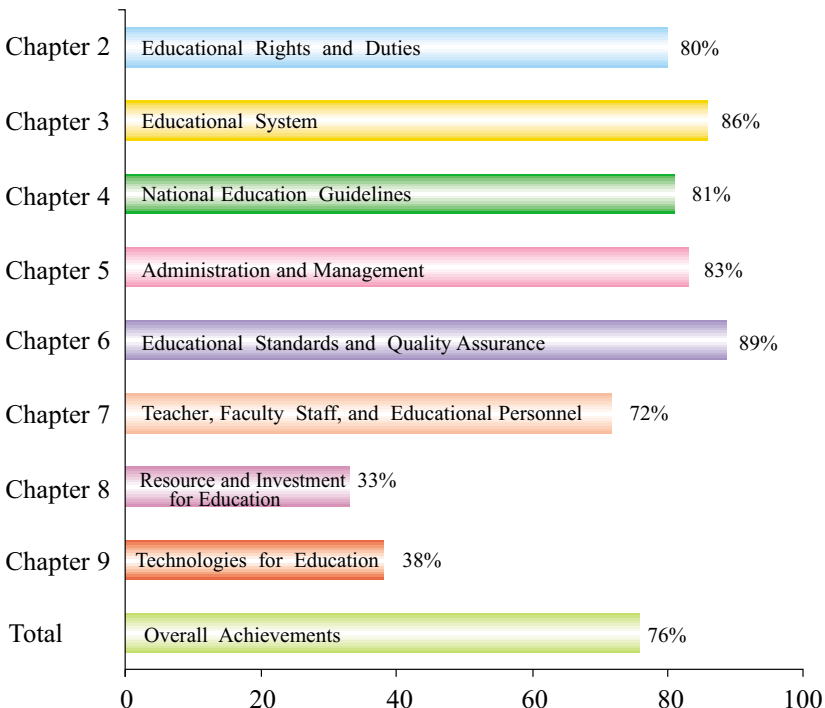


Glossary of Abbreviations

AIT	The Asian Institute of Technology
ADB	Asian Development Bank
APEC	Asia - Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASCOE	ASEAN Sub-Committee on Education
AUN	ASEAN University Network
BMA	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
COSD	Committee on Social Development
DFA	Department of Fine Arts
DGE	Department of General Education
DNFE	Department of Non-Formal Education
DOVE	Department of Vocational Education
DPE	Department of Physical Education
GMS	Greater - Mekong Subregion
IEA	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
MOI	Ministry of Interior
MOE	Ministry of Education
MUA	Ministry of University Affairs
ONEC	Office of the National Education Commission
ONESDB	Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board
ONPEC	Office of the National Primary Education Commission
OPEC	Office of the Private Education Commission
RIHED	Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development
RI s	Rajabhat Institutes
RIT	Rajamangala Institute of Technology
RTG	Royal Thai Government
SEAMEO	The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization
TUAS	Thai University Administrators Shadowing
UMAP	University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific
UNESCO	The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Overall Progress of Educational Reform under the 1999 National Education Act as of 20 August 2000

After one year of the enactment of the 1999 National Education Act, an evaluation study conducted by a team of researchers from Chulalongkorn University shows significant progress of educational reform in many areas. Overall, the progress in the implementation of all chapters of the Act by responsible agencies accounted for 76 percent of the tasks that should be accomplished within one year of its promulgation.



Source : ONEC. *A Summary of an Evaluation Report on the Implementation of Educational Reform under the 1999 National Education Act*, 2000.

Thailand Profile 2000

Area	:	513,115 sq.km.
Capital	:	Bangkok
Climate	:	Monsoon with average temperature between 23.7°C and 32.5°C.
Population	:	62.3 million
Labour force	:	33.1 million
Population growth	:	1.09 %
People	:	The majority are Thai. The rest includes ethnic Chinese, Malays, Lao, Vietnamese, Indians, and others.
Literacy Rate	:	95.0%
Life expectancy	:	Male 65.9 : Female 72.1
Religion	:	Buddhism, the national religion, is the professed faith of 95% of the population, but there is absolute religious freedom.
Language	:	Thai is the national and official language. Dialects are spoken in rural areas. Other languages are Chinese, Malay and English.
Constitution	:	Constitutional Monarchy
Currency	:	Baht (1 US\$ = 42.75 Baht, as of 4 October 2000)
GDP (current price)	:	4,688 billion Baht
GDP growth	:	4.2%
Per Capita GNP	:	73,771 Baht
Government expenditure	:	910.0 billion Baht
as of GDP	:	16.5%
Inflation	:	2%
Unemployment rate	:	4.7%

THAILAND'S EDUCATIONAL PROFILE IN FIGURES : NEW SERIES

A. School-Age Population

(thousand persons)

Age Group	1997	1998	1999 ¹	2000 ¹	2001 ¹	
Pre-primary	3-5	3,202	2,904	2,889	2,892	2,906
Primary	6-11	6,539	5,786	5,820	5,838	5,835
Secondary	12-17	6,859	6,141	5,968	5,833	5,751
- Lower Secondary	12-14	3,395	2,910	2,846	2,827	2,845
- Upper Secondary	15-17	3,464	3,231	3,122	3,006	2,906
Higher	18-21	4,662	4,512	4,484	4,431	4,344
Total	3-21	21,262	19,343	19,161	18,994	18,836

B. Total Student Enrolment

(thousand persons)

	1997	1998	1999
Formal education	14,407.5	14,406.3	14,251.2
Non-formal education	5,018.2	3,796.1	3,813.7
Education for the ecclesiastics	583.6	625.8	692.4
Total	19,491.8	18,168.5	14,276.3

C. Student Enrolment by Level

(thousand persons)

	1997	1998	1999 ¹	2000 ¹	2001 ¹
Pre-primary	2,906.7	2,745.1	2,716.6	2,748.3	2,819.8
Primary	5,928.9	5,936.2	5,832.0	5,757.4	5,665.7
Secondary	4,094.2	4,103.9	4,070.9	3,975.7	3,987.6
• Lower secondary	2,462.6	2,426.9	2,428.6	2,348.4	2,320.0
• Upper secondary	1,624.1	1,677.0	1,642.3	1,627.2	1,667.7
- General	880.7	963.3	933.0	934.1	944.3
- Vocational	743.3	713.3	709.4	693.2	723.4
Higher	901.7	961.4	971.1	1,043.8	996.8

D. Enrolment Ratio

	1997	1998	1999 ¹	2000 ¹	2001 ¹
Pre-primary	90.8	94.5	94.0	95.0	97.0
Primary	90.7	102.6	102.8	101.2	99.6
Secondary	59.8	60.5	68.2	68.2	69.3
• Lower secondary	72.5	84.8	85.4	83.1	81.6
• Upper secondary	46.8	49.3	52.6	54.1	57.4
- General	25.3	28.9	29.9	31.1	32.5
- Vocational	21.5	22.1	22.7	23.1	24.9
Higher*	19.3	20.1	21.7	23.6	23.0

¹ Projection

* Excluding Students in open universities.

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E. Transition Rate	1997	1998	1999¹	2000¹	2001¹
Lower secondary	91.2	88.3	88.1	88.0	88.0
Upper secondary	86.1	82.1	78.5	79.8	83.0
• General	44.6	48.9	43.5	43.8	45.0
• Vocational	41.5	33.2	35.0	36.0	38.0
Higher *	n.a.	88.8	88.5	89.0	92.6

F. Student-Teacher Ratio	1997	1998
Pre-primary	1:26	1:20
Primary	1:21	1:18
Secondary	1:20	1:19
• Lower Secondary	1:21	1:20
• Upper Secondary	1:18	1:18
- General	1:14	1:15
- Vocational	1:26	1:24

G. Retention Rate	1997	1998	1999¹	2000¹	2001¹
Primary	80.8	81.5	84.8	87.1	87.6
Lower secondary	92.6	91.9	95.6	95.6	95.6
Upper secondary	81.6	80.3	80.9	75.5	81.6
- General	83.9	83.9	88.2	75.7	86.9
- Vocational	78.8	75.9	73.2	75.1	75.1

H. Number of Educational Institutions (1999)	Total	Public	Private
Whole Kingdom²	50,402	47,290	3,112
Pre-Primary	45,577	43,123	2,454
Primary	33,840	32,343	1,497
Lower secondary	10,109	9,555	554
Upper secondary (General)	2,563	2,416	147
Upper secondary (Vocational)	854	542	312
Below Bachelor's Degree	573	304	269
Bachelor's Degree	178	145	33
Postgraduate Degree	51	31	20

I. Educational Budget	1997	1998	1999	2000
Amount (billion Baht)	202.9	201.7	207.3	220.6
% of GDP	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.3
% of National Budget	20.6	25.2	25.1	25.7

² Some institutions may provide more than one level of education.

* Excluding new entrants in open universities.

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