

Comparison: The Danish and Korean education systems

Below you find a comparison of the Danish and Korean education systems on a number of important indicators. The comparison has been made using data from the OECD report *Education at a glance 2013*. All numbers are in 2011 numbers unless otherwise mentioned.

Key indicators: The Danish and Korean education systems		
	Denmark	Korea
Average class size – primary school	20.3 pupils	27.5 pupils
Average class size – secondary school	20.0 pupils	34.7 pupils
Average annual number of teaching hours per teacher - primary and lower secondary education	650 hours	717 ¹ hours
– Average annual number of teaching hours per teacher – upper secondary education	369 hours	609 hours
Average annual number of teaching hours per teacher as % of total working hours	38.7 %	42.3 %
Total expenditure on educational institutions as a percentage of GDP	8.0 %	7.6 %
– The share of private expenditure on educational institutions	5.5 %	38.4 %
Expenditure for tertiary education in % of GDP	1.9 %	2.6 %
– The private expenditure in % of GDP	0.1 %	1.9 %
Percentage of the population that has attained at least upper secondary education	77 %	81 %
Average student tuition for tertiary education (USD, PPP adjusted)	No tuition fees	5,395 (public) 9,383 (private)
Expenditure used directly by educational institutions in % of total expenditure on education (2010)	72.9 %	78.0 %
Student loans in % of total expenditure on education (2010)	4.1 %	17.7 %
Students enrolled in foreign tertiary education in % of total number of students	3.3 %	4.4 %
Number of foreign students per national student abroad (2011)	4.0 %	0.5 %
Average teacher salary with 15 years of experience (USD, PPP adjusted)	51084	47861

¹ The maximum number of teaching hours. The number is the average from *primary and lower secondary education*