

## Literacy rate

Metadata on MDG indicators  
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<b>Definition</b>	<p><i>Method I:</i> The share of population aged 15 years and over, who can read and write in the total population aged 15 and over. These data are only available for census years.</p> <p><i>Method II:</i> During the intercensus period the indicator is calculated as a share of the population aged 15-24 years, having completed/fully attained at least the primary education level in the total population aged 15-24 years.</p>
<b>National MDG</b>	<b>MDG 2.</b> Ensure access to general compulsory education (grades 1-9).
<b>Measurement Unit</b>	%
<b>Calculation Formula</b>	<p><i>Method I:</i></p> $RA_{pa} = P_{sc} / PT * 100$ <p>where:  <math>RA_{pa}</math> – literacy rate of the adult population (15 years and over)  <math>P_{sc}</math> – the number of population aged 15 years and over who can write and read  <math>PT</math> – the total number of population aged 15 years and over.</p> <p><i>Method II:</i></p> $RA_{pa} = P_{nived} / PT * 100$ <p>where:  <math>RA_{pa}</math> - literacy rate of the adult population(15-24 years)  <math>P_{nived}</math> - graduate of at least the primary education level in the total population aged 15 and older  <math>PT</math> - the total number of population aged 15-24 years.</p>
<b>Disaggregation level</b>	<p>The data are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whole country (without the left part of the river Nistru and municipality Bender);</li> <li>- sex;</li> <li>- area.</li> </ul>
<b>Dissemination Periodicity</b>	<p>According to Method I - once every 10 years.          According to Method II – annually.</p>
<b>Timeliness</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to Method I – after 12 months after conducting the census.</li> <li>2. According to Method II - April after the reference year.</li> </ol>
<b>Revision</b>	The data are final at first dissemination
<b>Data source</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The population census (the last was carried out in 2004).</li> <li>2. Household Statistical Survey on Labour Force - Labour Force Survey (LFS), conducted by the NBS:  <a href="http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/AFM_en.pdf">http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/AFM_en.pdf</a></li> </ol>
<b>Comparability at International Level</b>	The data are comparable at international level.
<b>Comparability Over Time</b>	LFS data are comparable over time and are available since 2000.

<p><b>Coherence with other Statistics (correlated indicators)</b></p>	<p>The coherence of the Labour Force Survey with the data from the population census:</p> <p><i>Differences in concepts:</i></p> <p>1. LFS' <i>distribution of population by level of education</i> is accordingly to the "highest level of the formal education completed/attained" (with or without a diploma or a graduation certificate), namely: 1) no education; 2) primary education; 3) gymnasium education; 4) Lyceum education, secondary general; 5) secondary professional education; 6) secondary specialized education; 7) higher education; 8) master; 9) doctorate.</p> <p>During the population census, for the question regarding "the level of education" there are additional (compared with LFS) variables: a) without primary school, but read and write, and b) illiterate.</p> <p>2. LFS provides annual average data.</p> <p>The information from the census corresponds to a critical period (during the population census of 2004 - 5 October, at 0.00).</p> <p><i>Differences in measurement:</i></p> <p>The population census is an <i>exhaustive survey</i>.</p> <p>LFS is a <i>sample survey</i>.</p> <p>For details see LFS methodology:  <a href="http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/AFM_en.pdf">http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/AFM_en.pdf</a></p>
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<p><b>Note</b></p>	<p>More detailed metadata are available at:  <a href="http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/AFM_en.pdf">http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/AFM_en.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/Populatia_en.pdf">http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/Populatia_en.pdf</a>  <i>Data series with information on the MDG target are available at:</i>  <a href="http://www.statistica.md/pageview.php?l=en&amp;idc=421&amp;id=3199">http://www.statistica.md/pageview.php?l=en&amp;idc=421&amp;id=3199</a></p>