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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

	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

	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
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

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

Methodological 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 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 specialised 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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