Highlights

- Changes to university education are making it more flexible and labour market friendly, but the need for more STEM graduates remains.
- The number of apprenticeships has been increased and measures are being taken to promote adult learning.
- Reduced education spending is having an impact on schools and universities.
- There is considerable local variation in the education performance of young people from migrant backgrounds.

Key indicators

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Notes: 1 = latest data 2017; 2 = latest data 2015.
Early leavers from education and training (age 18-24)

**Denmark 10.2%**

- Men: 12.5%
- Women: 7.8%

**EU 10.6%**

Source: Eurostat (EU-LFS, 2018)
Data extracted in 06/2019
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Tertiary education attainment (age 30-34)

**Denmark 49.1%**

- Men: 41.8%
- Women: 56.6%
- Foreign-born: 53.1%
- Native-born: 47.9%

**EU 40.7%**

Source: Eurostat (EU-LFS, 2018)
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Supporting teachers’ professional development

**Denmark**

- Teachers say they need training in:
  1. Teaching special needs students
  2. ICT skills for teaching
  3. Teaching in a multicultural or multilingual setting

Source: OECD (PISA, 2018)
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