

Glossary: Participation in early childhood education

Statistics Explained

Participation in early childhood education for the [EU](#) is defined as the share of the population aged between four years and the age when compulsory education starts which participates in early education.

For other countries the indicator shown is the gross enrolment ratio for [pre-primary education](#) , which is the number of children in pre-primary education as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education in a given school year – it may include under and over-age enrolment.

Related concepts

- [Early school leaver](#)
- [Youth education attainment level](#)

Statistical data

- [Education statistics](#)