

## ESTONIA

Question	Data				Notes and sources used		
<b>1. Number of compulsory school aged pupils (including those with SEN)</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>	Source: Estonian Educational Information System.
	<b>108,481</b>		<b>4,257</b>				
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			
	69,976	38,505	2,971	1,286	<b>112,738</b>	2009/2010	
<b>2. Number of compulsory school aged pupils who have SEN (in all educational settings)</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>	Source: Estonian Educational Information System. * The data for questions 2 to 5 refers to pupils with an official decision of SEN. This is a change to the data provided in 2008.
	<b>10,080</b>		<b>355</b>				
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			
	5,590	4,490	208	147	<b>10,435 *</b>	2009/2010	
<b>3. Pupils with SEN in segregated special schools</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>	Source: Estonian Educational Information System.
	<b>3,252</b>		<b>113</b>				
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			
	1,839	1,413	50	63	<b>3,365</b>	2009/2010	
<b>4. Pupils with SEN in segregated special classes in mainstream schools</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>	Source: Estonian Educational Information System.
	<b>1,380</b>		<b>79</b>				
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			
	444	936	58	21	<b>1,459</b>	2009/2010	
<b>5. Pupils with SEN in fully inclusive settings</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>	Source: Estonian Educational Information System. * In addition there are 15,384 pupils with no official decision of SEN who receive some form of SEN support in mainstream schools.
	<b>5,448</b>		<b>163</b>				
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			
	3,307	2,141	100	63	<b>5,611 *</b>	2009/2010	
<b>6. Compulsory age phase</b>	Children who turn 7 years of age by 1 October of the current year are obliged to attend school. The compulsory schooling obligation applies to children until they acquire basic education or turn 17 years of age.						



<b>7. Clarification of Public - Private sector education</b>	<p>Public schools are state and municipality schools. A private education institution is an educational institution based on the ownership of a legal person in private law and which shall operate pursuant to law, the legislation issued on the basis of law and the articles of association if the founder is a legal person in private law, and to its statute. (Private Education Institution Act § 2 (1) passed on 3 June 1998)</p> <p>All schools (public and private schools) are supported from the State budget for the teachers' salary, in-service training and buying schoolbooks.</p>
<b>8. Legal Definition of SEN</b>	<p>Pupils with special educational needs are pupils whose outstanding talent, learning or behavioural difficulties, health problems, disabilities or long-term absence from studies creates the need to make changes or adaptations in the content of studies, the study processes or the learning environment (study aids, classrooms, language of communication, incl. alternative communications, specially trained teachers, support staff, etc.), or in the work plan prepared by the teacher for work with the relevant class.</p> <p>Reference: Basic School and Upper Secondary School Act § 46 (1) approved on 21 June 2010.</p>