**Meru County- Education Profile**

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| **County Population[[1]](#footnote-1)** | | | **School Age Children**  **4-17 yrs[[2]](#footnote-2)** | | | **Out of School Children 4-17 yrs[[3]](#footnote-3)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Pre-Primary/ECE**  **4-5 yrs** | | | **Primary**  **6-13 yrs** | | | **Secondary**  **14-17 yrs** | | |
| **F** | **M** | **Total** | **F** | **M** | **Total** | **F** | **M** | **Total** | **F** | **M** | **Total** | **F** | **M** | **Total** |
| 817,774 | 808,208 | 1,625,982 | 244,413 | 241,502 | 485,915 | 5,710 | 6,260 | 11,970 | 5,280 | 6,590 | 11,870 | 7,940 | 10,260 | 18,200 |

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| **Child Protection Indicator[[4]](#footnote-4)** | **Percentage** |
| Percentage of Teenage Pregnancy for girls/women aged 15-19 yrs who have ever been pregnant in Meru County | 23.6% |
| GBV: Percentage of girls/women who have experienced physical violence since age 15 in Meru County | 35.8% |
| GBV: Percentage of girls/women aged 15-49 yrs who have ever experienced sexual violence in Meru County | 16 % |
| FGM: Percentage of women aged 15-49 yrs who were ever circumcised across Kenya | 14.8% |

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| **Education Indicators[[5]](#footnote-5)** | **Pre-Primary/ECE** | | | **Primary[[6]](#footnote-6)** | | | **Secondary** | | | **National Average** |
| **F** | **M** | **Total** | **F** | **M** | **Total** | **F** | **M** | **Total** |
| Number of education Institutions (Public & Private) | 1180 | | | 1016 | | | 410 | | | PP.: 46,652  P.: 31,464  S.: 10,390 |
| Students’ dropout /Absenteeism during  Year 2022 [[7]](#footnote-7) | 3,066 | 2,921 | 5,987 | 18,043 | 16,530 | 34,573 | 6,172 | 5,147 | 11,319 | NA |
| Net Enrolment Rate (NER)[[8]](#footnote-8) | 123.8 | 122.5 | 123.1 | 81.4 | 81.9 | 81.7 | 65.6 | 58.1 | 61.9 | **PP.:** (B: 111.5, G: 110.8, T: 111.2%)  **P:** (B: 78.6, G: 77.7, T: 78.1%)  **S:** (B: 51.2, G: 57.2, T: 54.1%) |
| Gender Parity Index | 0.98 | | | 0.98 | | | 1.11 | | | PP: 0.97,  P: 0.96,  S: 1.01 |
| Learner to teacher Ratio in Public Schools | 47 | | | 31 | | | 28 | | | PP: 52,  P: 40,  S: 29 |
| Learner-Classroom Ratio in Public Schools | 50 | | | 30 | | | 38 | | | PP: 53,  P: 37,  S: 40 |
| Primary-to-Secondary Transition Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  | 86.9 | 85.8 | 86.4 | B: 87,  G: 87.1,  T: 87.1 |
| **WASH in School Indicators[[9]](#footnote-9)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Learner to Toilet Ratio in Public Schools [[10]](#footnote-10) | 26 | 31 | 28.5 | 20 | 24 | 22 | 15 | 18 | 17 | PP.: (B: 40, G: 34, T:37)  P: (B: 33, G: 30, T: 32)  S: (B: 22, G: 18, T: 20) |
| Percentage of students with no access to improved water source | 25 | | | | | | | | | NA |
| Number of schools with no water source | 233 | | | | | | | | | NA |

1. 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census and 2023 Population Projections, Analytical Report, (KNBS) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census and 2023 Population Projections, Analytical Report, (KNBS) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 2021 Out-of-School Children Initiative study, (K MoE) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 2022 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey, Key Indicators Report, (KNBS) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. 2020 Basic Education Statistical Book, (K MoE) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. For sake of this profile, Primary level includes Grades 1-8 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Enrolment figures from 2022 Short and long Rain Assessments (NDMA) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Here is provided Gross Enrolment Rate for Pre-primary since NER is provided only for primary and secondary levels in the 2020 Basic Education Statistical Book [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. 2020 WINS Data Analysis Report, (K MoE) [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. 2020 Basic Education Statistical Book, (K MoE) [↑](#footnote-ref-10)