PIONEER

PIONEERED is an EU-funded project aiming to determine research-based policy measures and identify pioneering practices that mitigate inequalities across different education stages, as well as within formal and informal learning settings.

90%

of students complete upper-secondary

The vast majority of Irish students pursue courses that enable direct application to third-level colleges.

Education in Ireland

Reversing inequalities through policies

Primary and Secondary Education

Social background is the main driver of educational disadvantage in Ireland. Children with Traveller, Roma and migration backgrounds have also been identified as disadvantaged or requiring additional support.

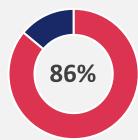
ECCE: Early Childhool Care and Education Programme (2010):

Children are eligible for two free-of-charge preschool years (approximately for the age 3 to 5). Since the programme's introduction, the uptake rates of ECEC have increased and many low-income families have reported that they were able to enroll their children in preschool thanks to the ECCE programme.

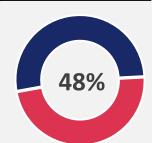
Tertiary Education and Transitions to work

The Irish education system is predominately general in nature, with the majority of students pursuing uppersecondary programs that facilitate access to higher education.

Who attends Higher Education?



Students of graduates.



Students whose parents have lower-secondary qualifications.

DEIS: Delivering Equality of Opportunitiy in Schools Programme (2005):

Provides supports to schools with high concentration of socio-economically disadvantaged students. It has been associated with a decline in early school leaving and a relative improvement in lower-secondary exam performance.

Over 50%

of disadvantaged students do not attend DEIS schools (student In DEIS and non-DEIS schools are not homogenous groups).



Early Childhood Education

Compulsory education begins at the age of 6 and all forms of pre-primary school are optional. The take-up of ECCE programme is high with a ...

95% up-take rate

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