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Introduction

Education is the key to progress and development of nations. It is one of the important factors of developmental progress, economic growth, scientific innovation and creativity. It effectively contributes to achieving the development goals of the state in general and Abu Dhabi in particular. The impact of education is not limited to improving work productivity but it goes far beyond to deeply affect the quality of life in its broadest sense including the population cultural and social behavior.

The wise cultural vision of our judicious leadership and their future prospects for development, in a way that builds for a promising and prosperous future, made the Emirate of Abu Dhabi pay great attention and devote itself to education as one of the most important established parameters aiming at human development and generation rehabilitation to keep pace with the needs of developments and growth.

“The wealth of any developed nation is its own educated citizens: progress of people and nations is measured by their level of education and its extent of dissemination among them.”

(The late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, May he rest in peace)

The educational system in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi includes three major divisions, namely “general education, technical education, and higher education”. This report approaches the statistics of education for the two school years 2016-17 and 2017-18. It reviews the most important indicators of schools, classrooms, pupils, and the total and net school enrollment, student promotion to the secondary stage, the determined pupils, the teaching staff, higher education, adult education, eradication of illiteracy, learning attainment, and illiteracy indicators. Also, a set of indicators were added and are related to the Emiratization of the education sector, particularly the school education sector, which would serve the decision-makers and those interested in this matter or devoted thereto.

“We need to equip ourselves with modern science and extensive knowledge and devote our selves thereto, with high spirit and sincere desire in all areas of work, so that the United Arab Emirates can achieve a civilized wide leap.”

(HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan)

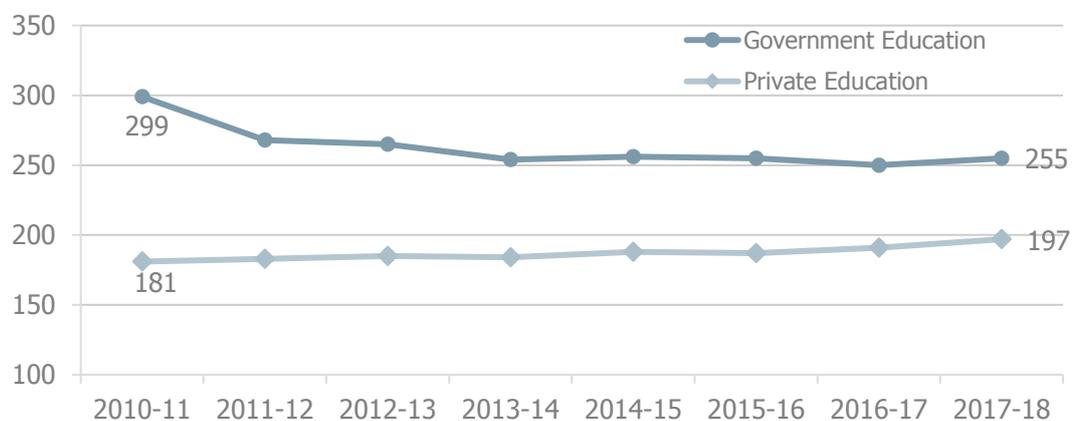
Department of Education and Knowledge is the main source for these statistics. In this regard, Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi extends its thanks to him for his cooperation and role in the production and provision of reliable and up-to-date data.

Key Points

Abu Dhabi government has sought to develop and improve education for the purposes of achieving comprehensive development in the community, below are the results achieved highlighted:

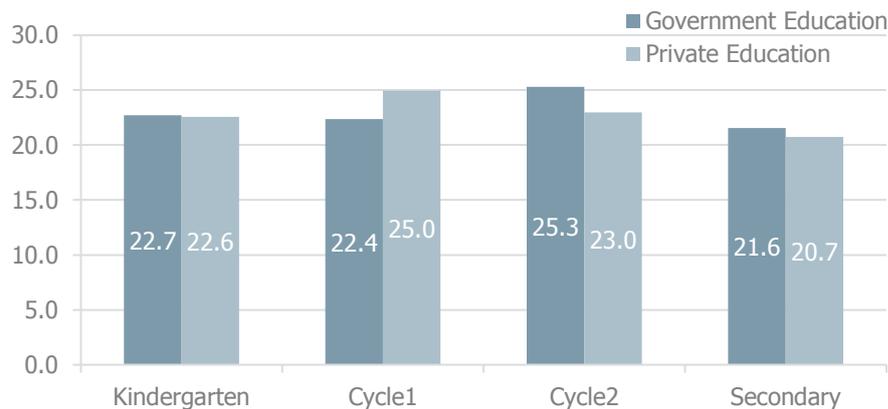
- The number of schools in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi was 452 in the school year 2017-18. Government schools represent 56.4% of the total number of schools in the Emirate.
- The total number of classrooms across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi was 16,258 in the school year 2017-18, with a decrease of 2.7% from 2016-17.
- Government schools comprise 36.3% of the total number of classrooms.

Figure 1: Schools by Sector, 2010-11 to 2017-18



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi, Department of Education and Knowledge

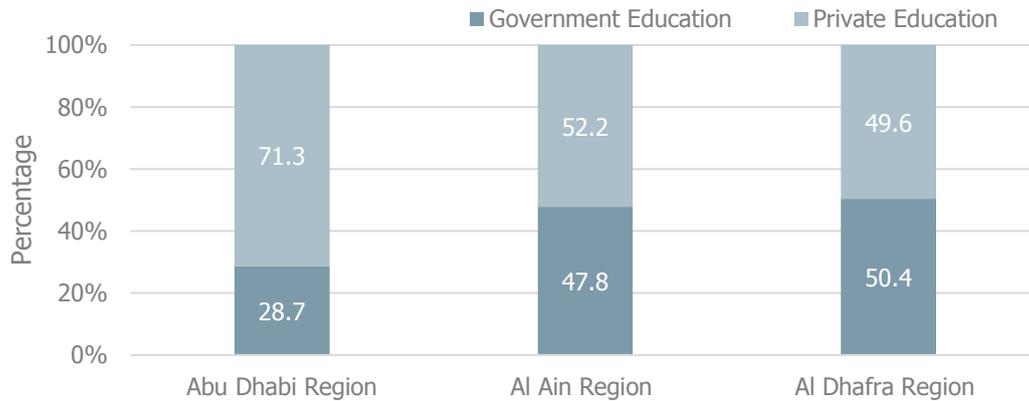
Figure 2: Pupils per Classrooms by Educational Stage and Sector 2017-18



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi, Department of Education and Knowledge

- The number of pupils enrolled in all educational stages has increased to 377,919 in the school year 2017-18, with an increase of 1.2% from 2016-17.
- Government schools contain 36.0% of the total number of Abu Dhabi Emirate pupils.
- Citizen pupils in all educational stages has reached 172,193, making up 45.6% of the total number of pupils in the Emirate.
- The number of male pupils has reached 192,679, making up 51.0% of the total number of pupils.
- Female pupils higher than male pupils in government schools.
- The proportion of female pupils to male pupils has reached 108.6 per each 100 of male pupils, in government schools.
- The proportion of female pupils to male pupils reached 89.8 per each 100 of male pupils, in private schools.
- There were 74.5% of the determined pupils enrolled in government schools and adult education, while 25.5% were in the private schools.

Figure 3: Percentage Distribution of Enrolled Pupils by Region and Sector 2017-18



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi, Department of Education and Knowledge

- The average number of pupils per teacher in government schools was 12.0.
- The average number of pupils per teacher in private schools was 13.3.
- The Emiratization rate in education sector; administrative, and technical jobs, in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi has reached 19.0%,
- Citizens make up 51.0% of the total number of government education workers.
- Citizens make up 0.8% of the total number of private education.
- The Emiratization rate in the teaching staff was 38.5% in the government education sector against 0.4% in the private education sector.
- The Emiratization rate in the administrative and technical staff was 86.9% in the government education sector against 1.6% in the private education sector.
- Citizen female teachers make up 49.1% of the total number of female teachers in the government education sector, while it was only 12.8% for male teachers.
- The citizen pupils make up 75.9% of the total number of pupils enrolled at the higher education institutions in 2016-17
- Citizen female pupils make up 67.4% of the total number of citizen pupils enrolled at the higher education institutions.
- The illiteracy rate for citizen (10 year and older) was 4.0% against 6.8% for non-citizens.

Notes

Technical notes

For better understanding of the statistical indicators mentioned in this summery, please refer to the accompanied technical notes in the website.

Data sources

Data are obtained from Department of Education and Knowledge. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing and compilation.

More information and detailed release

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