

0.a. Goal

Goal 4: Ensure quality, equitable, inclusive education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

0.b. Target

Target 4.6: By 2030, ensure that all young people and the majority of adults, both men and women, can read and write (Global Target 4.6)

0.c. Indicator

Indicator 4.6.1. Literacy rate of population aged 15 and over

0.e. Metadata update

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2.a. Definition and concepts

Literacy rate of population aged 15 years and over is the percentage of population aged 15 years and over at time (t) who is literate (can read, write and understand a simple sentence in the national language script, ethnic or foreign characters) compared to the total population aged 15 years and over at that time.

2.c. Classifications

The list of administrative units in Vietnam issued together with the Prime Minister's Decision No. 124/2004/QĐ-TTg dated July 8, 2004 and the changes updated by the General Statistics Office to date December 31, 2019)

3.a. Data sources

- Population and housing census;
- Census midterm;
- Population change and family planning survey.

3.b. Data collection method

- Type of survey: The Population Change and Family Planning Survey is a sampling survey. The sample size is distributed to ensure representativeness of the statistical indicators for the province level and disaggregated by urban/rural area.

The population change census sample 2021 is a stratified sample with two phases: Phase 1 – selecting sample locations; Stage 2 – household selection.

- Method of collecting information: Using the direct interview method using an electronic questionnaire installed on the enumerator's tablet or smartphone. The enumerator went to each household to ask the information provider and enter all the answers on the electronic form.

The detailed plan for the 2021 population change and family planning survey can be found at the following link: <https://www.gso.gov.vn/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/01-04-2021-QD-1903-Dieu-tra-bien-dong-dan-so-2021.pdf>

3.c. Data collection calendar

Annual cycle, April 1 (except for the year in which the Population and Housing Census and the Mid-term Population and Housing Census were conducted).

3.d. Data release calendar

Year

3.e. Data providers

General Statistics Office

3.f. Data compilers

General Statistics Office

4.a. Rationale

This indicator is a direct measure of the skills of adolescents and adults in two areas: literacy and numeracy.

4.c. Method of computation

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Công thức tính:

$$\text{Tỷ lệ dân số từ 15 tuổi trở lên biết chữ (\%)} = \frac{\text{Dân số từ 15 tuổi trở lên biết chữ}}{\text{Dân số từ 15 tuổi trở lên}} \times 100$$

5. Data availability and disaggregation

- Annually available figures from 2010-2020

- Annual data available for subgroups: sex; urban/rural; regions and provinces/cities directly under the Central Government.

(Published source: Statistical Yearbook of the General Statistics Office)

6. Comparability/deviation from international standards

This indicator reflects part of the global level indicator “Proportion of population in a given age group achieving at least a fixed level of proficiency in functional (a) literacy and (b) numeracy skills, by sex”. Comparing the content of Vietnam and global indicators, there are differences as follows:

	International Indicator	Vietnam indicator
Skill	Can read, write and do math	Can read and write
Split	- Age group - Gender - Disability	
	- Location - Income - Skill Type	- Ethnic group (Kinh and other ethnic groups); - Urban/rural; - Province/city directly under the Central Government.
Data	Adult skills assessment survey (eg PIAAC, STEP, LAMP,	- Population and

source	RAMAA) and adult literacy survey at the national level.	housing census; - Census midterm; - Population change and family planning survey.
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7. References and Documentation

- Circular No. 03/2019/TT-BKHĐT dated January 22, 2019 stipulating the set of statistical indicators for sustainable development of Vietnam;
- Statistical Yearbook;
- <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/>