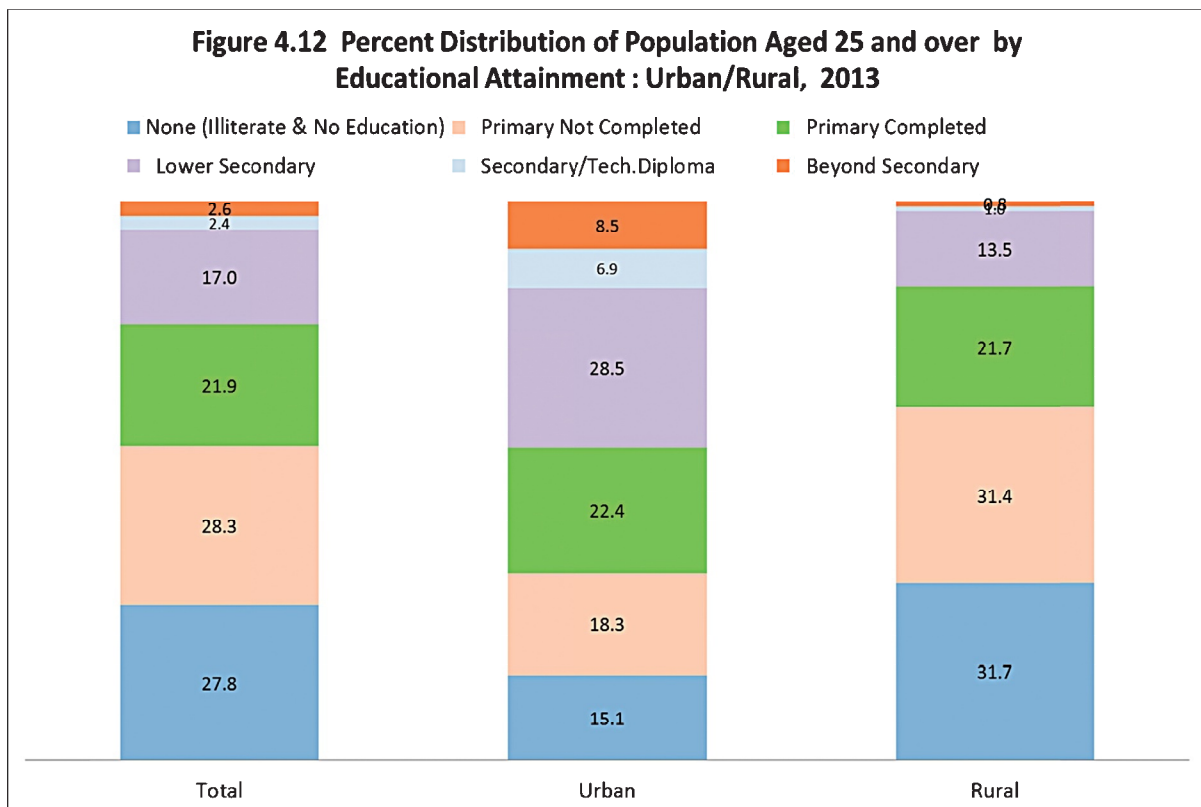


4.6 Educational Attainment of Population by Urban and Rural Areas

4.6.1 Change in Educational Attainment of Population between 2008 and 2013 for Urban and Rural Areas

In Cambodia 21.4% of the peoples reside in urban area, while 78.6 % reside in rural area in 2013. Table 4.9 shows the population aged 25 and over by educational attainment and urban / rural residence as of 2008 and 2013. There is a remarkable increase of population in lower secondary and beyond secondary educational attainment both in urban and rural areas. On the other hand, population with primary not completed decreased both in urban and rural areas except those for females in urban and rural areas.



The proportion of population aged 25 and over who has no education at all is 15.1% for urban area, 31.7% for rural area in 2013. As the proportion of those persons in 2008 was 15.5% for urban area, 33.5% for rural area, the educational attainment level of Cambodian population has obviously improved during the period for 2008-13. Regarding as the population who did not complete primary education, the proportion decreased in both urban and rural areas. The proportion of population aged 25 and over who has completed primary, lower secondary, secondary and above is higher in urban area than in rural area. These results show the rural dweller has much lower educational attainment than urban dwellers (see Table 4.9, Figure 4.12).

Table 4.9 Population Aged 25 and over by Educational Attainment and Sex: Urban/Rural, 2008, 2013

Educational Attainment	2008			2013			Annual Growth Rate(%), 2008-13			
	Urban / Rural	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females
Total		5,893,398	2,697,489	3,195,909	7,183,247	3,301,914	3,881,333	3.96	4.04	3.89
None (Illiterate & No Education)		1,753,359	520,950	1,232,409	1,996,787	605,258	1,391,530	2.60	3.00	2.43
Primary Not Completed		2,017,301	890,233	1,127,068	2,030,755	872,473	1,158,282	0.13	-0.40	0.55
Primary Completed		1,143,621	654,673	488,948	1,570,283	842,147	728,136	6.34	5.04	7.96
Lower Secondary		801,007	504,795	296,212	1,221,608	744,610	476,998	8.44	7.77	9.53
Secondary/Diploma		66,314	45,253	21,061	170,510	107,838	62,673	18.89	17.37	21.81
Beyond Secondary		106,502	78,040	28,462	188,509	126,016	62,492	11.42	9.58	15.73
Urban		1,236,720	580,744	655,976	1,693,285	788,597	904,688	6.28	6.12	6.43
None (Illiterate & No Education)		191,207	52,278	138,929	256,509	73,270	183,239	5.88	6.75	5.54
Primary Not Completed		307,138	113,771	193,367	309,343	108,895	200,448	0.14	-0.88	0.72
Primary Completed		281,371	135,213	146,158	379,363	172,958	206,405	5.98	4.92	6.90
Lower Secondary		329,899	191,331	138,568	482,578	266,176	216,402	7.61	6.60	8.92
Secondary/Diploma		39,833	25,843	13,990	117,636	70,421	47,216	21.66	20.05	24.33
Beyond Secondary		84,483	60,453	24,030	144,294	94,537	49,757	10.71	8.94	14.56
Rural		4,656,678	2,116,745	2,539,933	5,489,962	2,513,317	2,976,645	3.29	3.43	3.17
None (Illiterate & No Education)		1,562,152	468,672	1,093,480	1,740,279	531,988	1,208,291	2.16	2.53	2.00
Primary Not Completed		1,710,163	776,462	933,701	1,721,412	763,578	957,834	0.13	-0.33	0.51
Primary Completed		862,250	519,460	342,790	1,190,920	669,189	521,731	6.46	5.07	8.40
Lower Secondary		471,108	313,464	157,644	739,031	478,434	260,597	9.01	8.46	10.05
Secondary/Diploma		26,481	19,410	7,071	52,874	37,417	15,457	13.83	13.13	15.64
Beyond Secondary		22,019	17,587	4,432	44,215	31,479	12,736	13.94	11.64	21.11
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-
None (Illiterate & No Education)		29.8	19.3	38.6	27.8	18.3	35.9	-	-	-
Primary Not Completed		34.2	33.0	35.3	28.3	26.4	29.8	-	-	-
Primary Completed		19.4	24.3	15.3	21.9	25.5	18.8	-	-	-
Lower Secondary		13.6	18.7	9.3	17.0	22.6	12.3	-	-	-
Secondary/Diploma		1.1	1.7	0.7	2.4	3.3	1.6	-	-	-
Beyond Secondary		1.8	2.9	0.9	2.6	3.8	1.6	-	-	-
Urban		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-
None (Illiterate & No Education)		15.5	9.0	21.2	15.1	9.3	20.3	-	-	-
Primary Not Completed		24.8	19.6	29.5	18.3	13.8	22.2	-	-	-
Primary Completed		22.8	23.3	22.3	22.4	21.9	22.8	-	-	-
Lower Secondary		26.7	32.9	21.1	28.5	33.8	23.9	-	-	-
Secondary/Diploma		3.2	4.4	2.1	6.9	8.9	5.2	-	-	-
Beyond Secondary		6.8	10.4	3.7	8.5	12.0	5.5	-	-	-
Rural		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-
None (Illiterate + No Education)		33.5	22.1	43.1	31.7	21.2	40.6	-	-	-
Primary Not Completed		36.7	36.7	36.8	31.4	30.4	32.2	-	-	-
Primary Completed		18.5	24.5	13.5	21.7	26.6	17.5	-	-	-
Lower Secondary		10.1	14.8	6.2	13.5	19.0	8.8	-	-	-
Secondary/Diploma		0.6	0.9	0.3	1.0	1.5	0.5	-	-	-
Beyond Secondary		0.5	0.8	0.2	0.8	1.3	0.4	-	-	-

Note: 1. Population aged 25 and over includes persons who didn't reply literacy status and educational level.

2. 'Beyond Secondary' includes Undergraduate, graduate/ degree holder(post graduate).

4.6.2 Educational Attainment of Population by Sex in Urban and Rural Areas

The sex ratio by educational attainment and by urban and rural area is shown in Table 4.10. The higher the educational level, the higher the sex ratios in both urban and rural areas. The sex ratio of educational attainment for primary completed and above decreased both for urban and rural areas throughout for 1998-2013. Women who completed primary in urban area surpassed counterparts in 2008 and 2013. The sex ratio of persons with primary completed and above educational attainment in rural area is much higher than those in urban area. This implies the disparity by educational attainment between males and females is greater in rural area than in urban area. It is noted that the educational attainment for females in rural area is much inferior to not only those counterparts but also females in urban area.

Educational Attainment	Total			Urban			Rural		
	1998	2008	2013	1998	2008	2013	1998	2008	2013
Total	81	84	85	88	89	87	79	83	84
None (Illiterate & No Education)	38	42	43	34	38	40	38	43	44
Primary Not Completed	92	79	75	75	59	54	95	83	80
Primary Completed	181	134	116	134	93	84	198	152	128
Lower Secondary	187	170	156	159	138	123	202	199	184
Secondary/Diploma	273	215	172	248	185	149	305	275	242
Beyond Secondary	378	274	202	365	252	190	425	397	247

As shown in Table 4.11 and Figure 4.13, the educational attainment which is classified into “below primary” and “primary and above”, varies with rise in age. The proportion of “below primary” increases with rise in age, while that of “primary and above” decreases with rise in age not only for urban but also for rural areas. The educational attainment for rural dwellers at all ages is lower than those for urban dwellers. However, rural dwellers improved the educational attainment significantly, particularly for younger generations, during 1998-2008 and 2008-13. The difference of the educational attainment both for “below primary” and “primary and above”, between urban and rural is large at aged 30-39 and 50-59 (around 30% point) in 2013. While, the younger generation aged 15-19 and older generation aged 65 and over, have relatively smaller difference of the educational attainment between urban and rural than other age groups.

Table 4.11 Percent Distribution of Population Aged 15 and over by Educational Attainment, and 5 Year Age Group, 1998, 2008, 2013

Age Group	Below Primary						Primary and Above					
	1998		2008		2013		1998		2008		2013	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
15 and over	51.6	75.1	34.5	61.9	28.3	54.2	48.3	24.8	65.4	38.0	71.5	45.8
15-19	43.5	69.7	22.6	38.8	15.6	32.5	56.4	30.3	77.4	61.2	84.4	67.5
20-24	44.6	69.8	25.9	52.7	15.3	36.9	55.3	30.2	74.0	47.2	84.6	63.0
25-29	39.5	64.4	29.3	62.4	18.4	47.5	60.4	35.6	70.5	37.6	81.4	52.4
30-34	48.9	73.8	34.2	66.4	25.8	57.7	51.0	26.2	65.6	33.6	74.2	42.3
35-39	59.1	83.7	31.8	62.6	30.3	61.0	40.8	16.3	68.1	37.3	69.4	39.0
40-44	54.8	78.1	41.2	71.7	30.1	59.4	45.1	21.9	58.5	28.3	69.7	40.6
45-49	55.1	77.2	48.4	78.6	38.2	67.4	44.7	22.7	51.3	21.3	61.4	32.6
50-54	58.8	78.9	46.0	72.4	45.0	76.0	41.0	21.0	53.8	27.6	54.9	24.0
55-59	67.2	83.8	48.0	72.3	37.8	71.4	32.5	16.1	51.7	27.6	61.9	28.6
60-64	77.9	88.9	53.1	74.9	44.4	70.2	21.8	10.9	46.6	25.0	55.3	29.8
65-69	84.6	91.8	61.8	80.1	52.1	72.9	15.0	8.0	37.9	19.8	47.9	27.1
70-74	87.8	93.3	71.8	85.2	67.1	81.2	11.6	6.4	27.9	14.6	32.9	18.8
75 and over	90.0	93.9	78.9	88.7	77.8	85.5	9.5	5.8	20.8	11.2	22.2	14.5

Figure 4.13 Percent Distribution of Population Aged 15 and over by Educational Attainment and 5 Year Age Group: Urban/Rural, 2013

