

Table D1.1. [2/2] **Instruction time in compulsory general education¹ (2015)***By level of education, in public institutions*

		Lower secondary			Primary and lower secondary			
		Total number of hours			Theoretical duration in years	Total number of hours		
		Compulsory instruction time	Non-compulsory instruction time	Intended instruction time		Compulsory instruction time	Non-compulsory instruction time	Intended instruction time
		(12)	(13)	(14)=(12)+(13)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
OECD	Australia	4 000	m	m	10	10 000	m	m
	Austria	3 597	m	m	8	6 417	m	m
	Belgium (Fl.) ²	1 893	a	1 893	8	6 821	a	6 821
	Belgium (Fr.) ²	1 941	m	m	8	7 037	m	m
	Canada	2 773	17	2 790	9	8 289	17	8 306
	Chile ³	2 134	a	2 134	8	8 365	a	8 365
	Czech Republic	3 550	m	m	9	6 984	m	m
	Denmark	3 360	240	3 600	10	10 040	920	10 960
	England ⁴	a	a	a	9	a	a	a
	Estonia	2 468	a	2 468	9	6 431	a	6 431
	Finland ⁵	2 533	171	2 704	9	6 327	342	6 669
	France	3 964	396	4 360	9	8 284	396	8 680
	Germany ^{3, 6}	4 531	a	4 531	9	7 345	a	7 345
	Greece	2 356	n	2 356	9	7 071	1 672	8 744
	Hungary	2 970	a	2 970	8	5 553	a	5 553
	Iceland	2 516	a	2 516	10	7 616	a	7 616
	Ireland ⁷	2 806	a	2 806	9	8 296	a	8 296
	Israel	3 070	n	3 070	9	8 901	n	8 901
	Italy	2 970	a	2 970	8	7 425	a	7 425
	Japan	2 684	a	2 684	9	7 260	a	7 260
	Korea	2 525	a	2 525	9	6 410	a	6 410
	Luxembourg	2 535	a	2 535	9	8 079	a	8 079
	Mexico	3 500	a	3 500	9	8 900	a	8 900
	Netherlands ⁸	3 000	m	m	9	8 640	m	m
	New Zealand	m	m	m	10	m	m	m
	Norway	2 622	a	2 622	10	7 856	a	7 856
	Poland	2 430	194	2 624	9	6 237	542	6 779
Portugal	2 675	80	2 756	9	7 513	1 214	8 726	
Scotland ⁴	a	a	a	10	a	a	a	
Slovak Republic	4 095	a	4 095	9	6 788	a	6 788	
Slovenia	2 298	435	2 733	9	6 284	1 118	7 401	
Spain	4 234	a	4 234	10	8 991	a	8 991	
Sweden ⁵	2 262	m	m	9	6 785	m	m	
Switzerland	2 888	m	m	9	7 800	m	m	
Turkey	3 360	a	3 360	8	6 240	a	6 240	
United States ⁹	3 033	m	m	9	8 835	m	m	
OECD average ⁴		2 957	61	~	9	7 570	249	~
EU21 average ⁴		2 975	95	~	9	7 302	388	~
Partners	Argentina	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Brazil	m	m	m	9	m	m	m
	China	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Colombia	4 800	m	m	9	9 800	m	m
	India	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Indonesia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	Latvia	2 381	m	m	9	5 947	m	m
	Russian Federation	4 384	m	m	9	6 452	m	m
	Saudi Arabia	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
	South Africa	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
G20 average		m	m	m	m	m	m	m

Note: Columns showing instruction time in compulsory upper secondary education (i.e. columns 19-25) are available for consultation on line (see *StatLink* below).

1. Refers to full-time compulsory education and excludes pre-primary education, even if compulsory.

2. It is compulsory for students to attend full-time education up to the age of 15 or 16. However, those in general education must continue until they are 18.

3. Year of reference 2014.

4. England and Scotland are not included in the averages.

5. Estimated number of hours by level of education based on the average number of hours per year, as the allocation of instruction time across multiple grades is flexible.

6. Excludes the last year of compulsory education, which can be classified at either the lower secondary or the upper secondary level.


7. Actual instruction time for lower and upper secondary education.

8. The number of grades in lower secondary education is three or four, depending on the track. The 4th year of pre-vocational secondary education (VMBO) was excluded from the calculation.

9. Year of reference 2012.

Source: OECD. See Annex 3 for notes (www.oecd.org/education/education-at-a-glance-19991487.htm).

Please refer to the Reader's Guide for information concerning symbols for missing data and abbreviations.

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