

IV. EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

1. KINDERGARTENS

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Kindergartens - number	3856	3659	3762	3713
Teachers - number	25623	24091	23890	23353
Children - thousands	247	247	254	247

2. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97
Educational institutions - total	4077	4100	4076	4050
Teachers	112651	116083	117537	119251
Students	1420351	1431795	1439046	1425834
General schools	3360	3359	3325	3286
Teachers	70131	70487	70763	71431
Students	987999	980491	963582	944733
Special schools	136	131	128	129
Teachers	2381	2303	2294	2336
Students	14193	13502	13556	13849
Vocational technical schools	6	9	8	7
Teachers	155	134	133	125
Students	3323	4194	4051	3384
Secondary vocational schools	220	228	214	203
Teachers	6580	6440	5758	5113
Students	107839	100355	88427	77299
Technical and art colleges	268	285	313	337
Teachers	12256	12445	13250	13943
Students	103396	112046	120859	125887
Post-secondary institutes	47	48	47	46
Teachers	2990	3047	3111	3018
Students	27791	25161	25311	24981
Institutions of higher education	40	40	41	42
Teachers	18158	21227	22228	23285
Students ¹⁾	175810	196046	223260	235701

¹⁾ Incl. foreign students, excl. Bulgarians studying abroad.

3. PRIVATE SCHOOLS

	1995/1996		1996/1997	
	Schools	Students	Schools	Students
Total	49	4987	62	5874
Primary schools				
First level(I-IV grade)	12	797	9	422
First level(V-VIII grade)	6	495	13	964
First level(I-VIII grade)	3	111	3	100
General schools	10	1484	10	1657
Secondary technical and vocational schools, and art colleges	18	2100	27	2731

4. GRADUATES

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Primary schools (VIII-grade)	100732	103880	93736	86590
General schools (XI and XII - grade)	34645	37344	36956	38714
Vocational technical schools	724	876	1118	1032
Secondary vocational technical schools	28884	27942	29228	28732
Technical and art colleges	27392	25954	26965	25354
Post-secondary institutes	10171	8196	7763	8018
Institutions of higher education ¹⁾	21150	21951	25193	28171

¹⁾Excl. graduates abroad.

5. SCIENTISTS BY FIELD OF SCIENCE AS OF 31.12.

Field of science	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	26284	25616	25577	25853
Natural sciences	5227	5151	5121	5101
Technical sciences	8583	7743	7361	7421
Medical sciences	4796	4802	4729	4817
Agricultural sciences	1632	1649	1626	1653
Social sciences	6046	6271	6740	6861

6. SCIENTISTS BY SCIENTIFIC TITLE AND DEGREE AS OF 31.12.

Scientific title and degree	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	26284	¹⁾25649	²⁾25577	25853
By scientific title:				
Academicians	42	¹⁾ 41	²⁾ 16	14
Corresponding members	37	31	43	51
Professors	1147	1139	1213	1419
Associate professors	3222	3311	3480	3836
Senior research associates	3650	3390	3353	3264
Lecturers	1125	1446	1247	1240
Assistants	8949	9337	9899	9883
Research associates	8112	6954	6326	6146
By degree:				
Doctors of science	1403	1368	1388	1581
Masters of science	10391	10153	10229	10407

¹⁾Incl. 33 academicians who are not full-time employed in scientific institutions.

²⁾Since 1995 only academicians full-time employed in scientific organizations.