

**A Rapid Glance  
at Education System of Estonia,  
INNOVE  
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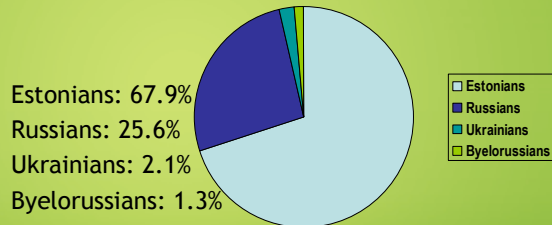
**The Republic of Estonia**

- Area: 45 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- Total population: 1,400 000
- Population density: 30 people per km<sup>2</sup>
- EU accession: May 1, 2004



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**Ethnic composition**



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**State administration**

- Type:** Parliamentary democracy
- Head of State:** President Toomas Hendrik Ilves
- Parliament:** Riigikogu, unicameral
- Government:** 11 ministries, 14 ministers
- Administrative regions:** 15 counties
- Local governments:** 32 towns and 193 rural municipalities



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### Early days of Estonian education system

- 12th century -cathedral and monastery schools
- 1632 - Academia Gustaviana (Tartu University)
- 1919 - Estonian became the language of instruction in the public primary schools



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Ministry of Education and Research in Tartu

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### Ministry of Education and Research

- Stuff ~ 150 persons (130 in Tartu and 20 Tallinn)
- Minister Tõnis Lukas, since April 2007 (also from March 1999 to January 2002)
- The budget of the MoER's area of government in 2006 was 4.12 billion kroons (approximately 6.7% of the state budget)
- Ministry is responsible for education, research, youth and language policy

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### The state institutions administered by the MoER:

1. School Network Bureau
  2. National Examination and Qualification Centre
  3. Estonian Education and Science Data Communication Network
  4. Estonian Youth Work Centre
- + Language Inspectorate (a governmental institution under the jurisdiction of the MoER)

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## The foundations of the MoER governing area:

AHHAA - Estonian Science Centre  
 Estonian IT Foundation  
 Estonian Research Foundation  
 Estonian Qualification Authority  
 Foundation Archimedes  
 Foundation for Estonian Sports Education Development  
 Foundation Tiger Leap  
 INNOVE - Foundation for Lifelong Learning Development

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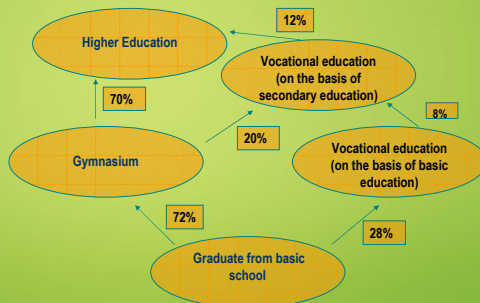
## Compulsory education...

...continues until students have completed basic education or have reached the age of 17.



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## Pupils' educational choices (2006)



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## Education institutions (2006/2007)

604 GE schools (~ 164 000 pupils)  
 57 VET schools (~ 29 000 pupils)  
 39 HE institutions (~ 68 200 students)

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## YOUNG?

A young = 7-27 years of age (The Youth Work Act)



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## Youth policy

The objective of youth policy is to ensure  
...the participation of young people in  
decision-making processes.  
...the opportunities for the versatile  
development of young people.

FOR THE YOUNG, WITH THE YOUNG!

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## Areas of youth work (1)

### Hobby education and recreational activities

300 hobby schools - 48,000 students

Recreational activities are carried out in schools, open youth centres, hobby centres, youth associations, etc.

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## Areas of youth work (2)

### Informing young people

Young people can get information and advice from county and local information and counselling centres

Teeviit - Annual youth information fair held in December 4-6, 2008

### Counselling of young people

The providers of counselling services form counsellors' network.

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### Areas of youth work (3)

#### Youth studies

Several institutions of higher education in Estonia engage in youth studies, ministries have ordered surveys regarding the life of young people

#### Youth work training

Specialities related to youth work are taught in Tallinn Pedagogical Seminary, Viljandi Culture Academy of the University of Tartu and Narva College of the University of Tartu

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### Areas of youth work (4)

**Young people's recreational and educational holiday**  
28 youth camps and a great number of project camps

#### Young people's work education

student brigades - recreational activities and work student companies

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### Areas of youth work (5)

#### International youth work

In the framework of the European Youth programme supported by five national cooperation protocols



### Areas of youth work (6)

#### Young people's participation

Youth assemblies and youth parliaments in local municipalities and counties and thematic roundtables on the national level

#### Special youth work

Juvenile committees are the main coordinators of the work in the field of crime prevention.

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## Estonian Youth Work Centre

The Estonian Youth Work Centre is a national centre for the work with the youth under the authority of the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research.

Its main purpose is to direct and organise youth work as part of the national youth policy.

The priority of the EYWC is achieving good administrative capacity in the field of youth work as a whole.

[www.entk.ee](http://www.entk.ee)

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## Useful links:

- Estonian Union of Youth Associations  
- [www.enl.ee](http://www.enl.ee)
- Estonian School Student Councils' Union  
- [www.escu.ee](http://www.escu.ee)
- Estonian Student Unions - [www.eyl.ee](http://www.eyl.ee)

*Aitäh! Thank you!*

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