



EDUCATION STATUS OF THE POPULATION

CENSUS 2022

Maldives Bureau of Statistics



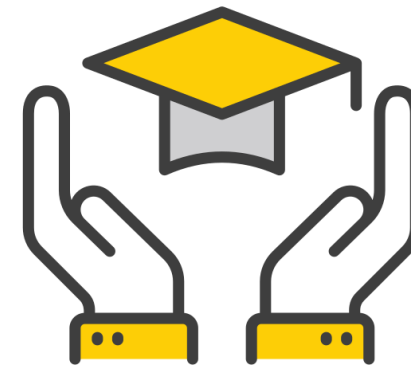
Introduction

- Census 2022 analysis on Education status of the Population:
 - **Literacy in Mother Tongue and English**
 - **Participation in Education**
 - **Currently in Education**
 - **Out of School Children**
 - **Education Attainment**

Updates on SDG indicators on education through census

Education is a fundamental right to all under the Constitution and the Education Act

- a) Every person living in the Maldives, without any discrimination has an equal right to education.
- a) The right to education is a human right and indispensable for the exercise of other human rights.



Literacy of the Resident Population

Questions on literacy is targeted to 10 years and over

Defined by the population who can read and write, with understanding

- mother tongue for Maldivians is the local language Dhivehi
- for other nationals their native language

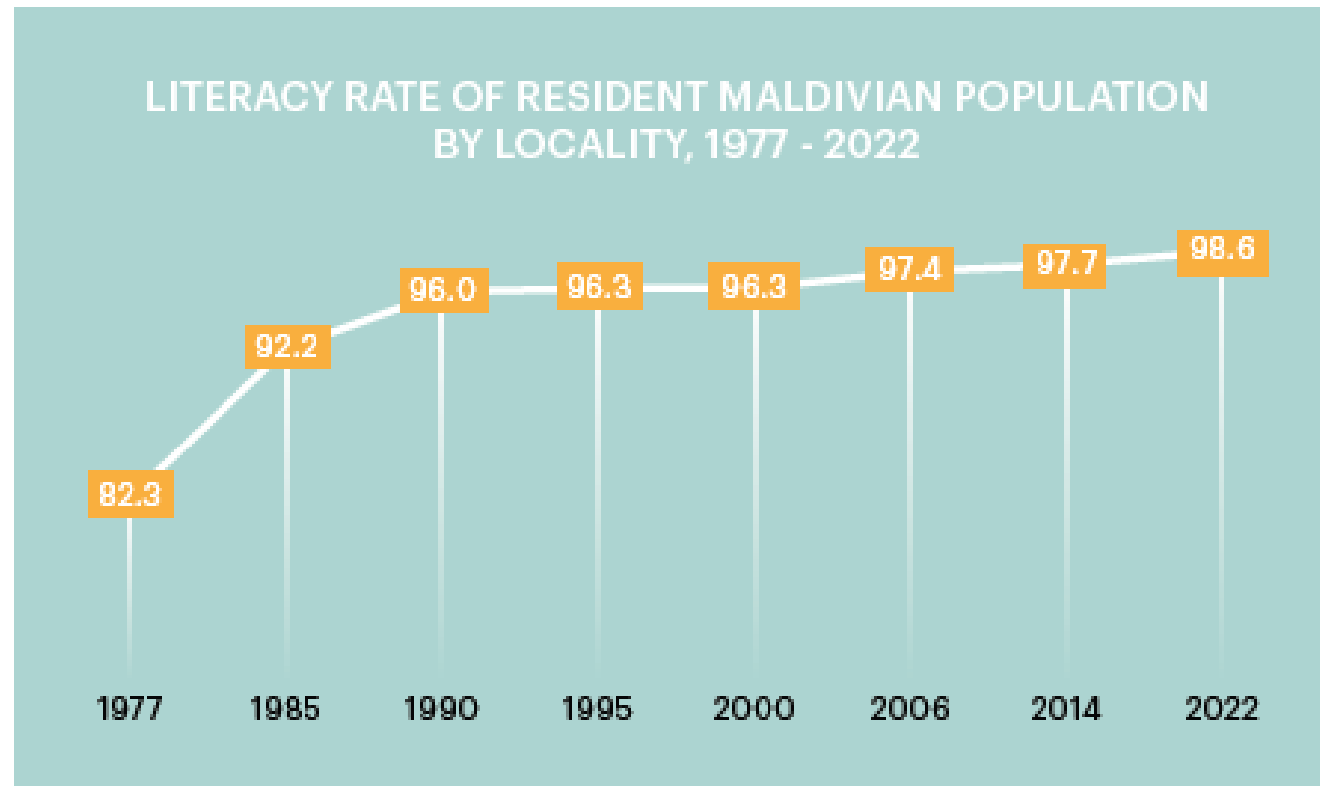
- The overall literacy rate among the resident population, irrespective of nationality, stands at an estimated 97 percent

Nationality	Both Sexes	Female	Male
Total Resident Population	97.1%	98.5%	96.3%
<i>Maldivian</i>	98.6%	98.7%	98.6%
<i>Foreign</i>	93.4%	96.5%	93.0%

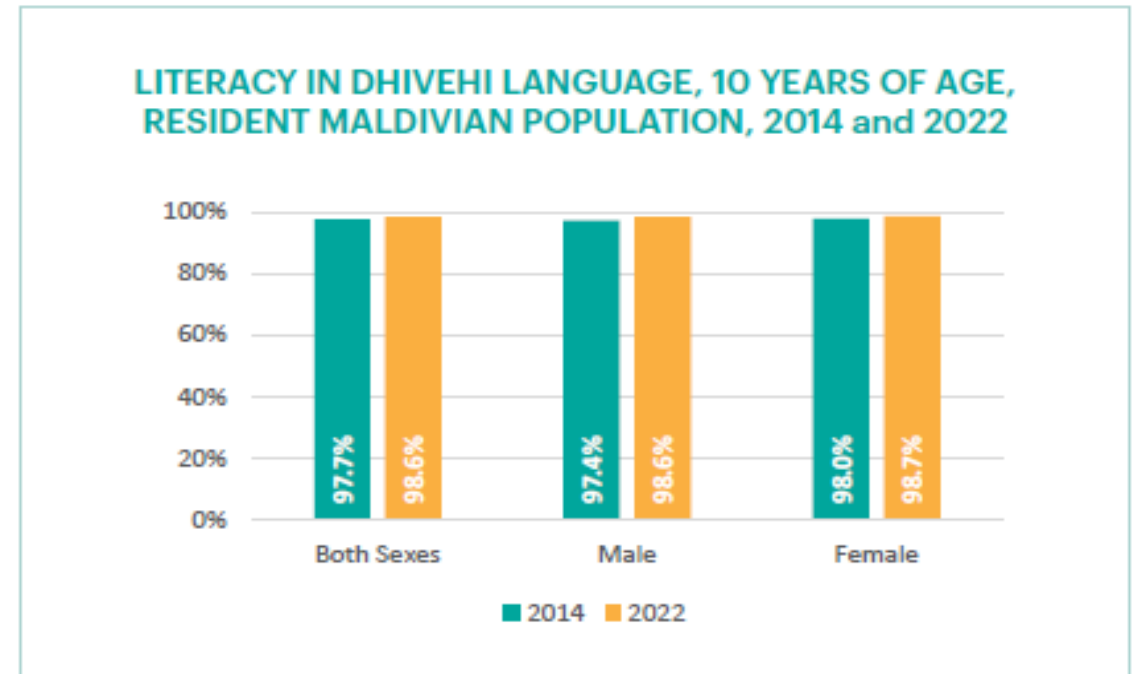
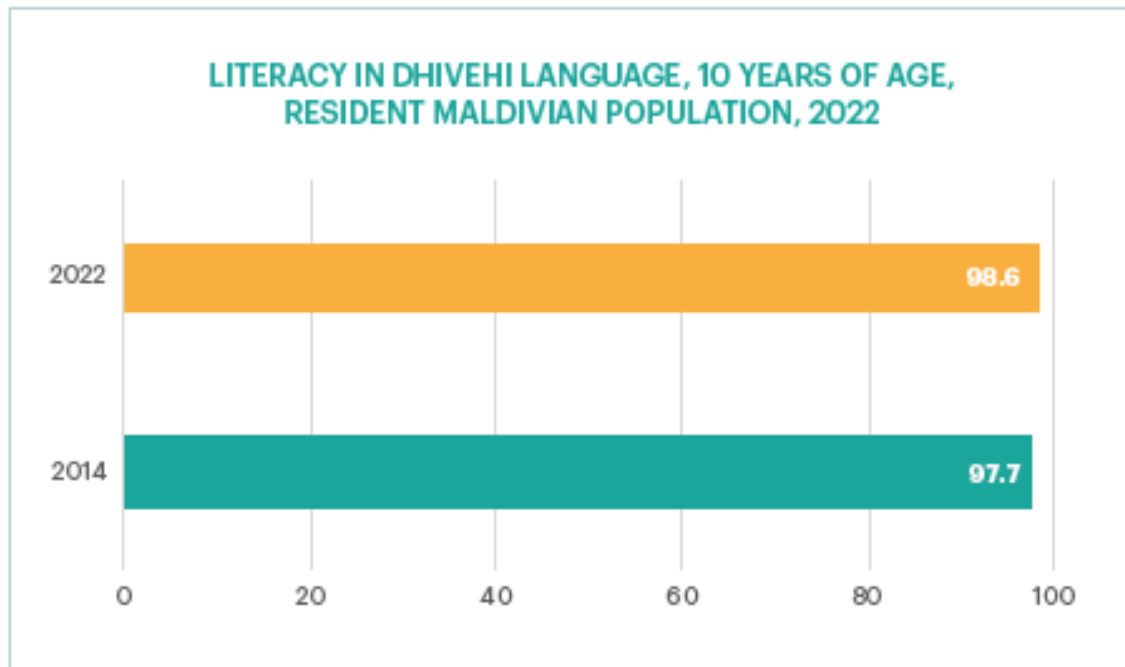
Table 1.1: Literacy in mother tongue, 10 years of age and over by sex and nationality, 2022

Literacy of the Resident Maldivian Population – Mother tongue Dhivehi

- Maldivian population is seen as a well-literate population where records showed a high percentage of literate population since 1985.

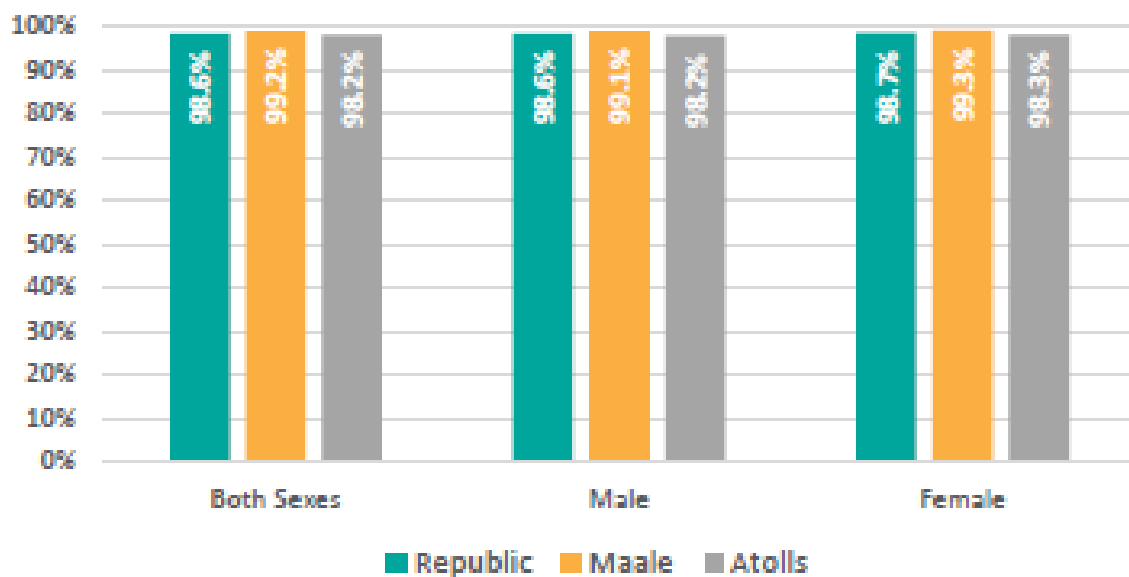


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**LITERACY IN DHIVEHI LANGUAGE, 10 YEARS OF AGE,
RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION BY LOCALITY, 2022**



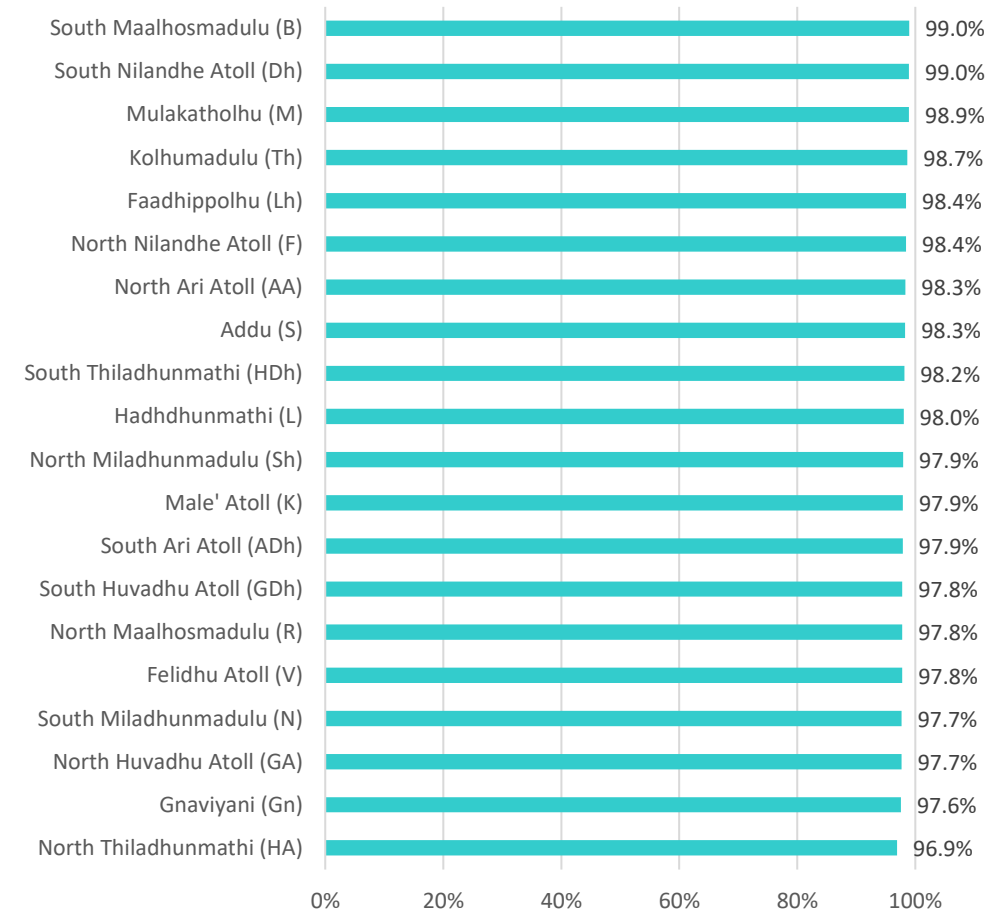
Literacy in Dhivehi was slightly higher in Male compared to Atolls

In Male' and the Atolls, there is a minor difference in the literacy rate by gender

Literacy of the Resident Maldivian Population - Literacy in Mother tongue Dhivehi

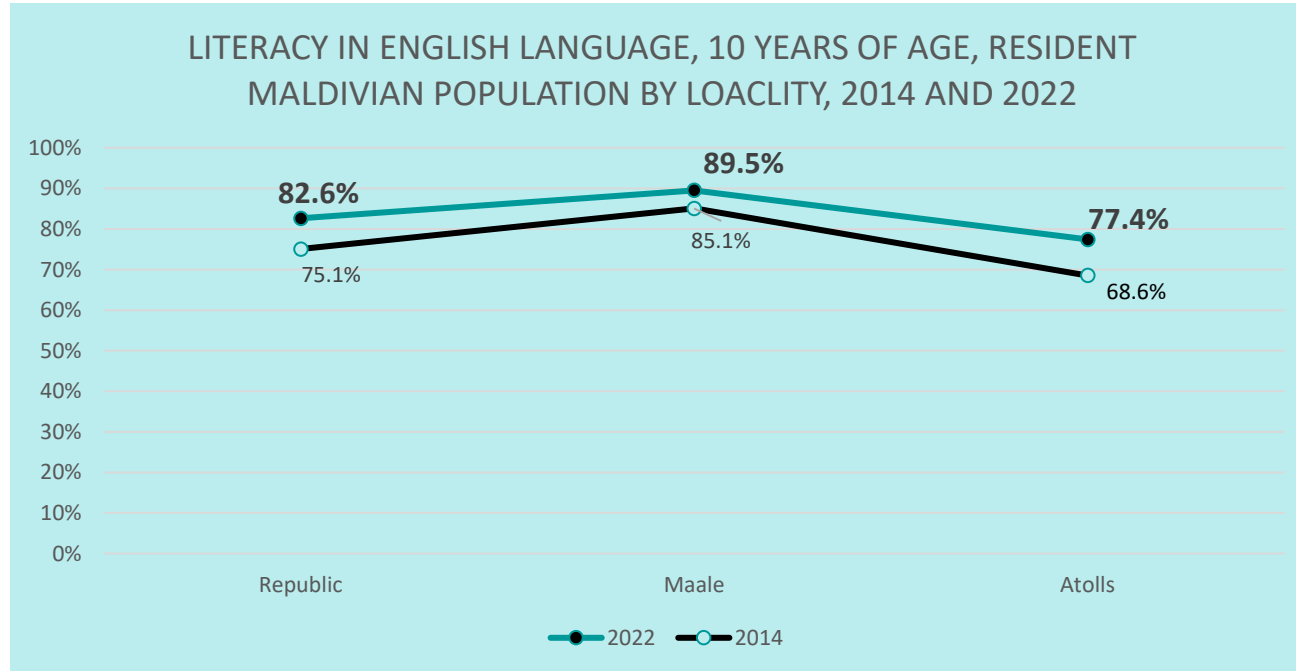
- B Atoll and Dh Atoll recorded the highest literacy rate at 99 percent, while HA Atoll marked the lowest literacy rate, standing at 96.9 percent.
- The top three islands showcasing a fully literate population in mother tongue are Kamadhoo in B Atoll, Thinadhoo in V Atoll, and Raimandhoo in M Atoll.
- The three islands with the lowest literacy rates, depicted Dhaandhoo in GA Atoll, Guraidhoo in K Atoll, and Nadella in GDH

LITERACY IN DHIVEHI LANGUAGE, 10 YEARS OF AGE, RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION BY LOCALITY, 2022



Literacy of the Resident Maldivian Population – English Language

Among the Maldivian resident population, **82.6 percent** of the population aged 10 years above were **literate in English** which showed a high increase compared to 2014 where it stood at **75.1** percent.



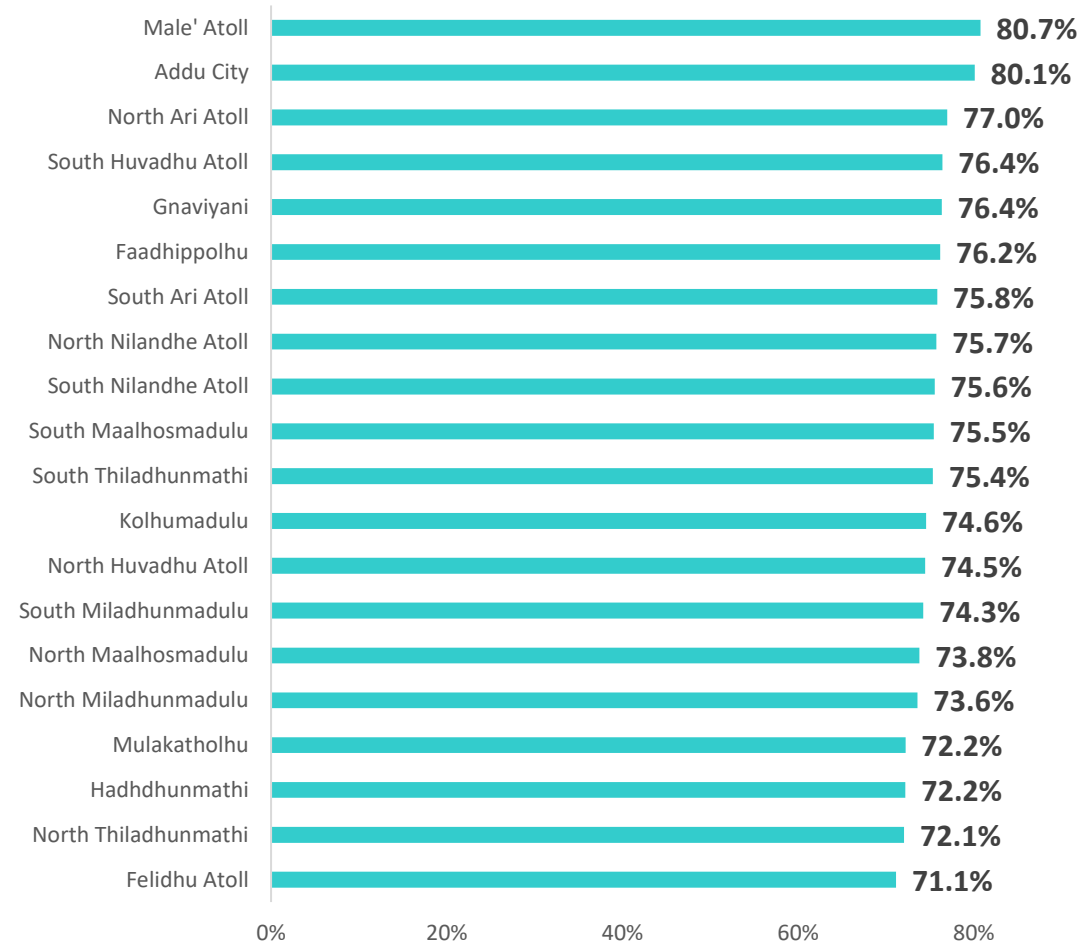
LITERACY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, 10 YEARS OF AGE, RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION BY LOCALITY, 2022

Locality	Both Sexes	Female	Male
Republic	82.6%	80.2%	85.0%
Maale	89.5%	87.2%	91.9%
Atolls	77.5%	74.8%	80.1%

Literacy of the Resident Maldivian Population – English Language

- The highest literacy rate in English language is observed in Male' Atoll with 80.7 percent followed by Addu city with 80.1 percent.
- The lowest literacy rate in English language was at Felidhu Atoll.

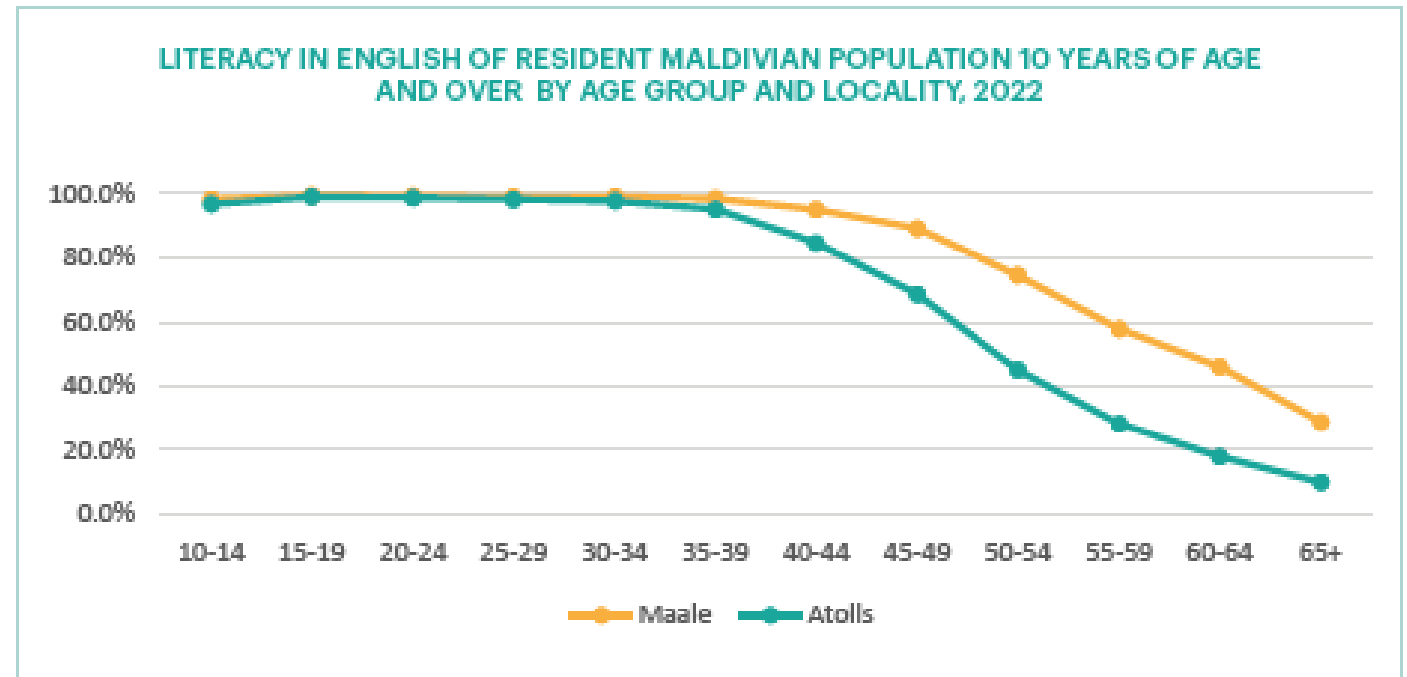
LITERACY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, 10 YEARS OF AGE,
RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION BY SEX AND LOCALITY
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Literacy of the Resident Maldivian Population - Literacy in English Language

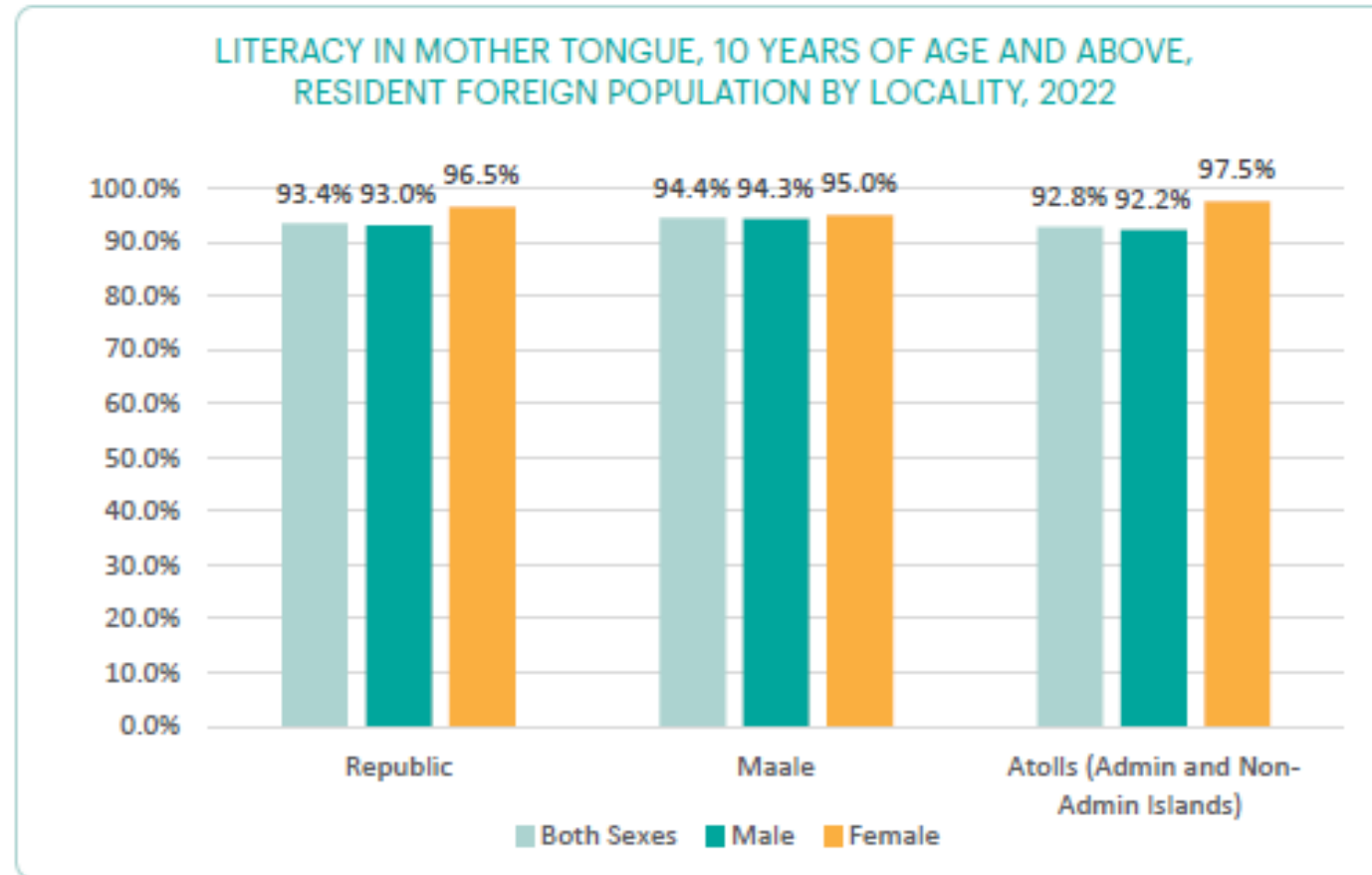
Within the resident Maldivian population aged 10 to 34 years, an impressive literacy rate of over 97 percent is observed in the English language.

As individuals surpass the age of 35, a declining trend in literacy rates becomes evident.



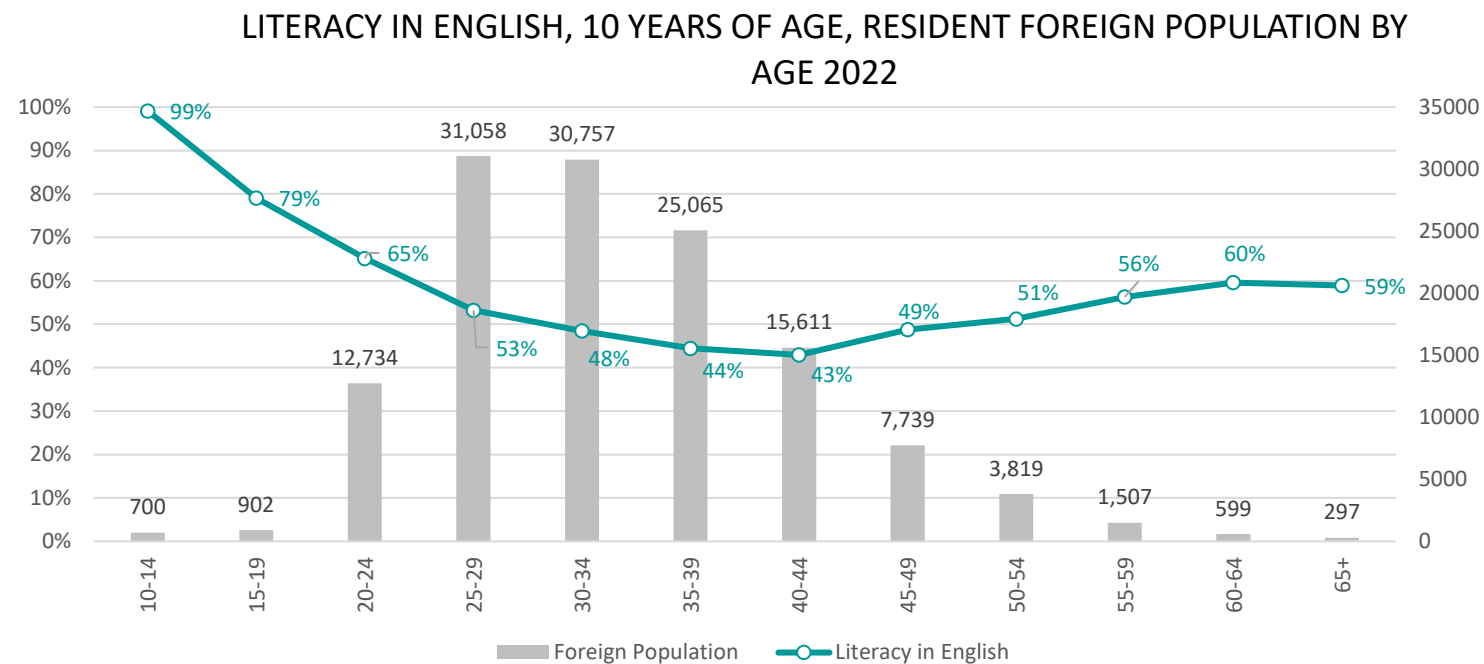
Literacy of the Resident Foreign Population - Literacy in Mother tongue

- Census 2022 counted 132,493 Foreigners residing in Maldives
- literacy of the resident foreigners in their mother tongue stood at 93.4 percent.

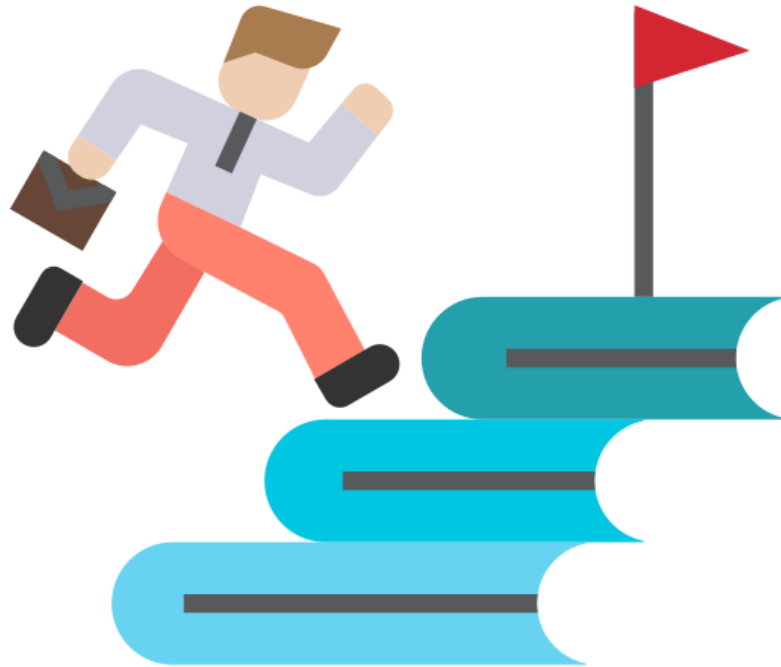


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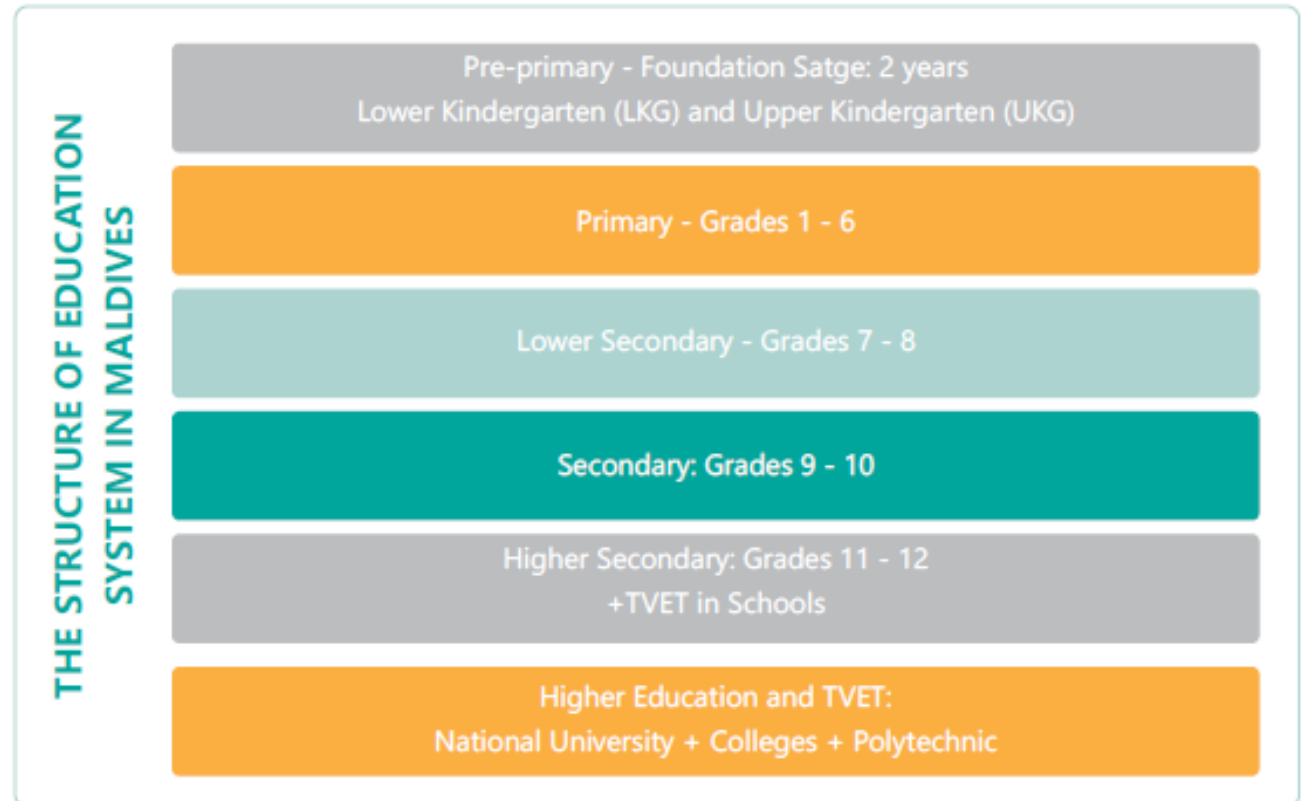
- literacy of the resident foreigners in English language stood at **51** percent.
- In the 10-14 years age group, 99.1 percent.
- From ages 25 to 44, observed an average of 47 percent being literate.
- Starting from the age of 45 years, a contrasting upward trend in English literacy emerges, averaging at 55 percent.



Participation in Education

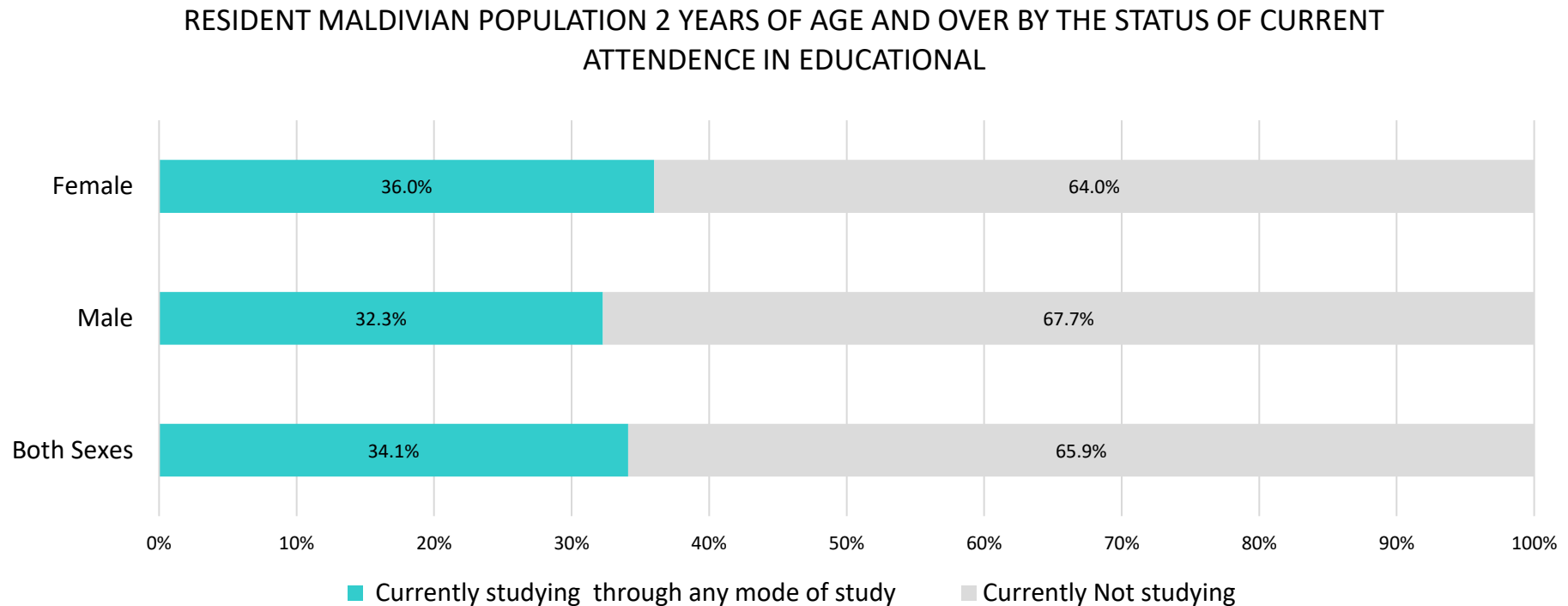


THE STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION SYSTEM IN MALDIVES



Population Currently Attending Education (2yrs above)

Aged 2 years and above, 34.1 percent were actively engaged in some form of educational pursuit, with 51.9 percent being female and 48.1 percent being male.



Population Currently Attending Education

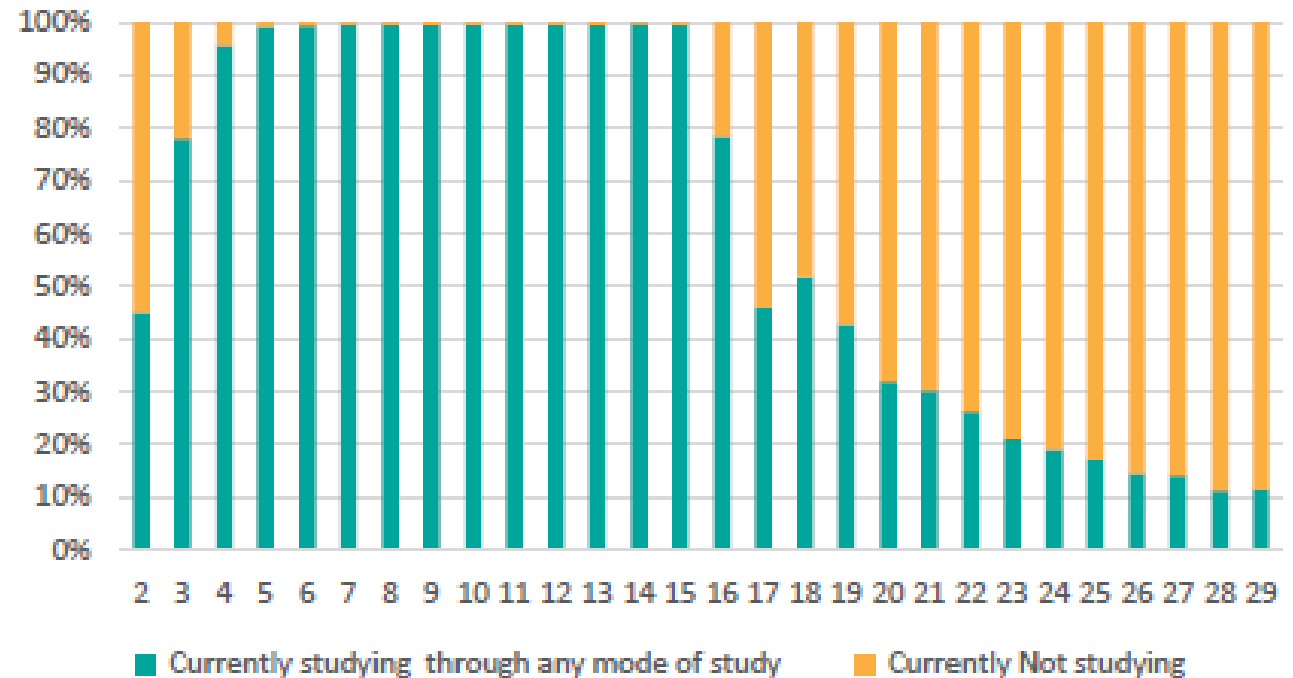
Usual age group eligible for education spanning from 2 to 29 years:

- 48 percent of the population falls within this range.

64.4 percent of individuals between the ages of 2 and 29 years were actively pursuing education through various modes,

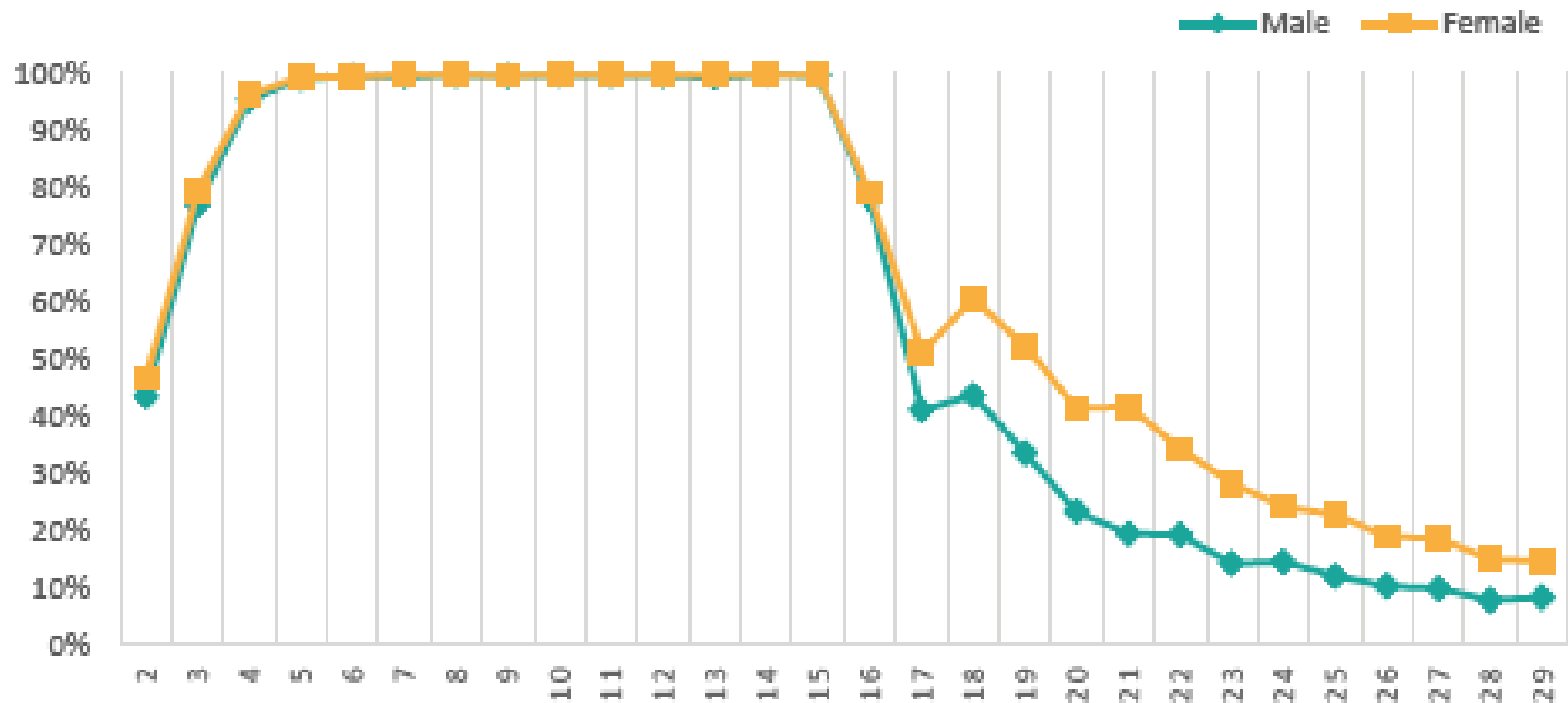
35.6 percent were not currently engaged in educational activities.

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 2-29 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDENCE IN EDUCATION, AGE AND SEX- 2022



Population Currently Attending Education by Sex

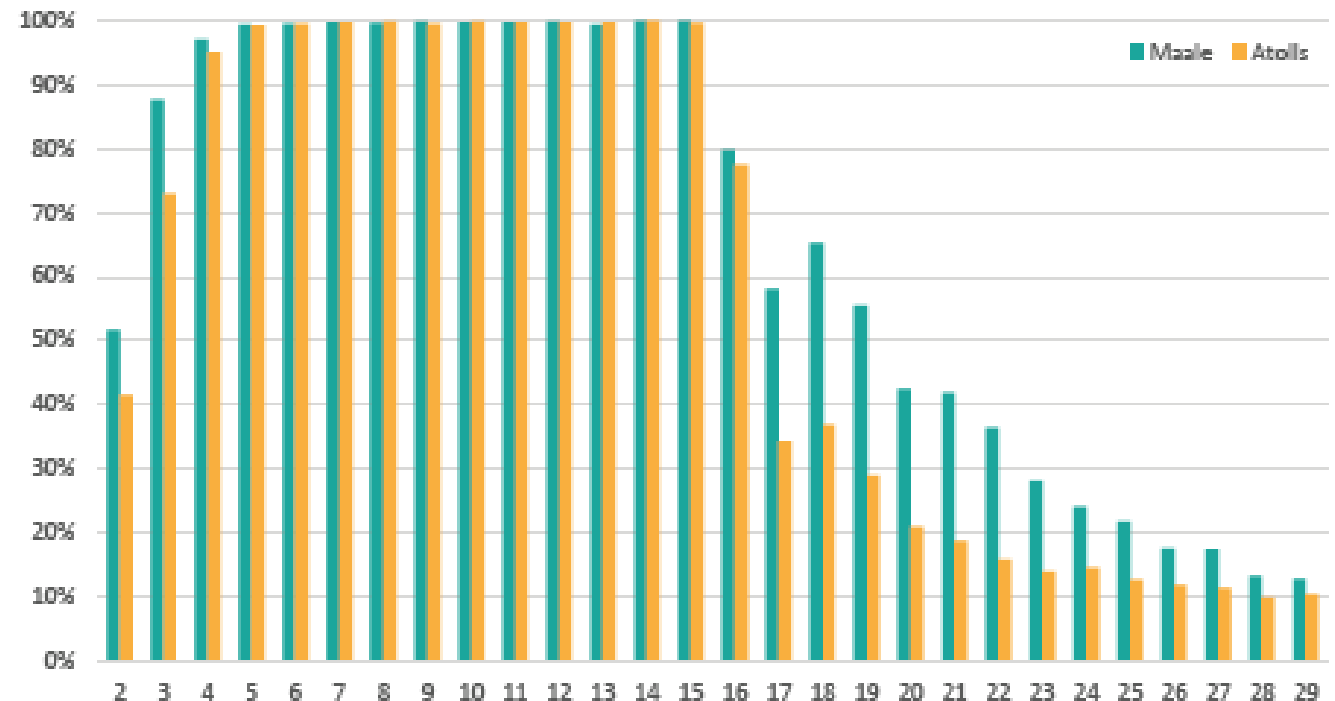
RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 2-29 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER CURRENTLY ATTENDING EDUCATION, BY AGE AND SEX- 2022



Population Currently Attending Education by Locality

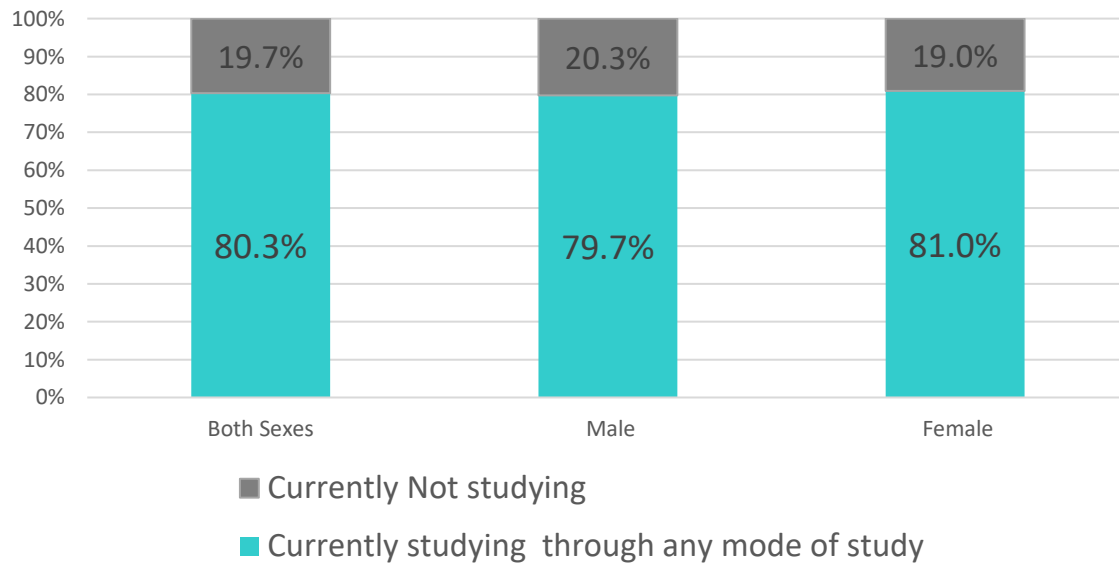
- Age group of 5-15 years, both exceeding 99 percent.
- From the age of 17 and above, a noticeable disparity emerges between Maale and the Atolls, with Maale consistently exhibiting higher attendance rates across all age groups.
- On average, approximately 22 percent of the population aged 18-29 years in Maale were actively pursuing education
- In the Atolls, only around 12 percent of the population in the same age group were currently studying.

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 2-29 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER CURRENTLY ATTENDING EDUCATION, BY AGE AND LOCALITY- 2022

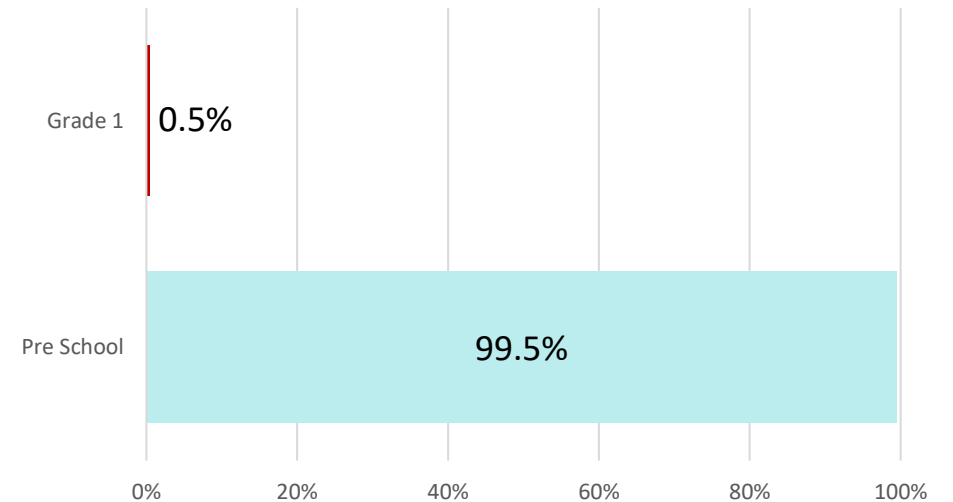


Population Currently Attending Education – Early Learning Initiatives: **Preschool Attendance**

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 2-5 YEARS OF AGE BY
THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDANCE IN EDUCATION,
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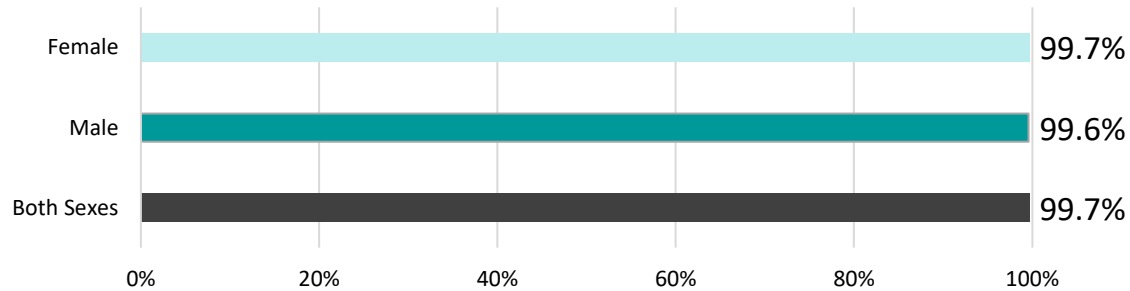
RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 2-5 YEARS OF AGE
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EDUCATION BY LEVEL, 2022



Population Currently Attending Education

Primary Education

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 6-11 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDANCE IN EDUCATION, BY SEX- 2022



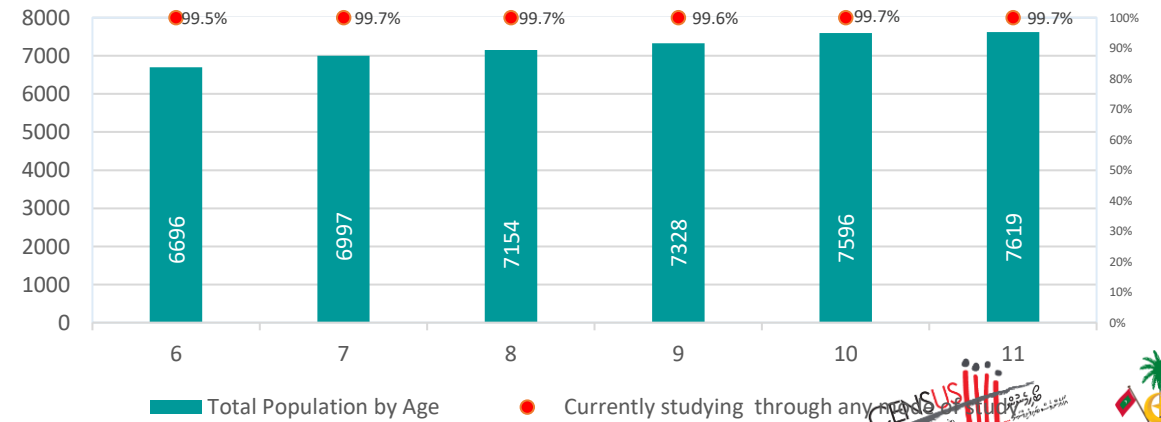
Majority of children, accounting for 99.7 percent, are actively enrolled in educational programs.

- 51 percent boys
- 49 percent girls

Across the Maldives, there are 50,499 children between the ages of 6 and 11 years currently participating in education.

- 37.6 percent are located in Maale,
- 62.4 percent are distributed across the Atolls.

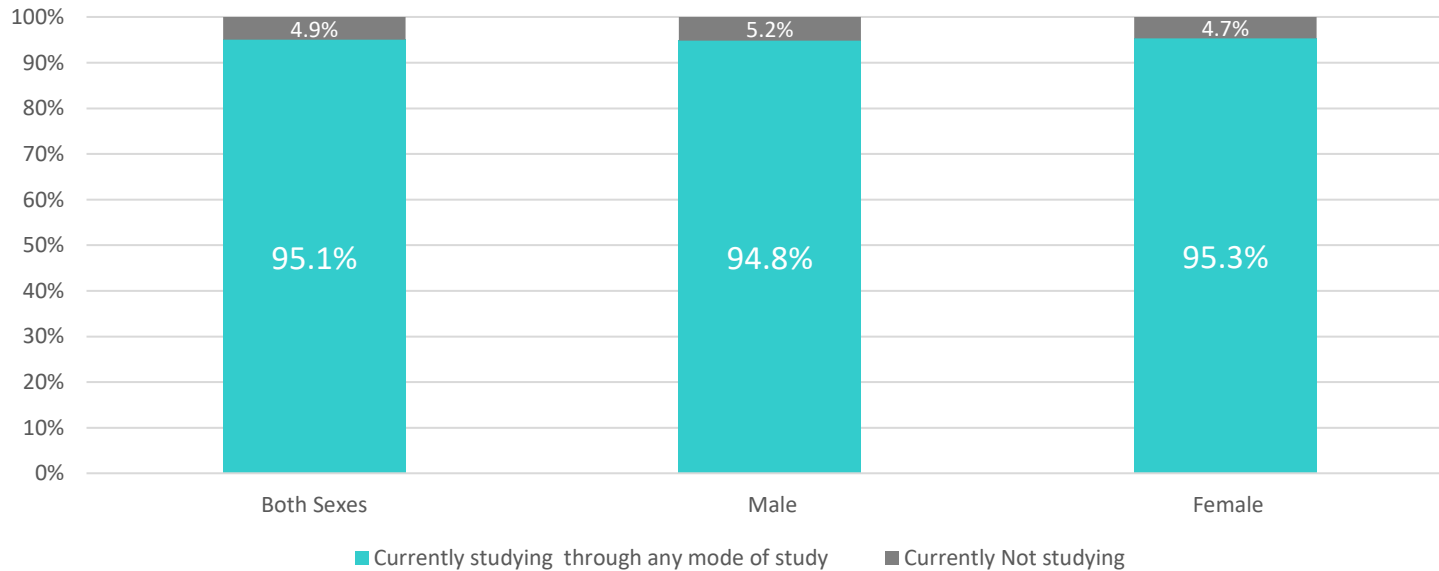
RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 6-11 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDANCE IN EDUCATION, AGE - 2022



Population Currently Attending Education

Secondary Education

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 12-16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER
BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDANCE IN EDUCATION, BY SEX-
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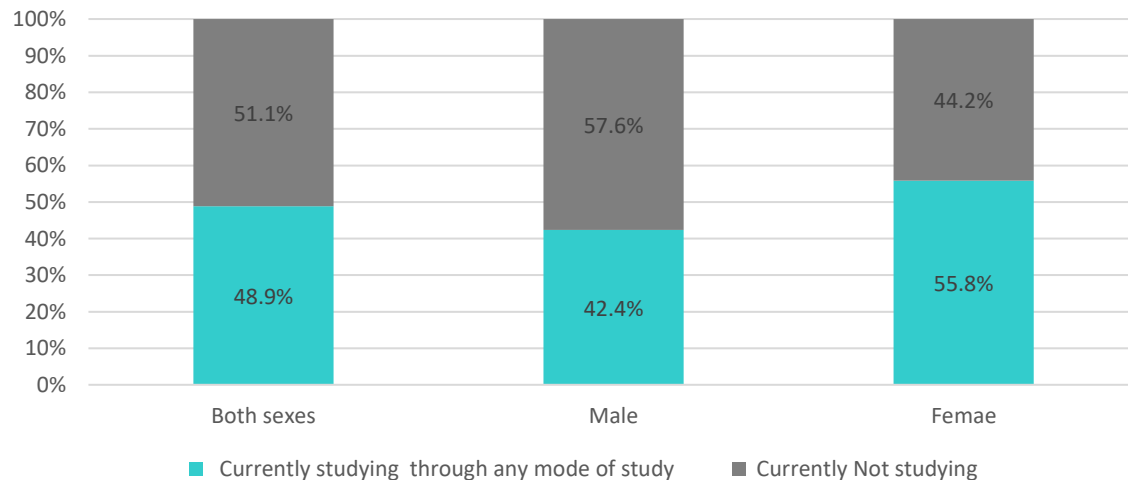
The secondary level typically begins at the age of 12 in grade 7 and concludes around the age of 16 in grade 10, with students taking their O' levels at ages 16 and 17.

Population Currently Attending Education

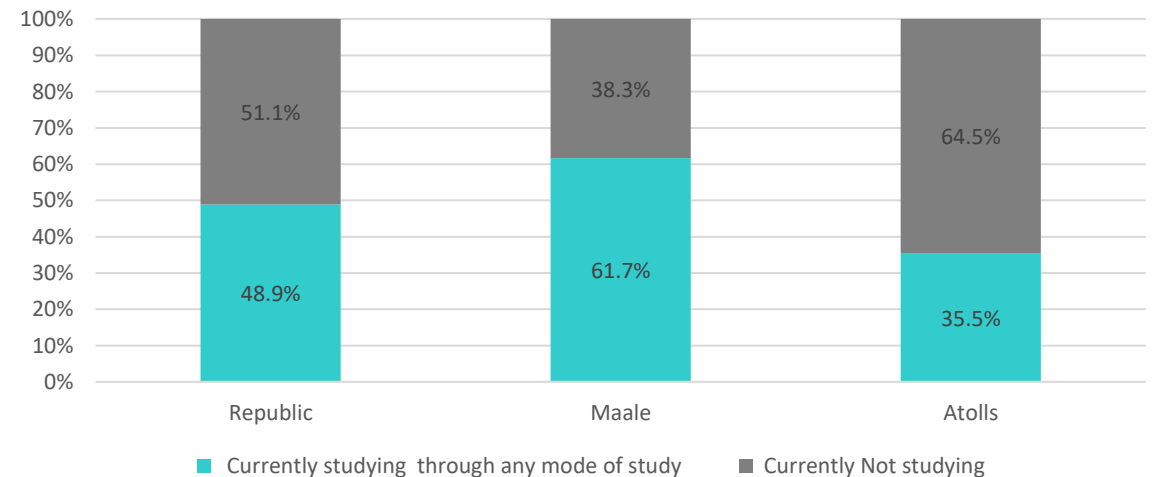
Higher Secondary Education

The higher secondary level typically begins at the age of 17 in grade 11 and concludes around the age of 18 in grade 12

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 17-18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDANCE IN EDUCATION, BY SEX- 2022



RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 17-18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDANCE IN EDUCATION, BY LOCALITY- 2022



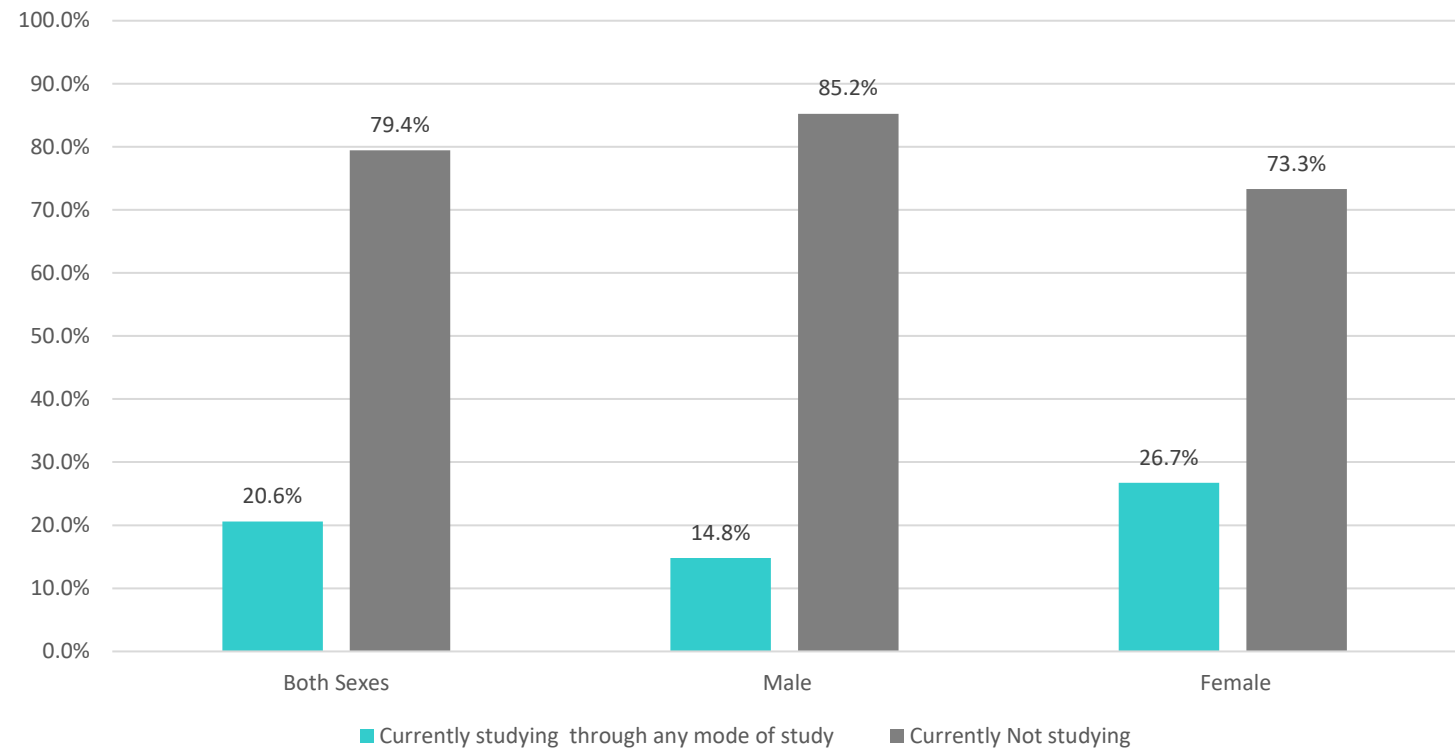
Population Currently Attending Education Higher/Tertiary Education

Typical age range for adults engaged in higher education, which spans from 19 to 29 years,

20.6 percent are currently enrolled in education or training programs.

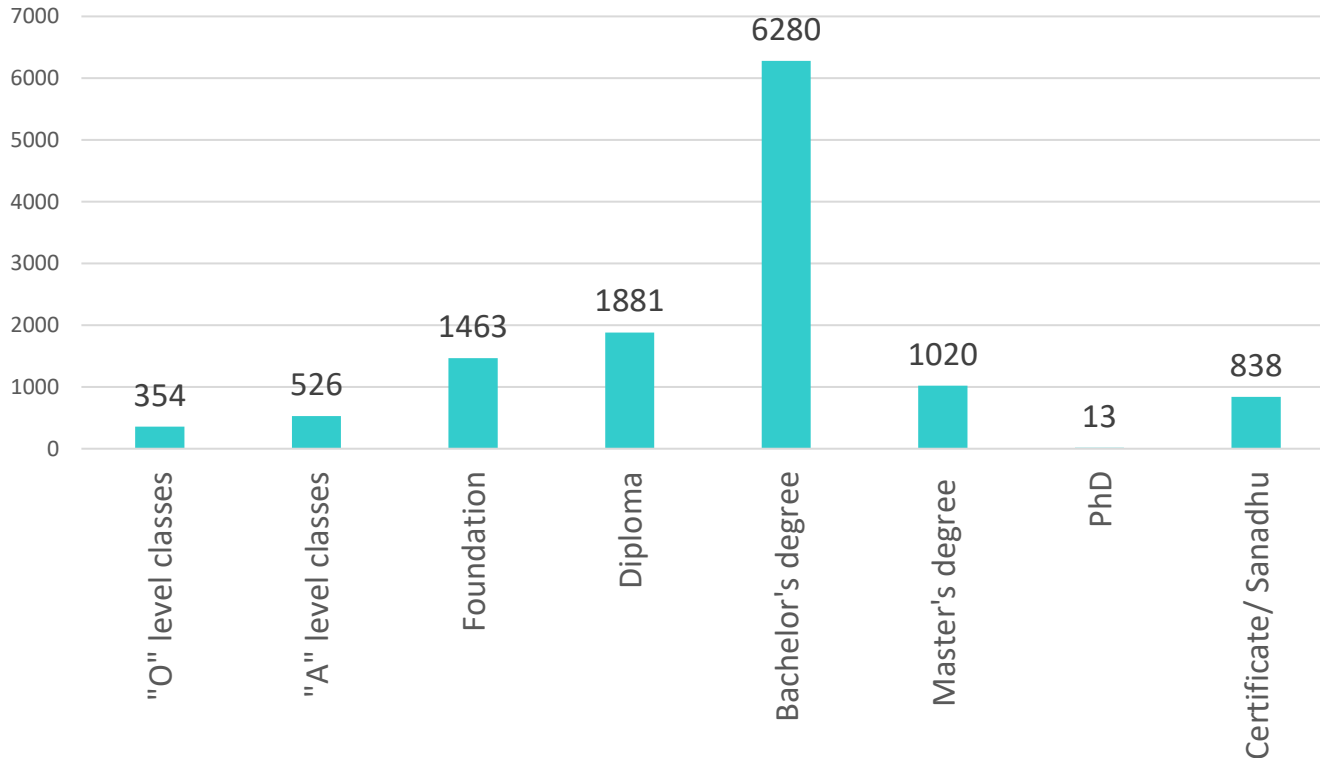
This indicates that the majority, constituting 79.4 percent, have chosen not to pursue further education at this stage of their lives.

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 19-29 YEARS OF AGE BY THE STATUS OF CURRENT ATTENDENCE IN EDUCATION, BY SEX- 2022



Population Currently Attending Education Higher/Tertiary Education

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 19-29 YEARS OF AGE AND
OVER CURRENTLY ATTENDING EDUCATION, BY LEVEL OF STUDY-
2022



13,350 adults aged 19-29 years currently pursuing education across the Maldives,

- Majority 51 percent enrolled in bachelor's degree programs
- 15 percent in diploma programs
- 12 percent in foundation studies

Population Currently Attending Education

Inclusive Education

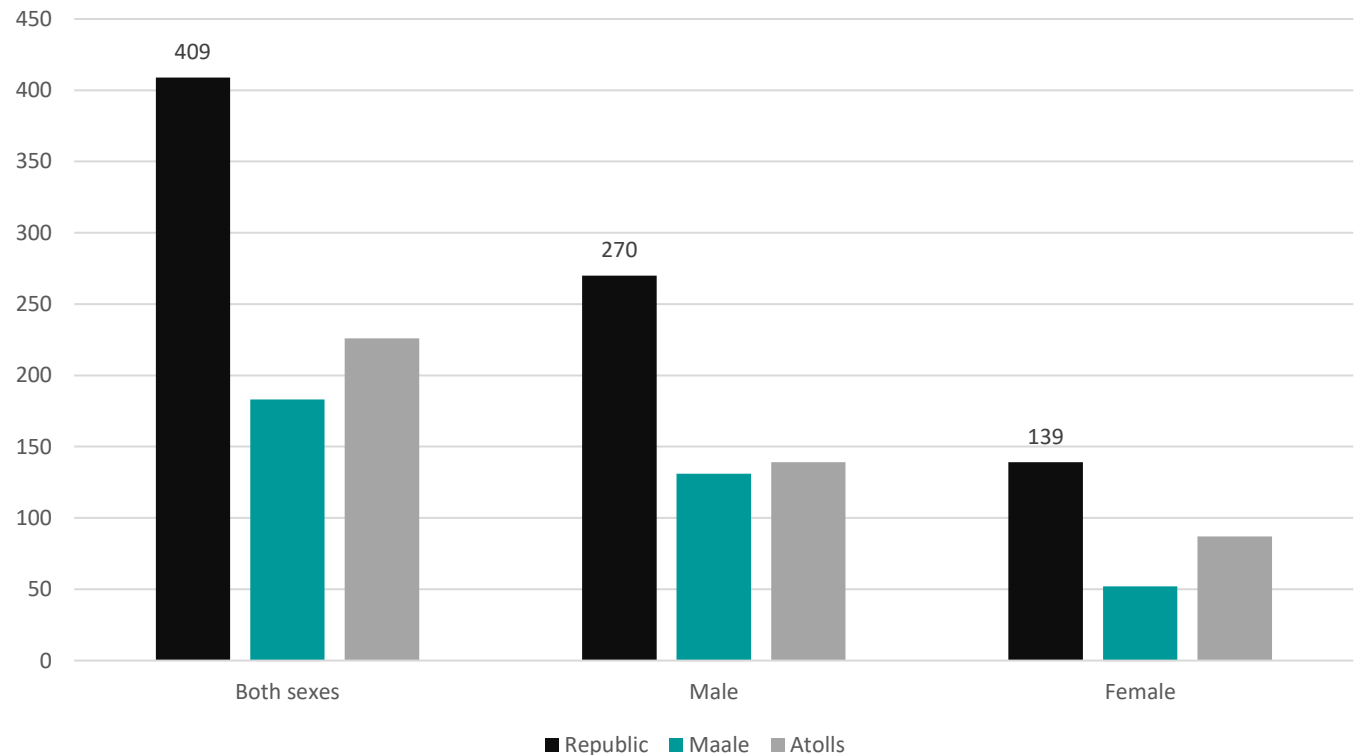
A total of 24,658 individuals were counted as having a functional difficulty, among which a noteworthy portion (14 percent) were children.

“Every Child Excels in Life through an Inclusive Culture”

Ministry of Education

409 individuals were attending education programs specifically designed for qualifications associated with special needs

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION CURRENTLY ATTENDING EDUCATION RELATED TO QUALIFICATION ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BY LOCALITY AND SEX- 2022



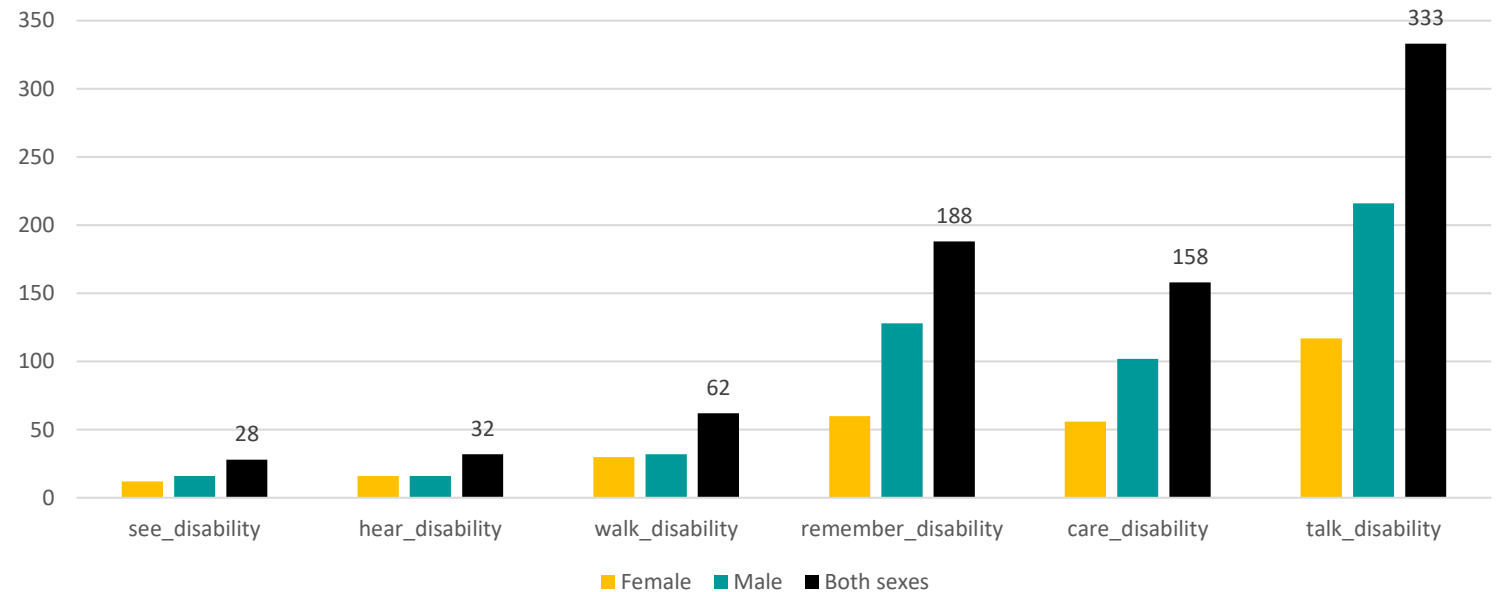
Population Currently Attending Education

Inclusive Education

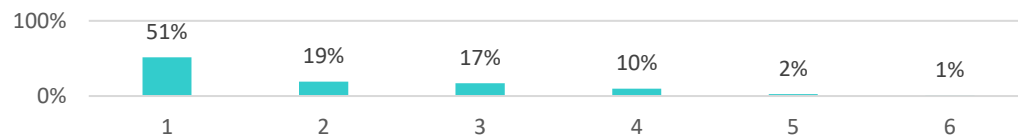
Students attending classes for persons with special needs were spread across various age groups, ranging from 4 to 21 years.

93 percent, were children.

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION CURRENTLY ATTENDING EDUCATION RELATED TO QUALIFICATION ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BY LOCALITY AND SEX- 2022



PERSONS WITH DISABILITY ATTENDING EDUCATION BY NUMBER OF DISABILITY, 2022

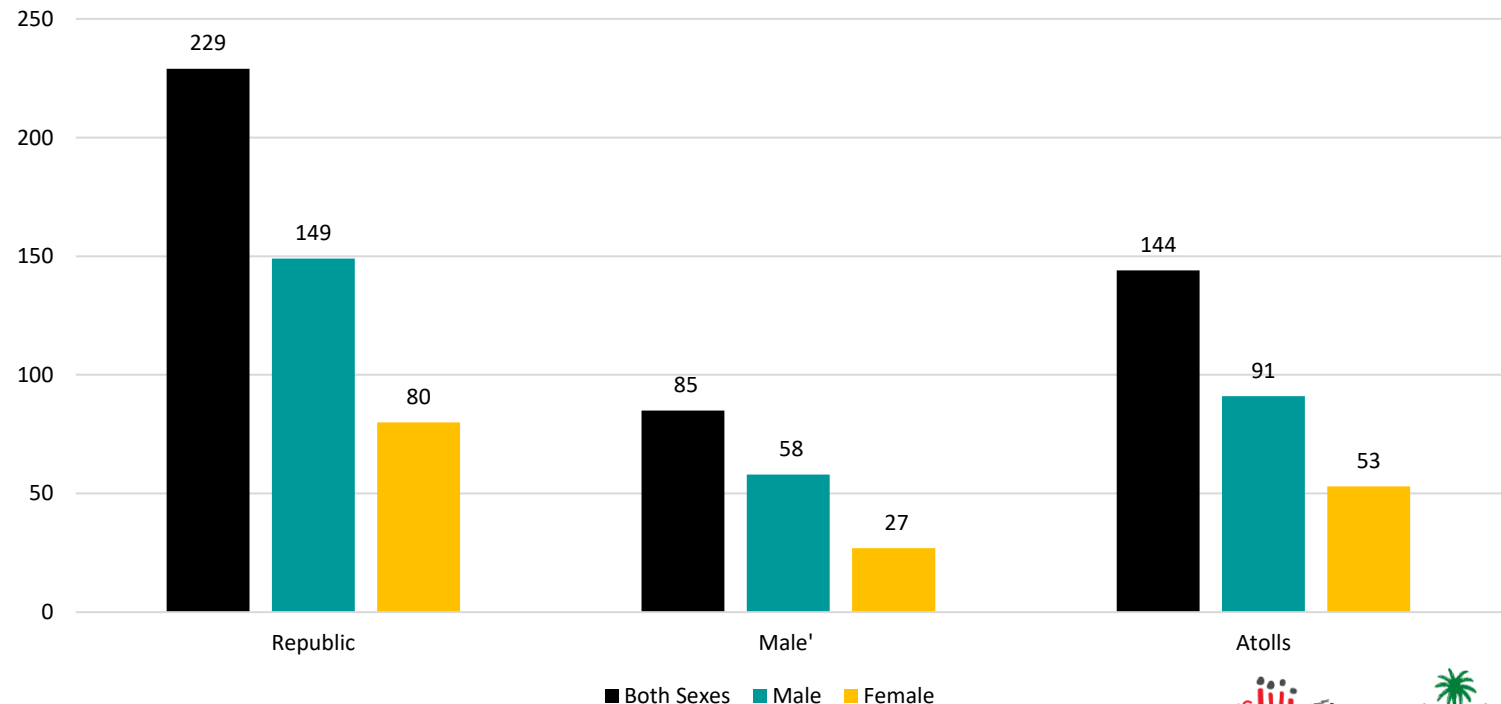


School-Age Population Not in Education

In the Maldives, the education system is legally mandated to ensure that all children of formal schooling age are enrolled and provided with free educational opportunities throughout the country.

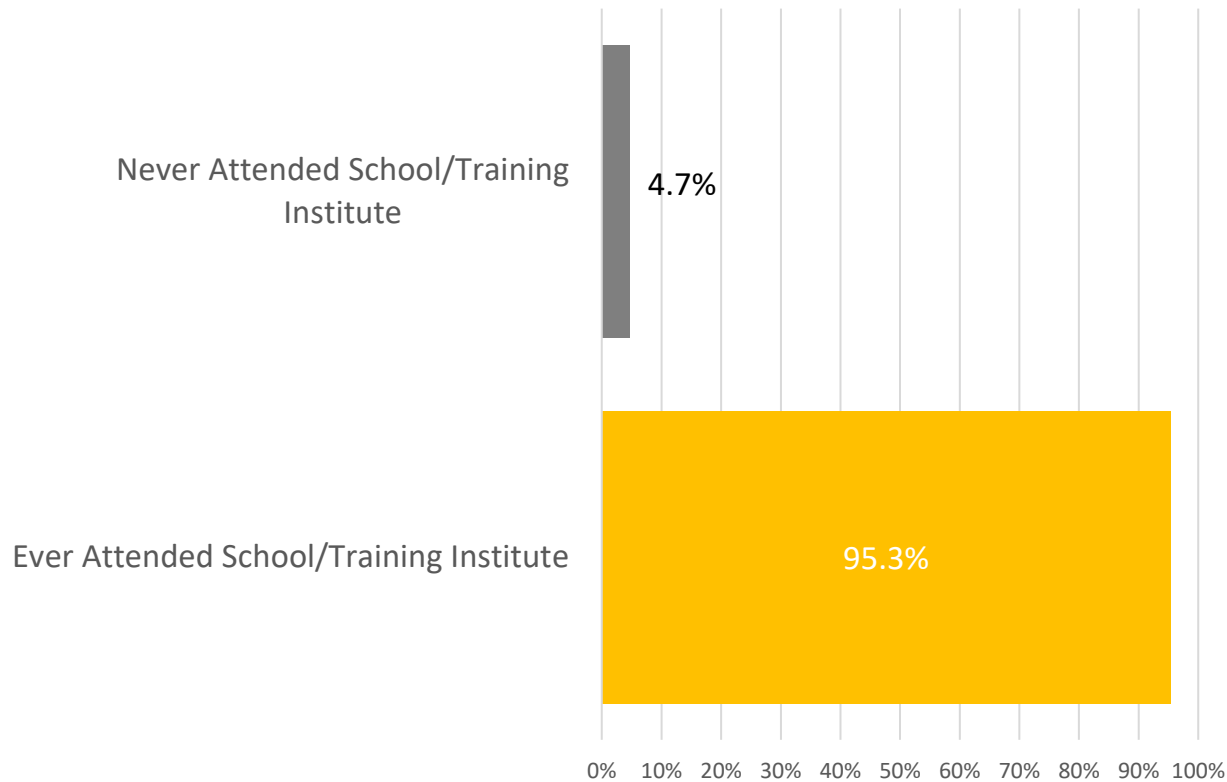
- The age group of 6-15 years, only a minimal 0.3 percent of children in this category were reported as not currently attending school
- Compared to the 2014 census, the number of school-aged children, aged 6-15 years, who are not attending school has declined significantly from 622 to 229.

SCHOOL AGED 6-15 YEARS RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION CURRENTLY NOT IN EDUCATION, 2022



Educational STATUS

FIGURE 4.1, EDUCATION STATUS OF RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 2022

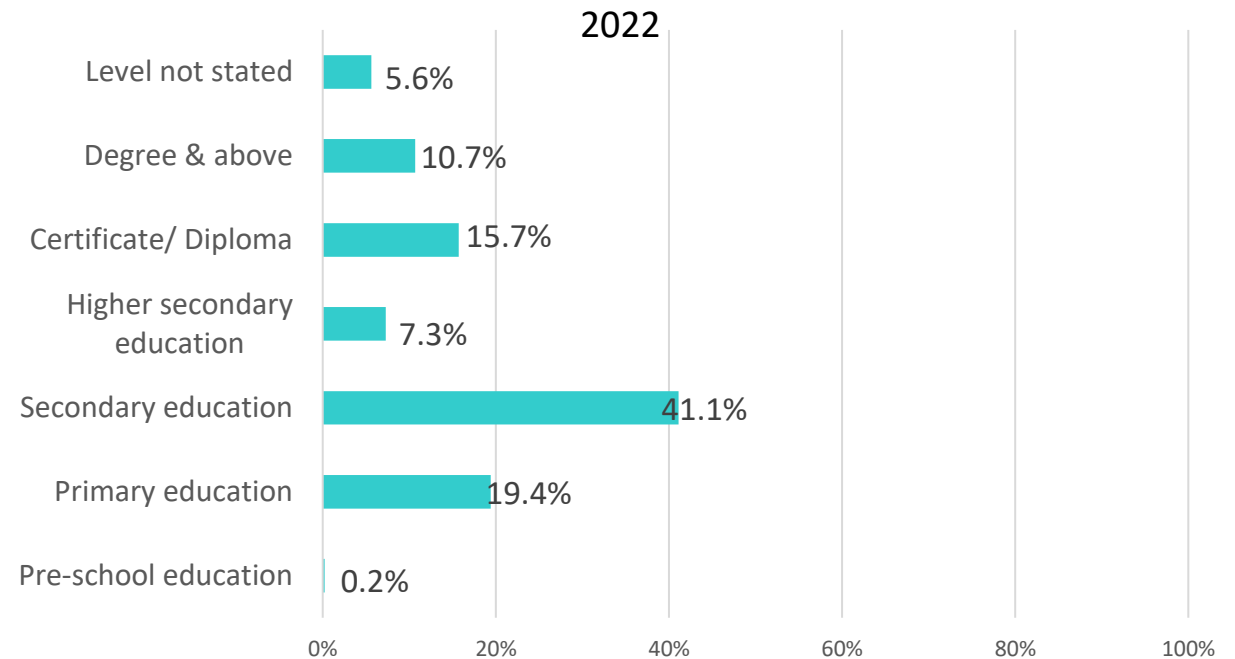


- Approximately 4.7 percent of the Maldivian population aged 15 years and above have never attended school.
- The majority, around 95.3 percent of the resident Maldivian population, have had some level of education experience.

Resident **Maldivian** Population: Highest Education Level Achieved

- The majority, 41.1 percent of the total population, have achieved Secondary Education
- Primary Education qualification, accounting for 19.4 percent.
- 15.7 percent hold a Certificate/Diploma,
- 10.7 percent possess a Degree,
- 7.3 percent have achieved a Higher Secondary education level.

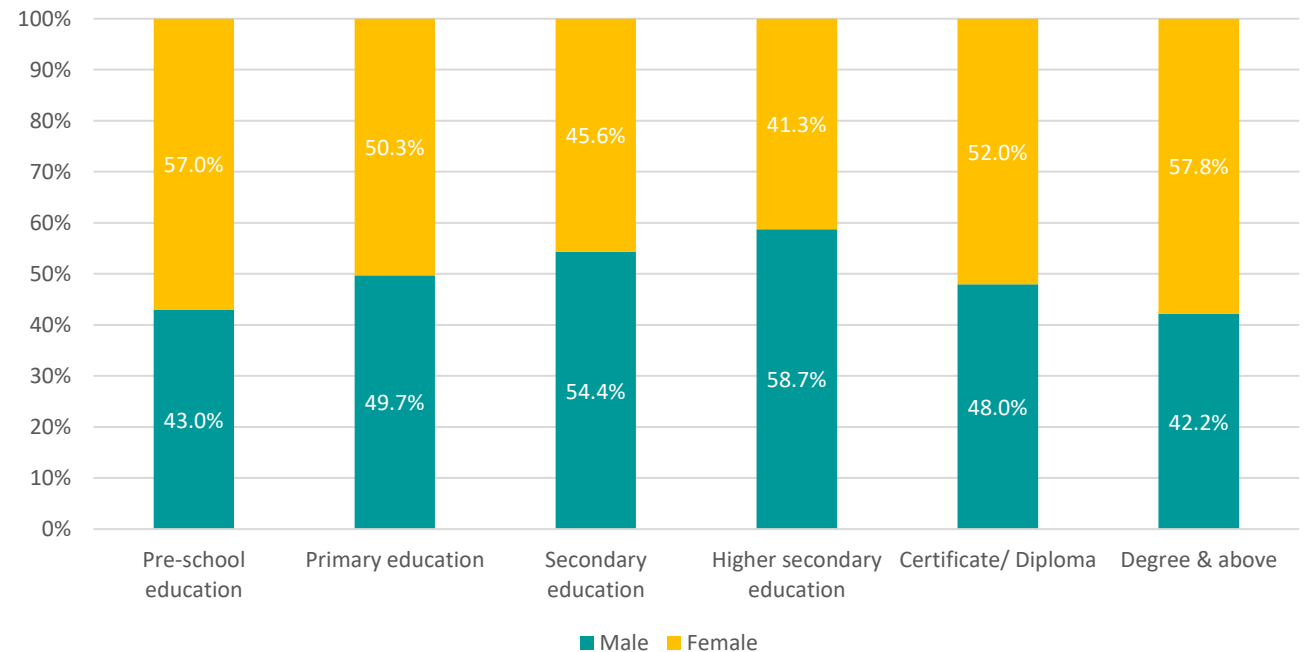
HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER WHO HAS EVER ATTENDED SCHOOL OR TRAINING INSTITUTION,



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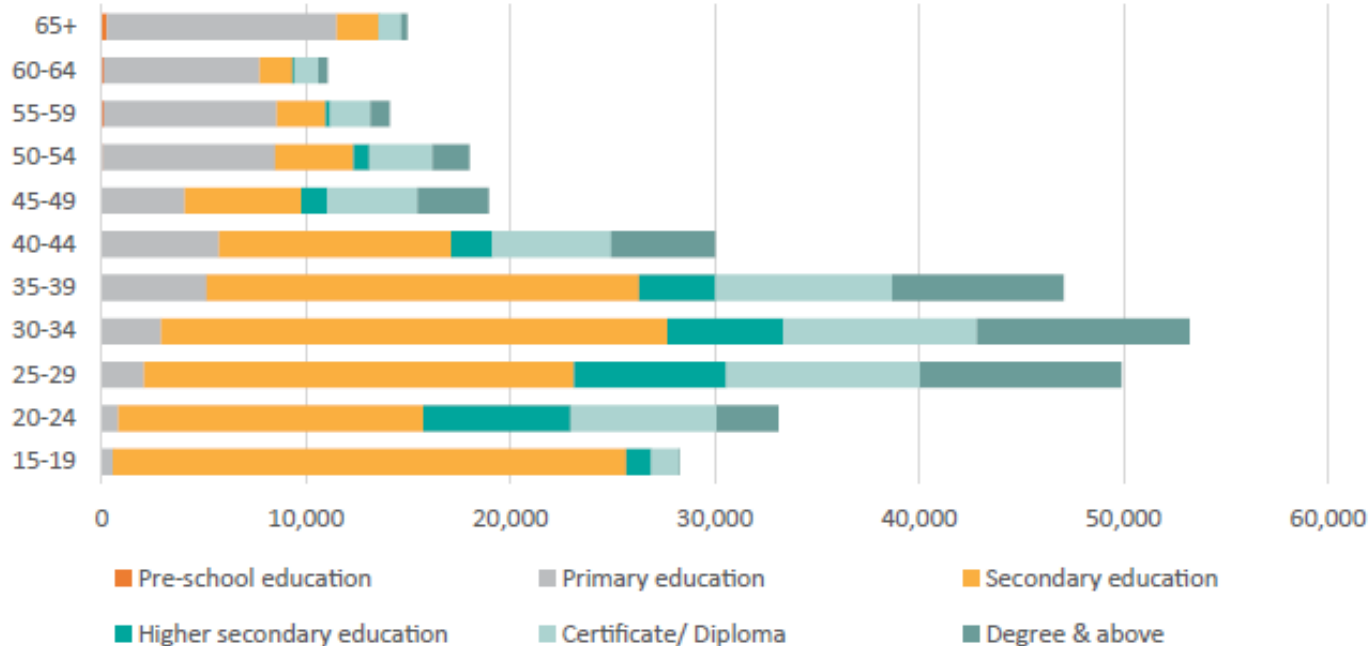
- For Preschool level attainment and Certificate/Diploma, Degree level and above, females is higher
- For Secondary and Higher Secondary education levels, the percentage of females who achieved these levels is lower compared to males.

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER WHO HAS EVER ATTENDED SCHOOL OR TRAINING INSTITUTION BY SEX, 2022



Highest Education Attainment of the Resident Maldivian Population

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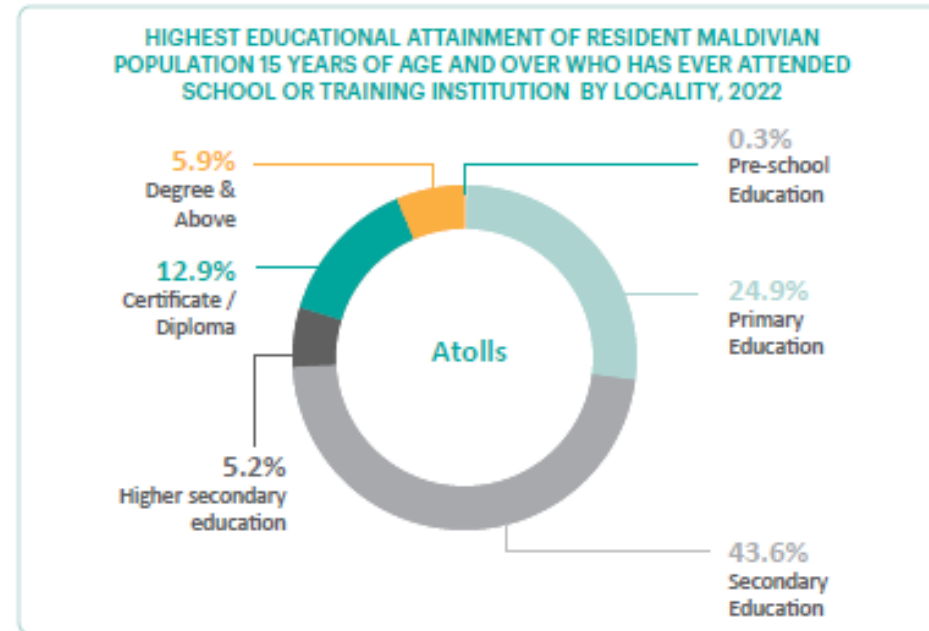
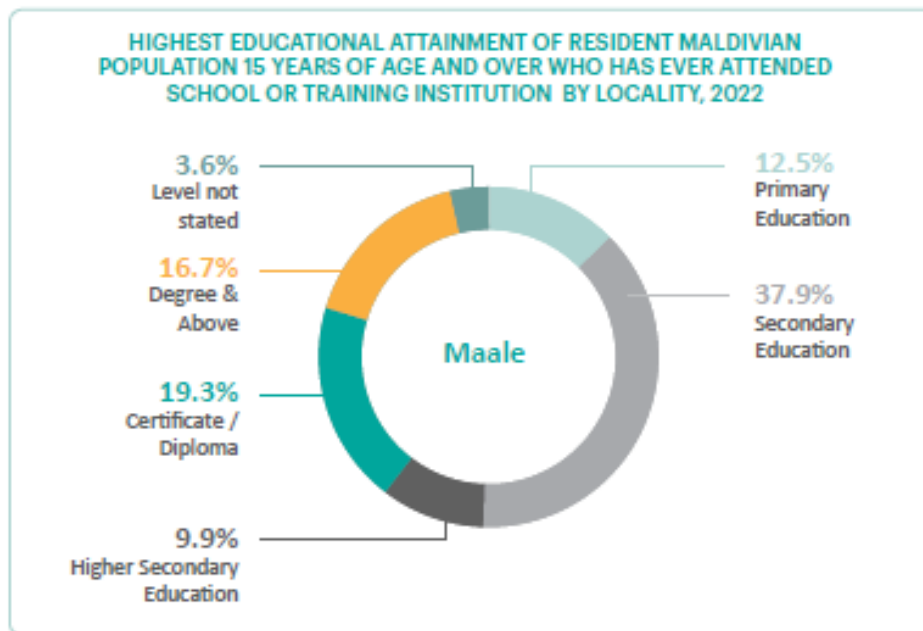


Among individuals aged 15 to 49 years, irrespective of locality, a significant majority have attained education at the secondary level.

Conversely, the prevalence of primary education as the highest level of attainment is more prominent among individuals above 50 years of age.

Resident **Maldivian** Population: **Highest Education Level Achieved**

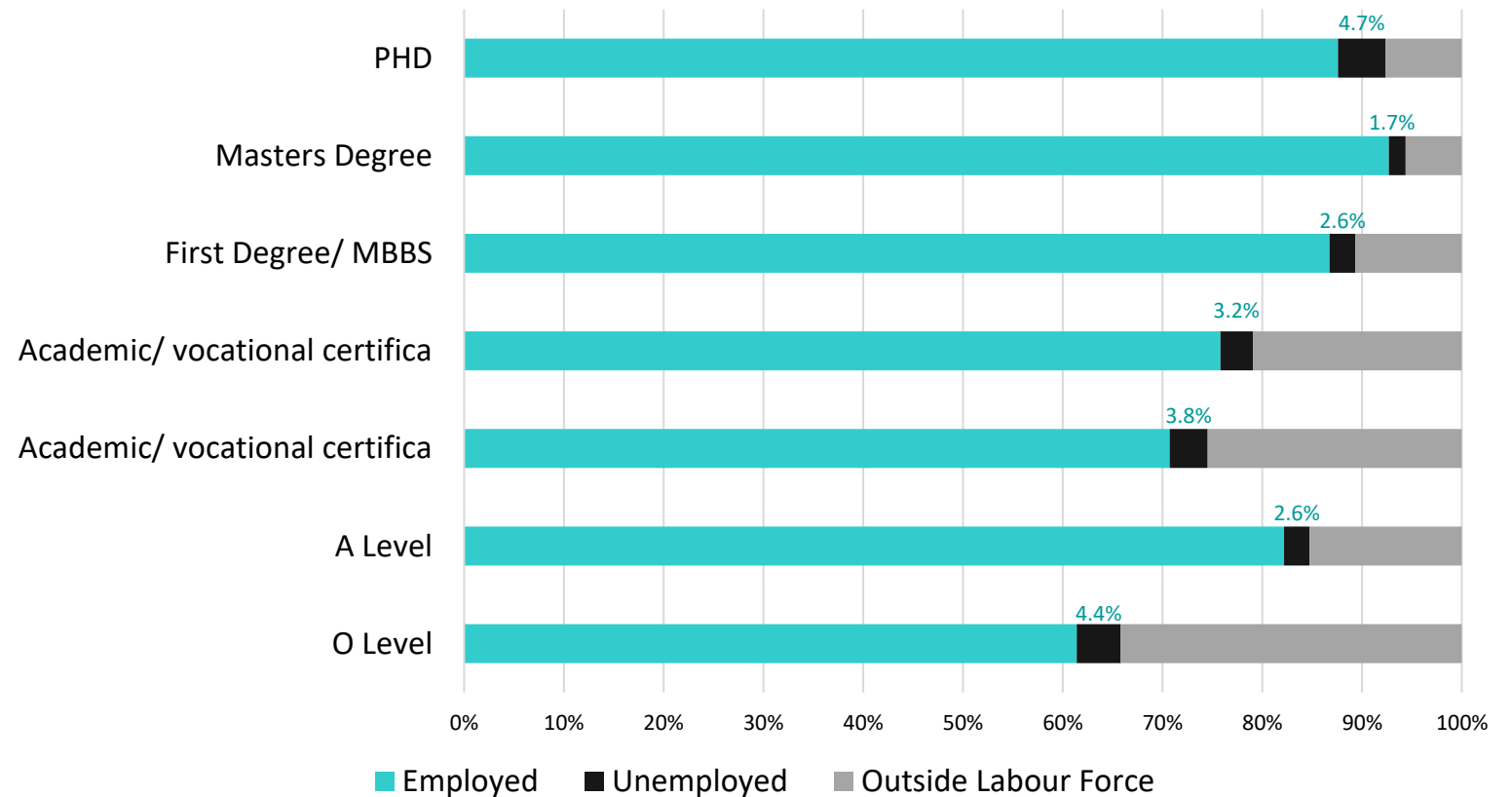
- Atolls displays a relatively higher proportion achieving Secondary education as their highest attainment, standing at 43.6 percent, compared to 37.9 percent in Maalé.
- A notable contrast is observed at the Primary level, with 24.6 percent in Atolls as opposed to 12.5 percent in Malé.



Resident **Maldivian** Population: Highest Education Level Achieved – Employment status

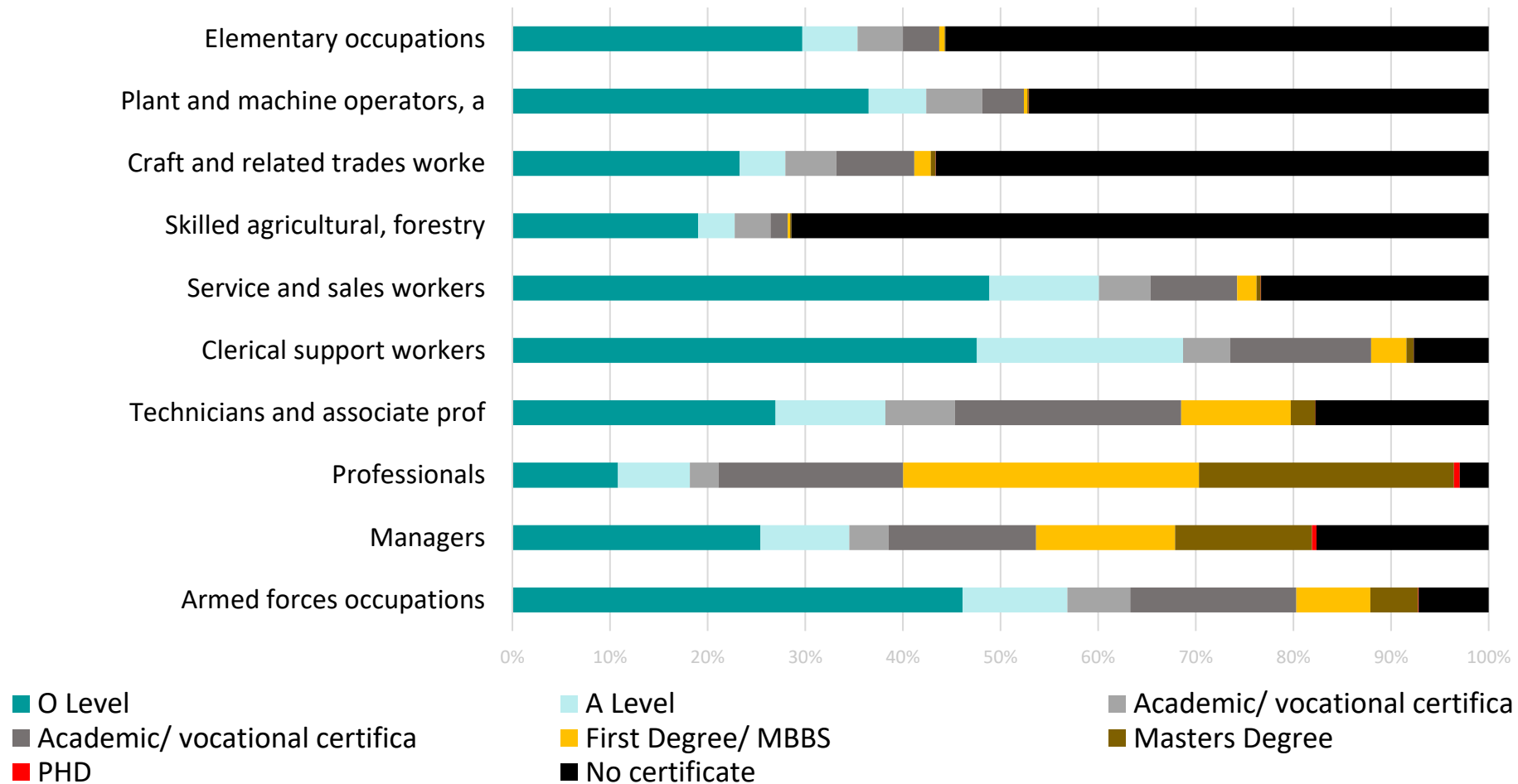
- majority, comprising 60.9 percent, were employed.
- 35.8 percent were outside of the labour force,
- 3.3 percent who were unemployed.

HIGHEST ACADEMIC/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACHIEVED BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE 2022



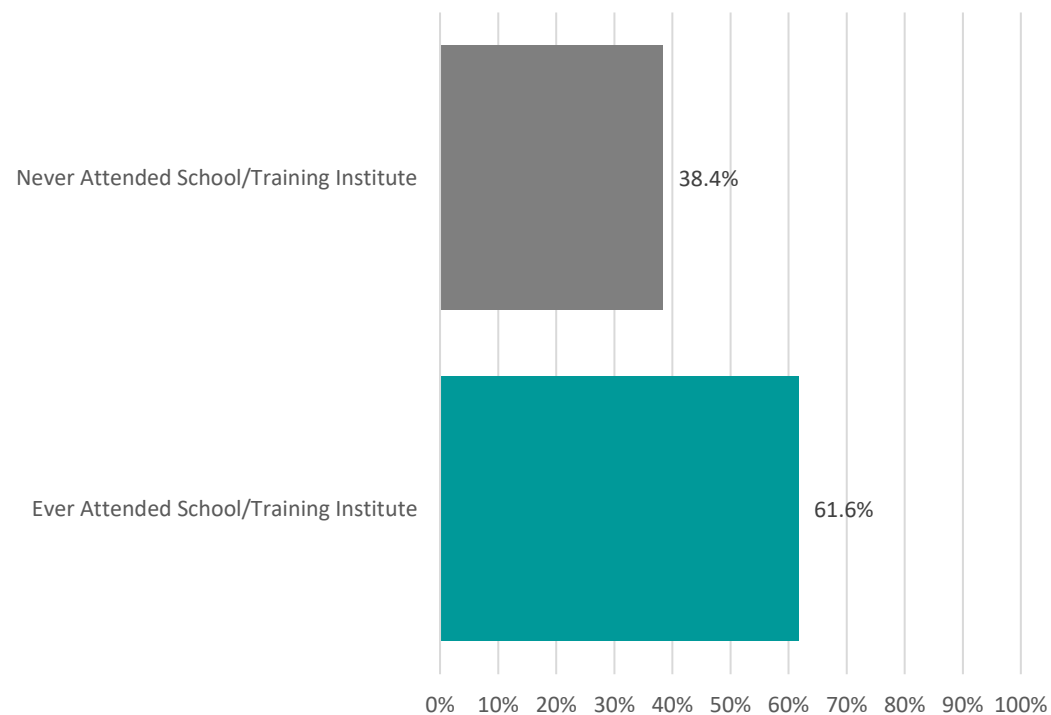
Resident **Maldivian** Population: Highest academic/ vocational certificate - Occupation

RESIDENT MALDIVIAN POPULATION BY HIGHEST ACADEMIC/VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE ACHIEVED AND MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUPS, 2022

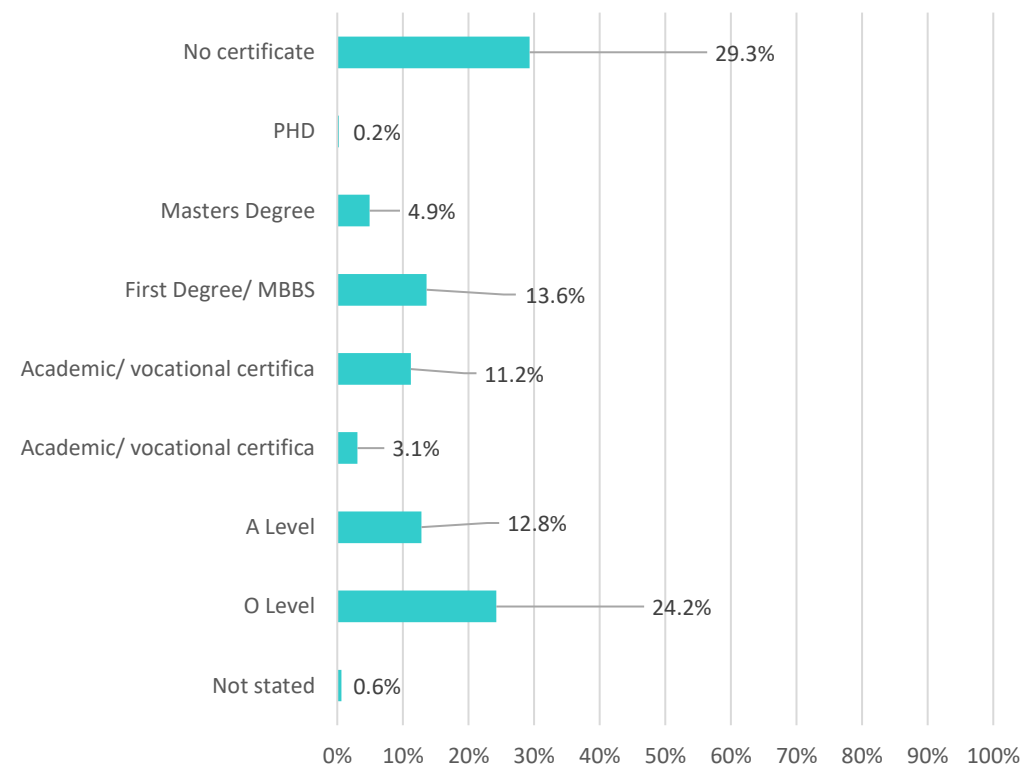


Resident **Foreign** Population: Highest academic/ vocational certificate

EDUCATION STATUS OF RESIDENT FOREIGN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE 2022



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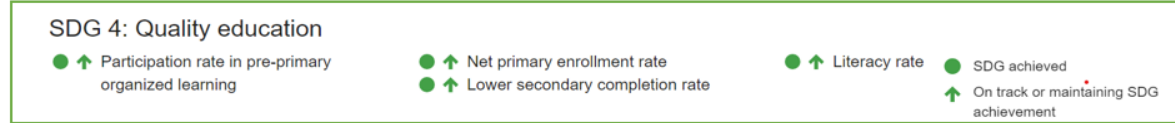
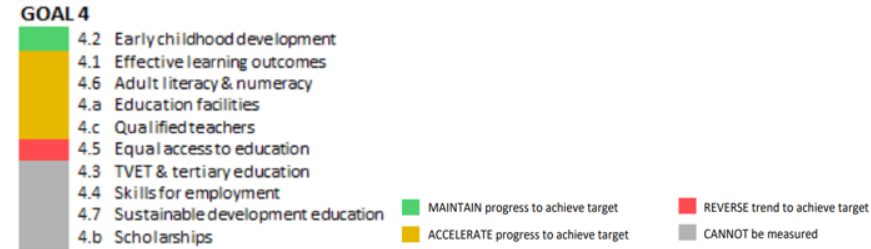
SDGs – EDUCATION



Maldives adopted the Global Agenda 2030, aligned with the National Strategic Goals with the ultimate target of the Maldives Education Sector to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Maldives SDG updates on Goal 4; Quality Education



Source: Maldives SDG Roadmap Oct 2022, UN Maldives/ Source: dashboards.sdgindex.org

- 4.1.2 Completion rate (primary education, lower secondary education, upper secondary education)

Completion grade and sex	Completed population					
	Resident Population			Resident Maldivian		
	Republic	Maale	Atolls	Republic	Maale	Atolls
Both Sexes						
Primary completion	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%
Secondary completion	97.8%	98.4%	97.1%	97.5%	98.3%	96.7%
Upper secondary completion	54.1%	55.6%	52.9%	32.1%	41.6%	22.2%

- 4.2.2 Participation in organized learning (one year before the official primary entry age)

Current attendance of age 5 years by sex and disability status	Participation rate in organized learning (age=5) (%)					
	Resident Population			Resident Maldivian		
	Republic	Maale	Atolls	Republic	Maale	Atolls
Both Sexes	99.0%	99.2%	98.9%	99.3%	99.3%	99.2%
Female	99.1%	99.3%	99.0%	99.4%	99.5%	99.4%
Male	98.9%	99.0%	98.8%	99.1%	99.1%	99.1%



Thank you

<https://census.gov.mv/2022/statistical-releases/>