

The New EdStats Data Query

As part of the website update, EdStats migrated its data retrieval system to a new platform that uses the World Bank Development Data Platform (DDP). This software solution, developed and maintained by DECDG and its partners, allows users to retrieve and prepare web reports, charts and maps which can be published and shared over the web.

To start using this tool on the main menu of EdStats, click on **EdStats Query** and then on **Data Query**. (If you click on **Definition**, you will find the methodology and data source used to calculate the indicators included in the **Data Query**.)

Then, select the country or group of countries that you want to analyze using the dialogue box below, press **Select** then **Next** to continue.

The screenshot shows the EdStats Data Query interface. At the top, there is a header with the World Bank Group logo and the 'edstats Data Query' logo. Below the header, there is a 'Select' dropdown menu set to 'English'. The main interface has two tabs: 'Select Variables' and 'Show Report'. Below the tabs, there are three filters: 'Country', 'Series', and 'Time'. The 'Country' filter is active, showing a list of countries under the heading 'Classification'. The list includes: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, and Armenia. A search box is located above the list, and there are 'Search', 'Reset', and 'Notes' buttons. Below the list, there are 'Select', 'Select All', 'Deselect', and 'Deselect All' buttons. The 'Selected' count is 0. A 'Next >>' button is located to the right of the list. Red text instructions are overlaid on the interface: '1. Highlight a country or a group of countries using the mouse and the Shift Key. You can use Ctrl to select a group of countries that are not listed consecutively.' and '2. Press Select.' and '3. Press Next.'

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In the **Series** dialogue box, the indicators are organized along 9 different topics. You can open a topic and scroll down to find an indicator or you can use the **Search** box located at the top. Select the indicators in the same way you select the countries and then press **Next** to open the **Time** dialogue box. In this dialogue box, you can select a time series from 1970 to 2005. Please note, however, that prior to 2000, most countries did not report information on a regular basis to UNESCO. You may therefore find many missing values for the period between 1970 and 2000.

Select Variables

Show Report

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Report | Chart | Map

| Row | Column | Scale | Precision | Notes | Export |
|---------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Country | Time | Units | 0 | No | Select |

Series Net enrollment rate (%), primary level, total Show Report

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Argentina | .. | .. | .. | 99 | 99 | .. |
| Aruba | 99 | 95 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 99 |
| Bahamas, The | 86 | .. | .. | 85 | 89 | 91 |
| Barbados | 98 | 97 | 98 | 98 | 97 | 98 |
| Belize | 96 | 96 | 97 | 97 | 95 | 94 |
| Bolivia | 95 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 95 | .. |
| Brazil | 92 | 94 | 92 | 90 | 95 | .. |
| Cayman Islands | 96 | 96 | 94 | .. | 87 | 81 |

After you have selected the countries, indicators and time series you want to analyze, you will continue to the **Show Report** tab. At the top of the screen, you will find several dropdown boxes that will help you customize your report. The first two boxes allow you to organize the table by selecting the information to be displayed in the **columns** and **rows**. Since you have selected information from 3 categories (country, indicator and time) the remaining category is displayed on a dropdown box on the top left-hand corner of the table.

In the example above, we set the countries to be displayed in rows and the years in columns. The 3rd category is the series or indicator. If you selected more than one indicator, you may use the dropdown menu to choose the one displayed on the output table.

The **Scale** dropdown menu allows you to select from the different scales of measurement: units, thousands, millions and billions. On the **Precision** dropdown menu, you can select the number of decimals you want to display. If you would like to display the notes that the EdStats team sometimes includes for selected indicators, select **Yes** on the **Notes** dropdown menu. Finally, the **Export** dropdown menu allows you to choose the export format of your report.

If you change the configuration of the report and want to take a look at a refreshed version of the output table, press the **Show Report** button. To go back to select a new set of countries, series or years, press the **Select Variables** tab located on the top left-hand corner of the screen.

In the next issue of EdStats, we will show you how to use the chart and map features that have been added to the EdStats Query function.

EdStats Query Database Structure

