	43	53	m	m	m	m	m	m
Denmark	6	57	37	5	46	49	5	54	41	a	a	a	3	47	51
Estonia	7	41	51	6 ^d	43 ^d	51 ^d	7 ^d	42 ^d	51 ^d	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	a	a	a
Finland	8	52	40	2	41	57	4	45	50	2	41	57	a	a	a
France	9	55	36	9	55	36	9	55	36	12	48	39	10	53	36
Germany	6	59	36	3	47	50	5	55	40	3	48	50	4	41	55
Greece	1	34	65	3	47	50	2	39	60	6	68	26	a	a	a
Hungary	5	51	45	4	48	49	4	49	47	4	49	47	m	m	m
Iceland	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Ireland ³	12 ^d	62 ^d	26 ^d	a	a	a	12 ^d	62 ^d	26 ^d	4	45	51	m	m	m
Israel ²	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	9	57	34	m	m	m	7	52	40
Italy ⁴	2	36	61	2 ^d	39 ^d	59 ^d	2 ^d	38 ^d	60 ^d	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	a	a	a
Japan ⁵	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	13 ^d	48 ^d	38 ^d	x(7, 13)	x(8, 14)	x(9, 15)	6 ^d	51 ^d	43 ^d
Korea	10	64	26	14	54	32	11	62	28	a	a	a	1	52	47
Latvia	7	36	57	7	40	53	7	37	56	8	40	53	5	48	47
Lithuania	3	37	60	5	39	56	3	37	59	6	45	49	a	a	a
Luxembourg	7	62	31	10	62	28	9	62	29	6	56	38	10	63	27
Mexico	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	a	a	a	m	m	m
Netherlands	15	49	36	9	45	46	11	46	42	a	a	a	6	51	43
New Zealand	11	47	42	m	m	m	11	46	43	10	42	49	12	45	43
Norway	9	50	42	9	50	42	9	50	42	11	44	45	11	44	45
Poland	4	58	38	4	59	37	4	58	38	6	57	36	1	46	52
Portugal ⁵	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	2 ^d	49 ^d	48 ^d	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	m	m	m
Slovak Republic	7	58	35	5	45	50	6	49	45	5	44	51	5	45	50
Slovenia	5	45	49	5	45	49	5	45	49	a	a	a	4	44	52
Spain	6	56	38	6	56	38	6	56	38	a	a	a	6	56	38
Sweden	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	5	50	45	6	52	43	5	52	43
Switzerland	5	56	38	5 ^d	50 ^d	45 ^d	5 ^d	52 ^d	43 ^d	x(7)	x(8)	x(9)	a	a	a
Türkiye	8	74	18	10	73	17	9	73	17	a	a	a	9	76	15
United Kingdom	22	60	18	7 ^d	47 ^d	46 ^d	17 ^d	56 ^d	28 ^d	a	a	a	m	m	m
United States	11	54	36	a	a	a	11	54	36	m	m	m	m	m	m
OECD average	8	53	39	7	50	43	8	52	40	6	49	45	8	52	40
Partner and/or accession countries															
Argentina	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Brazil	10	65	25	9	67	24	10	65	25	11	65	24	1	54	45
Bulgaria	6	44	50	6	43	51	6	44	50	3	53	45	a	a	a
China	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Croatia	10	60	30	9	56	35	9	57	34	a	a	a	x	x	x
India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Indonesia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Peru	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Romania	5	61	34	5	57	37	5	59	36	6	59	34	a	a	a
Saudi Arabia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
EU25 average	8	50	42	6	47	47	7	49	44	6	49	46	6	50	44
G20 average	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m

Note: See StatLink and Box D7.1 for the notes related to this Table.

Source: OECD/UIS/Eurostat (2023). See Source section for more information and (OECD, 2023[2]) *Education at a Glance 2023 Sources, Methodologies and Technical Notes*, <https://doi.org/10.1787/d7f76adc-en> for notes.StatLink  <https://stat.link/3tqgsz>

Table D7.3. Share of men among teachers, by level of education (2013 and 2021)

Percentage of male teachers in public and private institutions by level of education, based on head counts

	2021										2013		
	Pre-primary	Primary	Lower secondary	Upper secondary			Post-secondary non-tertiary	Tertiary			Upper secondary		
				General programmes	Vocational programmes	All programmes		Short-cycle tertiary	Bachelor's, masters' and doctoral or equivalent	All tertiary	General programmes	Vocational programmes	All programmes
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
OECD countries													
Australia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	52	m	m	m	m
Austria	3	8	28	36	50	44	30	48	57	56	38	51	46
Belgium ¹	3	17	34	36	39	38	53	16	52	51	38	38	38
Canada ²	x(2)	25 ^a	x(2)	x(6)	x(6)	25	m	47	56	50	x(13)	x(13)	26
Chile	1	19	31	41	51	43	a	m	m	m	43	50	45
Colombia	3	22	47	x(6)	x(6)	55	36	60	60	60	x(13)	x(13)	54
Costa Rica	7	21	42	42	42	42	a	36	56	56	x(13)	x(13)	42
Czech Republic	1	6	23	41	41	41	59	42	62	62	41	41	41
Denmark	7	32	38	47	54	49	a	57	54	54	m	m	m
Estonia	m	10	18	23	40 ^d	30 ^d	x(5)	a	51	51	22	36 ^d	28 ^d
Finland	3	20	26	31	45	40	45	a	48	48	31	46	41
France	9	16	40	39	41	40	58	46	57	54	m	m	m
Germany	6	13	34	40	49	43	40	68	60	60	46	53	48
Greece	1	26	32	41	45	43	45	a	63	63	46	53	49
Hungary	1	4	24	31	42	37	42	x(10)	x(10)	59	32	51	36
Iceland	8	17	17	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Ireland	m	15	x(4)	31 ^d	a	31 ^d	35	x(10)	x(10)	53	29 ^d	m	m
Israel	1	14	21	x(6)	x(6)	29	m	43	54	52	x(13)	x(13)	30
Italy	1	5	23	31	36 ^d	33 ^d	x(5)	a	62	62	26	38	33
Japan	3	36	56	x(6)	x(6)	68 ^d	x(6, 8, 9)	50 ^d	75 ^d	70 ^d	m	m	72 ^d
Korea	1	23	29	43	50	44	a	54	65	63	50	57	51
Latvia	1	8	16	18	26	20	30	34	47	45	15	30	19
Lithuania	1	4	18	19	29	22	33	a	43	43	18	29	21
Luxembourg	7	25	41	44	51	49	69	52	66	65	43	55	48
Mexico	4	30	46	49	52	50	a	x(10)	x(10)	56	52	55	53
Netherlands	12	13	45	45	43	44	a	47	53	52	49	49	49
New Zealand	3	15	32	38	46	39	46	47	47	47	40	46	41
Norway	9	26	25	44	44	44	60	60	51	51	x(13)	x(13)	48 ^d
Poland	2	13	24	30	38	34	27	42	52	52	29	38	34
Portugal	1	19	28	x(6)	x(6)	31 ^d	m	m	m	54	x(13)	x(13)	32
Slovak Republic	0	9	23	27	29	28	35	41	54	53	26	29	28
Slovenia	2	12 ^d	x(2)	34	34	34	a	56	53	54	30	36	33
Spain	7	22	38	41	48	43	a	48	57	55	45	53	48
Sweden	4	18	35	x(6)	x(6)	46	54	55	53	53	48	46	47
Switzerland	3	17	43	51	55 ^d	54 ^d	x(5)	a	63	63	55	58 ^d	57 ^d
Türkiye	6	36	41	47	50	49	a	58	54	55	55	56	56
United Kingdom	8	14	35	35	43 ^d	38 ^d	a	x(10)	x(10)	54	37	41	38
United States	7	13	33	42	a	42	x(10)	x(10)	x(10)	49 ^d	43	a	43
OECD average	4	18	33	39	45	41	47	50	58	57	39	47	43
Partner and/or accession countries													
Argentina	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
Brazil	6	12	35	41	50	43	52	54	54	54	38	49	40
Bulgaria	1	7	20	21	27	23	49	a	49	49	m	m	m
China	3	29	41	m	m	44	m	m	m	m	x(13)	x(13)	51
Croatia	1	6	26	26	34	32	a	x(10)	x(10)	50	m	m	m
India	7	44	50	m	m	56	m	a	m	57	x(13)	x(13)	55
Indonesia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	x(13)	x(13)	49
Peru ³	3	33	m	m	m	m	a	64	m	m	m	m	m
Romania	0	8	26	25	29	28	21	a	48	48	29	32	31
Saudi Arabia	m	47	50	m	m	49	m	73	57	57	x(13)	x(13)	44
South Africa ³	m	m	39	m	m	42	36	m	m	m	m	m	m
EU25 average	4	15	33	38	46	41	48	50	60	61	36	45	40
G20 average	5	24	39	m	m	44	m	m	m	57	m	m	47

Note: See StatLink and Box D7.1 for the notes related to this Table.

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Box D7.1. Notes for Indicator D7 Tables

Table D7.1

1. Data for short-cycle tertiary refer to the Flemish Community only.
2. Public institutions only.
3. Upper secondary vocational programmes include vocational programmes at lower secondary, Bachelor's and Master's levels
4. Year of reference 2020

Table D7.2

1. Data for short-cycle tertiary refer to the Flemish Community only.
2. Public institutions only at short-cycle tertiary level.
3. Upper secondary programmes include lower-secondary education
4. Public institutions only.
5. Post-secondary non-tertiary teachers may teach at tertiary level in Japan. Post-secondary non-tertiary teachers may teach at upper secondary level and short-cycle tertiary teachers may teach at tertiary level in Portugal.

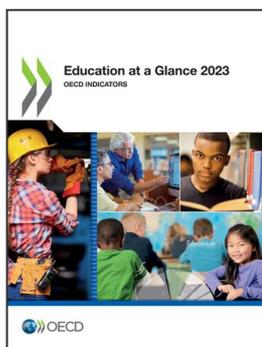
Table D7.3

1. Data for short-cycle tertiary refer to the Flemish Community only.
2. Public institutions only at tertiary level.
3. Year of reference 2020

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