

Global Catholic Education Report 2020: Country Profiles

Country: **Belgium**

Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

Table 1: Trends in the Number of Students (Thousand) and Schools, 1975-2017

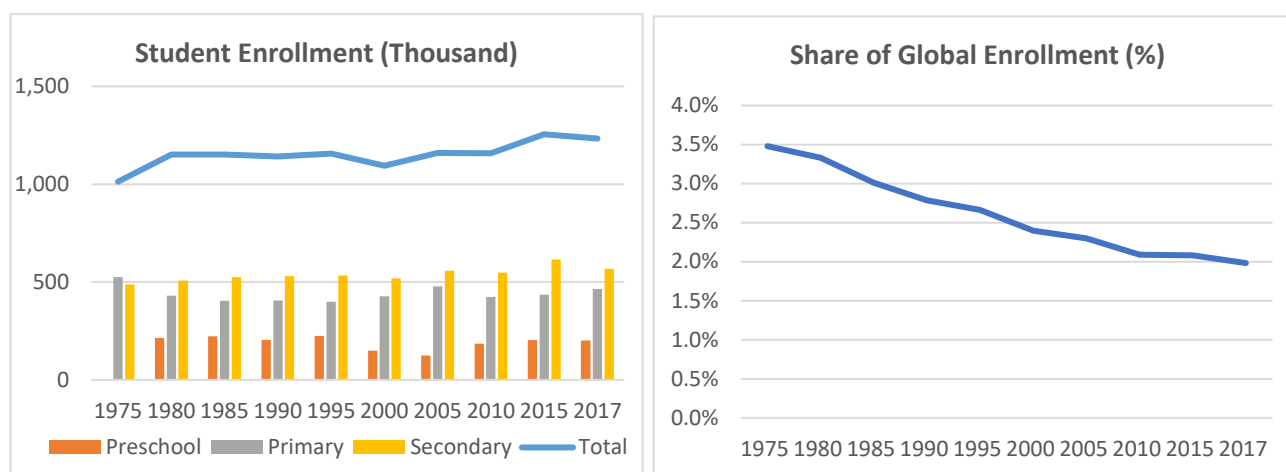
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2017
Students										
Preschool	-	215	223	204	224	149	124	185	204	202
Primary	526	430	404	407	399	427	478	424	436	464
Secondary	487	507	525	531	534	519	558	549	616	567
Total	1,013	1,152	1,152	1,142	1,157	1,095	1,160	1,158	1,255	1,233
Schools										
Preschool	-	2,458	1,128	823	1,658	1,658	1,174	970	1,381	1,608
Primary	3,513	2,778	2,330	2,132	2,221	2,221	2,304	2,381	2,019	2,115
Secondary	1,638	1,532	1,230	1,145	1,112	1,112	1,148	997	1,077	1,073
Total	5,151	6,768	4,688	4,100	4,692	4,991	4,626	4,348	4,477	4,796

Note: No data for preschools in 1975.

Table 2: Annual Growth Rates in the Number of Students and Schools, Various Periods (%)

	Students					Schools				
	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-17	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-17
Preschool	-0.5%	-3.1%	2.2%	1.3%	-0.4%	-10.4%	7.3%	-5.2%	7.5%	7.9%
Primary	-0.6%	0.5%	-0.1%	1.3%	3.2%	-2.6%	0.4%	0.7%	-1.7%	2.3%
Secondary	0.5%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	-4.0%	-2.9%	-0.3%	-1.1%	1.1%	-0.2%
Total	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.6%	0.9%	-0.9%	-4.9%	2.0%	-1.4%	1.4%	3.5%

Note: Compounded growth rates for 10 years by decade (e.g., 1980 to 1990) except last two periods



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