

Adult education is specifically targeted at individuals who are regarded as adults by their society to improve their technical or professional qualifications, further develop their abilities, enrich their knowledge with the purpose to complete a level of formal education, or to acquire, refresh or update their knowledge, skills and competencies in a particular field. This also includes what may be referred to as 'continuing education', 'recurrent education' or 'second chance education'.

## Further information

- [Eurostat's education and training statistics - overview Education statistics](#)
- [Access to microdata - adult education survey](#)
- [EU legislation for the adult education survey](#)
- [Adult education survey - methodology](#)

## Related concepts

- [Education](#)
- [Lifelong learning](#)
- [CVTS](#)

## Statistical data

- [Adult learning statistics](#)
- [Adult learning statistics - characteristics of education and training](#)
- [Education and training in the EU - facts and figures](#)
- [SDG 4 - Quality education](#)