

Highlights

- Modernisation efforts are being made at all levels of education in Estonia and investment in education remains above the EU average. However, the need to adapt the education system to anticipated shifts in the labour market and in the economy, as well as to the interests of students and adults persist. Ageing trends among teachers raise important challenges.
- The level of civic knowledge of Estonian students has increased. There are clear policies and approaches to support citizenship education.
- Tertiary educational attainment is increasing, but dropout from university is still high.
- Performance-based funding was introduced in vocational education and training to encourage schools to tackle high dropout, offer workplace-based learning and foster cooperation with the business sector.
- Participation in adult learning is higher than the EU average, but the need for upskilling among the adult population is high.

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Key indicators

| | Estonia | | EU average | |
|---|-------------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2017 | 2014 | 2017 |
| Education and training 2020 benchmarks | | | | |
| Early leavers from education and training (age 18-24) | 12.0% | 10.8% | 11.2% | 10.6% |
| Tertiary educational attainment (age 30-34) | 43.2% | 48.4% | 37.9% | 39.9% |
| Early childhood education and care (from age 4 to starting age of compulsory primary education) | 91.7% | 92.6% | 94.2% | 95.3% |
| Proportion of 15 year-olds underachieving in: | Reading | 9.1% | 10.6% | 17.8% |
| | Maths | 10.5% | 11.2% | 22.1% |
| | Science | 5.0% | 8.8% | 16.6% |
| Employment rate of recent graduates by educational attainment (age 20-34 having left education 1-3 years before reference year) | 80.9% | 81.5% | 76.0% | 80.2% |
| Adult participation in learning (age 25-64) | 11.6% | 17.2% | 10.8% | 10.9% |
| Learning mobility | Degree mobile graduates | : | 8.6% | : |
| | Credit mobile graduates | : | : | : |

Early leavers from education and training (age 18-24)

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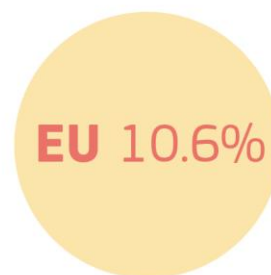
Estonia 10.8%



Men



Women



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Tertiary educational attainment (age 30-34)

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Estonia 48.4%



41.6%

55.6%



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