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FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF EDUCATION

LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity Financial statistics of education is conducted pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska („Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, No 85/03) and in accordance with the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026-2029 and the current Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

Aim and content

The aim of this survey is to produce internationally comparable data on expenditure for formal education in Republika Srpska, by purpose of expenditure and by level of education.

Reporting units/ Observation units

Reporting units for formal education financing are ministries and local self-government units, private educational institutions and the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

Coverage

The survey on financial expenditure for education is carried out on a full coverage of reporting units that finance formal education.

The annual statistical report on financial expenditure in education, submitted by the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development and Higher Education and units of local self-government, serves to obtain data on expenditure for formal education from the republic budget and budgets of local self-government units, from households and private entities and non-government organisations and international organisations. For private educational institutions, the data on expenditure are obtained from National accounts of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, that is, the Household Budget Survey, is the source of data for expenditure of households for selected goods and services outside educational institutions.

Method and period of data collection

The data on public expenditure are collected using the following statistical questionnaires:

- 1) Financial expenditure for education, Questionnaire-UF-J (Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development and Higher Education),
- 2) Financial expenditure for education, Questionnaire-UF -J (units of local self-government),

The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics is the source of data for expenditure of households for selected goods and services outside educational institutions (Household Budget Survey) and expenditure in private educational institutions (National Accounts Division, RSIS).

The surveys are carried out annually and the data are collected for the period between 1 January and 31 December of the calendar year.

Protection of confidential data

Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, No 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

Definitions

Formal education is education after the completion of which a person attains a higher level of education.

Levels of education – expenditure for education is classified by basic level of education in Republika Srpska, i.e. preschool education, primary education, secondary education and higher education, in accordance with the current version of the International Standard Classification of Education.

Expenditure for preschool education covers expenditure for children in nurseries up to three years of age and for children in kindergartens from three years of age until enrollment into primary school, as well as expenditure for children who attended a three-month preparatory preschool educational programme for primary school enrollment.

Expenditure for primary education covers expenditure for primary education from first to fifth grade and from sixth to ninth grade of education.

Expenditure for secondary education covers expenditure for general and vocational education.

Expenditure for higher education covers expenditure for research and development.

Public expenditure for educational institutions covers direct government expenditure for: instructional educational institutions – kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, higher education institutions and institutions for education of adults in the part referring to formal education; non-instructional educational institutions – Ministry of Education and Culture, Republic Pedagogical Institute, Institute of Adult Education, Higher Education Accreditation Agency, boarding homes for pupils and students.

Foreign funds for education cover foreign funds transferred to the republic and local levels of government, for the educational system as a whole, foreign funds transferred directly to instructional and non-instructional educational institutions established by the legislative authorities, and direct payments to private educational institutions.

Private expenditure for educational institutions covers expenditure of households and other business entities and non-profit organisations, paid directly to educational institutions (accommodation and food for children in kindergartens, damages, fees and tuition for public and private educational institutions, etc.); expenditure of households for selected goods and services outside educational institutions covering expenditure of households for selected goods and services required for full participation of pupils and students in educational programmes.

Compliance with international recommendations and standards

The data on expenditure for formal education are calculated in accordance with the common methodology of three international organisations - UNESCO, OECD and Eurostat (UOE Methodology). The data fully comply with international recommendations and standards.

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

Authorities implementing the statistical survey

The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics is the responsible authority for the production of data on expenditure for formal education. The collection and processing of data are carried out at the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

Obligation to provide data

Reporting units must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics in accordance with the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

IMPLEMENTATION FREQUENCY

Reporting units must submit data on expenditure for formal education by 20 April of the current year. Final data are published on 15 November.

INSTRUMENTS

Questionnaire

Excel questionnaires available at the Institute's official website are used for the implementation of activities in the field of financial statistics of education.

Instructions for completing the questionnaire

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

PUBLISHING

The data are published in the annual release Financial statistics of education, available at the website of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

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