

Student Enrolment

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1 Enrolment overview

The 2024-2025 enrolment data for the OECS Member States reveals a total of 120,215 students across various education levels, with a near-equal distribution between male and female students. Reporting gaps in some Member States highlight areas for improved data collection.

120,215	7	50.7%	5
TOTAL ENROLMENT	MEMBER STATES REPORTING	FEMALE SHARE OF ENROLMENT	EDUCATION LEVELS COVERED

Table 1 Enrolment by education level

EDUCATION LEVEL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE	MEMBER STATES REPORTING
Early childhood	6,314	6,163	12,477	49.4%	6
Primary	26,487	25,321	51,808	48.9%	6
Secondary	20,707	20,265	40,972	49.5%	7
Special education	475	282	757	37.3%	5
Post-secondary	5,269	8,932	14,201	62.9%	5
Total	59,252	60,963	120,215	50.7%	7

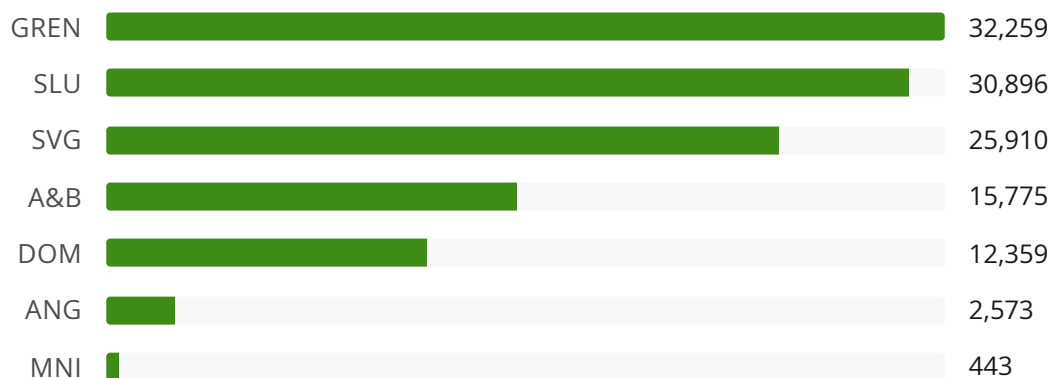
The total enrolment across the OECS Member States for the 2024-2025 academic year stands at 120,215 students, with a female share of 50.7%. Enrolment spans five education levels, with primary education accounting for the largest share at 51,808 students. Secondary education follows with 40,972 students, while early childhood education has 12,477 students. Post-secondary enrolment is reported at 14,201, and special education has the smallest enrolment at 757 students. The data indicates a balanced gender distribution overall, though variations exist at different education levels.

2 Enrolment by Member State

Table 2 Enrolment by Member State and education level

MEMBER STATE	EARLY CHILDHOOD	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	SPECIAL EDUCATION	POST- SECONDARY	TOTAL
Grenada	3,634	11,309	9,057	171	8,088	32,259
Saint Lucia	4,440	13,835	10,135	330	2,156	30,896
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2,877	11,426	9,240	102	2,265	25,910
Antigua and Barbuda	—	8,640	7,022	113	—	15,775
Dominica	1,119	5,366	4,206	41	1,627	12,359
Anguilla	301	1,232	1,040	—	—	2,573
Montserrat	106	—	272	—	65	443
Total	12,477	51,808	40,972	757	14,201	120,215

Figure 1 Total enrolment by Member State, 2024-2025



DATA COVERAGE

"—" marks a level with no return for the year. Early childhood: no return from Antigua and Barbuda; Primary: no return from Montserrat; Special education: no return from Anguilla and Montserrat; Post-secondary: no return from Antigua and Barbuda and Anguilla. Totals cover reported levels only, so Member States are not directly comparable where levels are missing.

Enrolment figures vary significantly across the Member States, with Grenada reporting the highest total enrolment of 32,259 students, followed closely by Saint Lucia with 30,896 students. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines also reports a substantial enrolment of 25,910 students. Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Anguilla, and Montserrat report lower totals, with Montserrat having the smallest enrolment at 443 students. It is important to note that some Member States did not report enrolment figures for all education levels, which affects direct comparability.

3 Enrolment by sex

Table 3 Male and female enrolment by Member State

MEMBER STATE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE
Grenada	15,605	16,654	32,259	51.6%
Saint Lucia	15,229	15,667	30,896	50.7%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	12,784	13,126	25,910	50.7%
Antigua and Barbuda	8,086	7,689	15,775	48.7%
Dominica	6,066	6,293	12,359	50.9%
Anguilla	1,283	1,290	2,573	50.1%
Montserrat	199	244	443	55.1%
Total	59,252	60,963	120,215	50.7%

Figure 2 Male and female share of enrolment by Member State

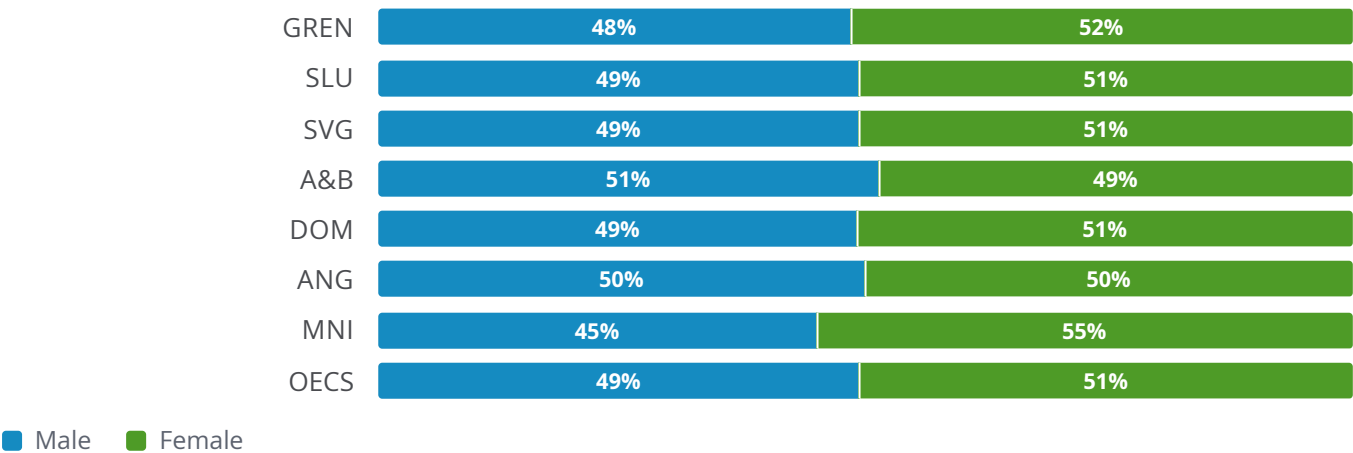
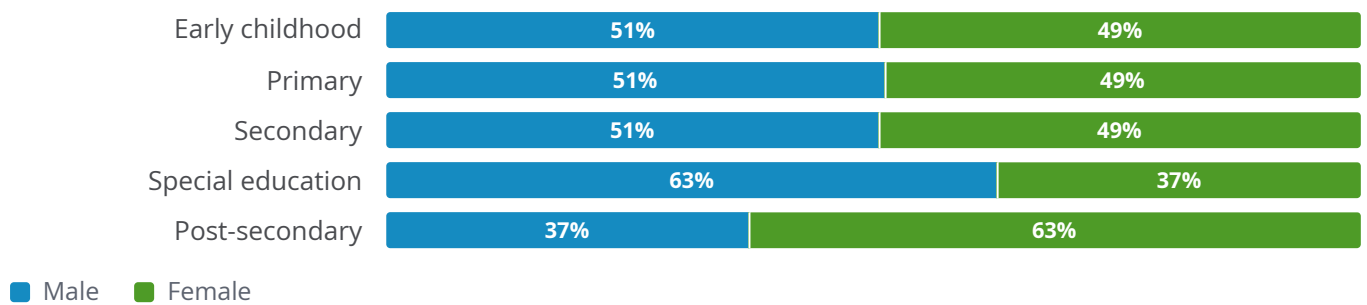


Figure 3 Male and female share of enrolment by education level



The overall enrolment by sex shows a slight female predominance at 50.7%. Most Member States report near parity, with Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines each showing a female share of around 50.7%. Montserrat has a higher female share at 55.1%, while Antigua and Barbuda reports a male predominance at 51.3%. By education level, post-secondary enrolment shows a significant female predominance at 62.9%, whereas special education has a male predominance at 62.7%.

4 Enrolment by grade and programme

Table 4 Primary enrolment by grade

GRADE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE
Kindergarten	3,675	3,650	7,325	49.8%
Grade 1	3,647	3,516	7,163	49.1%
Grade 2	3,702	3,333	7,035	47.4%
Grade 3	3,801	3,460	7,261	47.7%
Grade 4	3,968	3,859	7,827	49.3%
Grade 5	3,934	3,794	7,728	49.1%
Grade 6	3,760	3,709	7,469	49.7%

Table 5 Secondary enrolment by form

FORM	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE
Form 1	4,412	4,072	8,484	48.0%
Form 2	4,547	4,130	8,677	47.6%
Form 3	4,308	4,196	8,504	49.3%
Form 4	4,024	4,114	8,138	50.6%
Form 5	3,416	3,753	7,169	52.4%

Table 6 Post-secondary enrolment by programme

PROGRAMME	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE
TVET	524	494	1,018	48.5%
CAPE	556	938	1,494	62.8%
Hospitality	18	44	62	71.0%
Tertiary	4,142	7,311	11,453	63.8%
Other	29	145	174	83.3%

Enrolment at the primary level is relatively stable across grades, with slight fluctuations in the female share, which ranges from 47.4% in Grade 2 to 49.8% in Kindergarten. At the secondary level, the female share increases from 48.0% in Form 1 to 52.4% in Form 5. Post-secondary programmes show varied enrolment patterns, with tertiary education having the largest enrolment and a female share of 63.8%. Other programmes, such as Hospitality and CAPE, also show a higher female enrolment.

5 Key observations and policy implications

KEY FINDING

Total enrolment across the OECS Member States is 120,215, with a female share of 50.7%.

AREA OF CONCERN

Some Member States did not report enrolment figures for all education levels, affecting data completeness.

POSITIVE TREND

Post-secondary education has a significant female predominance, with 62.9% of enrolment being female.

AREA OF CONCERN

Special education enrolment is low, with only 757 students reported across five Member States.

RECOMMENDATION

Efforts should be made to improve data reporting across all Member States to ensure comprehensive and comparable enrolment statistics.