

■ Countries with 1990 starting point above average.	← Significantly going backwards.
■ Countries with 1990 starting point below average.	← Some regression.
⊙ Goal met before 1990.	■ Standing still.
⊙ → Countries having met the goal before 1990 still progressing.	→ Progressing but not enough.
⊙ ← Countries having met the goal before 1990 but going backwards.	→ Rapidly progressing or goals already achieved.

Target 11: To reduce the adult illiteracy to at least half the 1990 level				
Literacy rate (%)				
	1990 %	1997 %	Progress and regression	Goal 2000
Average	28.3	23.9		
Afghanistan	73.5	66.6	→	36.8
Algeria	47.2	39.7	→	23.6
Argentina	4.3	3.5	→	2.2
Bahamas, The	5.0	4.2	→	2.5
Bahrain	17.8	13.8	→	8.9
Bangladesh	65.3	61.1	→	32.7
Belarus	2.1	1.0	→	1.1
Benin	73.6	66.1	→	36.8
Bolivia	21.6	16.4	→	10.8
Botswana	31.8	25.6	→	15.9
Brazil	18.4	16.1	→	9.2
Brunei	14.4	9.9	→	7.2
Bulgaria	2.7	1.8	→	1.4
Burkina Faso	84.0	79.3	→	42.0
Burundi	62.2	55.4	→	31.1
Cameroon	37.8	28.3	→	18.9
Cape Verde	37.7	29.1	→	18.9
Central African Republic	66.6	57.6	→	33.3
Chile	6.1	4.8	→	3.1
China	22.2	17.1	→	11.1
Colombia	11.3	9.0	→	5.7
Comoros	46.3	44.5	→	23.2
Congo, Rep.	32.8	23.1	→	16.4
Costa Rica	6.1	5.0	→	3.1
Cote d'Ivoire	66.7	57.4	→	33.4
Croatia	3.7	2.3	→	1.9
Cuba	5.3	4.1	→	2.7
Cyprus	6.3	4.1	→	3.2
Dominican Republic	20.6	17.5	→	10.3
Ecuador	11.7	9.3	→	5.9
Egypt, Arab Rep.	53.0	47.3	→	26.5
El Salvador	27.4	22.9	→	13.7
Equatorial Guinea	26.9	20.1	→	13.5
Ethiopia	71.7	64.6	→	35.9
Fiji	11.4	8.2	→	5.7
Gambia, The	74.5	66.9	→	37.3
Ghana	42.7	33.6	→	21.4
Greece	5.2	3.5	→	2.6
Guatemala	38.5	33.4	→	19.3
Guinea-Bissau	73.4	66.4	→	36.7
Guyana	2.9	2.0	→	1.5
Haiti	60.7	54.2	→	30.4
Honduras	33.0	29.4	→	16.5
Hong Kong, China	10.0	7.6	→	5.0
Hungary	0.9	0.8	→	0.5
India	51.6	46.5	→	25.8
Indonesia	18.5	15.0	→	9.3
Iran, Islamic Rep.	35.7	26.7	→	17.9
Israel	6.0	4.5	→	3.0
Italy	2.3	1.7	→	1.2
Jamaica	17.3	14.5	→	8.7
Jordan	18.8	12.8	→	9.4
Kenya	28.9	20.7	→	14.5
Korea, Rep.	4.2	2.8	→	2.1
Kuwait	23.2	19.6	→	11.6
Latvia	0.6	0.5	→	0.3

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Lebanon	19.6	15.6	→	9.8
Lesotho	21.7	17.7	→	10.9
Liberia	60.8	51.6	→	30.4
Libya	32.0	23.5	→	16.0
Lithuania	1.4	0.7	→	0.7
Malawi	48.2	42.4	→	24.1
Malaysia	19.2	14.4	→	9.6
Maldives	5.9	4.4	→	3.0
Mali	75.0	64.6	→	37.5
Malta	11.5	8.9	→	5.8
Mauritania	65.2	61.6	→	32.6
Mauritius	20.1	17.0	→	10.1
Mexico	12.4	10.0	→	6.2
Moldova	3.5	1.7	→	1.8
Morocco	61.4	54.1	→	30.7
Mozambique	66.6	59.5	→	33.3
Myanmar	19.2	16.4	→	9.6
Namibia	25.3	20.2	→	12.7
Nepal	69.3	61.9	→	34.7
Nicaragua	38.7	36.6	→	19.4
Niger	88.6	85.7	→	44.3
Nigeria	51.3	40.5	→	25.7
Oman	45.0	32.8	→	22.5
Pakistan	64.6	59.1	→	32.3
Panama	11.2	8.9	→	5.6
Paraguay	9.7	7.5	→	4.9
Peru	14.4	11.3	→	7.2
Philippines	7.5	5.4	→	3.8
Poland	0.4	0.3	→	0.2
Portugal	12.8	9.1	→	6.4
Qatar	23.0	20.0	→	11.5
Romania	3.2	2.2	→	1.6
Russian Federation	1.7	0.8	→	0.9
Rwanda	46.6	37.0	→	23.3
Saudi Arabia	33.7	26.6	→	16.9
Senegal	71.6	65.4	→	35.8
Singapore	11.0	8.6	→	5.5
Slovenia	0.5	0.4	→	0.3
South Africa	18.8	16.0	→	9.4
Spain	3.9	2.8	→	2.0
Sri Lanka	11.3	9.2	→	5.7
Sudan	55.2	46.7	→	27.6
Swaziland	28.5	22.5	→	14.3
Syrian Arab Republic	35.2	28.4	→	17.6
Tajikistan	2.2	1.1	→	1.1
Tanzania	36.9	28.4	→	18.5
Thailand	6.6	5.3	→	3.3
Togo	55.7	46.8	→	27.9
Trinidad and Tobago	3.2	2.2	→	1.6
Tunisia	41.0	33.0	→	20.5
Turkey	20.8	16.8	→	10.4
Uganda	43.9	36.0	→	22.0
United Arab Emirates	28.7	25.2	→	14.4
Uruguay	3.5	2.6	→	1.8
Venezuela	9.9	8.0	→	5.0
Vietnam	11.1	8.1	→	5.6
Yemen, Rep.	67.2	57.6	→	33.6
Zambia	31.8	24.9	→	15.9
Zimbabwe	13.2	9.1	→	6.6

Source: World Development Indicators 1999, World Bank for all data.