

Global Catholic Education Report 2020: Country Profiles

Country: **South Africa**

Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

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

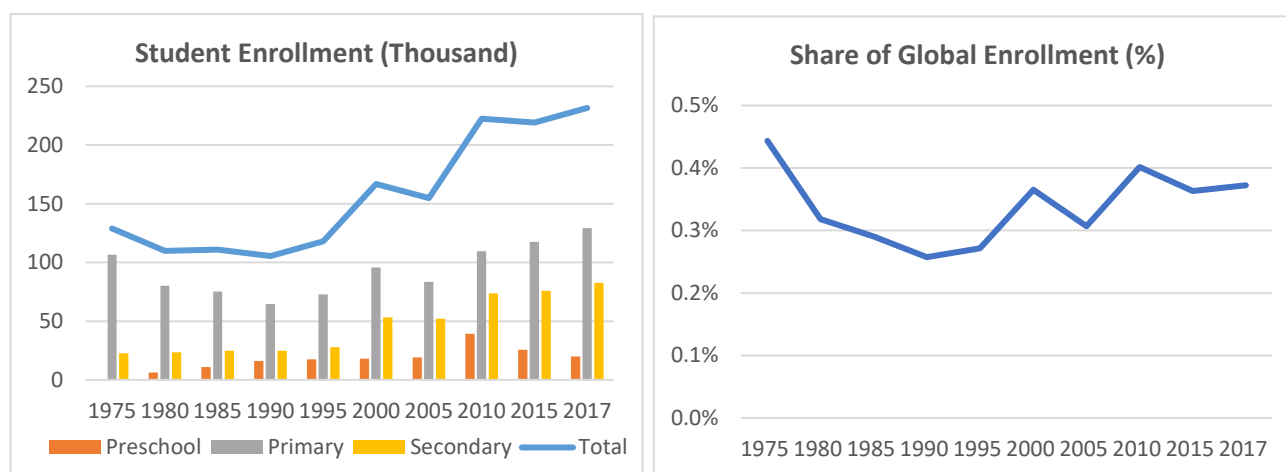
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2017
Students										
Preschool	-	6	11	16	17	18	19	39	26	20
Primary	107	80	75	65	73	96	84	110	118	129
Secondary	23	23	25	25	28	53	52	74	76	83
Total	129	110	111	105	118	167	155	223	219	232
Schools										
Preschool	-	86	128	205	230	230	220	238	223	236
Primary	425	302	274	254	256	256	266	266	250	247
Secondary	158	126	126	105	94	94	115	111	98	115
Total	583	514	528	564	557	580	601	615	571	598

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	9.6%	1.1%	8.1%	-9.2%	-12.2%	9.1%	1.2%	0.3%	-0.1%	2.9%
Primary	-2.1%	4.0%	1.4%	2.4%	4.9%	-1.7%	0.1%	0.4%	-1.1%	-0.6%
Secondary	0.6%	7.9%	3.3%	1.6%	4.3%	-1.8%	-1.1%	1.7%	0.5%	8.3%
Total	-0.4%	4.7%	2.9%	0.6%	2.8%	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%	-0.4%	2.3%

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



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