

Table 2  
Adult and youth literacy<sup>1</sup>

Country or territory	ADULT LITERACY RATE (15 and over) (%)									ADULT ILLITERATES (15 and over)					
	1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015	
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F
<b>Arab States</b>															
Algeria	52.9	64.3	41.3	66.7	76.3	57.0	80.7	87.3	74.0	6 804	62.0	6 571	64.1	5 378	66.7
Bahrain	82.1	86.8	74.6	87.5	90.9	82.6	93.5	95.0	91.6	60	55.2	57	55.9	41	54.9
Djibouti	53.0	66.8	39.7	64.6	75.6	54.4	79.2	86.0	72.8	136	72.1	127	71.5	85	70.6
Egypt <sup>W</sup>	47.1	60.4	33.6	55.3	66.6	43.8	65.9	74.0	57.7	17 866	62.2	19 613	62.5	21 041	61.7
Iraq	35.7	51.3	19.7	39.3	54.9	23.3	44.6	59.7	29.1	6 198	61.7	8 125	62.4	11 779	63.2
Jordan <sup>W</sup>	81.5	90.0	72.1	89.8	94.9	84.3	96.0	98.2	93.8	320	71.6	300	73.2	182	76.0
Kuwait	76.7	79.3	72.6	81.9	83.9	79.6	87.8	88.4	87.2	317	46.6	238	43.3	250	43.8
Lebanon	80.3	88.3	73.1	86.0	92.1	80.3	92.1	95.9	88.5	347	71.9	337	73.0	253	74.8
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	68.1	82.8	51.1	79.9	90.8	68.1	89.9	96.8	82.6	775	71.3	701	76.1	498	83.9
Mauritania	34.8	46.3	23.9	40.2	50.7	30.1	47.3	55.6	39.2	715	59.8	890	59.6	1 222	58.4
Morocco	38.7	52.7	24.9	48.8	61.8	36.1	61.9	71.9	51.9	9 090	61.9	9 988	62.9	10 324	63.2
Oman	54.7	67.3	38.3	71.7	80.1	61.6	87.1	91.6	82.1	433	59.2	402	61.4	310	65.4
Palestinian Autonomous Territories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Qatar	77.0	77.4	76.0	81.2	80.4	83.1	87.3	85.3	91.0	74	28.3	78	27.2	68	25.6
Saudi Arabia	66.2	76.2	50.2	76.2	83.0	66.9	87.1	90.5	83.0	2 968	62.0	2 760	62.4	2 510	62.2
Sudan	45.8	60.0	31.5	57.7	69.2	46.2	72.4	79.6	65.2	7 792	63.5	7 881	63.7	7 563	62.9
Syrian Arab Republic	64.8	81.8	47.5	74.4	88.3	60.4	84.1	93.7	74.5	2 273	73.9	2 449	76.7	2 422	79.5
Tunisia <sup>W</sup>	59.1	71.6	46.5	71.0	81.4	60.6	83.9	91.6	76.1	2 081	65.1	1 928	67.8	1 363	73.8
United Arab Emirates	71.0	71.2	70.6	76.2	74.8	79.1	83.0	80.1	87.9	410	27.5	459	25.4	432	24.1
Yemen	32.7	55.2	12.9	46.4	67.5	25.3	66.3	81.2	51.1	3 994	68.9	4 914	71.7	5 703	72.7
<b>Central and Eastern Europe</b>															
Albania <sup>0</sup>	77.0	86.8	66.7	84.7	92.1	77.0	92.7	96.9	88.5	509	70.8	336	73.8	194	78.0
Belarus	99.5	99.7	99.3	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	42	76.2	29	69.8	17	56.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>0</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bulgaria <sup>0</sup>	97.2	98.3	96.2	98.4	99.0	97.9	99.3	99.5	99.1	195	69.7	106	68.6	43	66.5
Croatia	96.9	99.0	94.9	98.3	99.3	97.3	99.4	99.6	99.2	113	84.8	66	81.8	22	69.5
Czech Republic <sup>0</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Estonia <sup>0</sup>	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	3	52.7	2	51.4	2	49.9
Hungary <sup>0</sup>	99.1	99.3	98.9	99.3	99.5	99.2	99.6	99.7	99.5	78	63.1	56	63.4	34	62.8
Latvia <sup>0</sup>	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	4	56.2	4	55.9	4	54.4
Lithuania <sup>0</sup>	99.3	99.5	99.1	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.7	99.8	99.7	20	67.4	13	63.2	8	55.2
Poland <sup>0</sup>	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	119	59.5	84	54.6	65	51.8
Republic of Moldova	97.5	99.1	96.1	98.9	99.5	98.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	80	83.0	38	81.3	10	63.0
Romania <sup>0</sup>	97.1	98.6	95.6	98.1	99.0	97.3	99.2	99.4	99.0	519	76.8	342	75.0	146	64.6
Russian Federation <sup>W</sup>	99.2	99.6	98.9	99.6	99.7	99.4	99.8	99.8	99.7	857	76.4	535	70.3	277	58.6
Serbia and Montenegro	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Slovakia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Slovenia <sup>0</sup>	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.7	99.7	7	57.9	6	56.7	5	54.4
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia <sup>0</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Turkey <sup>0</sup>	77.9	89.2	66.4	85.0	93.4	76.5	91.9	97.1	86.6	8 077	75.5	6 993	78.0	4 883	82.1
Ukraine	99.4	99.7	99.2	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.8	99.8	99.8	237	76.7	160	71.0	84	60.5
<b>Central Asia</b>															
Armenia	97.5	98.9	96.1	98.4	99.3	97.6	99.3	99.6	99.0	63	79.8	46	78.3	23	73.5
Azerbaijan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kazakhstan	98.8	99.5	98.2	99.4	99.7	99.1	99.8	99.8	99.7	136	78.7	72	73.1	29	56.5
Kyrgyzstan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mongolia	97.8	98.5	97.1	98.4	98.6	98.3	99.0	98.8	99.1	29	65.8	26	55.7	23	42.9
Tajikistan	98.2	99.2	97.2	99.2	99.6	98.8	99.7	99.8	99.6	55	77.5	30	74.2	15	62.4
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	98.7	99.5	97.9	99.2	99.6	98.8	99.6	99.7	99.5	164	80.5	126	74.9	94	63.5
<b>East Asia and the Pacific</b>															
Australia <sup>0</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brunei Darussalam	85.5	91.0	79.4	91.5	94.6	88.1	95.8	97.2	94.2	24	66.2	19	65.6	14	64.9
Cambodia	62.0	77.7	48.8	68.0	80.2	57.2	77.2	84.2	70.7	2 025	73.2	2 352	70.5	2 602	66.4
China <sup>W</sup>	78.3	87.2	68.9	85.2	92.1	77.9	92.9	96.8	88.9	181 331	69.7	141 903	72.9	80 460	77.1
Cook Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji	88.6	91.6	85.5	92.9	94.9	90.8	96.7	97.6	95.7	51	63.1	39	63.8	22	62.8

1. UIS estimates.

YOUTH LITERACY RATE (15-24) (%)									YOUNG ILLITERATES (15-24)						Country or territory
1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015		
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	
<b>Arab States</b>															
77.3	86.1	68.1	88.5	93.2	83.6	96.3	97.9	94.7	1 161	68.7	758	69.9	251	70.4	Algeria
95.6	96.2	95.0	98.4	98.2	98.6	99.5	99.2	99.8	3	54.2	2	42.5	1	19.2	Bahrain
73.2	82.2	64.2	84.0	88.7	79.4	93.4	94.4	92.3	23	70.1	20	64.8	11	57.8	Djibouti
61.3	70.9	51.0	69.7	76.4	62.6	80.3	83.2	77.3	3 996	61.0	4 178	59.8	3 072	56.4	Egypt <sup>w</sup>
41.0	56.4	24.9	44.6	59.3	29.1	50.4	64.2	36.1	2 059	62.3	2 554	62.4	3 221	63.1	Iraq
96.7	97.9	95.3	99.2	99.1	99.3	99.8	99.8	99.8	23	66.0	8	41.4	3	48.5	Jordan <sup>w</sup>
87.5	87.9	87.2	92.4	91.7	93.2	96.3	95.2	97.4	46	50.6	34	43.2	13	34.4	Kuwait
92.1	95.5	88.6	95.2	97.2	93.0	97.9	98.9	96.8	48	71.2	32	71.3	15	73.0	Lebanon
91.0	98.9	82.7	96.5	99.8	93.0	98.9	99.8	98.0	78	94.0	44	97.2	13	90.5	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
45.8	55.5	36.1	48.9	57.1	40.6	54.9	59.7	50.1	205	58.8	268	57.9	355	55.3	Mauritania
55.3	68.0	42.0	67.3	76.0	58.2	82.3	85.4	79.1	2 254	63.6	2 015	62.8	1 209	58.2	Morocco
85.6	95.4	75.4	97.9	99.5	96.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	44	83.8	10	89.3	2	49.1	Oman
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Palestinian Autonomous Territories
90.3	88.3	93.0	94.8	92.6	97.1	97.7	96.1	99.3	5	31.8	4	27.0	2	14.7	Qatar
85.4	91.2	78.6	92.7	94.9	90.3	97.2	97.3	97.1	368	70.8	287	65.0	170	51.5	Saudi Arabia
65.0	75.6	54.0	77.2	82.8	71.5	89.3	90.2	88.4	1 742	64.9	1 400	61.5	894	53.3	Sudan
79.9	92.2	66.9	87.2	95.4	78.8	94.1	97.9	90.2	500	80.2	461	81.6	254	81.4	Syrian Arab Republic
84.1	92.8	75.2	93.3	97.4	89.1	98.3	99.8	96.6	262	77.2	133	79.7	30	94.1	Tunisia <sup>w</sup>
84.7	81.7	88.6	90.6	87.4	94.4	95.2	92.6	98.0	40	28.5	37	26.1	21	19.9	United Arab Emirates
50.0	73.5	25.0	65.0	82.9	46.2	85.1	92.0	77.8	1 193	72.8	1 165	75.0	1 009	72.7	Yemen
<b>Central and Eastern Europe</b>															
94.8	97.4	91.9	97.8	99.1	96.4	99.3	99.8	98.8	34	74.6	12	78.9	4	84.7	Albania <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	3	50.1	3	49.7	2	48.8	Belarus
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>o</sup>
99.4	99.5	99.3	99.7	99.8	99.5	99.8	99.8	99.7	7	59.2	4	68.4	2	58.0	Bulgaria <sup>o</sup>
99.6	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	2	52.3	1	43.5	1	48.9	Croatia
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Czech Republic <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.7	0.5	41.8	1	43.2	0.4	45.0	Estonia <sup>o</sup>
99.7	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	4	56.4	3	48.9	2	48.8	Hungary <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	48.5	1	49.3	0.5	48.9	Latvia <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	46.0	1	49.3	1	48.8	Lithuania <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	11	48.8	13	49.0	9	48.8	Poland <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	47.8	2	49.4	1	48.9	Republic of Moldova
99.3	99.3	99.2	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	28	53.7	14	38.6	5	43.8	Romania <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	42	46.6	46	49.4	29	49.0	Russian Federation <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Serbia and Montenegro
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Slovakia
99.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	44.5	1	48.1	0.4	48.8	Slovenia <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia <sup>o</sup>
92.7	97.1	88.3	96.5	98.8	94.0	99.1	99.8	98.5	816	79.5	473	82.9	120	88.2	Turkey <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	11	42.7	9	35.5	4	25.0	Ukraine
<b>Central Asia</b>															
99.5	99.7	99.4	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	3	62.9	2	58.1	1	50.4	Armenia
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Azerbaijan
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Georgia
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	6	44.3	6	49.7	5	49.3	Kazakhstan
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Kyrgyzstan
98.9	98.7	99.1	99.0	98.7	99.3	99.5	99.2	99.8	5	42.2	5	33.8	3	19.0	Mongolia
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	2	54.8	2	49.5	3	49.4	Tajikistan
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Turkmenistan
99.6	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.7	99.6	14	56.5	17	58.4	19	58.0	Uzbekistan
<b>East Asia and the Pacific</b>															
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Australia <sup>o</sup>
97.9	97.6	98.1	99.4	99.0	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	42.6	0.3	16.2	0.1	48.6	Brunei Darussalam
73.5	81.5	65.6	79.1	83.9	74.3	86.4	88.1	84.7	477	65.3	510	61.0	524	55.7	Cambodia
95.3	97.5	93.1	97.7	98.7	96.7	99.4	99.8	98.9	11 709	72.3	4 486	70.7	1 251	83.0	China <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cook Islands
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
97.8	98.1	97.6	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.8	99.8	99.8	3	54.2	2	50.0	0.3	48.4	Fiji

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	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F
Indonesia <sup>w</sup>	79.5	86.7	72.5	86.8	91.8	81.9	93.6	96.1	91.1	23 927	67.4	19 377	68.7	12 101	69.6
Japan <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kiribati	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lao People's Democratic Republic	56.5	70.3	42.8	64.8	76.2	53.4	76.1	83.9	68.2	1 010	67.3	1 064	67.3	1 099	66.8
Macao, China	90.5	94.6	86.8	93.8	96.8	91.0	96.6	98.5	94.8	26	73.2	21	75.4	15	78.5
Malaysia <sup>w</sup>	80.7	86.9	74.4	87.4	91.4	83.4	93.8	95.5	92.1	2 190	65.7	1 846	65.6	1 266	63.7
Marshall Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia (Federated States of)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Myanmar	80.7	87.4	74.2	84.7	88.9	80.5	88.6	90.6	86.6	4 913	67.6	4 897	64.6	4 715	59.9
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Niue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Papua New Guinea	56.6	64.4	48.2	63.9	70.6	56.8	73.6	78.3	68.6	949	57.2	1 040	57.1	1 125	57.3
Philippines <sup>w</sup>	91.7	92.2	91.2	94.9	95.1	94.8	97.5	97.5	97.5	2 986	53.2	2 395	51.5	1 671	49.6
Republic of Korea <sup>o</sup>	95.9	98.4	93.4	97.8	99.1	96.4	99.3	99.6	98.9	1 307	80.5	831	80.9	312	76.5
Samoa	98.0	98.5	97.4	98.6	98.9	98.3	99.2	99.3	99.1	2	61.5	1	57.8	1	51.3
Singapore	88.8	94.4	83.2	92.3	96.2	88.3	96.5	98.1	94.9	265	75.2	243	75.6	142	73.2
Solomon Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thailand <sup>w</sup>	92.4	95.3	89.5	95.5	97.1	93.9	97.6	98.5	96.7	2 842	70.2	2 081	69.2	1 382	70.0
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokelau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Viet Nam	90.4	94.0	87.1	92.5	94.5	90.7	94.7	95.3	94.2	3 897	68.0	3 901	63.1	3 722	55.4
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>															
Anguilla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Antigua and Barbuda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Argentina <sup>w</sup>	95.7	95.9	95.6	96.8	96.8	96.8	97.9	97.7	98.0	964	53.6	849	51.8	704	48.9
Aruba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bahamas	94.4	93.6	95.2	95.4	94.5	96.3	96.6	95.7	97.4	10	43.7	10	41.3	9	39.2
Barbados	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	56.9	1	51.5	0.5	49.9
Belize	89.1	90.0	88.2	93.2	93.3	93.2	96.8	96.4	97.1	11	53.3	9	49.8	7	44.2
Bermuda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bolivia	78.1	86.8	69.8	85.4	91.9	79.2	92.7	96.4	89.1	846	70.6	733	72.9	543	75.7
Brazil <sup>w</sup>	82.0	82.9	81.2	86.9	87.0	86.8	91.8	91.2	92.4	17 358	53.2	15 885	51.6	12 488	48.1
British Virgin Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cayman Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chile <sup>w</sup>	94.0	94.4	93.6	95.8	95.9	95.6	97.7	97.7	97.6	550	54.8	461	53.2	321	51.4
Colombia	88.4	88.8	88.1	91.6	91.6	91.6	95.1	94.8	95.4	2 584	52.6	2 368	51.3	1 890	48.3
Costa Rica	93.9	93.9	93.8	95.6	95.5	95.6	97.4	97.2	97.5	119	50.2	121	48.7	101	46.4
Cuba	95.1	95.2	95.1	96.7	96.8	96.6	98.4	98.5	98.3	398	50.7	294	51.9	156	53.2
Dominica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dominican Republic	79.4	79.8	79.0	83.7	83.7	83.7	88.4	88.0	88.8	895	50.3	910	49.2	839	48.2
Ecuador	87.6	90.2	85.1	91.6	93.2	89.9	95.2	96.2	94.3	775	60.4	706	59.9	553	59.8
El Salvador	72.4	76.1	69.1	78.7	81.5	76.1	85.4	87.2	83.7	835	58.6	862	58.3	822	57.6
Grenada	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guatemala	61.0	68.8	53.2	68.5	76.0	61.1	77.5	84.1	70.9	1 843	59.9	2 020	61.9	2 307	64.8
Guyana	97.2	98.0	96.4	98.5	98.9	98.1	99.4	99.5	99.4	13	67.0	8	66.5	3	59.3
Haiti	39.7	42.6	36.9	49.8	52.0	47.8	62.8	63.7	61.9	2 323	54.4	2 428	54.3	2 468	53.5
Honduras	68.1	68.9	67.3	75.0	74.9	75.0	82.9	82.1	83.8	851	51.3	934	50.0	985	47.7
Jamaica <sup>w</sup>	82.2	78.0	86.1	86.9	82.9	90.7	91.6	88.2	94.9	274	40.3	231	36.5	185	31.0
Mexico <sup>o</sup>	87.3	90.6	84.3	91.2	93.3	89.1	94.8	96.0	93.7	6 469	63.6	5 845	63.0	4 580	62.5
Montserrat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Netherlands Antilles	95.6	95.6	95.7	96.5	96.5	96.6	97.5	97.4	97.6	6	52.5	6	52.3	5	50.9
Nicaragua	62.7	62.7	62.8	66.5	66.2	66.7	71.2	70.8	71.7	764	51.2	975	50.7	1 345	49.8
Panama	89.0	89.7	88.4	91.9	92.5	91.2	94.9	95.5	94.3	170	52.6	159	53.8	132	55.9
Paraguay <sup>w</sup>	90.3	92.4	88.3	93.3	94.4	92.2	96.0	96.4	95.7	237	60.5	224	58.1	203	54.7
Peru <sup>w</sup>	85.5	92.0	79.1	89.9	94.7	85.2	94.3	97.1	91.6	1 935	72.8	1 735	74.2	1 332	75.4
Saint Kitts and Nevis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saint Lucia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

1. UIS estimates.

YOUTH LITERACY RATE (15-24) (%)									YOUNG ILLITERATES (15-24)						Country or territory
1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015		
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	
95.0	96.6	93.4	97.7	98.3	97.1	99.5	99.6	99.4	1 879	65.2	963	62.1	219	57.8	Indonesia <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Japan <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Kiribati
70.1	79.5	60.6	77.9	84.9	70.8	86.7	90.6	82.7	234	66.3	226	65.3	196	64.1	Lao People's Democratic Republic
97.2	99.2	95.8	98.9	99.8	97.9	99.7	99.8	99.7	2	87.4	1	90.7	0.2	61.5	Macao, China
94.8	95.3	94.2	97.6	97.5	97.7	99.2	98.9	99.5	179	55.0	102	46.9	42	32.1	Malaysia <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Marshall Islands
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Micronesia (Federated States of)
88.2	90.1	86.2	90.9	91.4	90.5	93.9	93.0	94.8	969	58.1	863	52.2	633	42.4	Myanmar
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nauru
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New Zealand <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Niue
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Palau
68.6	74.4	62.4	75.7	79.8	71.3	84.2	86.3	81.9	238	57.0	240	54.3	213	55.5	Papua New Guinea
97.3	97.1	97.4	98.7	98.5	98.9	99.8	99.7	99.8	342	46.0	196	40.9	45	41.0	Philippines <sup>w</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	18	48.6	15	48.4	13	47.2	Republic of Korea <sup>o</sup>
99.0	99.1	98.9	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.7	99.6	99.8	0.3	50.0	0.2	44.4	0.1	34.1	Samoa
99.0	98.8	99.2	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	6	38.6	1	38.5	1	48.3	Singapore
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Solomon Islands
98.1	98.6	97.6	98.9	99.4	98.4	99.4	99.8	99.0	220	63.3	129	73.4	69	84.1	Thailand <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Timor-Leste
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tokelau
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tonga
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tuvalu
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Vanuatu
94.1	94.5	93.6	95.2	95.0	95.4	97.0	96.3	97.7	800	53.7	759	47.3	493	37.4	Viet Nam
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>															
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Anguilla
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Antigua and Barbuda
98.2	98.0	98.4	98.6	98.3	98.8	99.0	98.8	99.3	97	44.2	96	41.3	67	37.2	Argentina <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Aruba
96.5	95.4	97.5	97.2	96.2	98.3	98.1	97.2	99.0	2	34.6	2	31.1	1	25.5	Bahamas
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	0.1	49.5	0.1	49.5	0.1	49.2	Barbados
96.0	95.4	96.7	98.0	97.3	98.7	99.3	98.8	99.8	1	42.2	1	32.2	0.4	14.1	Belize
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bermuda
92.6	96.2	89.0	95.8	98.0	93.6	98.7	99.4	97.9	97	74.4	68	75.9	29	76.8	Bolivia
91.8	90.5	93.1	95.3	94.0	96.7	97.5	96.2	98.9	2 367	42.0	1 585	34.8	786	22.0	Brazil <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	British Virgin Islands
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cayman Islands
98.1	97.9	98.3	98.9	98.7	99.0	99.7	99.6	99.7	48	43.9	28	42.2	10	45.4	Chile <sup>w</sup>
94.9	94.3	95.5	96.9	96.2	97.5	98.9	98.2	99.6	369	43.6	250	39.0	104	19.8	Colombia
97.4	97.1	97.7	98.3	98.0	98.6	99.3	99.0	99.5	15	43.5	13	40.1	7	30.7	Costa Rica
99.3	99.3	99.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	17	51.1	3	48.9	3	48.8	Cuba
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dominica
87.5	86.8	88.2	91.1	90.4	91.9	94.7	94.0	95.5	184	45.9	148	44.5	93	41.9	Dominican Republic
95.5	96.0	94.9	97.2	97.5	96.9	98.9	99.1	98.8	95	55.6	72	54.5	30	57.8	Ecuador
83.8	85.1	82.6	88.2	89.0	87.3	92.9	93.2	92.6	172	55.0	158	53.0	105	51.4	El Salvador
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grenada
73.4	80.5	66.2	79.1	85.4	72.7	86.0	90.9	80.9	457	62.9	494	64.4	474	66.9	Guatemala
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	0.3	51.0	0.3	49.9	0.3	49.5	Guyana
54.8	55.8	53.8	64.4	64.3	64.5	76.5	75.2	78.0	580	51.2	628	49.6	477	46.5	Haiti
79.7	78.5	80.8	85.1	83.5	86.6	90.9	89.2	92.6	201	46.5	200	44.0	166	39.8	Honduras
91.2	87.1	95.2	94.0	90.7	97.5	96.8	94.4	99.4	42	27.7	31	21.2	16	9.4	Jamaica <sup>w</sup>
95.2	95.9	94.4	97.0	97.4	96.6	98.7	98.9	98.5	888	58.2	594	56.2	272	56.9	Mexico <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Montserrat
97.5	97.3	97.7	98.2	98.0	98.4	98.9	98.8	99.1	1	46.0	1	44.9	0.4	43.1	Netherlands Antilles
68.2	67.7	68.7	71.6	71.0	72.3	76.3	75.5	77.2	246	49.5	308	48.6	355	47.4	Nicaragua
95.3	95.7	94.8	96.7	97.1	96.3	98.4	98.7	98.0	23	54.2	17	55.4	9	58.5	Panama
95.6	95.9	95.2	97.1	97.1	97.0	98.5	98.3	98.6	36	52.9	32	49.7	23	44.6	Paraguay <sup>w</sup>
94.5	96.9	92.1	96.7	98.2	95.2	98.9	99.3	98.4	243	71.4	171	72.5	65	70.2	Peru <sup>w</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Saint Kitts and Nevis
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Saint Lucia

Table 2 (continued)

Country or territory	ADULT LITERACY RATE (15 and over) (%)									ADULT ILLITERATES (15 and over)					
	1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015	
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suriname	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trinidad and Tobago	96.8	98.1	95.6	98.3	98.9	97.7	99.3	99.5	99.1	26	69.7	17	69.4	8	64.6
Turks and Caicos Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uruguay <sup>w</sup>	96.5	96.0	97.0	97.6	97.1	98.0	98.6	98.2	98.9	80	45.6	61	43.1	41	39.5
Venezuela	88.9	90.1	87.7	92.5	93.0	92.0	96.1	96.0	96.2	1 340	55.3	1 189	53.4	875	48.9
<b>North America and Western Europe</b>															
Andorra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Austria <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belgium <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canada <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cyprus <sup>o</sup>	94.3	97.7	91.0	97.1	98.7	95.4	99.1	99.4	98.7	29	80.3	18	78.9	7	68.9
Denmark <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Finland <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
France <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Germany <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greece <sup>o</sup>	94.9	97.6	92.3	97.2	98.5	95.9	98.9	99.3	98.6	419	77.4	256	73.9	96	65.8
Iceland <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ireland <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Israel <sup>o</sup>	91.4	94.9	88.0	94.8	97.0	92.7	97.9	98.7	97.1	267	70.9	225	72.1	124	69.8
Italy <sup>o</sup>	97.7	98.3	97.1	98.4	98.9	98.0	99.4	99.5	99.2	1 103	65.0	778	65.2	309	62.2
Luxembourg <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malta <sup>o</sup>	88.4	87.9	88.9	92.0	91.3	92.7	95.7	94.6	96.8	32	49.1	25	46.6	15	38.2
Monaco	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Netherlands <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norway <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portugal <sup>o</sup>	87.2	90.9	83.8	92.2	94.7	89.9	97.2	98.1	96.3	1 013	66.4	654	67.8	242	68.4
San Marino	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spain <sup>o</sup>	96.3	97.8	94.8	97.6	98.5	96.8	98.9	99.2	98.6	1 186	71.4	807	70.3	379	67.2
Sweden <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Switzerland <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
United Kingdom <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
United States <sup>o</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>South and West Asia</b>															
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bangladesh	34.2	44.3	23.7	40.0	49.4	30.2	47.2	55.7	38.3	41 908	55.6	50 558	56.3	64 941	56.9
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India <sup>w</sup>	49.3	61.9	35.9	57.2	68.4	45.4	67.9	76.5	58.9	272 388	61.2	286 951	61.9	288 372	62.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	63.2	72.2	54.0	76.0	83.0	68.9	87.3	91.9	82.6	12 059	60.3	10 552	63.5	8 053	67.6
Maldives	94.8	95.0	94.6	96.9	97.0	96.8	98.6	98.6	98.6	6	50.2	5	49.9	4	48.9
Nepal	30.4	47.4	14.0	41.7	59.4	24.0	57.9	73.2	42.1	7 439	60.2	7 922	63.9	8 497	67.6
Pakistan	35.4	49.3	20.1	43.2	57.4	27.9	55.3	68.4	41.6	41 169	58.3	46 702	61.8	56 195	64.5
Sri Lanka <sup>w</sup>	88.7	92.9	84.7	91.6	94.4	89.0	94.6	96.0	93.3	1 302	64.5	1 167	63.9	893	61.7
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>															
Angola	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Benin	26.4	38.1	15.5	37.4	52.1	23.6	53.8	69.9	38.3	1 773	59.1	2 106	62.8	2 499	68.0
Botswana	68.1	65.7	70.3	77.2	74.5	79.8	87.3	84.5	90.0	212	49.8	203	46.3	136	39.2
Burkina Faso	16.3	25.0	8.0	23.9	33.9	14.1	38.3	48.3	28.3	3 876	58.5	4 504	60.5	5 977	60.1
Burundi	37.0	48.4	26.6	48.0	56.1	40.4	64.0	66.4	61.8	1 949	60.9	1 734	60.4	1 945	54.3
Cameroon	57.9	68.7	47.5	71.3	79.1	63.7	85.8	89.5	82.0	2 683	63.5	2 432	63.9	1 743	63.2
Cape Verde	63.8	76.2	54.3	73.8	84.5	65.7	84.4	90.3	79.2	70	72.4	68	73.2	60	71.4
Central African Republic	33.2	47.1	20.7	46.7	59.7	34.9	66.3	75.0	58.3	1 112	62.5	1 129	63.7	977	63.9
Chad	27.7	37.0	18.8	42.6	51.6	34.0	65.2	71.2	59.4	2 297	57.6	2 423	58.7	2 308	59.2
Comoros	53.8	61.4	46.4	55.9	63.2	48.7	58.5	65.3	51.6	129	58.8	177	58.6	267	58.3
Congo	67.1	77.1	57.9	80.7	87.5	74.4	92.9	95.9	90.0	401	66.5	313	68.5	181	72.0
Côte d'Ivoire	38.5	50.5	25.7	48.6	59.5	37.2	62.4	70.6	54.0	4 141	57.1	4 761	58.7	4 983	59.6
Democratic Rep. of the Congo	47.5	61.4	34.4	61.4	73.1	50.2	79.2	86.2	72.3	10 256	64.4	10 078	65.8	9 093	67.0
Equatorial Guinea	73.3	85.8	61.1	83.2	92.5	74.4	93.2	97.2	89.4	54	74.9	43	78.2	26	79.8
Eritrea	46.4	58.5	34.8	55.7	67.3	44.5	69.0	78.6	59.5	930	61.8	908	63.6	1 058	65.8
Ethiopia	28.6	37.3	19.8	39.1	47.1	31.0	56.4	61.6	51.2	18 822	57.1	21 005	57.4	21 773	56.2

1. UIS estimates.

YOUTH LITERACY RATE (15-24) (%)									YOUNG ILLITERATES (15-24)						Country or territory
1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015		
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Suriname
99.6	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	51.3	1	49.6	0.4	49.4	Trinidad and Tobago
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Turks and Caicos Islands
98.7	98.3	99.1	99.1	98.8	99.4	99.5	99.3	99.7	6	34.1	5	32.7	3	31.7	Uruguay <sup>w</sup>
96.0	95.4	96.6	98.0	97.3	98.6	99.3	98.9	99.8	153	41.8	95	32.9	37	14.4	Venezuela
<b>North America and Western Europe</b>															
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Andorra
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Austria <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Belgium <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Canada <sup>o</sup>
99.7	99.5	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	0.3	29.3	0.3	40.6	0.2	48.4	Cyprus <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Denmark <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Finland <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	France <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Germany <sup>o</sup>
99.5	99.4	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	7	36.6	3	43.2	2	48.4	Greece <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Iceland <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ireland <sup>o</sup>
98.7	99.0	98.4	99.4	99.5	99.3	99.8	99.8	99.8	10	60.6	6	59.5	2	48.7	Israel <sup>o</sup>
99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	18	49.1	13	49.0	11	48.6	Italy <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Luxembourg <sup>o</sup>
97.5	96.0	99.1	98.6	97.4	99.8	99.3	98.9	99.8	1	18.5	1	6.7	0.3	14.8	Malta <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Monaco
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Netherlands <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Norway <sup>o</sup>
99.5	99.5	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	8	44.0	3	49.2	2	48.7	Portugal <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	San Marino
99.6	99.6	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	27	44.1	12	45.7	8	48.4	Spain <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sweden <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Switzerland <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	United Kingdom <sup>o</sup>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	United States <sup>o</sup>
<b>South and West Asia</b>															
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Afghanistan
42.0	50.7	33.2	48.4	56.7	39.7	58.1	65.1	50.8	13 098	55.4	14 441	56.6	14 781	57.2	Bangladesh
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bhutan
64.3	73.4	54.2	72.6	79.7	64.8	82.7	86.7	78.4	58 575	61.1	52 125	61.6	38 771	60.2	India <sup>w</sup>
86.3	91.7	80.8	93.8	96.2	91.3	98.3	99.0	97.6	1 485	67.5	950	68.9	276	69.5	Iran, Islamic Republic of
98.1	98.1	98.1	99.1	99.0	99.1	99.8	99.8	99.8	1	48.3	1	46.6	0.2	46.4	Maldives
46.6	67.0	27.3	60.4	76.7	42.8	76.6	86.0	66.4	1 853	65.6	1 744	69.6	1 514	69.4	Nepal
47.4	62.5	30.6	57.0	71.1	41.9	70.0	80.5	59.1	10 581	63.3	11 685	65.7	12 063	66.3	Pakistan
95.1	95.9	94.2	96.8	97.0	96.6	98.4	98.1	98.7	159	57.1	116	52.5	50	40.1	Sri Lanka <sup>w</sup>
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>															
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Angola
40.4	56.6	24.7	53.1	70.5	36.0	70.1	85.1	55.1	497	64.0	596	68.6	576	75.2	Benin
83.3	79.3	87.2	88.3	84.5	92.1	93.8	91.0	96.6	43	38.3	40	33.8	26	27.1	Botswana
24.9	35.7	14.0	34.6	45.8	23.3	52.5	61.2	43.6	1 355	58.0	1 568	59.6	1 780	59.1	Burkina Faso
51.6	58.4	44.8	63.9	65.9	62.1	78.6	75.2	81.9	517	57.2	469	53.0	417	42.3	Burundi
81.1	86.4	75.9	90.0	92.0	88.0	96.2	96.4	96.1	412	63.9	308	59.8	160	51.7	Cameroon
81.5	87.1	76.2	88.0	91.3	84.8	94.7	95.5	93.7	14	65.9	11	64.1	6	58.1	Cape Verde
52.1	65.6	39.4	67.3	76.0	59.0	84.3	86.6	82.1	249	65.3	241	63.9	163	57.6	Central African Republic
48.0	58.4	37.7	66.6	73.4	59.9	86.5	88.1	84.8	568	60.4	503	60.3	331	55.9	Chad
56.7	63.8	49.6	58.6	65.3	51.8	61.4	67.7	55.0	46	57.8	63	57.8	80	57.4	Comoros
92.5	94.9	90.3	97.4	98.1	96.8	99.4	99.8	99.0	32	66.3	15	63.6	6	80.3	Congo
52.6	64.9	40.3	61.5	70.6	52.3	75.6	80.4	70.7	1 059	62.2	1 325	61.7	1 057	59.8	Côte d'Ivoire
68.9	80.3	57.6	81.7	88.4	74.9	92.8	95.1	90.6	2 162	68.3	1 769	68.4	1 231	65.8	Democratic Rep. of the Congo
92.7	96.6	88.8	96.9	98.5	95.4	99.3	99.7	98.9	5	77.4	3	75.4	1	77.7	Equatorial Guinea
60.9	72.5	49.3	70.2	80.1	60.4	81.6	88.3	74.9	236	64.9	209	66.7	216	68.2	Eritrea
43.0	51.5	34.1	55.0	61.2	48.7	71.9	73.8	69.9	5 185	58.1	5 408	57.0	5 266	53.4	Ethiopia

Table 2 (continued)

Country or territory	ADULT LITERACY RATE (15 and over) (%)									ADULT ILLITERATES (15 and over)					
	1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015	
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F
Gabon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gambia	25.6	31.7	19.7	36.6	43.7	29.7	54.7	61.8	47.8	401	55.0	494	56.5	511	58.7
Ghana	58.5	70.1	47.2	71.6	80.3	63.2	85.3	90.1	80.7	3 438	64.5	3 239	65.6	2 474	66.3
Guinea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guinea-Bissau	27.2	42.3	12.9	38.4	54.1	23.5	58.1	70.8	45.8	397	61.3	417	63.6	409	65.8
Kenya	70.8	80.9	60.8	82.4	88.9	76.0	92.5	95.0	89.9	3 479	68.1	3 049	68.9	1 862	67.1
Lesotho	78.0	65.4	89.5	83.4	72.6	93.6	89.4	81.4	97.3	219	24.7	205	19.8	143	12.8
Liberia	39.2	55.4	22.8	53.5	70.2	36.7	68.0	82.5	53.5	640	63.0	776	67.6	880	72.4
Madagascar	58.0	66.4	49.8	66.5	73.6	59.7	78.0	82.4	73.8	2 773	60.4	2 957	60.8	3 072	60.2
Malawi	51.8	68.8	36.2	60.1	74.5	46.5	71.6	81.6	61.6	2 406	69.0	2 419	68.6	2 482	67.1
Mali	18.8	27.9	10.4	25.6	35.8	16.0	37.8	48.4	27.4	3 849	57.0	4 548	57.8	5 905	58.8
Mauritius	79.8	84.8	75.0	84.5	87.8	81.2	89.8	91.3	88.3	150	62.4	134	61.1	105	58.0
Mozambique	33.5	49.3	18.4	44.0	60.0	28.7	62.9	75.6	50.5	5 081	62.8	5 741	64.9	5 082	67.3
Namibia	74.9	77.4	72.4	82.0	82.8	81.2	90.7	89.9	91.5	196	57.3	178	53.7	132	45.6
Niger	11.4	18.0	5.1	16.0	23.8	8.5	25.3	34.6	16.2	3 420	54.0	4 564	54.4	6 948	55.5
Nigeria	48.7	59.4	38.4	64.0	72.2	56.1	81.4	85.9	77.1	23 709	60.4	22 510	60.9	18 003	61.0
Rwanda	53.3	62.9	44.0	66.8	73.6	60.4	81.6	84.4	78.9	1 671	61.1	1 405	60.7	1 105	57.8
Sao Tome and Principe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Senegal	28.4	38.2	18.6	37.4	47.3	27.7	51.5	60.0	43.3	2 863	57.1	3 285	58.4	3 925	59.3
Seychelles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sierra Leone	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Somalia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Africa	81.2	82.2	80.2	85.2	86.0	84.6	90.2	90.7	89.8	4 215	53.7	4 217	53.6	3 026	52.5
Swaziland	71.6	73.7	69.9	79.6	80.8	78.6	88.0	88.3	87.8	122	54.5	110	53.7	75	50.9
Togo	44.2	60.5	28.7	57.1	72.3	42.5	74.1	85.2	63.3	1 047	65.3	1 082	68.1	1 001	71.5
Uganda	56.1	69.3	43.5	67.0	77.5	56.8	79.2	85.8	72.8	3 924	65.3	3 902	65.9	4 076	65.7
United Republic of Tanzania	62.9	75.5	51.0	75.0	83.9	66.5	87.7	91.8	83.7	5 142	67.9	4 827	68.3	3 616	66.9
Zambia	68.2	78.6	58.7	78.2	85.2	71.5	87.9	91.2	84.6	1 384	65.7	1 215	65.3	999	62.6
Zimbabwe <sup>w</sup>	80.7	86.6	75.0	88.7	92.8	84.6	95.6	97.6	93.6	1 071	65.5	784	67.9	432	72.1

	Weighted average									Total	% F	Total	% F	Total	% F
World	75.3	81.7	68.9	79.7	85.2	74.2	85.0	89.0	81.0	879 130	63.0	861 966	63.7	799 152	63.5
Developed countries and countries in transition	97.7	98.5	96.9	98.6	99.0	98.1	99.3	99.4	99.2	21 970	69.7	14 895	67.4	7 521	60.8
Developing countries	67.0	75.9	57.9	73.6	81.0	66.1	81.3	86.5	76.1	857 159	62.9	847 071	63.6	791 631	63.5
Arab States	50.2	63.8	35.8	60.1	71.7	47.8	71.7	80.1	62.9	62 400	63.0	67 473	64.0	70 803	64.3
Central and Eastern Europe	94.6	97.3	92.1	96.2	98.1	94.3	97.8	99.0	96.8	16 519	76.8	12 518	77.2	7 217	77.3
Central Asia	98.9	99.5	98.3	99.6	99.7	99.4	99.8	99.8	99.7	480	79.6	222	67.0	161	55.2
East Asia and the Pacific	80.3	88.1	72.2	86.6	92.5	80.6	93.3	96.5	90.1	232 904	69.2	186 404	71.4	114 123	73.3
Latin America and the Caribbean	85.1	86.8	83.4	88.9	89.9	87.9	92.9	93.2	92.5	41 932	56.5	39 254	55.6	33 055	53.8
North America and Western Europe	97.9	98.4	97.3	98.6	99.0	98.3	99.3	99.4	99.2	11 363	64.6	7 873	62.7	4 244	58.4
South and West Asia	47.5	59.7	34.5	55.3	66.4	43.6	65.6	74.5	56.3	382 151	60.2	412 242	61.3	436 704	62.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	49.2	59.3	39.5	60.3	68.9	52.0	73.9	79.7	68.2	131 380	60.7	135 980	61.3	132 844	61.2

1. UIS estimates.

**YOUTH LITERACY RATE (15-24)**  
 (%)

**YOUNG ILLITERATES (15-24)**

1990			2000			2015			1990		2000		2015		Country or territory
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	Total (000)	% F	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gabon
42.2	50.5	34.1	57.2	65.2	49.3	76.9	82.4	71.4	95	57.7	100	59.7	81	61.9	Gambia
81.8	88.2	75.4	91.1	93.6	88.6	97.1	97.3	96.8	533	67.5	368	63.7	153	54.1	Ghana
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Guinea
44.1	62.2	26.5	58.1	72.8	43.7	77.3	84.1	70.5	97	66.4	94	67.6	77	65.1	Guinea-Bissau
89.8	92.9	86.7	95.1	96.0	94.2	98.5	98.3	98.8	471	65.4	338	59.5	126	40.3	Kenya
87.2	77.2	97.1	90.5	82.7	98.5	94.2	89.0	99.6	41	11.3	38	7.9	29	3.4	Lesotho
57.2	75.4	38.6	68.8	84.9	52.6	83.3	93.4	73.2	171	70.0	228	75.6	144	80.1	Liberia
72.2	77.8	66.6	80.1	83.6	76.6	88.6	89.9	87.2	635	60.1	610	58.9	552	55.9	Madagascar
63.2	75.7	51.2	71.1	81.0	61.0	80.6	86.9	74.2	650	67.6	653	66.8	652	65.6	Malawi
27.6	38.3	17.1	36.1	47.3	25.1	50.8	60.8	40.7	1266	57.5	1425	58.6	1691	59.8	Mali
91.1	91.2	91.1	93.8	93.3	94.3	96.8	95.8	97.9	18	49.3	13	45.5	6	32.3	Mauritius
48.8	66.1	31.7	60.6	75.1	46.2	76.4	84.8	68.0	1340	67.0	1422	68.3	1221	68.1	Mozambique
87.4	85.9	89.0	91.6	89.9	93.3	95.6	94.0	97.2	35	43.9	29	39.6	23	31.1	Namibia
17.0	24.9	9.3	23.0	32.3	13.8	35.1	45.3	24.9	1223	53.8	1623	55.0	2326	56.8	Niger
73.6	80.8	66.5	86.9	89.6	84.3	96.0	96.1	95.9	4257	62.8	3001	59.2	1375	50.2	Nigeria
72.7	78.0	67.4	83.4	85.2	81.6	92.5	91.9	93.1	369	60.1	280	55.8	159	46.2	Rwanda
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sao Tome and Principe
40.1	50.0	30.2	50.7	59.5	41.9	66.6	72.2	60.8	832	58.1	926	58.8	917	58.2	Senegal
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Seychelles
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sierra Leone
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Somalia
88.5	88.6	88.4	91.3	91.3	91.3	94.4	94.3	94.5	877	50.7	777	50.4	535	49.1	South Africa
85.1	84.7	85.5	90.4	89.6	91.2	95.3	94.5	96.1	23	49.3	18	46.1	11	41.8	Swaziland
63.5	79.4	47.7	75.5	87.2	63.8	88.0	93.9	82.1	242	71.8	226	73.8	162	74.5	Togo
70.1	79.8	60.5	78.7	85.4	72.1	88.1	91.3	84.9	1002	66.2	998	65.7	920	63.5	Uganda
83.1	89.2	77.2	90.5	93.2	87.9	96.4	96.5	96.2	883	68.7	684	64.2	382	51.5	United Republic of Tanzania
81.2	86.4	76.2	88.2	90.8	85.5	94.2	94.9	93.5	305	63.3	254	60.8	187	55.4	Zambia
93.9	96.6	91.3	97.2	98.7	95.7	99.4	99.8	99.0	125	71.7	78	76.2	24	83.9	Zimbabwe <sup>w</sup>

Weighted average									Total	% F	Total	% F	Total	% F	
84.2	88.2	80.0	86.8	89.9	83.4	90.5	92.5	88.3	157396	61.7	140585	61.2	112894	59.6	World
99.6	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	767	55.7	497	53.6	360	50.8	Developed countries and countries in transition
80.8	85.7	75.7	84.2	88.0	80.1	89.0	91.4	86.6	156629	61.7	140088	61.2	112533	59.7	Developing countries
66.5	77.2	55.1	76.0	83.1	68.5	85.1	88.6	81.4	13894	65.1	13191	64.0	10268	61.1	Arab States
98.4	99.2	97.5	99.1	99.6	98.6	99.6	99.8	99.4	976	75.5	592	76.4	189	74.2	Central and Eastern Europe
99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	40	51.0	41	51.5	39	51.4	Central Asia
95.1	97.0	93.2	97.2	98.0	96.4	98.8	99.1	98.5	17726	68.1	8895	63.1	4027	59.7	East Asia and the Pacific
92.7	92.7	92.8	95.0	94.8	95.3	97.1	96.7	97.4	6377	49.5	5023	46.8	3147	43.3	Latin America and the Caribbean
99.5	99.6	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.7	506	57.0	301	55.3	225	50.9	North America and Western Europe
61.6	71.1	51.2	69.7	77.5	61.2	79.2	84.3	73.9	87239	60.7	82974	61.5	68968	60.8	South and West Asia
66.5	74.1	59.0	76.3	81.3	71.3	85.8	88.1	83.4	30638	61.4	29568	60.4	26031	57.9	Sub-Saharan Africa