

Literacy statistics survey

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Scope of the questionnaire:

- Metadata, to contextualise the data provided:
 - Source of data
 - Population covered
 - Population groups or regions excluded
 - Respondents to the literacy questions in the survey/census referred
 - Literacy assessment criterion: self declaration, literacy test, educational attainment, etc.
 - Test material used: self declaration vs literacy test

1.3 What is the source of the data provided in this questionnaire?

Population census

Sample survey (please specify):

Other (please specify):

1.4 In which year was the aforementioned population census or survey conducted?**1.5 Which population is covered by the data reported in this questionnaire? The UIS recommends reporting data on the de jure population.**

De jure population (usual residents, regardless of citizenship or permanent residency)

De facto population (all persons present at the time of the census or survey)

Other (please specify):

1.6 Are there any specific population groups or geographic regions excluded from the coverage of the data source indicated in Question 1.3 (for example populations in remote areas or non-citizens)?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the approximate proportion (%) of the population that is excluded:

Less than 1% of the total national population

Between 1% and 5% of the total national population

More than 5% of the total national population

Please indicate which population groups are excluded in the space below:

1.7 Who was the respondent to the questions on literacy in the census/survey referred to in Question 1.3?

- The head of the household only
- All individuals within a household
- Other (please specify):

1.8 If available, please provide the website address where census or survey data are published:

The data reported in the questionnaire must be based on one or more questions in a national census or survey that refer explicitly to literacy, either through self-declaration or a literacy test. The UIS does not accept educational attainment as a proxy measure for literacy.

1.9 What criterion was used to assess literacy?

- Self-declaration
- Literacy test
- Educational attainment
- Other (specify):

1.10 If self-declaration was used to assess literacy, please specify the literacy question(s) used in the census/survey. Examples of questions used for self-declaration are "Can you read and write?" or "Can you read a letter or newspaper?"**1.11 If a literacy test was used to assess literacy, please provide details of how the test was administered and the questions asked. An example of a literacy test is asking the census/survey respondent to read a simple phrase.****1.12 Have the literacy data been published?**

- Yes No

If yes, please give references:

1.13 Are the literacy data available for analysis?

- Yes No

Scope: type of data

- Total number of literate and illiterate persons aged 10 years and over in urban areas by age group and sex

Urban areas		Literate	Illiterate	Not specified	Total
Sex	Age group				
Males	10-14				
	15-19				
	20-24				
	25-29				
	30-34				
	35-39				
	40-44				
	45-49				
	50-54				
	55-59				
	60-64				
	65-69				
	70-74				
	75-79				
	80-84				
	85+				
	10+				
Age unknown					

Scope: type of data

- Total number of literate and illiterate persons aged 10 years and over in rural areas by age group and sex

Rural areas		Literate	Illiterate	Not specified	Total
Sex	Age group				
Males	10-14				
	15-19				
	20-24				
	25-29				
	30-34				
	35-39				
	40-44				
	45-49				
	50-54				
	55-59				
	60-64				
	65-69				
	70-74				
	75-79				
	80-84				
	85+				
	10+				
Age unknown					

Scope: type of data

- Total number of literate and illiterate persons aged 10 years and over in urban and rural areas by age group and sex

All areas		Literate	Illiterate	Not specified	Total
Sex	Age group				
Males	10-14				
	15-19				
	20-24				
	25-29				
	30-34				
	35-39				
	40-44				
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Literacy indicators

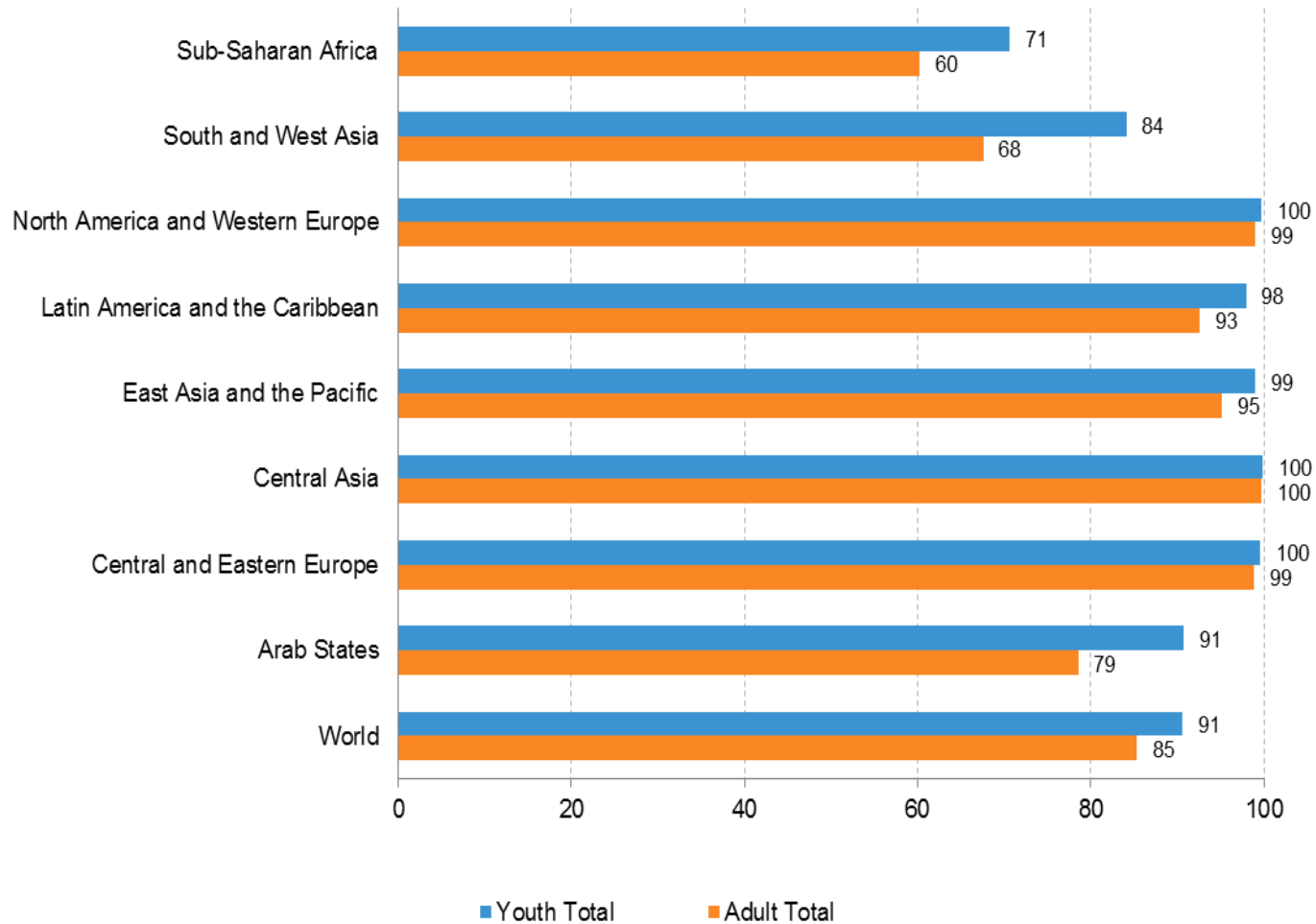
- ✓ Youth literacy rates: 15 to 24 years
- ✓ Youth illiterate population
- ✓ Adult literacy rates: 15 years and older
- ✓ Adult illiterate population
- ✓ Literacy rate 25-64 years
- ✓ Illiterate population 25-64 years
- ✓ Elderly literacy rates: 65 years and older
- ✓ Elderly illiterate population
- ✓ Literacy metadata (definitions, data sources, declaration mode)

Response rates to UIS literacy survey, sub-Saharan Africa

Response rate = percent of countries in a region that responded to the annual UIS literacy survey

Year	Response rate (%)
2007	6.8
2008	34.1
2009	2.3
2010	24.4
2011	17.8
2012	22.2
2013	24.4
2014	19.6
2015	19.6
Average 2007-2016	19.0

Recent statistics: global and regional 2014 adult and youth literacy rate



UIS data sources and challenges

■ Main sources of data:

- Population census
- National household surveys
- Demographic and Health Survey (DHS)
- Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), etc.

■ Challenges:

- Timing: Frequency of population census or survey (normally every 10 years for census), including data release
- Differences in Sample design, national coverage, excluded populations
- Countries in conflict
- Main focus of survey is not literacy, and literacy items are only included as an explanatory variable
- National definition of literacy may change over time
- Self-declaration or literacy test

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