

Highlights

- Public spending on education remains high, but the low effectiveness and efficiency of the education system continue to be a major challenge.
- Citizenship education is integrated in general education and also present in digital education. The modernisation of school education has progressed further on teacher appointments, implementation of new curricula and school regulations and continuing professional development.
- Tertiary attainment is very high overall, but overqualification remains an issue and graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are underrepresented.
- Vocational education and training (VET) was strengthened, yet participation levels and VET graduate employability remain low.
- Efforts were made to improve adult learning, but the very low share of low-skilled participants remains a concern, especially given the shrinking and ageing population.

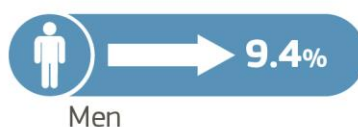
Key indicators

		Cyprus		EU average	
		2014	2017	2014	2017
Education and training 2020 benchmarks					
Early leavers from education and training (age 18-24)		6.8%	8.6%	11.2%	10.6%
Tertiary educational attainment (age 30-34)		52.5%	55.8%	37.9%	39.9%
Early childhood education and care (from age 4 to starting age of compulsory education)		82.6%	89.7%	94.2%	95.3%
Proportion of 15 year-olds underachieving in:	Reading	32.8%	35.6%	17.8%	19.7%
	Maths	42.0%	42.6%	22.1%	22.2%
	Science	38.0%	42.1%	16.6%	20.6%
Employment rate of recent graduates by educational attainment (age 20-34 having left education 1-3 years before reference year)		68.7%	71.5%	76.0%	80.2%
Adult participation in learning (age 25-64)		7.1%	6.9%	10.8%	10.9%
Learning mobility	Degree mobile graduates	:	13.3%	:	3.1%
	Credit mobile graduates	:	2.5%	:	7.6%

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

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Cyprus 8.6%



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Tertiary educational attainment (age 30-34)

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Cyprus 55.8%



47.2% **63.5%**



Men



Women



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