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# SECONDARY EDUCATION STATISTICS

### LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is conducted in accordance with the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2022-2025 and pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No 85/03).

### CLASSIFICATIONS APPLIED

Statistical data on secondary education are produced in accordance with the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED-2011) and the International Standard Classification of Education – Fields of Education and Training (ISCED F-2013). These classifications ensure comparability of data both within countries and internationally.

### METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

#### Aim and content

The aim of secondary education statistics is to produce data on the situation, structure and development of schools and classes, on the structure and movement of pupils and teachers, on schooling results and on the teaching staff that implements the secondary education programme. The aim is to develop and strengthen the knowledge, abilities and skills required for work in the profession, the acquisition of internationally comparable levels of knowledge, as well as preparation for continuing education at higher education institutions.

#### Reporting units/Observation units

Reporting units are all public and private secondary schools. Public secondary schools submit data through the Unified Information System of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Republika Srpska. Private secondary schools submit data via the Institute's web application.

Observation units are all pupils attending secondary schools and schools for children with disabilities, as well as employees in secondary schools.

## Coverage

The coverage is full; the survey covers pupils of all secondary schools and schools for children with disabilities in Republika Srpska enrolled in secondary schools in a given school year, as well as employees in secondary schools.

## Method and period of data collection

The data on secondary education are collected through the Annual statistical report on secondary education at the beginning of the school year, for the beginning of the school year and for the end of the previous school year, as on 25 September. The data are collected from the administrative source, namely the Unified Information System of the Ministry of Education and Culture which receives data from secondary schools, as well as via a web application

## PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, No 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

## Definitions

Secondary school is an institution performing activities in the field of secondary education and upbringing. Depending on the type of curriculum in accordance with the Law on Secondary Schools in Republika Srpska, secondary schools can be established as grammar schools, vocational technical schools, vocational schools, art schools, religious schools, schools for pupils with disabilities and schools for adult education.

**Grammar schools** provide general education, education in the field of natural science and mathematics, education in the field of social science and languages, and education in the field of computers and informatics. Education in grammar schools lasts four years.

**Vocational technical schools** provide education in accordance with an appropriate general education, vocational-theoretical and practical curriculum, lasting four years.

**Art schools** provide education in accordance with an appropriate curriculum in the field of art, lasting four years. Upon completion of art school, students acquire a secondary education diploma.

**Vocational schools** provide education by professions and occupations for work, lasting three years. For less complex occupations, education can last less than three years.

**Religious schools** provide education of religious officials, upon completion of which students acquire a secondary education diploma. In religious schools, education lasts five years.

**Schools for pupils with disabilities** provide education in accordance with a professional, specially adapted curriculum for special education of pupils with disabilities.

## IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

### Authorities implementing the statistical survey

The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics is the responsible authority for the production of data on secondary education. The collection of data is carried out through the Unified Information System of the Ministry of Education and Culture, while the data processing is carried out at the Institute.

## **Obligation to provide data**

Reporting units must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics in accordance with the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

## **IMPLEMENTATION FREQUENCY**

The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics takes over the data on pupils and teachers from the Ministry of Education and Culture in November of the current year.

Preliminary data are published on 25 March, while final data are published on 26 June.

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### **Questionnaire**

A questionnaire available at the Institute's website is used for the implementation of activities in the field of secondary education statistics.

### **Instructions for completing the questionnaire**

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

## **PUBLISHING**

Preliminary data are published in the annual release on secondary education. Detailed final data are published in the thematic bulletin, as well as in the Statistical Yearbook of Republika Srpska and in the publications Cities and Municipalities of Republika Srpska and This is Republika Srpska. All the publications are available at the website of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

## **ONLINE DATABASE**

An online database containing a series of statistical data on secondary education and upbringing is available at the official website of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

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