

# Marshall Islands Public School System



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## **INTROUCTION**

*The Marshall Islands Public School System (PSS) offers this 2017 – 2018 Education Statistical Digest on the K - 12 education in the Marshall Islands. The data provided are those that are regarded as important and relevant and which are available at this time. Other data not provided here are available at the PSS Information Systems Office (ISO).*

*With 95 public and private elementary schools and 17 public and private secondary schools spread out over 23 atolls and islands, data collection is not easy. The PSS ISO put forth considerable effort during the school year in the collection of data and providing the needed information on the school system.*

*This digest is part of the continuing effort by the PSS to improve data collection and dissemination of information on the education system. Hopefully, as improvements are made in the PSS information system, subsequent digests will reflect these improvement and comprehension of coverage.*

*The digest is organized in the following categories: 1) Overview, 2) Schools, 3) Student, 4) Teacher, 5) Student Performance, and 6) Finance.*

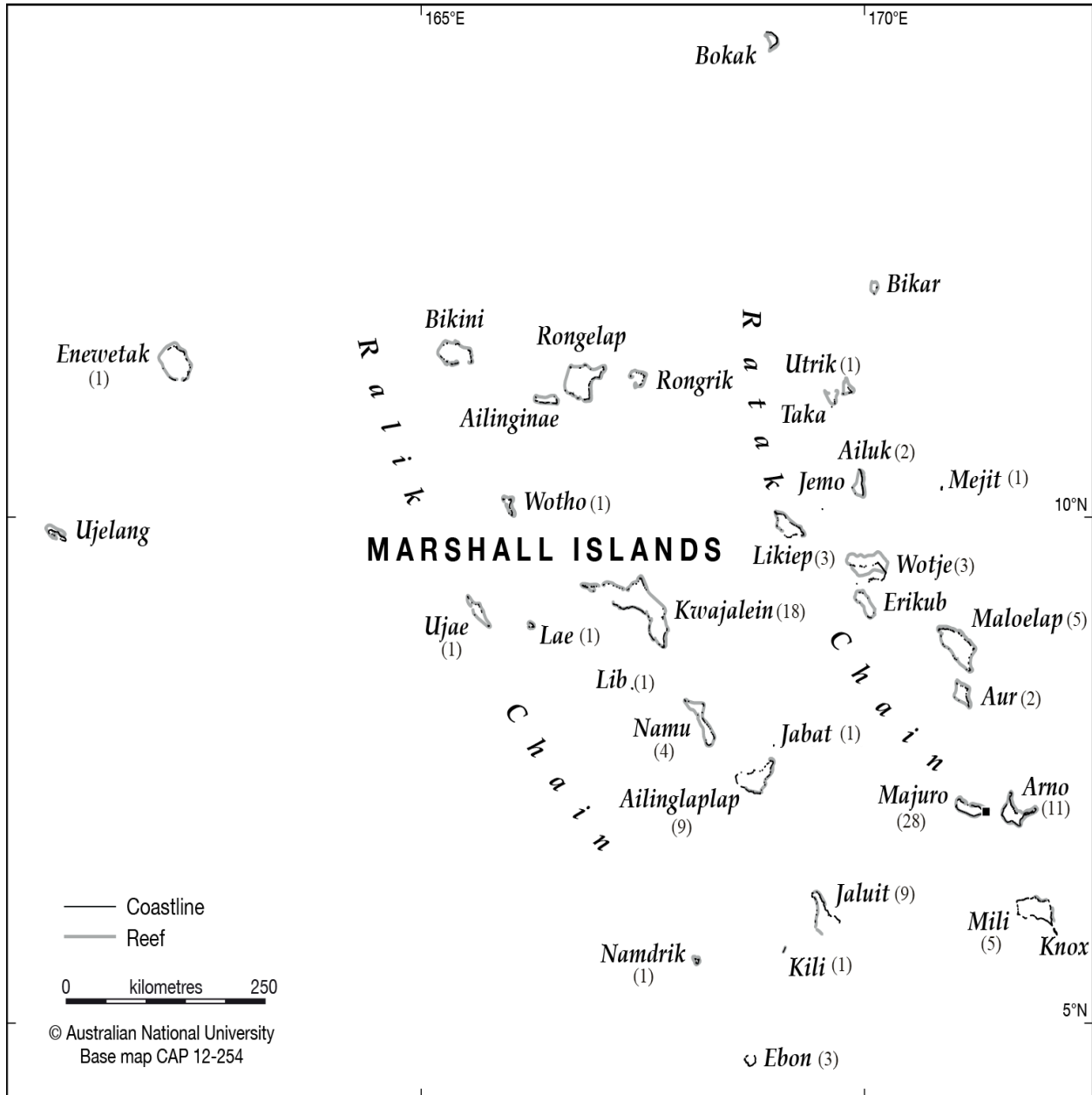
*Quality data is required for education planning and improvement initiatives. This Digest is part of the effort. The ISO anticipates that this Digest will be of assistance to all education stakeholders interested in education in the Marshall Islands.*

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## MAP OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

This map of the Marshall Islands shows all atolls and islands comprising the Republic of the Marshall Islands. There are 34 atolls and islands in the Marshall Islands, however, only 23 of these are inhabited. The numbers in parenthesis next to the names of the atolls/islands indicates the number of schools in the island/atoll.



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## I. Overview

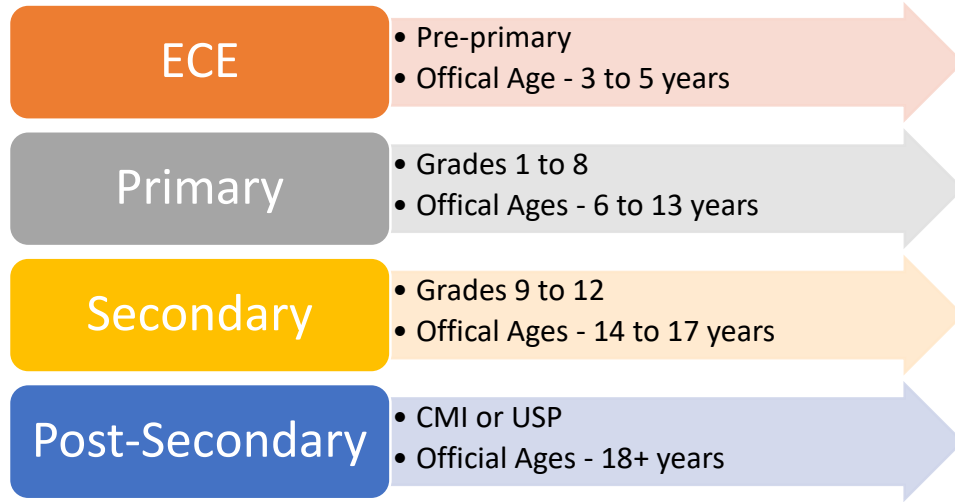
Education in the Marshall Islands is compulsory for children ages 5 – 18. Government public schools are free, while private schools charge a tuition fee. The education system is based on the American model of education, consisting of these basic components:

Table 1: Marshall Islands Education Structure

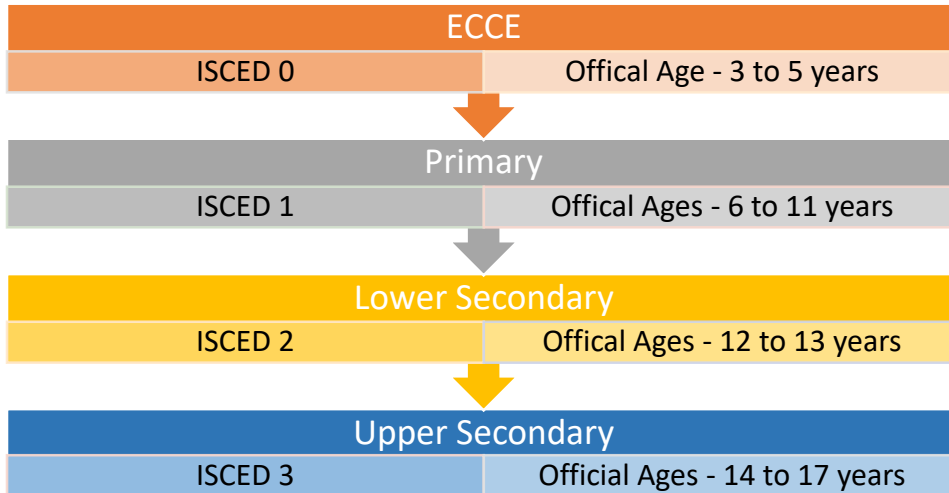


Grade	Level	Ages	
4	College/University	21	<i>There are two tertiary education institutions in the country: College of the Marshall Islands and the University of the South Pacific Majuro campus, with total full and part-time enrollment of 1,248 students.</i>
3		20	
2		19	
1		18	
12	High School	17	<i>There are 6 public high schools and 11 private high schools, with 249 teachers and 3,013 students.</i>
11		16	
10		15	
9		14	
8	Elementary	13	<i>There are 80 public elementary schools and 15 private elementary schools, with 840 teachers serving 10,185 students.</i>
7		12	
6		11	
5		10	
4		9	
3		8	
2		7	
1		6	
K	Early Childhood Education	5	<i>Some private schools offer early childhood education.</i>
Preschool		3 - 4	

Figure 1: Education System Overview, RMI 2018



**International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED, RMI 2018)**



## II. SCHOOLS

The Marshall Islands K - 12 school system is made up of public and private schools. The Public Schools System administers the public schools only, but the government provides funding through aids for private schools and oversees their operations for compliance with government requirements. Table 2 below lists the number of schools from Primary to Post-Secondary.

*Table 2: Number of Schools by Level & Type*

Public Elementary	80
Private Elementary	15
<b>Total Elementary</b>	<b>95</b>
Public Secondary	6
Private Secondary	11
<b>Total Secondary</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total K-12 Schools</b>	<b>112</b>
Public Post-Secondary	2
<b>Total Post-Secondary</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total All Schools</b>	<b>114</b>

The following table summarizes accreditation levels for all primary and secondary schools, according to the Marshall Islands Accreditation standards.

*Table 3: Accreditation Levels Summary 2018*

Level	No	Percent	
Level 1	7	6.2%	<i>Level 1: Partially meets the accreditation standard</i>
Level 2	38	33.6%	<i>Level 2: Substantially complies</i>
Level 3	50	45.1%	<i>Level 3: Complies with the accreditation standards</i>
Level 4	4	3.5%	<i>Level 4: Exceeds the accreditation standards</i>
WASC	8	7.1%	<i>WASC: Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation</i>
SDA	5	4.4%	<i>SDA: Seventh Day Adventist School System accreditation</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Table 4 below lists elementary and secondary schools and their enrolments, number of teacher, and accreditation levels by atolls and islands.

*Table 4: List of Elementary & Secondary Schools by Atolls/Islands, number of students & teachers, & accreditation levels.*

Public Primary Schools		Students	Teachers	S/T Ratio	Accreditation Level
Ailinglaplap Atoll		504	46	11:1	
1	Airok A	73	6	12:1	Level 3
2	Buoj	64	4	16:1	Level 3
3	Enewa	42	5	8:1	Level 2
4	Jah	35	3	12:1	Level 3
5	Jeh	76	7	11:1	Level 2
6	Jobwan	32	4	8:1	Level 2
7	Katiej	18	4	5:1	Level 1
8	Mejel	28	3	9:1	Level 2

9	Woja A.	136	10	14:1	Level 3
	<i>Ailuk Atoll</i>	87	11	8:1	
10	Ailuk	72	8	9:1	Level 2
11	Enejelar	15	3	5:1	Level 3
	<i>Arno Atoll</i>	476	56	9:1	
12	Arno	40	7	6:1	Level 2
13	Bikarej	37	5	7:1	Level 2
14	Ine	61	6	10:1	Level 2
15	Japo	34	5	7:1	Level 2
16	Kilange	51	4	13:1	Level 2
17	Longar	52	5	10:1	Level 3
18	Lukoj	26	4	7:1	Level 2
19	Matolen	46	4	12:1	Level 3
20	Tinak	68	6	11:1	Level 3
21	Tutu	19	3	6:1	Level 2
22	Ulien	42	7	6:1	Level 2
	<i>Aur Atoll</i>	127	16	8:1	Level 3
23	Aur	66	8	8:1	Level 3
24	Tobal	61	8	8:1	Level 3
	<i>Ebon Atoll</i>	116	12	10:1	
25	Ebon	95	9	11:1	Level 2
26	Enekoion	21	3	7:1	Level 2
27	Toka	58	8	7:1	Level 2
28	<i>Enewetak Atoll (Enewetak)</i>	186	12	16:1	Level 3
29	<i>Jabat (Jabat Island)</i>	34	5	7:1	Level 3
	<i>Jaluit Atoll</i>	333	40	8:1	
30	Imiej	36	4	9:1	Level 2
31	Imroj	51	7	7:1	Level 3
32	Jabnodren	10	3	3:1	Level 1
33	Jabor	86	10	9:1	Level 4
34	Jaluit	78	9	9:1	Level 3
35	Mejrrok	26	3	9:1	Level 1
36	Narmej	46	4	12:1	Level 3
37	<i>Kili (Kili Island)</i>	140	9	16:1	Level 3
	<i>Kwajalein Atoll</i>	1307	58	23:1	
38	Carlos	29	3	10:1	Level 2
39	Ebadon	41	2	21:1	Level 2
40	Ebeye Middle	365	17	21:1	Level 3
41	Ebeye Public	691	27	26:1	Level 3
42	Enniburr	181	9	20:1	Level 3
43	<i>Lae (Lae Atoll)</i>	94	9	10:1	Level 3
44	<i>Lib (Lib Island)</i>	45	3	15:1	Level 2
	<i>Likiep Atoll</i>	111	16	7:1	
45	Jepal	34	3	11:1	Level 3
46	Likiep	64	9	7:1	Level 3
47	Melang	13	4	3:1	Level 2
	<i>Majuro Atoll</i>	3695	231	16:1	
48	Ajeltake	240	15	16:1	Level 2

49	Delap	643	31	21:1	WASC
50	DUD Kindergarten	100	13	8:1	Level 4
51	Ejit	60	7	9:1	Level 3
52	Laura	415	25	17:1	Level 3
53	Long Island	324	11	29:1	Level 3
54	Majuro Middle School	542	41	13:1	Level 3
55	North Delap	240	21	11:1	Level 2
56	Rairok	207	17	12:1	Level 2
57	Rita	815	46	18:1	Level 4
58	Woja M	169	11	15:1	Level 2
	<i>Maloelap Atoll</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>6:1</i>	
59	Aerok M.	40	7	6:1	Level 2
60	Jang	15	2	8:1	Level 2
61	Kaven	23	5	5:1	Level 3
62	Ollet	29	6	5:1	Level 3
63	Tarawa	48	6	8:1	Level 2
64	<i>Mejit Island (Mejit)</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7:1</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
	<i>Mili Atoll</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>11:1</i>	
65	Enejat	41	4	10:1	Level 1
66	Lukonwod	35	2	18:1	Level 2
67	Mili	66	7	9:1	Level 3
68	Nallo	50	5	10:1	Level 3
69	Tokewa	19	2	10:1	Level 3
70	<i>Namdrik Island (Namdrik)</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>9:1</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
71	<i>Namu Atoll</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5:1</i>	
72	Loen	39	5	8:1	Level 2
73	Mae	31	4	8:1	Level 2
74	Majken	63	8	8:1	Level 2
75	Namu	26	5	5:1	Level 2
76	<i>Mejatto (Rongelap Atoll)</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>13:1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>
77	<i>Ujae(Ujae Atoll)</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9:1</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
78	<i>Utrik (Utrik Atoll)</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11:1</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
79	<i>Wotto (Wotto Atoll)</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6:1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>
	<i>Wotje Atoll</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>12:1</i>	
80	Wodmej	41	3	14:1	Level 3
81	Wotje	148	13	11:1	Level 2
	<i>Private Primary</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>S/T Ratio</i>	
82	St. Joseph	99	6	17:1	Level 3
83	Ebeye Calvary	98	8	12:1	Level 3
84	Ebeye Christian	64	8	8:1	Level 3
85	Ebeye SDA	212	12	18:1	SDA
86	GEM Christian School	178	10	18:1	Level 4
87	Jebro	109	9	12:1	Level 2
88	Queen of Peace	211	13	16:1	Level 3
89	Ajeltake Christian	58	4	15:1	Level 3
90	Assumption	218	21	10:1	WASC
91	Delap SDA	331	14	24:1	WASC

92	Laura SDA	57	2	29:1	SDA
93	Majuro Baptist	266	13	20:1	SDA
94	Majuro Coop	240	14	17:1	Level 3
95	Rita Christian	43	8	5:1	Level 2
96	RonRon Protestant	24	na	na	Level 1
<i>Public Secondary</i>		<i>Students</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>S/T Ratio</i>	
97	Jaluit High School	555	28	20:1	Level 4
98	Kwajalein Atoll High School	325	23	14:1	Level 3
99	Laura High School	295	18	16:1	WASC
100	Marshall Islands High School	978	77	13:1	WASC
101	NIHS	268	23	12:1	Level 3
102	Life Skills Academy	61	9	7:1	Level 1
<i>Private Secondary</i>		<i>Students</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>S/T Ratio</i>	
103	Ebeye Calvary High School	95	7	14:1	Level 3
104	Ebeye Gem High School	49	na	na	Level 4
105	Ebeye SDA High School	46	7	7:1	SDA
106	Jabro High School	62	8	8:1	Level 2
107	Father Hacker High School	49	6	8:1	Level 3
108	Assumption High School	64	8	8:1	WASC
109	Delap SDA High School	93	10	9:1	SDA
110	Majuro Baptist Christian Academy	48	6	8:1	Level 3
111	Majuro Coop High School	83	6	14:1	WASC
112	Marshall Christian High School	163	8	20:1	Level 2
113	Rita Christian High School	61	5	12:1	Level 2

Table 5 below provides the number of schools by the number of teachers. Small schools with fewer than eight teachers are regarded as multi-grade schools and account for over 50% of schools while constituting less than 20% of the students. These schools struggle with the challenges of multi-grade teaching.

*Table 5: Multi-grade Schools*

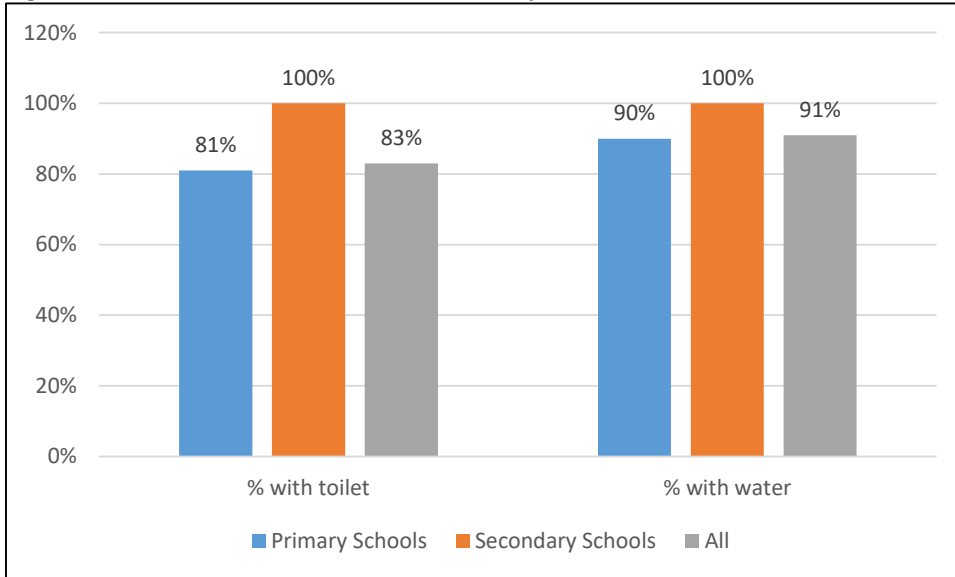
No. of Teachers	No of Schools	% of Schools	No of Students	% of Students
2	5	5%	168	1%
3	12	13%	318	3%
4	14	15%	488	4%
5	9	9%	321	3%
6	6	6%	333	3%
7	7	7%	404	4%
8 +	43	45%	9,420	82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>100%</b>

The following table provides information on the availability of water and sanitation facilities in public elementary and secondary schools.

*Table 6: WASH – Number & Percent of Water & Sanitation by Public School Levels*

	No. with toilet	% with toilet	No. with water	% with water
Primary Schools	65	81%	72	90%
Secondary Schools	6	100%	6	100%
<b>All</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>91%</b>

*Figure 2: Schools with Water & Sanitation by Level 2017-2018*



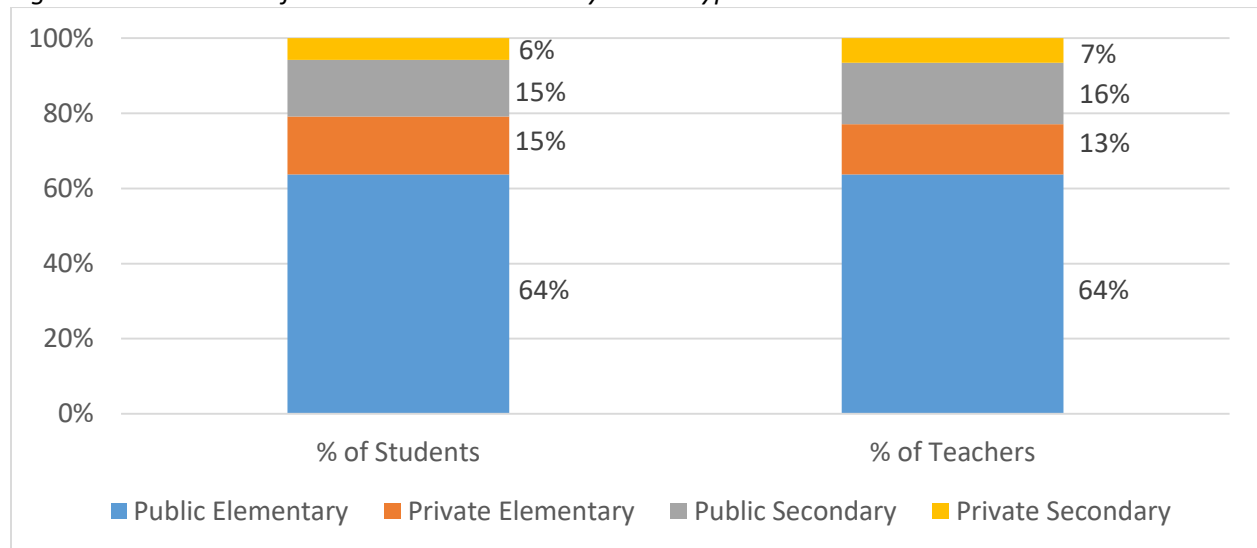
### III. STUDENTS

The table and graph below show the percentages of students and teachers respectively in public and private schools by elementary and secondary levels. Elementary schools account for 73% and 72% of students and teachers respectively, while secondary schools account for 19% and 21% respectively. Post-secondary institutions account for the remaining 8% and 7%. This shows a considerable drop off in enrollment at the secondary level.

*Table 7: Student Enrollment and Teachers by School Type & Level 2017 – 2018*

School Type	Schools	Students	% of Students	Teachers	% of Teachers	S/T Ratio
Public Elementary	80	9,219	64%	694	64%	13:1
Private Elementary	15	2,233	15%	146	13%	15:1
Public Secondary	6	2,179	15%	178	16%	12:1
Private Secondary	11	834	6%	71	7%	12:1
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>14,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13:1</b>

*Figure 3: Distribution of Students and Teachers by School type and level 2017-2018*



The following table shows the distribution of students and teachers between the urban centers of Majuro and Kwajalein and the rest of the outer islands. It shows that the outer islands have a lower proportion of students at 30.2% while the proportion of teachers is at 40.3%. Most outer island teachers, however, need to teach in a multi-grade setting.

*Table 8: Student Enrollment and Teachers Count by Location 2017 – 2018*

Location	Schools	# of Students	% of Students	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	S/T Ratio
Urban (Majuro/Kwajalein)	45	10,078	70%	648	60%	16:1
Outer Islands	67	4,387	30%	437	40%	10:1
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>14,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13:1</b>

Figure 4: Distribution of Students and Teachers by Location

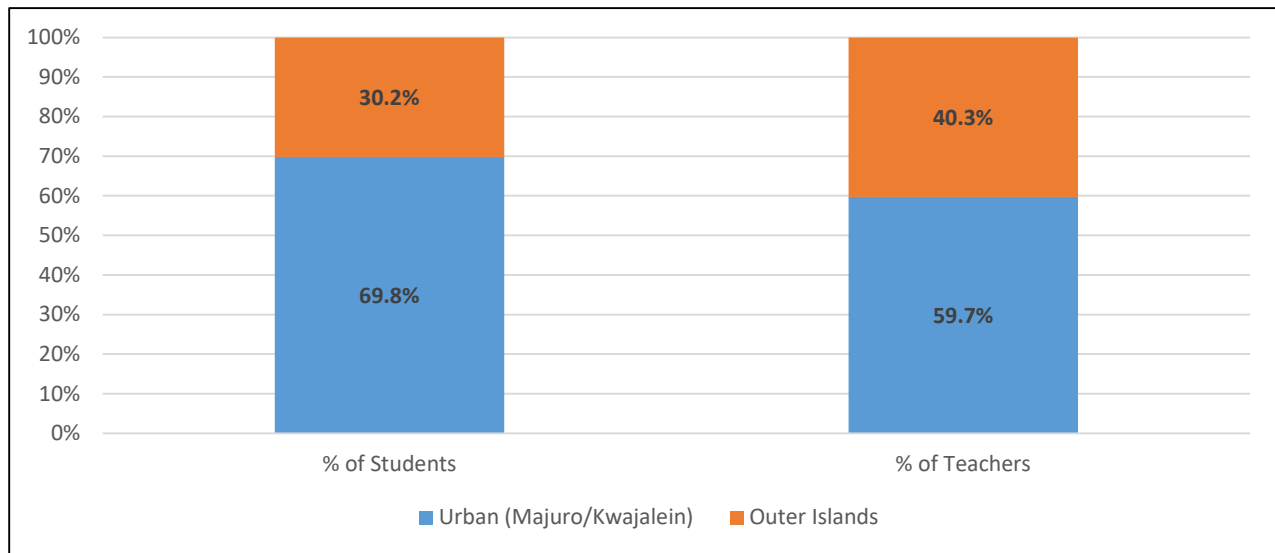


Table 9 and figure 5 below shows the enrollment trend for elementary and secondary schools for the years 2014 – 2018. Total Enrollment is not growing and can be considered as “static”.

Table 9: Student Enrollment Trend by Level: 2014 – 2018

Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary	10,754	11,037	12,166	11,584	11,452
Secondary	2,709	3,125	3,276	2,638	3,013
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,463</b>	<b>14,162</b>	<b>15,442</b>	<b>14,222</b>	<b>14,465</b>
Primary	80%	78%	79%	81%	79%
Secondary	20%	22%	21%	19%	21%

Figure 5: Enroll Trend by School Levels 2014 – 2018

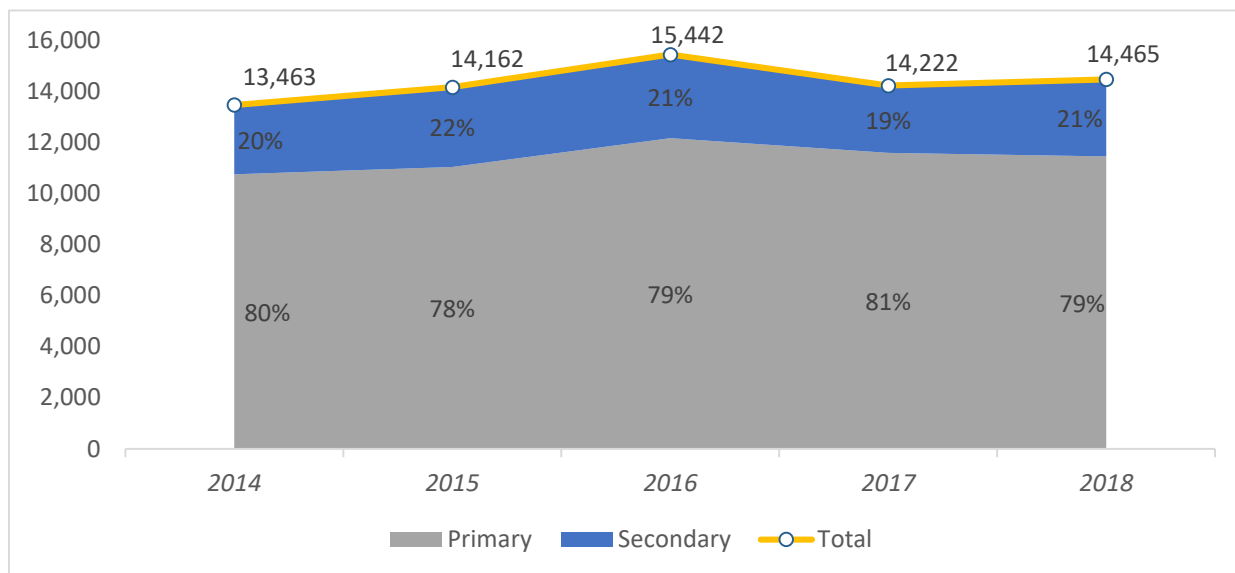


Table 10 shows elementary enrollment trend for the two urban areas versus the Outer Islands for 2014 – 2018. Since there are only two high schools in the outer islands (out of a total of 17 high schools), secondary enrollments are not considered. The table shows a gradual growth of enrollment in the urban areas and the corresponding decrease in outer islands enrollments. It is known that people are constantly migrating to the urban areas in search of economic opportunities.

*Table 10: Elementary Enrollment Trends by Location 2014 – 2018*

Region	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Urban (Majuro/Kwaj)	6,823	7,196	8,173	7,755	7,775
Outer Islands	3,931	3,841	3,993	3,829	3,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,754</b>	<b>11,037</b>	<b>12,166</b>	<b>11,584</b>	<b>11,452</b>
Urban (Majuro/Kwaj)	63%	65%	67%	67%	68%
Outer Islands	37%	35%	33%	33%	32%

*Figure 6: Enrollment Trend by Urban/Outer Islands 2014 - 2018*

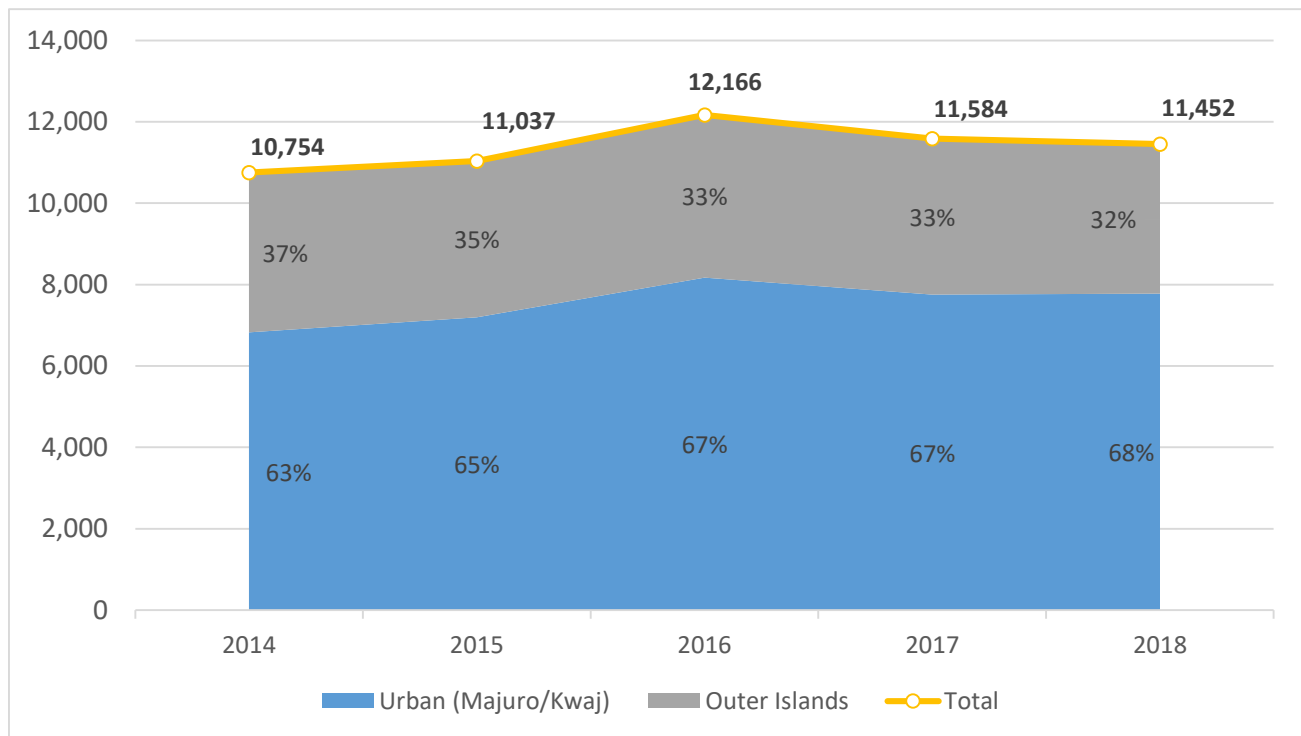


Table 11 shows distribution of students by age and grade level for schools 2017 – 2018. Figure 6 shows the corresponding graph for student distribution by grade level.

Table 11: Student Distribution by grade level and age 2018

Age	Pre-K	Kinder	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Pre-9	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
All	149	1,118	1,297	1,225	1,307	1,225	1,269	1,257	1,161	1,046	398	930	777	660	646	14,465
3	21	1														22
4	88	108	5						1							202
5	35	839	71	2												947
6	4	162	923	101	1											1,191
7	1	6	236	732	91	3	1	1		1						1,072
8		1	53	269	784	75	3	1	1							1,187
9		1	6	91	285	703	78	4								1,168
10			1	17	106	297	669	88	5	2					1	1,186
11			1	7	31	98	337	640	86	2						1,202
12				3	8	41	123	329	572	98	4	4				1,182
13					1	7	37	139	289	461	37	53	1			1,025
14						1	19	43	153	304	192	338	42	1		1,093
15							1	8	45	133	108	298	287	44		924
16			1					3	8	38	44	149	238	253	45	779
17				2			1	1		7	11	57	158	188	269	694
18				1					1		1	27	42	122	201	395
19											1	3	6	32	91	133
20													3	13	29	45
21														4	9	13
22														1	2	3
23												1				1
24														1		1

Figure 7: Primary and Secondary Distribution by Age and Gender 2018

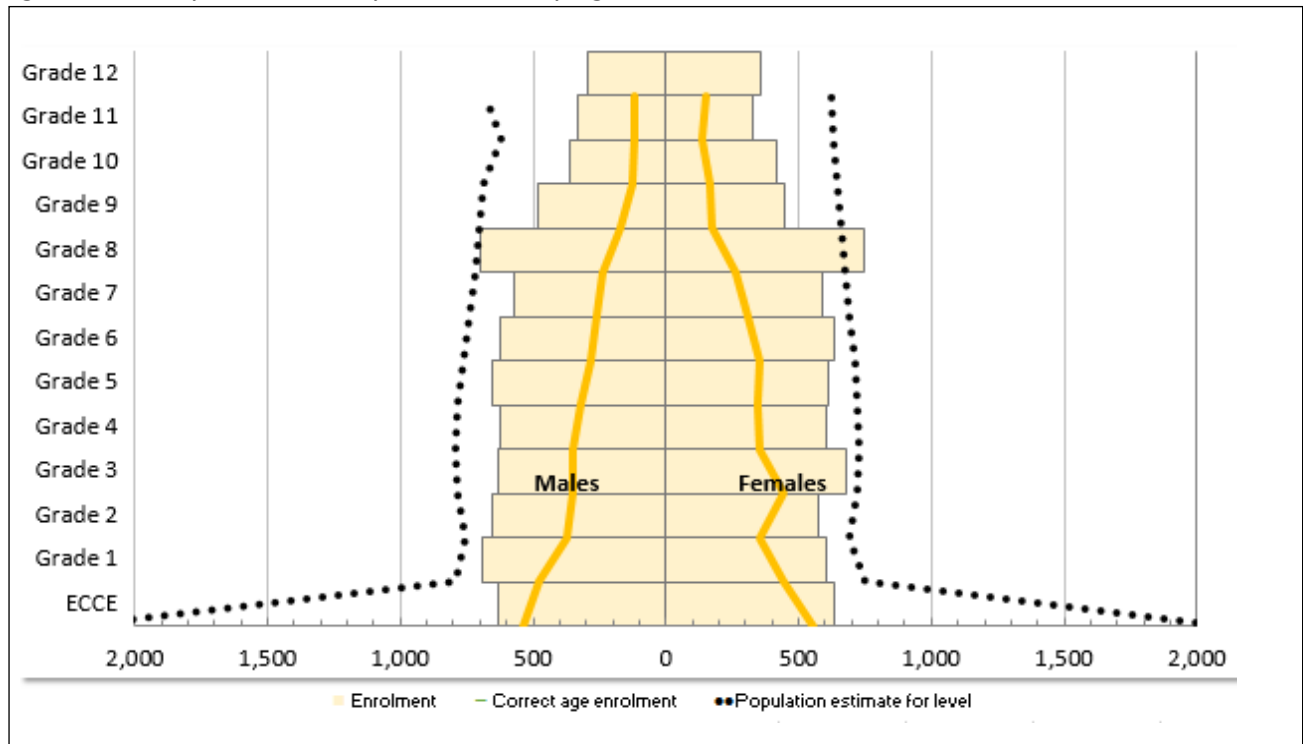


Table 12: RMI Age Specific Enrollment Rate (ASER) for Elementary and Secondary Levels 2018

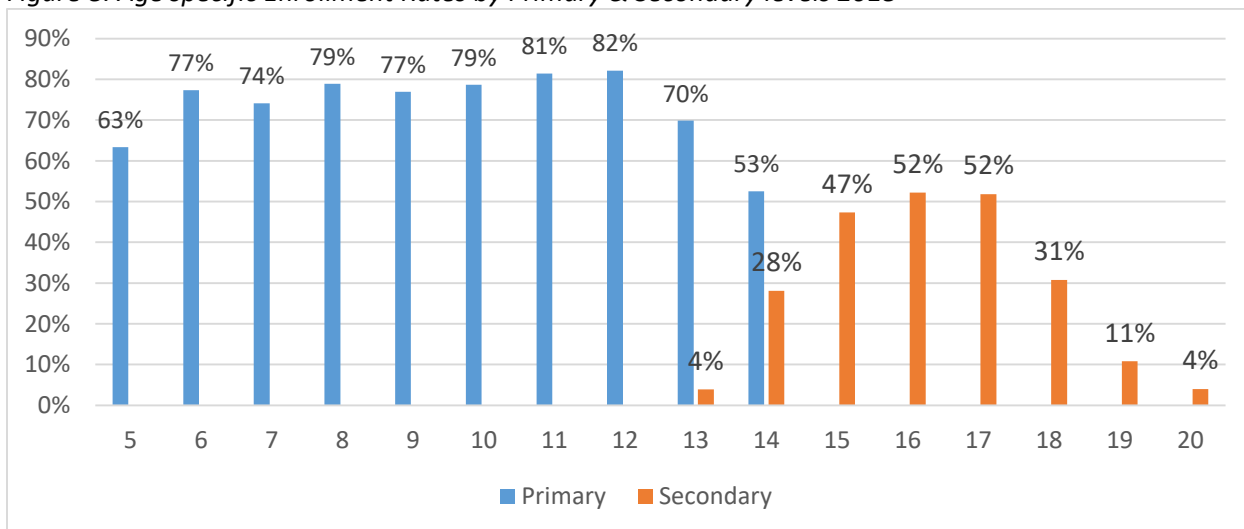
Table 12a: Age Specific Enrollment Rate for Primary Level 2018

Age	Age Specific Enrolment			ASER in Primary Education		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
5	477	470	947	62%	65%	63%
6	622	569	1,191	78%	76%	77%
7	564	508	1,072	75%	74%	74%
8	569	618	1,187	72%	86%	79%
9	597	571	1,168	75%	79%	77%
10	590	595	1,185	75%	82%	79%
11	598	604	1,202	78%	85%	81%
12	561	617	1,178	76%	89%	82%
13	505	466	971	70%	69%	70%
14	359	353	712	51%	54%	53%

Table 12b: Age Specific Enrollment Rate for Secondary Level 2018

Age	Age Specific Enrolment			ASER in Secondary Education		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
13	21	33	54	3%	5%	4%
14	183	198	381	26%	30%	28%
15	300	329	629	44%	51%	47%
16	337	348	685	49%	55%	52%
17	333	339	672	49%	55%	52%
18	180	212	392	27%	35%	31%
19	78	54	132	12%	9%	11%
20	26	19	45	4%	4%	4%

Figure 8: Age specific Enrollment Rates by Primary & Secondary levels 2018

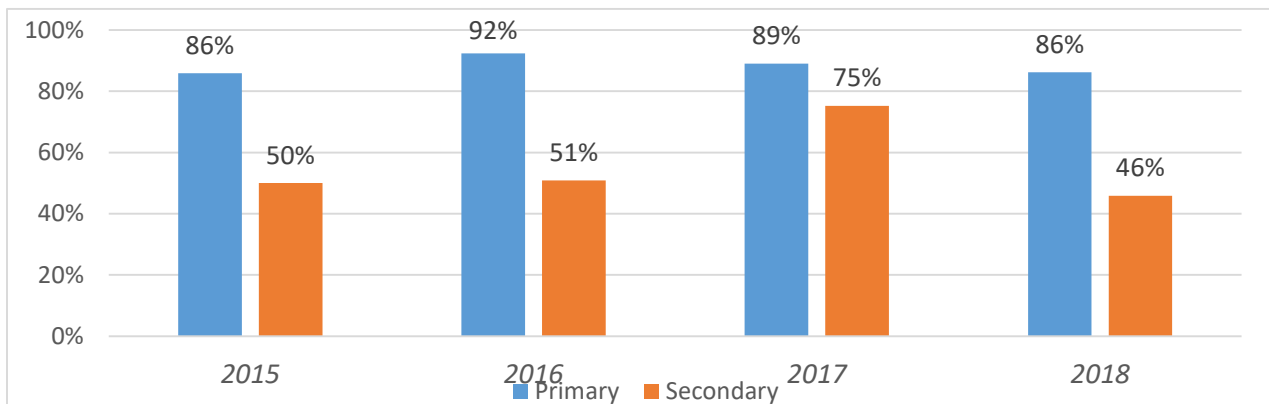


Gross Enrolment Rate is commonly used to show the level of participation in primary and secondary education sector. It indicates the capacity of the education system to accommodate participation with enrolments not restricted to the official age group in that particular year. The following table and graph show gross enrollment rates for elementary and secondary schools for 2015 – 2018. There is a substantial drop off in the rate at the secondary level.

**Table 13: Gross Enrollment Rates for Elementary & Secondary 2015 – 2018**

Year	Male	Female	Total
2015	39%	41%	40%
2016	49%	47%	48%
2017	38%	40%	39%
2018	42%	44%	43%

**Figure 9: Gross Enrollment Rates Primary & Secondary 2015– 2018**



The following shows net enrollment rates for elementary and secondary schools for 2015 – 2018. Net enrollment rates shows participation rates only for school ages children, ages 6 – 18. The rates are even lower and correlate with the gross enrollment rates above.

**Table 14: Net Enrollment Rates for Elementary & Secondary 2015 – 2018**

Year	Primary	Secondary
2015	77%	45%
2016	82%	47%
2017	80%	37%
2018	76%	42%

**Figure 10: Net Enrollment Rates Primary & Secondary 2015 – 2018**

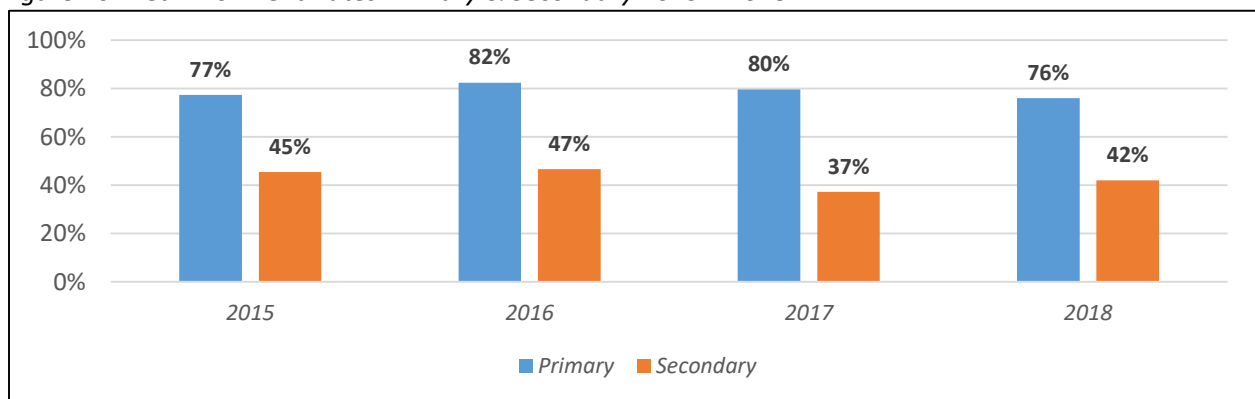


Table 15 shows gross enrollment rates for early childhood education, being defined as education for children under 5 years old, for 2015 – 2018. These low early childhood enrollment rates reflect the fact that elementary education starts at kindergarten and only some private schools are offering early childhood education.

**Table 15: Gross Enrollment Rates for Early Childhood Education 2015 – 2018**

Year	Male	Female	Total
2015	39%	41%	<b>40%</b>
2016	49%	47%	<b>48%</b>
2017	38%	40%	<b>39%</b>
2018	42%	44%	<b>43%</b>

**Figure 11: Early Childhood Education Gross Enrollment 2015- 2018**

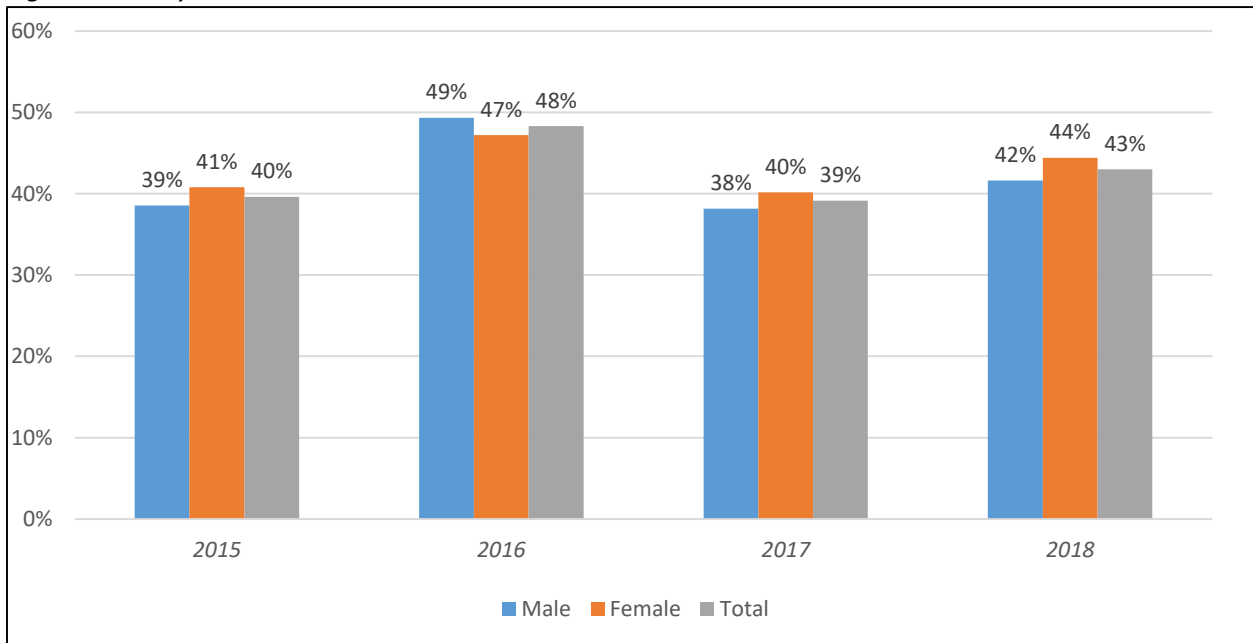


Table 16 below shows dropout rates for elementary and secondary schools for 2015 – 2018. These rates show the proportion of students who dropped out or did not complete their education at the elementary or secondary level. It shows a much higher dropout rate for the high schools as compared to the elementary schools.

**Table 16: Dropout Rates by Gender and Levels 2015 - 2018**

Grades	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1-8	28%	19%	<b>23%</b>	26%	27%	<b>27%</b>	31%	19%	<b>25%</b>	37%	26%	<b>32%</b>
9-12	38%	38%	<b>38%</b>	32%	28%	<b>42%</b>	32%	28%	<b>30%</b>	35%	27%	<b>31%</b>

Figure 12: Dropout Rates for Elementary and Secondary schools 2015 – 2018.

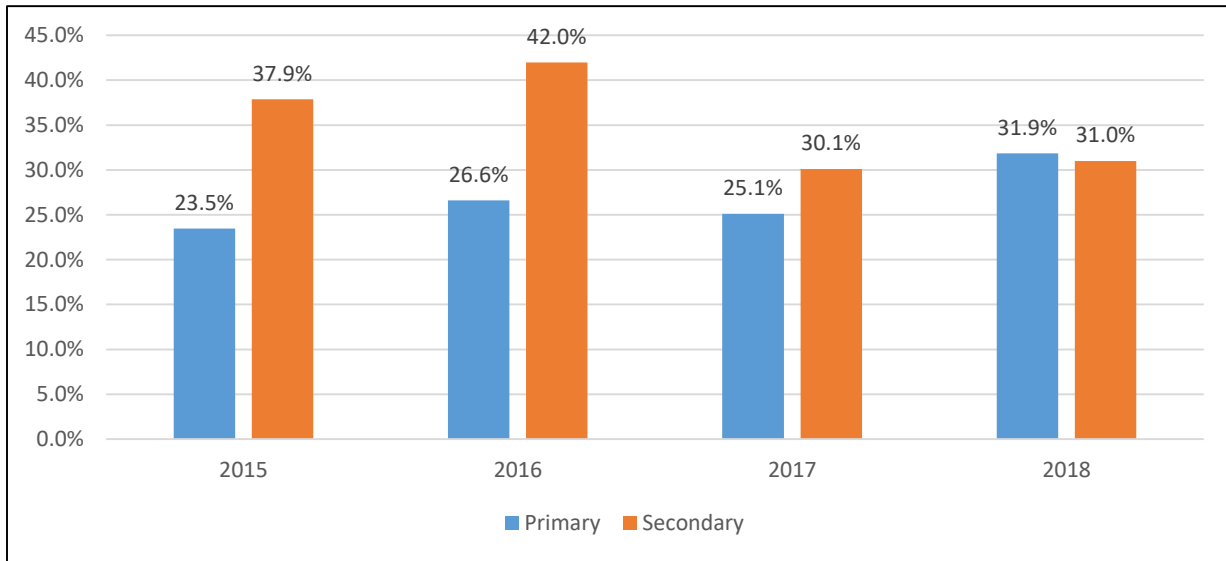
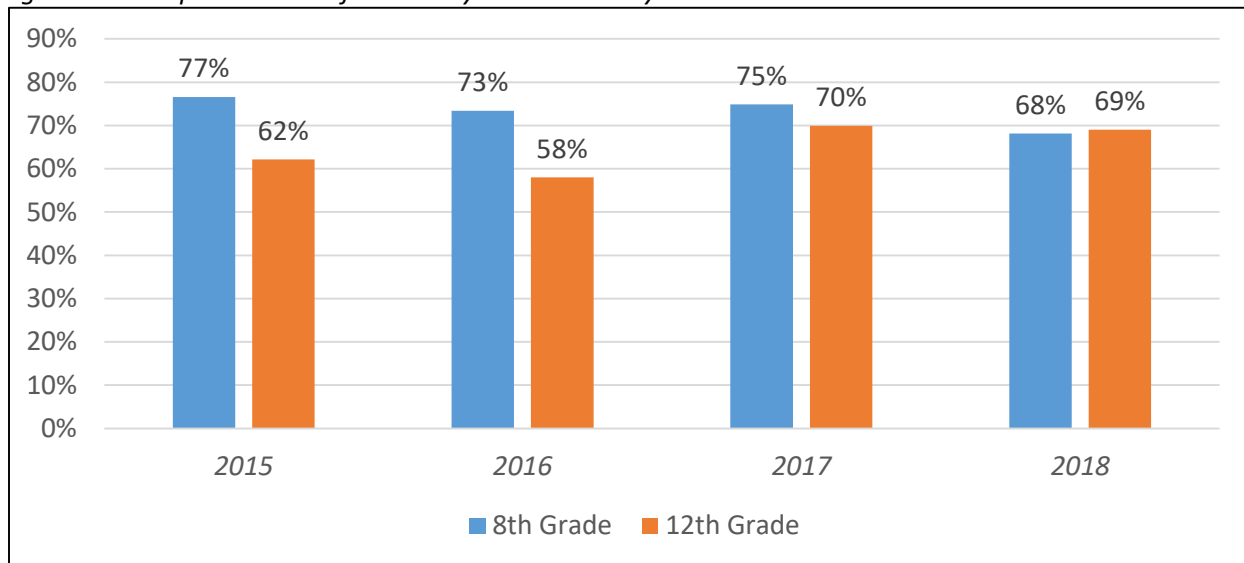


Table 17 shows the percentage of students who completed 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades out of the cohort who entered 8 and 4 years earlier respectively.

Table 17: Completion Rates for Elementary and Secondary Schools

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Grade 8	77%	73%	75%	68%
Grade 12	62%	58%	70%	69%

Figure 13: Completion Rates for Primary and Secondary

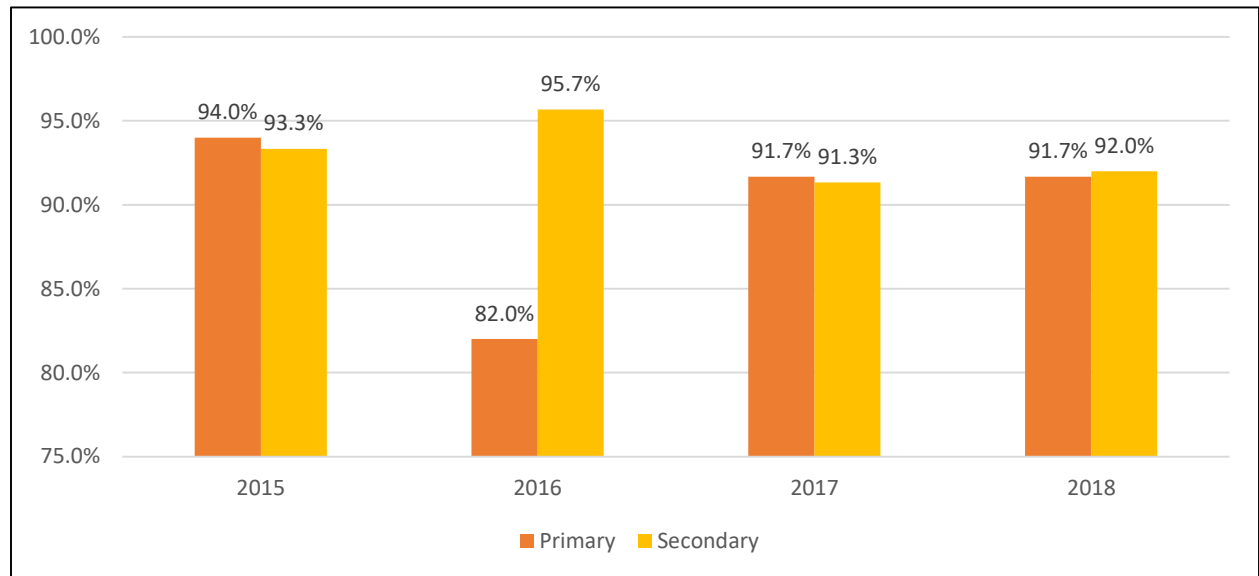


The tables and figures below shows average daily attendance for primary and secondary students for years 2015 – 2018, by the urban centers of Majuro and Ebeye and the Outer Islands.

**Table 18: Average Daily Attendance Primary & Secondary 2015 – 2018**

Primary					Secondary				
Year	Majuro	Ebeye	Outer Islands	Total	Year	Majuro	Ebeye	Outer Islands	Total
2015	93%	92%	97%	<b>94%</b>	2015	92%	91%	97%	<b>93%</b>
2016	70%	83%	93%	<b>82%</b>	2016	93%	96%	98%	<b>96%</b>
2017	89%	90%	96%	<b>92%</b>	2017	89%	87%	98%	<b>91%</b>
2018	90%	89%	96%	<b>92%</b>	2018	92%	87%	97%	<b>92%</b>

**Figure 14: Average Daily Attendance Primary & Secondary**



The following table shows the number of students identified with special needs and enrolled in the school system, for the years 2014 – 2015 by gender.

**Table 19: Students with Disabilities: by age group and gender 2014 - 2018**

Age 3-5	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Male	14	20	29	27	14
Female	10	10	15	12	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>
Age 6-21	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Male	433	453	459	415	368
Female	240	250	273	224	213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>581</b>

The following two tables below shows the number of students enrolled at the two (2) higher education institutions in the Marshall Islands by levels and majors. There are only 2 public institutions located on Majuro which offers courses for students who complete secondary education.

*Table 20: University of the South Pacific Enrollment by levels 2018*

<i>USP</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Preliminary Level	65	65	130
Foundation Level	25	41	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>196</b>

*Table 21: College of the Marshall Islands Enrollment by Majors 2018*

<i>CMI</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Audit	2	0.2%
BA Elementary Education	18	1.7%
AA Liberal Arts	480	45.6%
AS Business	90	8.6%
AS Education	214	20.3%
AS Nursing	210	20.0%
Cert Accounting	2	0.2%
Cert Carpentry	17	1.6%
Cert Marshallese Studies	1	0.1%
Cert Special Education	1	0.1%
Cert Teaching	15	1.4%
Cert Marine Science	2	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### IV. TEACHERS

The table below shows the number and percent of teachers by education levels for school years 2014 – 2015 to 2017– 2018. It shows a decrease in the number of teachers at the low education levels of elementary diploma to certificate and a corresponding increase in the numbers for the higher education levels of AA/AS to MA/MS.

*Table 22: Number and Percent of Teachers by Education Levels*

Level	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
HS Diploma/Certificate	290	34%	301	36%	245	14%	280	33%
AA/AS/Diploma	356	42%	354	42%	362	43%	314	37%
BA/BS	185	22%	175	21%	223	27%	238	28%
MA/MS	11	1%	10	1%	10	1%	8	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Figure 15: Proportion of Teachers by Education Levels*

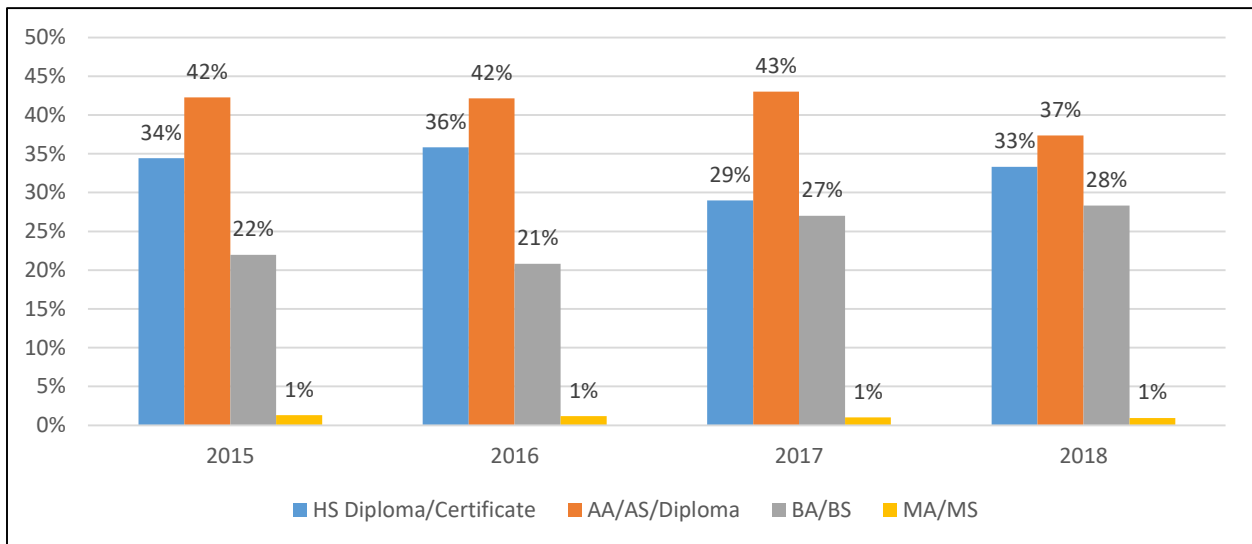
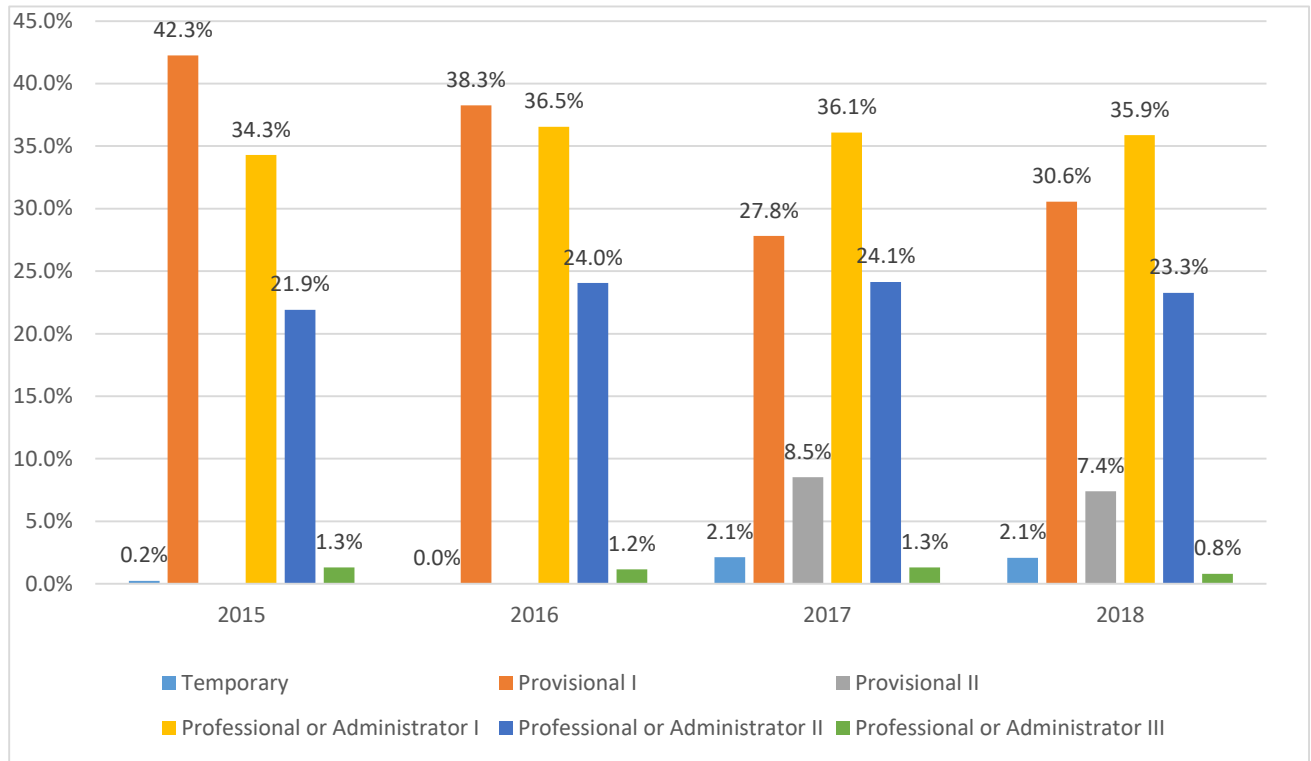


Table 23 below shows the number and percent of teachers by certification levels for 2015 to 2018. Like the numbers for teachers' education levels, certification levels at lower levels decrease while those at the higher levels are increasing.

*Table 23: Number and Percent of Teachers by Certification Levels*

Level	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Temporary	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	18	2.1%	18	2.1%
Provisional I	355	42.3%	331	38.3%	235	27.8%	264	30.6%
Provisional II					72	8.5%	64	7.4%
Professional or Administrator I	288	34.3%	316	36.5%	305	36.1%	310	35.9%
Professional or Administrator II	184	21.9%	208	24.0%	204	24.1%	201	23.3%
Professional or Administrator III	11	1.3%	10	1.2%	11	1.3%	7	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 16: Proportion of Teachers by Certification Levels 2015 – 2018



## V. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The table below shows total percent proficient and above on the Marshall Islands Standards Assessment Test (MISAT I) for grade 3 students for years 2015 to 2018. It shows substantial improvement in Marshallese since 2015, 10 percent increase in English Reading and only 2 percent improvement Math. Science score was omitted for 2018 due to printing error in the science test.

*Table 24: MISAT I Grade 3 Percent Proficiency & Above 2015 – 2018*

3rd Grade	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2015
English Reading	19%	25%	25%	29%	10%
Marshallese Reading	28%	33%	36%	48%	20%
Math	33%	37%	41%	35%	2%
Science	34%	29%	28%	NA	NA

*Figure 17: MISAT Grade 3 Percent Proficient 2015 - 2018*

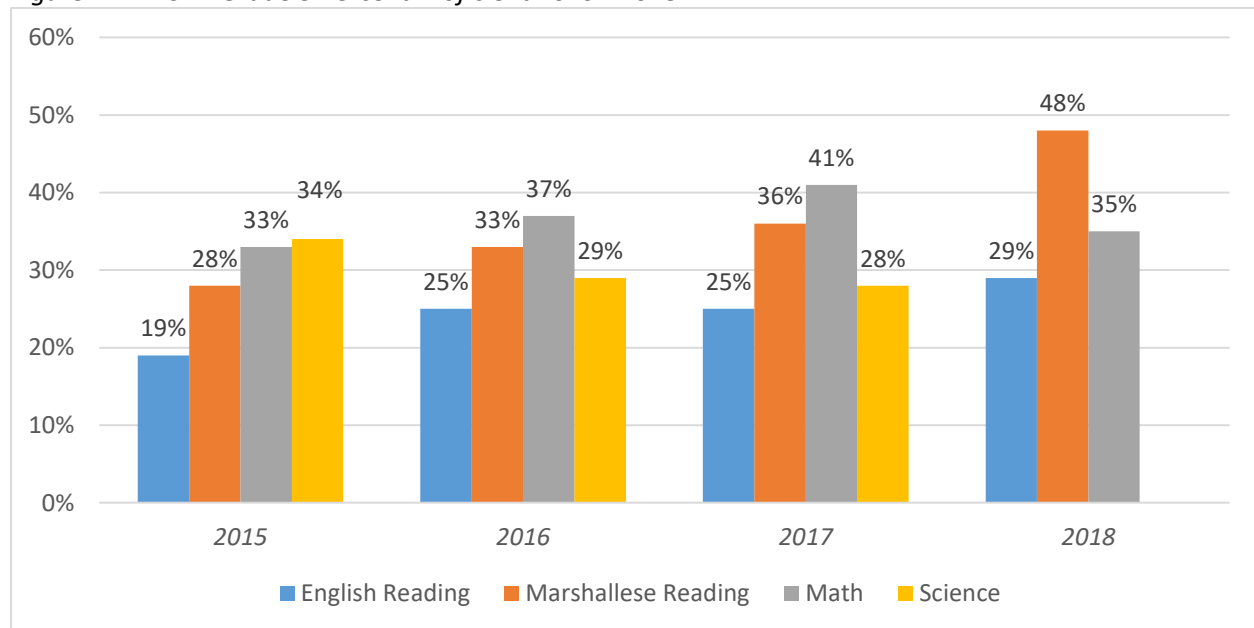
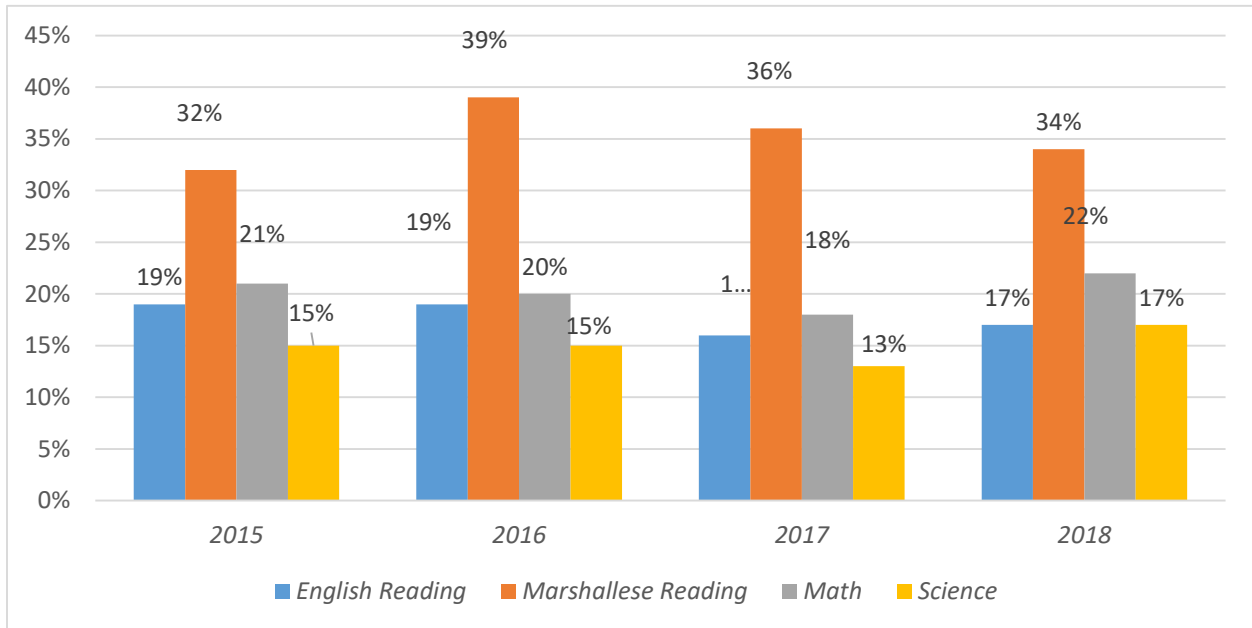


Table 25 shows total percent proficient and above for grades 6 students for 2015 – 2018. Marshallese reading and Science showed improvements at 2% followed by 1% increase in Math since 2015. English reading dropped 2% from 2015 but 1% increase from the score last year.

*Table 25: MISAT II Grade 6 Percent Proficiency & Above 2015 – 2018*

6th Grade	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2015
English Reading	19%	19%	16%	17%	-2%
Marshallese Reading	32%	39%	36%	34%	2%
Math	21%	20%	18%	22%	1%
Science	15%	15%	13%	17%	2%

Figure 18: MISAT Grade 6 Percent Proficiency 2015 - 2018

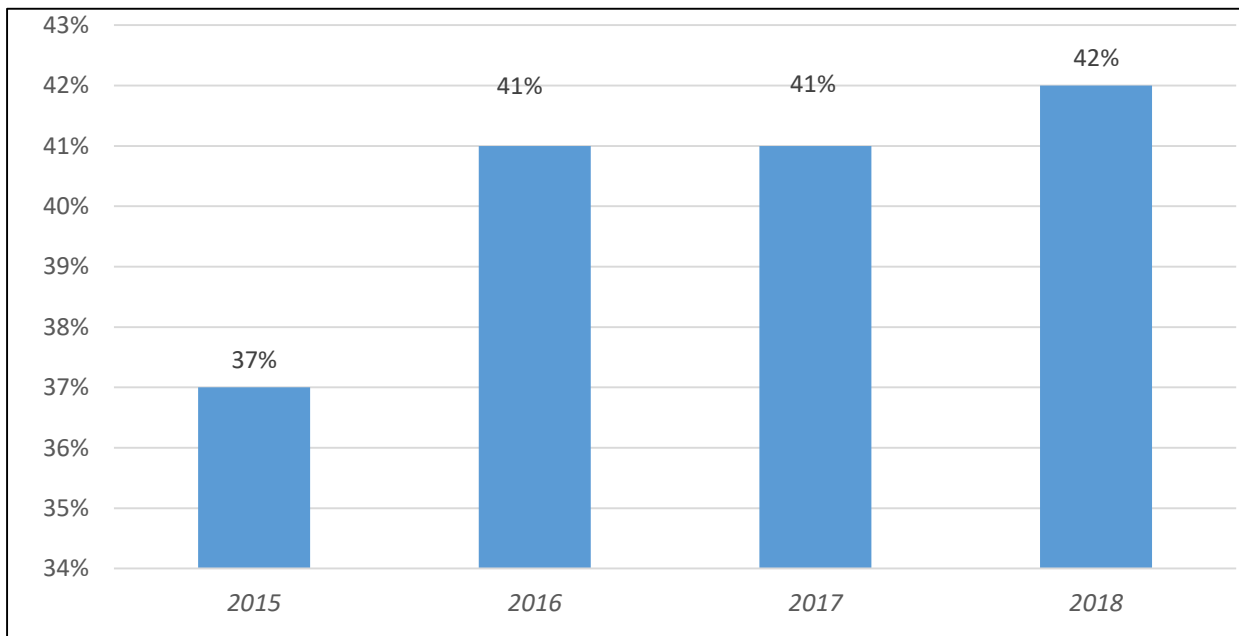


The following table and graph show student performance on the Grade 8 MISAT test for 2015 – 2018. It shows a 5 percent improvement since 2015. Since 2015, MISAT III scores are showing an upward trend as they improve each year.

Table 26: MISAT III Grade 8 Percent Proficiency & Above 2015 – 2018

8th Grade	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2015
All Subjects Combined	37%	41%	41%	42%	5%

Figure 19: MISAT Grade 8 Percent Proficiency 2015 – 2018

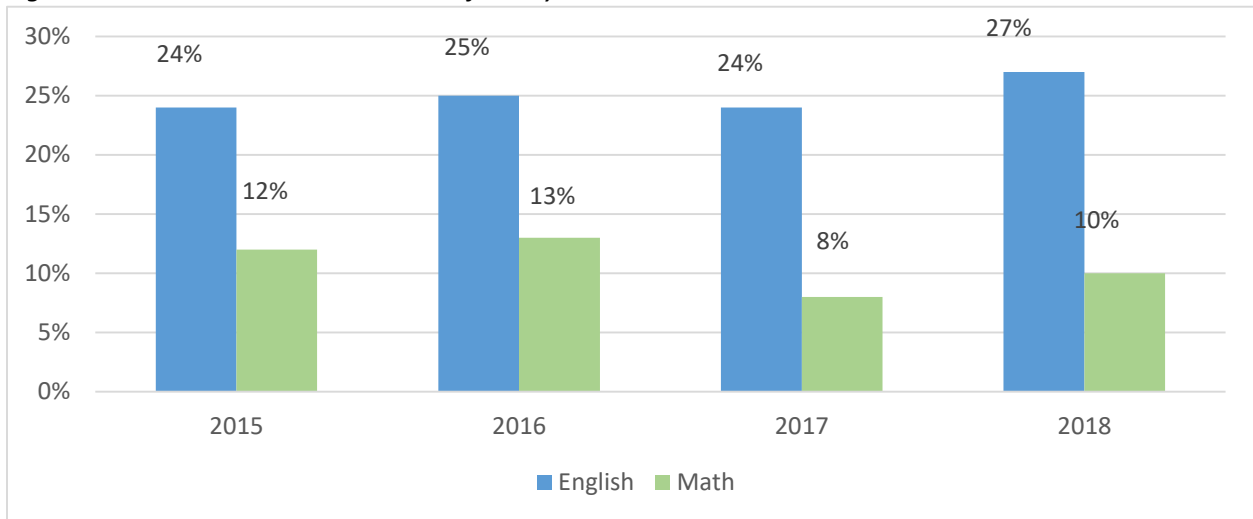


Tables 27 and the accompanying graph show grade 10 student performance on the MISAT test in English and Math for 2015 – 2018. Scores for MISAT IV show 3 percent increase in English while Math dropped by 2 percent compared to the 2015 results but compared to last year’s results English improved by 3 percent while Math increased by 2 percent.

**Table 27: MISAT IV Grade 10 Percent Proficiency & Above 2015 - 2018**

10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2015
English	24%	25%	24%	27%	3%
Math	12%	13%	8%	10%	-2%

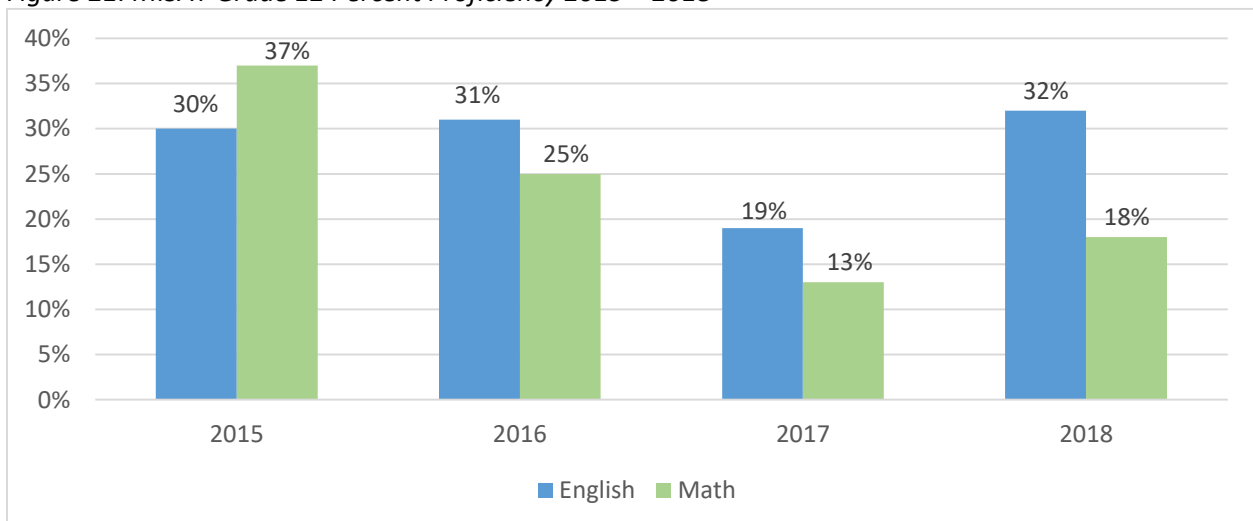
**Figure 20: MISAT Grade 10 Percent Proficiency 2015 – 2018**



**Table 28: MISAT V Grade 12 Percent proficiency and above 2015 – 2018**

12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2016
English	30%	31%	19%	32%	2%
Math	37%	25%	13%	18%	-19%

**Figure 21: MISAT Grade 12 Percent Proficiency 2015 – 2018**

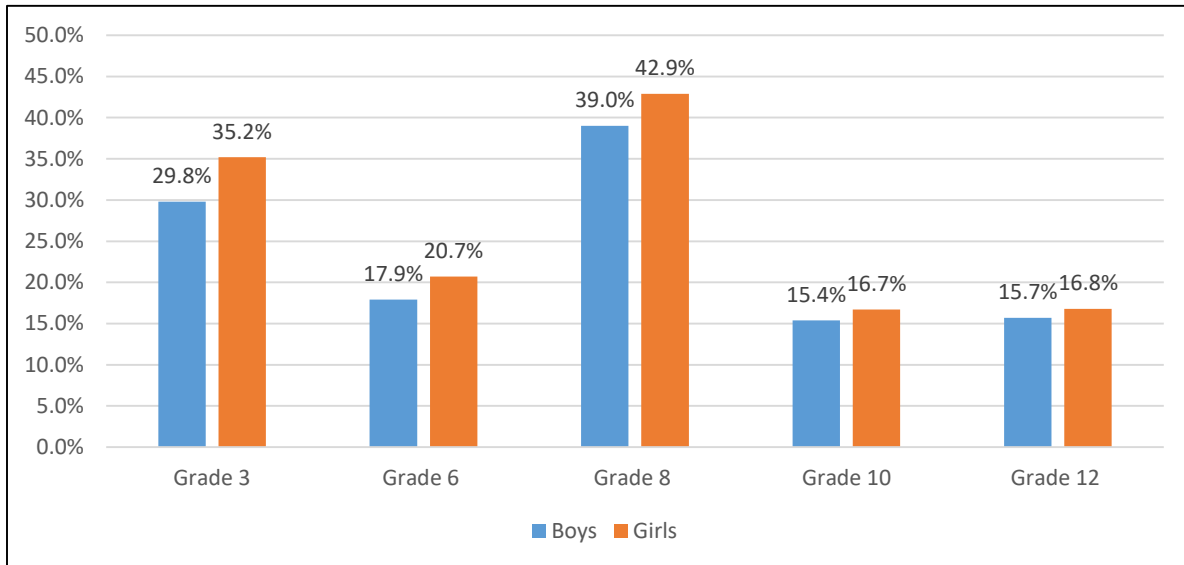


The following table and graph show proficiency on the MISAT tests by gender for school year 2017 – 2018. In summary, girls outperform boys in all areas.

**Table 29: MISAT Proficiency Levels by Gender: 2018**

Grade	Boys	Girls	All
Grade 3 Combined	29.8%	35.2%	32.5%
Grade 6 Combined	17.9%	20.7%	19.3%
Grade 8 Combined	39.0%	42.9%	41.0%
Grade 10 Combined	15.4%	16.7%	16.0%
Grade 12 Combined	15.7%	16.8%	18.0%

**Figure 22: MISAT Percent Proficiency by Gender 2018**

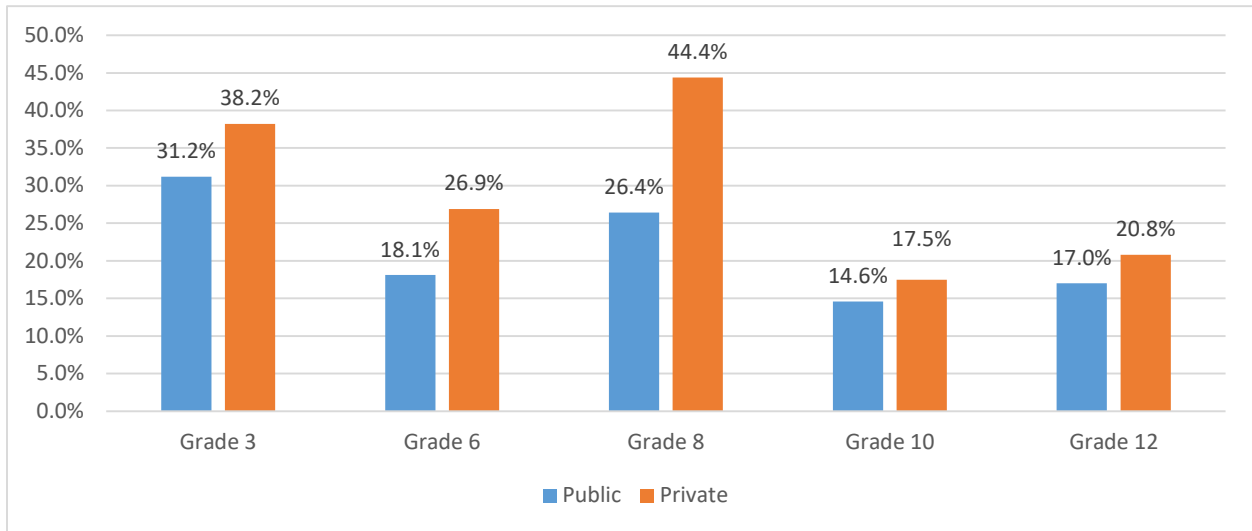


The table below shows MISAT Proficiency percentage by school type for 2018, showing private schools outperforming public schools at all grade levels.

**Table 30: MISAT Percent Proficiency by School Type (Public/Private): 2018**

Grade Level	Public	Private	All
Gr 3 Combined	31.2%	38.2%	32.6%
Gr 6 Combined	18.1%	26.9%	19.5%
Gr 8 All	26.4%	44.4%	29.7%
Gr 10 Combined	14.6%	17.5%	15.7%
Gr 12 Combined	17.0%	20.8%	18.0%

Figure 23: MISAT Percent proficient by school type 2018

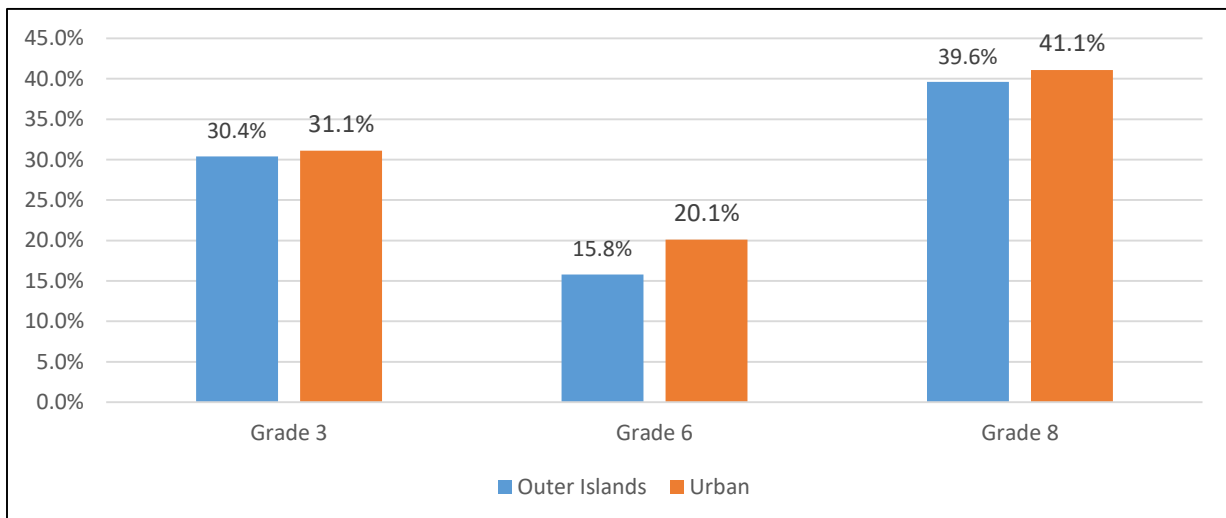


The following table compares performance on the MISAT tests for students from the outer islands versus students from the urban islands of Majuro and Kwajalein. It shows urban students performing better than outer islands students at all grade levels.

Table 31: MISAT Proficiency Levels by School Location Urban/Outer Islands 2018

Level	Outer Islands	Urban
Grade 3	30.4%	31.1%
Grade 6	15.8%	20.1%
Grade 8	39.6%	41.1%

Figure 24: MISAT percent proficiency by school location 2018

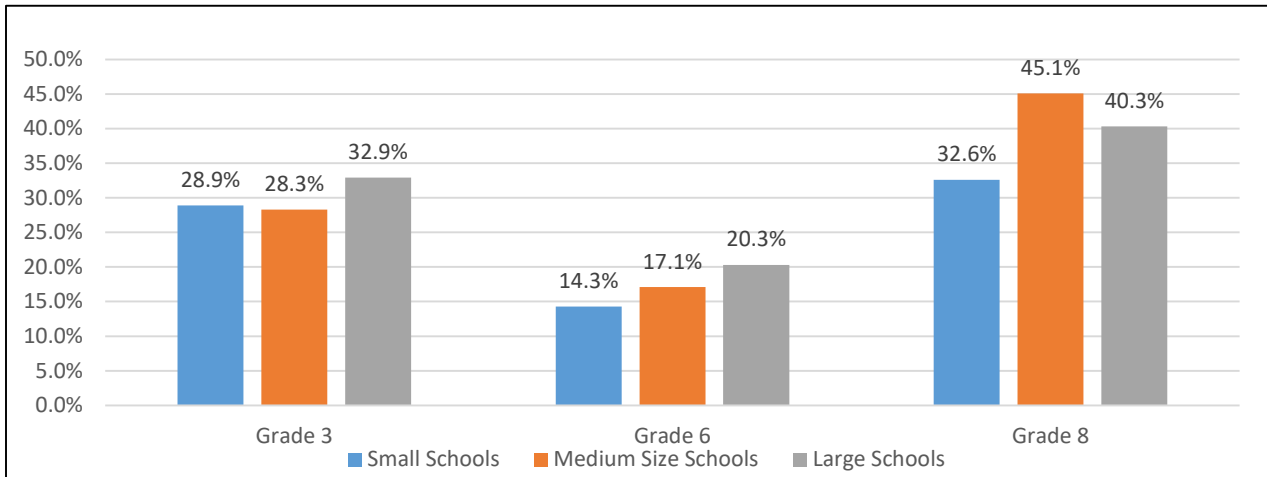


The table below compares student performance on the MISAT test based on the size of the schools, with large schools being above 150 enrollments, medium schools between 70 and 150, and small schools under 70 students. It shows large schools performing better at grades 3 and 6, while medium size schools perform better on the eighth grade tests.

Table 32: MISAT Proficiency Levels by School Size: 2017 - 2018

School Size	Grade 3	Grade 6	Grade 8
Small Schools	28.9%	14.3%	32.6%
Medium Size Schools	28.3%	17.1%	45.1%
Large Schools	32.9%	20.3%	40.3%

Figure 25: MISAT percent proficient by school size 2018

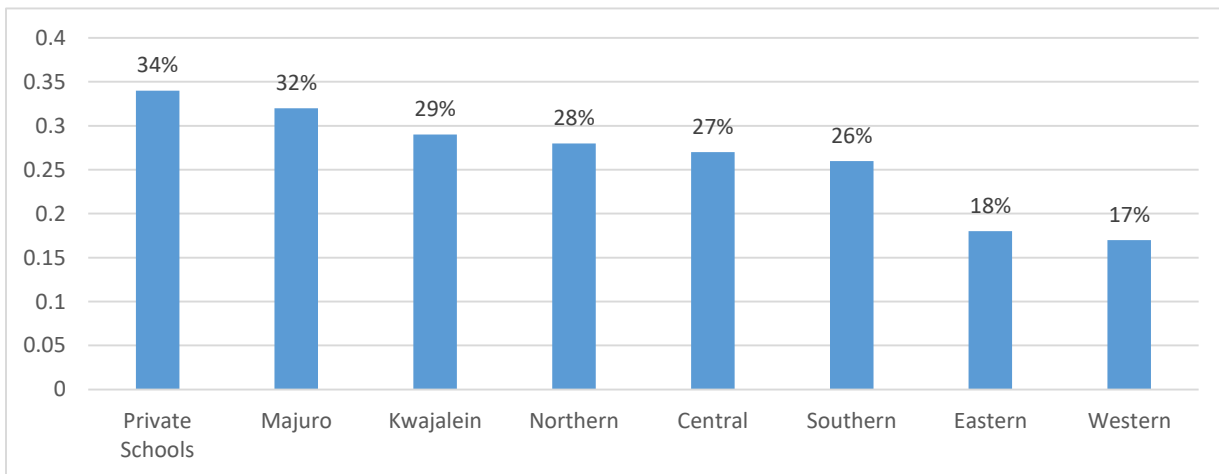


The table below compares performance on the MISAT tests for students by regions and private schools based on grades 3, 6 & 8 scores combined.

Table 33: MISAT Proficiency Levels by Region (All Test Scores Combined): 2018

Region	Private Schools	Majuro	Kwajalein	Northern	Central	Southern	Eastern	Western
	34%	32%	29%	28%	27%	26%	18%	17%

Figure 26: MISAT percent proficient by regions 2018



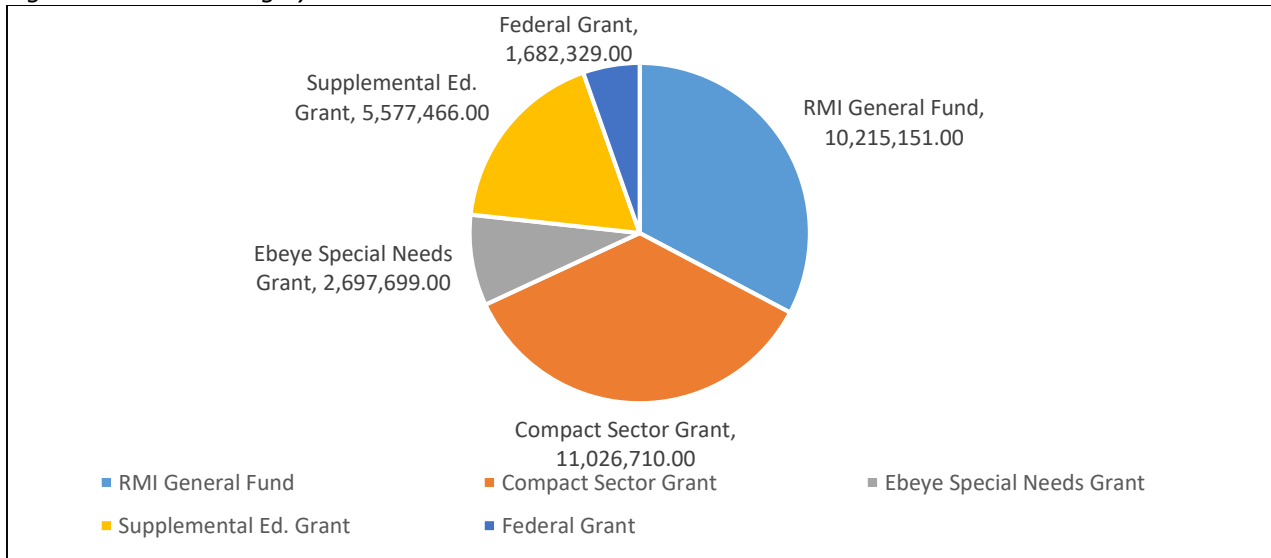
## VI. FINANCE

The following two tables and accompanying graphs shows the Public School System funding by source and accompanying spending by the identified nine focus areas. While the budget for education is 31.2 million, 21% is transferred out to the College of the Marshall Islands and the Scholarship fund, leaving the 24.5 million for the Public school system.

*Table 34: PSS Funding by Source 2018*

<i>Source</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percent</i>
RMI General	10,215,151.00	33%
Compact	11,026,710.00	35%
Ebeye Special	2,697,699.00	9%
Supplemental	5,577,466.00	18%
Federal Grant	1,682,329.00	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,199,355.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

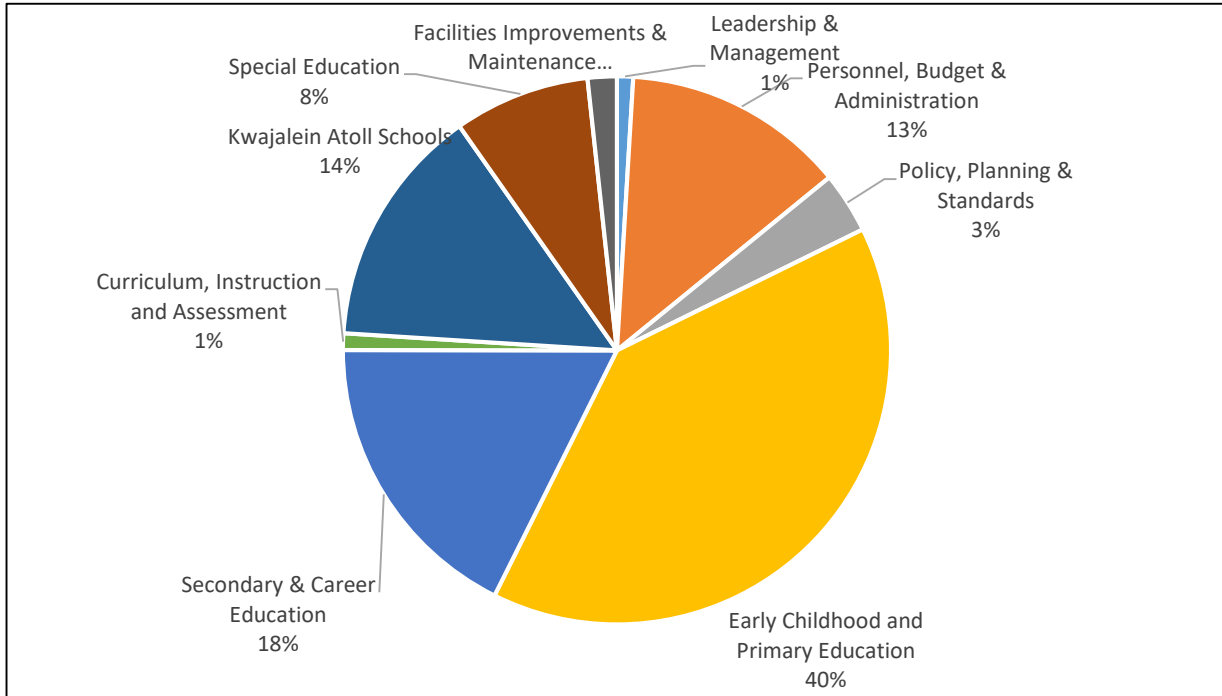
*Figure 27: PSS Funding by Source*



*Table 35: PSS Budget 2018 by Focus Areas*

<i>Focus Area</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Leadership & Management	\$233,874	1%
Personnel, Budget & Administration	\$3,235,782	13%
Policy, Planning & Standards	\$885,351	4%
Early Childhood and Primary Education	\$9,742,196	40%
Secondary & Career Education	\$4,336,447	18%
Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	\$241,091	1%
Kwajalein Atoll Schools	\$3,501,895	14%
Special Education	\$1,973,005	8%
Facilities Improvements & Maintenance	\$421,986	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,571,627</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 28: PSS FY 17 budget by focus areas



The following two tables shows per pupil expenditure and the education budget as a percentage of the RMI Global. As can be seen, while the governments allocates a decent 15% of its budget for education, this translates into only \$971 per pupil.

Table 36: Public Schools Per Pupil Expenditure

Level	2017			2018		
	Students	Expenditure	Per Pupil	Students	Expenditure	Per Pupil
Primary	9,291	\$6,762,994	\$727.91	11,452	\$9,742,196	\$850.70
Secondary	2,342	\$4,519,590	\$1,929.80	2,179	\$3,501,895	\$1,607.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,633</b>	<b>\$11,282,584</b>	<b>\$969.88</b>	<b>13,631</b>	<b>\$13,244,091</b>	<b>\$971.62</b>

Table 37: PSS Budget as Percent of Global Budget and GDP

	2017	2018
PSS Budget	\$25,301,482	<b>\$31,199,355</b>
RMI Global Budget	\$202,085,196	<b>\$206,919,609</b>
RMI GDP (est.)	\$183,000,000	<b>\$210,000,000</b>
PSS Budget as percent of Global Budget	12.52%	<b>15.07%</b>
PSS Budget as percent of GDP	13.83%	<b>14.86%</b>