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PURPOSE OF THE STATISTICAL SURVEY

is a statistical census of pupils attending basic education, the programmes used for its implementation, organizational issues of such education, the teachers, and the professional and other personnel employed in education.

LEGAL BASIS FOR THE SURVEY

The legal basis for the collection of data on basic education for youth and on basic education for adults is the National Statistical Act (OJ RS, No 45/95 and No 9/01) and the Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys.

The collection of data is required also by Regulation (EC) No 452/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning regarding statistics on education and training systems and implementing regulation (EU) No 912/2013 concerning UOE data reporting.

OBSERVATION UNITS

are public and private basic schools for youth, institutions providing basic education for children with special educational needs and folk high schools providing basic education for

adults. Basic schools operate as single site basic schools, central basic schools or as subsidiaries of the central basic school.

COVERAGE

Covered are all schools and organizations providing basic education for youth and adults.

SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Data on basic education for youth are collected by regular annual statistical surveys with the ŠOL-O questionnaire, which is answered by observation units (basic schools, basic schools with adapted curriculum and institutions providing basic education for children with special educational needs) on the basis of their records. Data on the end of the school year refer to 31 August while data on the beginning of the school year refer to 15 September.

Data on basic adult education are collected by regular annual statistical surveys with the ŠOL-O-ODR questionnaire, which is answered by observation units (organizations providing basic adult education) on the basis of their records. Data refer to the end of the school year, i.e. to 31 August.

DEFINITIONS

Basic schools provide quality general education to the entire population, educate and train for lifelong learning and sustainable development (Basic School Act, OJ RS, No. 81/2006).

Basic schools for adults are organizations providing basic adult education.

Adults are participants in basic education that have made a break in their education for a year or more no matter how old they are.

Basic education is divided into three **educational cycles**, each consisting of three grades.

A **grade** is an education entity that in accordance with the curriculum covers the subjects of one school year.

A **class unit** is an organisational unit of a school. **Pure classes** are the ones in which pupils of one grade are educated, while in **combined classes** pupils of two or more grades are educated.

Subject groups are special forms of organization of the educational process combining pupils from one or more classes or class units.

Repeaters are pupils with negative marks who did not advance to the next grade or pupils without negative marks who due to justifiable reasons repeat the grade or ninth grade pupils who did not sit for the re-examination or did not pass it.

Re-examination is available for pupils in the third educational cycle who were at the end of the school year unsuccessful in two subjects and were attending the 7th or 8th grade or even more than two subjects if they were attending the 9th grade.

Teaching personnel and other professional staff consists of classroom teachers, subject teachers, teachers in daily extension, teachers for offering additional professional support to children with special educational needs, headmasters, assistant headmasters and other professional staff such as advisers, librarians, etc., who co-operate in working with pupils.

Teachers with adequate professional attainment are those who meet the necessary legal requirements for teaching in basic schools.

EXPLANATIONS

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PUBLISHING

Results (expressed in absolute numbers and as indicators) are published in the First Release and in the SI-STAT database; selected data are published in a variety of cross-thematic publications of the Statistical Office.

REVISION OF THE DATA

Data are published as final data in April for the current school year and for the end of the past school year.

OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Questionnaires on basic education for youth and adults are available on this website (in Slovene only): http://www.stat.si/metodologija_vpr.asp

On our website is available also the Quality Report for the survey on basic education for youth http://www.stat.si/metodologija_porocila-standardna.asp

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