



Annual dollars spent per student on primary / secondary education, in \$US adjusted for PPP, in 2010 - OECD 'Education at a Glance 2013

A new review of the Gonski Review, has put how much we should spend on education back on the agenda - so how does Australia's investment in education compare with the rest of the world?

For primary education:

- Australia spends \$9,463 per child
- ranking 9<sup>th</sup> out of 31 countries
- the OECD average is \$7974
- in the top third of the OECD
- Australia's ranking rose from 12<sup>th</sup> in 2009.

For secondary education:

- Australia spends \$10,350 per child
- ranking 12<sup>th</sup> out of 31 countries
- the OECD average is \$9014
- in the top half of the OECD
- Australia's ranking rose from 16<sup>th</sup> in 2009.

In comparison, on tertiary education:

- Australia spends \$9,379 per student
- ranking 8<sup>th</sup> out of 25 countries
- In the top third of the OECD.

20 of 32 countries spend over \$100,000 in total for every child's combined primary and secondary education, including:

- Luxembourg \$251,036
- OECD Average \$106,320
- Australia \$128,552
- Australia ranks 8<sup>th</sup>
- In 2010, Australia spent \$98,360

Australia spends 3.4% of its resources on primary and lower secondary education:

- ranking 4<sup>th</sup> out of 32 nations
- Above the OECD average of 2.6%.

Australia spends just 0.1% of GDP on early childhood education:

- ranking last out of all OECD countries
- equating to 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the OECD average.