

Global Catholic Education Report 2020: Country Profiles

Country: **Lesotho**

Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

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

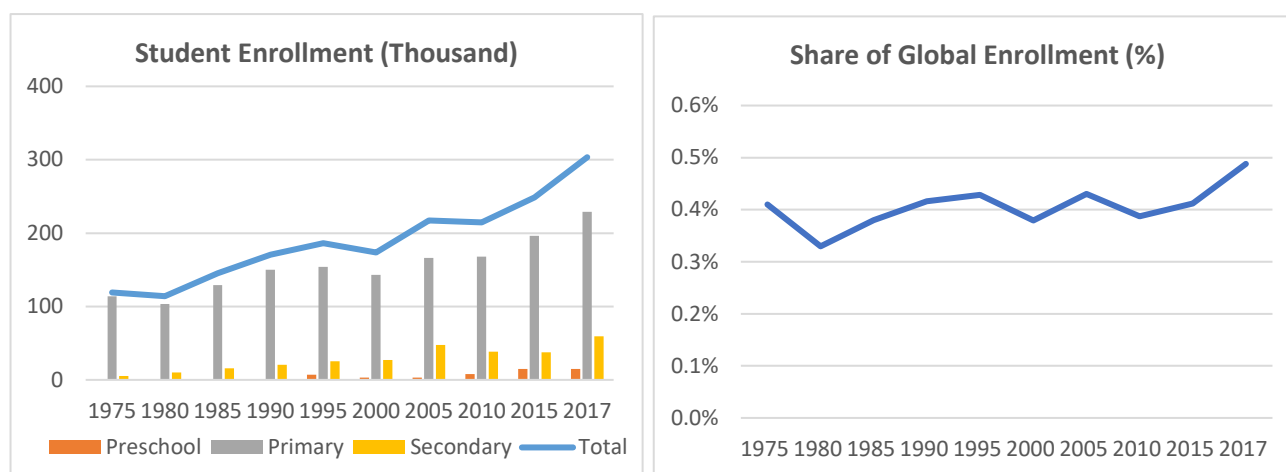
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2017
Students										
Preschool	-	0	0	0	7	3	3	8	15	15
Primary	114	104	129	150	154	143	166	168	196	229
Secondary	5	10	16	20	25	27	48	39	37	59
Total	119	114	145	171	186	173	217	215	249	303
Schools										
Preschool	-	3	3	4	79	79	30	24	50	55
Primary	473	449	467	485	486	486	505	521	514	520
Secondary	28	51	56	75	83	83	82	79	92	102
Total	501	503	526	564	566	648	617	624	656	677

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	1.5%	32.0%	9.3%	9.6%	0.1%	2.9%	34.8%	-11.2%	12.6%	4.9%
Primary	3.8%	-0.5%	1.6%	4.5%	8.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%
Secondary	7.1%	2.8%	3.7%	6.3%	25.7%	3.9%	1.0%	-0.5%	3.7%	5.3%
Total	4.1%	0.2%	2.2%	5.1%	10.5%	1.2%	1.4%	-0.4%	1.2%	1.6%

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



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