

Appendix Table A: Data and sources on the years of school establishment at different education levels for individual countries.

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Region/Country	Primary, Total		Secondary, Total		Tertiary, Total		
	Year of establishment	Source	Year of establishment	Source	Year of establishment	Name of school	Source
Advanced Economies							
Australia	pre-1872	UNESCO_WSEII	1828	UNESCO_WSEIII	1850	University of Sydney	UNESCO_WSEIV
Austria	pre-1774	UNESCO_WSEII	1849	UNESCO_WSEIII	1365	Universität Wien (University of Vienna)	https://goo.gl/foQb2P
Belgium	pre-1914	UNESCO_WSEII	1850	UNESCO_WSEIII	1834	Catholic University of Leuven	UNESCO_WSEIV
Canada	pre-1815	UNESCO_WSEII	1807	UNESCO_WSEIII	1635	Collège des Jésuites	UNESCO_WSEIV
Denmark	pre-1894	UNESCO_WSEII	1787	UNESCO_WSEIII	1497	Københavns Universitet (University of Copenhagen)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Finland	pre-1866	UNESCO_WSEII	1571	UNESCO_WSEIII	1640	Kungliga Akademien i Åbo (Royal Academy of Turku)	UNESCO_WSEIV
France	pre-1881	UNESCO_WSEII	1802	UNESCO_WSEIII	1150	L'Université de Paris (University of Paris)	https://goo.gl/foQb2P
Germany	pre-1724	UNESCO_WSEII	Beginning of the 20th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1385	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (Heidelberg University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Greece			1836	UNESCO_WSEIII	1837	Εθνικόν και Καποδιστριακόν Πανεπιστήμιον Αθηνών (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Iceland	pre-1907	Encyclopedia	1800	UNESCO_WSEIII	1847	Theological Seminary	UNESCO_WSEIV
Ireland	pre-1800	Encyclopedia	1600s	Encyclopedia	1592	Ollscoil Átha Cliath (University of Dublin)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Italy	pre-1903	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1859	UNESCO_WSEIII	1158	Università di Bologna (University of Bologna)	Encyclopedia
Japan			1872	UNESCO_WSEIII	1875	Tokyo University	UNESCO_WSEIV
Luxembourg	pre-1912	UNESCO_WSEII	1869	UNESCO_WSEIII	pre-1848	Law of 23 July 1848	UNESCO_WSEIV
Netherlands	pre-1900	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1863 or pre-1876	UNESCO_WSEIII	1575	Universiteit Leiden (Leiden University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
New Zealand			Middle of the 19th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1869	University of Otago	UNESCO_WSEIV
Norway			Beginning of the 19th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1811	Universitetet i Oslo (University of Oslo)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Portugal	pre-1844	UNESCO_WSEII			1290	Universidade de Coimbra (University of Coimbra)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Spain	pre-1848	UNESCO_WSEII	before the 20th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1212	Universidad de Palencia (University of Palencia)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Sweden	pre-1842	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1927	UNESCO_WSEIII	1477	Uppsala universitet (Uppsala University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Switzerland	pre-1902	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1925	UNESCO_WSEIII	1460	Universität Basel (University of Basel)	Encyclopedia
Turkey	pre-1913	UNESCO_WSEII	1860	UNESCO_WSEIII	1453	İstanbul Üniversitesi (University of Istanbul)	UNESCO_WSEIV
USA	pre-1852	UNESCO_WSEII	1824	Encyclopedia	1636	Harvard University	UNESCO_WSEIV
United Kingdom	before the latter part of the 18th century	UNESCO_WSEII	several centuries ago	UNESCO_WSEIII	1096	University of Oxford	https://goo.gl/foQb2P
Asia and the Pacific							
Afghanistan	pre-1904	UNESCO_WSEII	Beginning of the 20th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1932	University of Kabul	UNESCO_WSEIV
Bangladesh					1921	University of Dhaka	https://goo.gl/0aX4FM
Cambodia	1867	UNESCO_WSEII	1935	https://goo.gl/qwDowb	1949	Royal University of Law and Economics	UNESCO_WSEIV
China	1842	https://goo.gl/Yvjkbcc	End of the 19th century	Barro-Lee	1898	Peking University	UNESCO_WSEIV
Fiji	1858	https://goo.gl/jc631v	pre-1929	UNESCO_WSEIII	1878	Fiji School of Medicine	UNESCO_WSEIV
Hong Kong, China	1858	UNESCO_WSEII	1851	https://goo.gl/GHndH6	1887	Hong Kong College of Medicine	UNESCO_WSEIV
India	1813	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1857	UNESCO_WSEIII	1857	University of Calcutta	UNESCO_WSEIV
Indonesia	1800	UNESCO_WSEII	Latter part of the 19th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1924	Bandung Institute of Technology	UNESCO_WSEIV
Malaysia	pre-1952	UNESCO_WSEII	1800	Penang Free School	1909	University of Malaya	UNESCO_WSEIV
Myanmar	1825	UNESCO_WSEII	1864	UNESCO_WSEIII	1878	Rangoon College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Nepal	1877	UNESCO_WSEII	1877	UNESCO_WSEIII	1959	Tribhuvan University	Encyclopedia
Pakistan	1813	UNESCO_WSEII	1857	UNESCO_WSEIII	1875	Anglo-Oriental College	Encyclopedia

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Philippines	pre-1901	UNESCO_WSEII	1902	UNESCO_WSEIII	1595	San Carlos University	Encyclopedia
Republic of Korea	1883	Encyclopedia	1885	https://goo.gl/098Jr	1885	Kwang Hae Won	http://goo.gl/uBVoSG
Sri Lanka	1820	http://goo.gl/zLuQHR	1880	UNESCO_WSEIII	1897	Ceylon Medical College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Taiwan	1879	UNESCO_WSEII	1911	UNESCO_WSEIII	1872	Aletheia University	https://goo.gl/EfgMlv
Thailand	1848	Pinyakong et al.	pre-1898	UNESCO_WSEIII	1917	จุฬาลงกรณ์มหาวิทยาลัย (Chulalongkorn University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Eastern Europe							
Albania	pre-1921	UNESCO_WSEII	1909	UNESCO_WSEIII	1946	Tirana State University	UNESCO_WSEIV
Bulgaria	pre-1879	UNESCO_WSEII	1878	UNESCO_WSEIII	1888	Софийски Университет „Св. Климент Охридски“ (Sofia University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Czech Republic	pre-1918	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1918	UNESCO_WSEIII	1348	Univerzita Karlova v Praze (Charles University in Prague)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Hungary	pre-1868	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1883	UNESCO_WSEIII	1367	Pécsi Tudományegyetem (University of Pécs)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Poland	pre-1932	UNESCO_WSEII	1588	http://goo.gl/k08C5f	1364	Uniwersytet Jagielloński (Jagiellonian University)	https://goo.gl/IOQb2P
Romania	pre-1864	UNESCO_WSEII	1688	IE	1860	Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Russian Federation	pre-1917	Encyclopedia	Early 1770s	Encyclopedia	1632	Kiev-Mogilev Academy	UNESCO_WSEIV
Serbia	pre-1904	UNESCO_WSEII	1792	https://goo.gl/PG4Lhu	1808	Универзитет у Београду (University of Belgrade)	https://goo.gl/IOQb2P
Latin America and the Caribbean							
Argentina	pre-1844	UNESCO_WSEII	1863	UNESCO_WSEIII	1613	Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (National University of Córdoba)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Barbados			1695	https://goo.gl/3Xh8HP	1748	Codrington College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Belize					1887	St. John's College	St. John's College
Bolivia	pre-1945	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1892	UNESCO_WSEIII	1624	University of Saint Francis Xavier (St. Francis Xavier University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Brazil	pre-1822	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1889	UNESCO_WSEIII	1792	Escola Politécnica da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Polytechnic School of Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Chile	pre-1902	UNESCO_WSEII	1608	Encyclopedia	1738	Real Universidad de San Felipe (Royal University of San Felipe)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Colombia	pre-1927	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1903	UNESCO_WSEIII	1622	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Pontifical Xavierian University)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Costa Rica	pre-1821	UNESCO_WSEII	1887	UNESCO_WSEIII	1843	University of St. Thomas	Encyclopedia
Cuba	pre-1900	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1959	UNESCO_WSEIII	1728	University of Havana	UNESCO_WSEIV
Dominican Rep.	pre-1895	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1895	UNESCO_WSEIII	1538	University of Santo Domingo	UNESCO_WSEIV
Ecuador	pre-1860	UNESCO_WSEII	pre 1897	UNESCO_WSEIII	1594	Central University of Ecuador	UNESCO_WSEIV
El Salvador	1548	Encyclopedia	1825	UNESCO_WSEIII	1841	Universidad de El Salvador (University of El Salvador)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Guatemala	pre-1945	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1945	UNESCO_WSEIII	1562	Royal and Pontifical University of San Carlos	UNESCO_WSEIV
Guyana	pre-1834	Merrill	pre-1834	Merrill			
Haiti	pre-1874	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1955	UNESCO_WSEIII	1830	National School of Medicine	UNESCO_WSEIV
Honduras	pre-1880	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1953	UNESCO_WSEIII	1847	National University of Honduras	UNESCO_WSEIV
Jamaica			1736	http://goo.gl/4bJAuX	1876	Queen's College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Mexico	pre-1867	UNESCO_WSEII	1867	UNESCO_WSEIII	1553	Universidad Real y Pontificia (Pontifical University of Mexico)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Nicaragua	pre-1950	UNESCO_WSEII	Latter part of the 19th century	UNESCO_WSEIII	1813	University of Nicaragua	UNESCO_WSEIV
Panama	1519	Encyclopedia	1744	Encyclopedia	1750	University of San Javier	Encyclopedia
Paraguay	pre-1909	Encyclopedia	1811	Encyclopedia	1783	Real Colegio y Seminario Conciliar de San Carlos	UNESCO_WSEIV
Peru	1822	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1902	UNESCO_WSEIII	1551	University of St. Marcos	UNESCO_WSEIV
Trinidad and Tobago					1852	Government training college	UNESCO_WSEIV

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Uruguay	pre-1942	UNESCO_WSEII	1830	UNESCO_WSEIII	1767	Colegio Franciscano de San Bernardino	UNESCO_WSEIV
Venezuela	pre-1893	UNESCO_WSEII	1843	UNESCO_WSEIII	1891	Universidad del Zulia (University of Zulia)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Middle East and North Africa							
Algeria	pre-1886	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1958	UNESCO_WSEIII	1859	A preparatory school of medicine and pharmacy in Algiers	UNESCO_WSEIV
Cyprus	pre-1878	UNESCO_WSEII	1844	UNESCO_WSEIII			
Egypt	pre-1923	UNESCO_WSEII			972	Al-Azhar University	Encyclopedia
Iran	pre-1911	UNESCO_WSEII	1852	UNESCO_WSEIII	1934	University of Tehran	UNESCO_WSEIV
Iraq	pre-1929	UNESCO_WSEII			1928	Iraqi Royal College of Medicine	https://goo.gl/FOQb2P
Jordan	pre-1921	UNESCO_WSEII	1923	Encyclopedia	1951		Encyclopedia
Kuwait	1912	Encyclopedia			1966	Kuwait University	Encyclopedia
Libya	pre-1939	Encyclopedia	1947	UNESCO_WSEIII	1955	University of Libya	Encyclopedia
Malta	pre-1921	UNESCO_WSEII	1595	UNESCO_WSEIII	1592	L-Università ta' Malta (University of Malta)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Morocco	pre-1921	UNESCO_WSEII	1909	UNESCO_WSEIII	1957	Mohammed V University	UNESCO_WSEIV
Syria	pre-1944	UNESCO_WSEII			1903	Institute of Medicine, University of Damascus	UNESCO_WSEIV
Tunisia	pre-1850	UNESCO_WSEII	1898	UNESCO_WSEIII	1898	Ecole Coloniale d'Agriculture de Tunis (Colonial Agricultural School of Tunis)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Yemen	around 1915	UNESCO_WSEII			pre-1963		UNESCO_WSEIV
Sub-Saharan Africa							
Benin					1970	Université d'Abomey-Calavi (National University of Benin)	https://goo.gl/Cvwxt
Cameroon	pre-1920	UNESCO_WSEII			1959	Cameroon School of Administration	UNESCO_WSEIV
Congo, D.R.	1892	UNESCO_WSEII	1948	UNESCO_WSEIII			
Cote d'Ivoire			1928	Encyclopedia	1959	Centre d'enseignement supérieur d'Abidjan (Abidjan Center for Higher Education)	UNESCO_WSEIV
Gambia	pre-1945	UNESCO_WSEII			pre-1963		UNESCO_WSEIV
Ghana	pre-1882	UNESCO_WSEII	1876	UNESCO_WSEIII	1948	University of the Gold Coast	UNESCO_WSEIV
Kenya	pre-1970	Encyclopedia	pre-1869	UNESCO_WSEIII	1956	Royal Technical College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Lesotho	1830s	http://goo.gl/yjv706	1948	Encyclopedia	1946		Encyclopedia
Liberia			1900	UNESCO_WSEIII			
Malawi	1860	IE	pre-1980	Encyclopedia	1964	University of Malawi	Encyclopedia
Mali	1877	Encyclopedia			1993	Université du Mali (University of Mali)	Encyclopedia
Mauritius	pre-1800	UNESCO_WSEII	1800	UNESCO_WSEIII	1923	College of Agriculture	UNESCO_WSEIV
Mozambique					1963	Eduardo Mondlane University	UNESCO_WSEIV
Niger			1946	UNESCO_WSEIII	pre-1963		UNESCO_WSEIV
Reunion	pre-1947	UNESCO_WSEII	pre-1947	UNESCO_WSEIII			
Senegal					1950	Institut des Hautes Etudes de Dakar	UNESCO_WSEIV
Sierra Leone	pre-1841	Encyclopedia	1845	UNESCO_WSEIII	1827	Fourah Bay College	UNESCO_WSEIV
South Africa	pre-1910	UNESCO_WSEII	1829	http://goo.gl/McLmon	1829	South African College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Sudan	pre-1900	UNESCO_WSEII	1902	UNESCO_WSEIII	1939	High schools providing post-secondary training	UNESCO_WSEIV
Swaziland	1902	Encyclopedia	1928	UNESCO_WSEIII	1945		Encyclopedia
Togo			1920	UNESCO_WSEIII			
Uganda	Latter part of the 19th century	UNESCO_WSEII	1905	UNESCO_WSEIII	1922	Makerere College	UNESCO_WSEIV
Zambia	1912	UNESCO_WSEII	1912	UNESCO_WSEIII	1966	University of Zambia	Encyclopedia
Zimbabwe	1892	UNESCO_WSEII	1892	UNESCO_WSEIII	1955	University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	UNESCO_WSEIV

Note: This table presents data sources on the years of founding of the oldest school at difference education level for total population. More limited information is available upon request.

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Sources:							
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UNESCO_WSEIII	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 1961. <i>World survey of education III: Secondary education</i> , UNESCO, Paris, France.						
UNESCO_WSEIV	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 1966. <i>World survey of education IV: Tertiary education</i> , UNESCO, Paris, France.						