

# Top Ten Education Facts – World

Despite moderate advancements in enrollment worldwide, low investment and poor quality continue to hamper global progress towards EFA.

1. Planet Earth had 781 million illiterate people in 2004, of which 770 million lived in developing countries. Two thirds were women.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)
2. Less than 80 percent of girls enroll in primary school worldwide. In Sub-Saharan Africa, less than 66 percent bother to turn up.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)
3. Every second illiterate person in the world lives in South Asia and every third one of them lives in India.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)
4. 11 percent of global primary school children fail to enroll in school and stand little chance of ever doing so.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)
5. A primary education may be a minimum education, yet 1 in 5 students around the world never even make it that far.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)
6. In 2004 only 67 percent of the world's children were enrolled in secondary school. Secondary education receives short shrift as many developing countries prioritise primary school enrollments.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)
7. Around 100 million children are out of school today around the globe. (2004)  
[http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=43140&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=43140&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)
8. The world needs an additional 18 million teachers to accomplish Education for All by 2015.  
[http://www.oxfam.org/en/news/2007/pr071211\\_global\\_campaign\\_for\\_education\\_school\\_report\\_2008](http://www.oxfam.org/en/news/2007/pr071211_global_campaign_for_education_school_report_2008)
9. Sub-Saharan Africa spends less than 3.3 percent of GDP on education. UNESCO recommends countries spend closer 6 percent to achieve results.

<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)

10. An extra US\$11 billion a year is needed worldwide to achieve Education for All by 2015.

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### **Other Facts**

- By 2050, an estimated 9.2 billion people will be living on Planet Earth.  
[http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/wpp2006/WPP2006\\_Highlights\\_rev.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/wpp2006/WPP2006_Highlights_rev.pdf)
- Almost half the world's population (47 percent) lived in urban areas in 2001.  
[http://www.unep.org/geo/geo3/english/pdfs/chapter2-8\\_urban.pdf](http://www.unep.org/geo/geo3/english/pdfs/chapter2-8_urban.pdf)
- Around the world 1 billion people live on a sum of less than US\$1 per day, 2.5 billion on less than US\$2 a day.  
<http://go.worldbank.org/ZLXDG0KKS0>
- In the developing world, a child has a 4 in 10 chance of being born into extreme poverty and a life dictated by chance.  
<http://www.unicef.org/sowc01/2-3.htm>
- In 2004, 642 million children were studying in primary school around the world.  
<http://www.efareport.unesco.org/> (2007)