Table 13 Youth (15–24) literacy rates and illiterate population by country, 2005–12

Country or territory	Youth literacy rate (%)				Youth illiterate		Source	Year
	Total	Male	Female	GPI	Total	% Female		
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Bahamas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	79.9	78.0	81.9	1.05	6,237,415	44.6	GALP	2012
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Botswana	96.0	94.2	97.9	1.04	17,603	26.4	GALP	2012
Brunei Darussalam	99.8	99.8	99.7	1.00	152	55.3	GALP	2012
Cameroon	80.6	85.4	76.4	0.89	813,677	61.6	Survey	2010
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	99.8	99.8	99.8	1.00	318	42.5	Population Census	2011
Dominica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	85.7	88.3	83.2	0.94	698,496	58.6	Census	2010
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	93.1	92.4	93.7	1.01	9,596	45.2	DHS/GALP	2009
India	81.1	88.4	74.4	0.84	40,518,972	67.1	DHS	2006
Jamaica	95.9	93.3	98.6	1.06	21,209	16.8	GALP	2012
Kenya	82.4	83.2	81.6	0.98	1,430,055	52.1	DHS/GALP	2007
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesotho	83.2	74.2	92.1	1.24	78,943	22.9	DHS/GALP	2009
Malawi	72.1	74.3	70.0	0.94	851,816	53.6	DHS/GALP	2010
Malaysia	98.4	98.4	98.5	1.00	89,859	50.1	LFS	2010
Maldives	99.3	99.2	99.4	1.00	519	45.5	Population Census	2006
Malta	98.3	97.5	99.1	1.02	1,075	24.9	Census	2005
Mauritius	98.1	97.7	98.6	1.01	3,680	37.8	Population Census	2011
Mozambique	67.1	79.8	56.5	0.71	1,436,467	68.5	Survey	2009
Namibia	87.1	83.2	90.6	1.09	56,652	36.4	DHS/GALP	2007
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	66.4	75.6	58.0	0.77	9,675,218	62.2	DHS/GALP	2008
Pakistan	70.8	78.0	63.1	0.81	11,035,917	61.5	LFS	2011
Papua New Guinea	71.2	66.8	75.8	1.13	397,777	40.8	GALP	2012
Rwanda	77.3	76.7	78.0	1.02	482,617	50.0	DHS/GALP	2010
St Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	99.5	99.4	99.6	1.00	167	37.9	GALP(a)	2012
Seychelles	99.1	98.8	99.4	1.01	137	31.6	Population Census 2002*	2012
Sierra Leone	62.7	71.6	53.8	0.75	435,090	62.0	GALP	2012
Singapore	99.8	99.8	99.8	1.00	1,153	49.9	Estimates	2012
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	98.9	98.5	99.3	1.01	111,257	32.9	General House Survey	2012
Sri Lanka	98.2	97.7	98.6	1.01	61,031	37.6	LFS	2010
Swaziland	93.5	92.2	94.7	1.03	19,306	39.8	MICS/GALP	2010
Tonga	99.4	99.4	99.5	1.00	110	42.3	Population Census	2011
Trinidad and Tobago	99.6	99.6	99.6	1.00	837	48.5	GALP(a)	2012
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	87.4	89.6	85.5	0.95	850,300	58.3	National Household Survey	2010
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Republic of Tanzania	74.6	76.5	72.8	0.95	2,253,050	53.6	DHS/GALP	2010
Vanuatu	94.9	94.7	95.1	1.00	2,385	48.6	GALP(b)	2012
Zambia	64.0	70.3	58.5	0.83	856,935	58.5	DHS/GALP	2007

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics – Education Indicators and Data Analysis Unit as of May 2014
Population data: The population used to generate the number of illiterates is from the United Nations World Population Prospects, 2012 Revision (United Nations Population Division, 2013). Population figures based on the medium fertility variant were used. For countries with national observed literacy data, the population corresponding to the year of the census or survey was used. For countries with UIS GALP estimates, populations are for 2012.
Notes: GALP: UIS estimate derived from its Global Age-Specific Literacy Projections Model, which is based on national data less than 20 years old from the reference year of 2012. GALP(a): UIS estimate derived from its Global Age-Specific Literacy Projections Model which is based on national data of 20 to 30 years old from the reference year of 2012. GALP(b): UIS estimate derived from its Global Age-Specific Literacy Projections Model, which is based on national data more than 30 years old from the reference year of 2012. GPI: Gender Parity Index. Literacy rates are estimates for current decade based on survey or census data from previous decade. Refer to metadata table for detailed information. -: Not available.
Explanatory note: The table presents observed data and UIS projections for the reference period 2005–10.