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Primary schools

**– End of the school year 2016/2017 –**

At the end of the school year 2016/2017 in the Republic of Serbia there were 3370 active regular primary schools, of which 1132 central schools and 2238 regional school departments. Lectures were attended by 543028 pupils, of which 483685 in main schools and 59343 in satellite classrooms.

**Table 1. Primary schools and students**

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|  | Regular schools | Students in regular schools |
| total | main schools | regional school departments | total | in main schools | in regional school departments |
|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **REPUBLIC OF SERBIA** | **3370** | **1132** | **2338** | **543028** | **483685** | **59343** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SRBIJA – SEVER | 824 | 527 | 297 | 270774 | 256576 | 14198 |
| Beogradski region | 290 | 176 | 114 | 125135 | 120482 | 4653 |
| Region Vojvodine | 534 | 351 | 183 | 145639 | 136094 | 9545 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SRBIJA – JUG | 2546 | 605 | 1941 | 272254 | 227109 | 45145 |
| Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije | 1374 | 329 | 1045 | 156192 | 130046 | 26146 |
| Region Južne i Istočne Srbije | 1172 | 276 | 896 | 116062 | 97063 | 18999 |
| Region Kosovo i Metohija | … | … | … | … | … | … |

 The first cycle of primary education (4th grades) was completed by 66662 students, among whom the number of males was higher (50.9%) than the number of females (49.1%), while the whole primary education (8th grades) was completed by 67382 students – 51.3% males and 48.7% females.

**Table 2. Students who completed the 4th grade and 8th grade**

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|  | Students who have completed the first cycle of primary education (4th grade) | Students who have completed school (8th grade) |
| total | males | females | total | males | females |
|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **REPUBLIC OF SERBIA** | **66662** | **33962** | **32700** | **67382** | **34539** | **32843** |
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| SRBIJA – SEVER | 33263 | 16881 | 16382 | 32817 | 16701 | 16116 |
| Beogradski region | 15315 | 7847 | 7468 | 14855 | 7575 | 7280 |
| Region Vojvodine | 17948 | 9034 | 8914 | 17962 | 9126 | 8836 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SRBIJA – JUG | 33399 | 17081 | 16318 | 34565 | 17838 | 16727 |
| Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije | 19243 | 9865 | 9378 | 19805 | 10146 | 9659 |
| Region Južne i Istočne Srbije | 14156 | 7216 | 6940 | 14760 | 7692 | 7068 |
| Region Kosovo i Metohija | … | … | … | … | … | … |

As for foreign languages, English is undoubtedly the most studied by children (both in lower and higher grades) followed by German and French languages.

**Table 3. Students by foreign languages studied**

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| Language | Students by foreign languages studied |
| ISCED 1 (1-4th grade) | ISCED 2 (5-8th grade) |
|  |  |  |  |
| Russian | 1st language | 1260 | 1644 |
| 2nd language | 458 | 51391 |
|  |  |  |  |
| English | 1st language | 257359 | 269192 |
| 2nd language | 674 | 9652 |
|  |  |  |  |
| French | 1st language | 3684 | 4367 |
| 2nd language | 1987 | 74320 |
|  |  |  |  |
| German | 1st language | 2409 | 3113 |
| 2nd language | 2148 | 124308 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Italian | 1st language | - | - |
| 2nd language | 1 | 12793 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Spanish | 1st language | - | - |
| 2nd language | 72 | 5678 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Other | 1st language | - | - |
| 2nd language | 62 | 20 |

**Мethodological explanations**

Data on primary education are collected using the standardized statistical questionnaires for the end of the school year (Form ŠO/K), filled in by each primary school in the Republic of Serbia (state-owned and private) for the central school and and regional school departments in another place – settlement (if the school performs the activity away from the seat). A primary school is an institution that performs its activity in the field of primary education. Its main task is to provide quality education for every child and student, under equal conditions, regardless of where the school is located or where the lessons take place.

A class in primary education in another place – settlement (activity outside the seat) is shown as a separate unit (school). A primary school can work as a complete (eight grades) and incomplete (with less than eight grades) primary school. Students from the first to the fourth grade attend general classes, and from the fifth to the eighth grade speciliased classes..

The data presented in the statistical release refer to ISCED 1 and ISCED 2 levels of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 2011).

Starting from 1999, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has no available data for AP Kosovo and Metohija; therefore they are not included in data coverage.

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