

most provinces, however the rate in Kandal dropped between 1998 and 2008 (Table 4.9).

Table 4.9 Ranking of Province by Attendance Rate of Persons Aged 6 and over

Rank	Province	2008	Province	1998
1	Takaev	33.2	Phnom Penh	31.7
2	Krong Kaeb	32.0	Kandal	29.2
3	Kampot	30.9	Svay Rieng	28.6
4	Svay Rieng	30.7	Takaev	28.4
5	Prey Veang	30.7	Kampot	27.8
6	Kampong Spueu	30.5	Bat Dambang	26.8
7	Krong Preah Sihanouk	29.5	Prey Veang	26.4
8	Kampong Chhnang	29.2	Kampong Cham	26.2
9	Kampong Thum	29.2	Krong Preah Sihanouk	25.8
10	Bat Dambang	28.9	Banteay Mean Chey	25.8
11	Kaoh Kong	28.6	Kampong Spueu	25.7
12	Phnom Penh	28.5	Pousat	25.1
13	Pousat	28.4	Krong Kaeb	24.7
14	Kampong Cham	28.0	Kampong Thum	23.1
15	Siem Reab	27.8	Kracheh	22.4
16	Kandal	27.8	Kampong Chhnang	22.2
17	Banteay Mean Chey	27.8	Siem Reab	19.5
18	Stueng Traeng	27.6	Otdar Mean Chey	18.7
19	Preah Vihear	27.4	Stueng Traeng	17.7
20	Otdar Mean Chey	26.9	Krong Pailin	17.3
21	Kracheh	26.4	Preah Vihear	15.2
22	Mondul Kiri	24.6	Kaoh Kong	13.7
23	Krong Pailin	24.4	Mondul Kiri	9.4
24	Ratanak Kiri	18.3	Ratanak Kiri	8.1

The school attendance rates rose in Mondul Kiri, Kaoh Kong, Pream Vihear and Ratanak Kiri by more than 10%. The change of the school attendance rates during the decade is also shown in Figure 4.5.

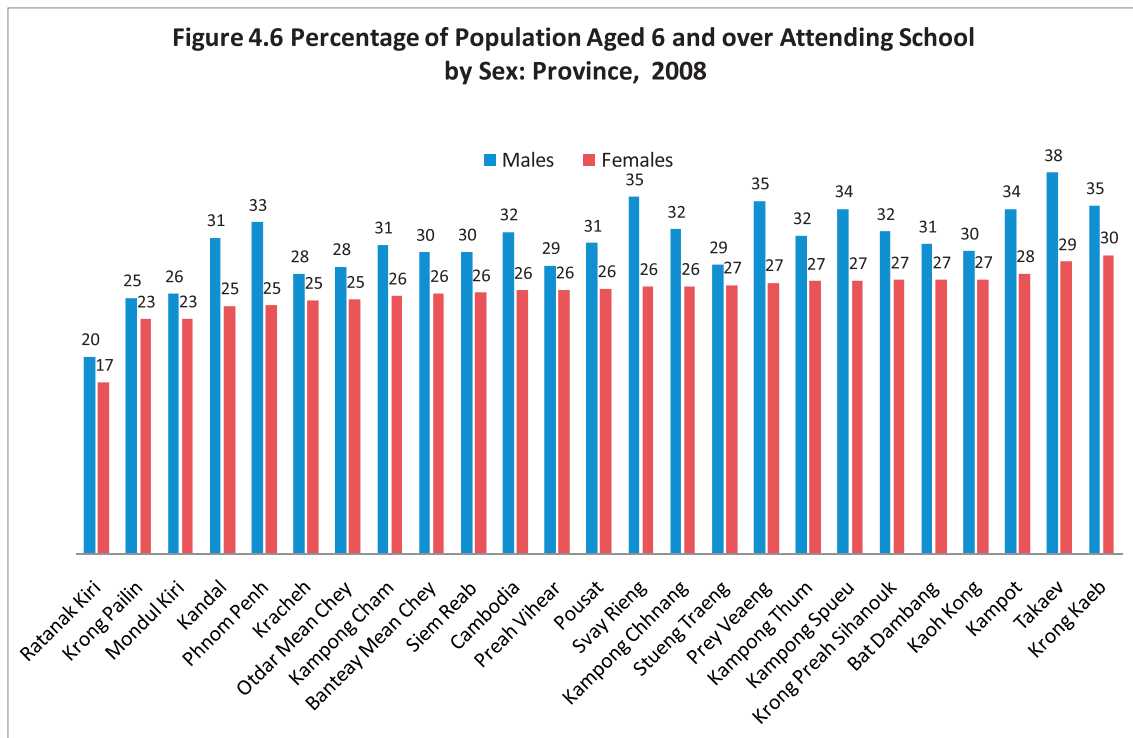
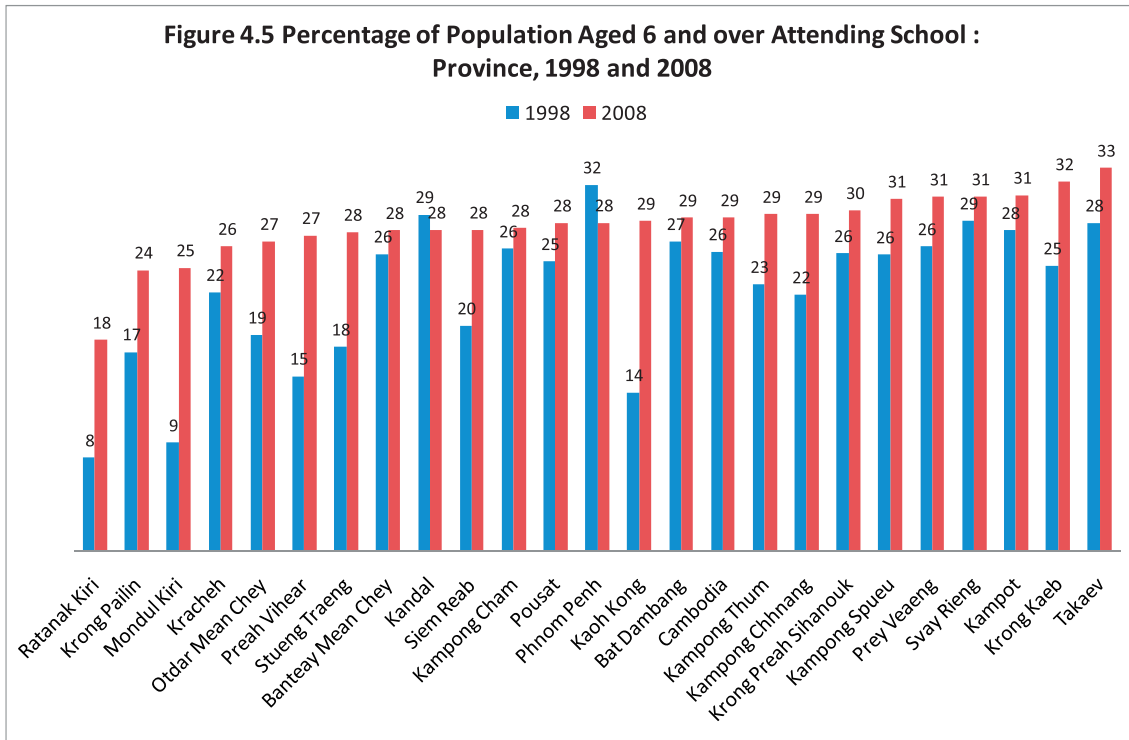


Figure 4.6 shows the school attendance rates for 24 provinces arranged by ascending order of female's school attendance rates as of 2008. For females, Krong Kaeb showed the highest school attendance rate (30%), being followed by Takaev (29%) and Kampot

(28%), while Ratanak Kiri indicated the lowest attendance rate (17%), being followed by Krong Pailin (23%) and Mondul Kirin (23%). While for males, Takaev presented the highest school attendance rate (38%), followed by Prey Veang (35%) and Svay Rieng (35%), while those in Ratanak Kiri showed the lowest (20%), followed by Krong Pailin (25%) and Mondul Kirin (26%).

Table 4.10 indicates the age differentials in school attendance rate by province as of 2008. The school attendance rate at ages 6-14 (ages for compulsory education) showed around 80%, the highest rate was 87% in Phnom Penh, while the lowest rate was 43% in Ratanak Kiri. The rate ages 15-19 indicated around 50%, being ranged from 34% in Ratanak Kiri to 65% in Takaev. The rate ages 20-24 showed around 11%, being ranged from 6% in Otdar Mean Chey to 30% in Phnom Penh. The attendance rates become more disparity among provinces with age.

Map 4 showed the school attendance rate at ages 6-14 for each province. The attendance rate was high in Phnom Penh and the neighboring provinces across the southeast. While the provinces across the northeast showed low attendance rates.

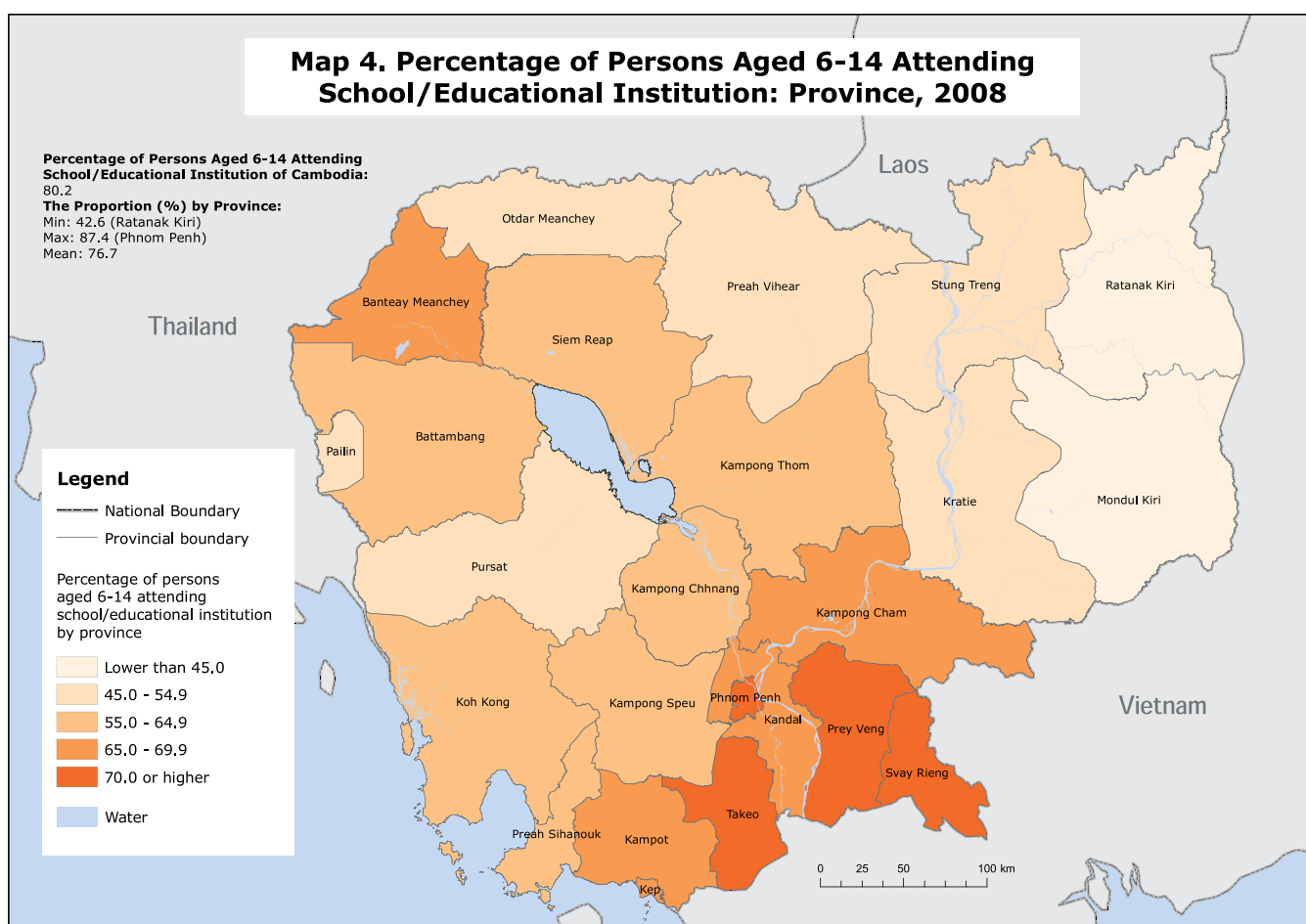


Table 4.10 Percentage of Persons Aged 6 and over Attending School/Educational Institution by Age Group and Sex: Province, 2008

Province	6 and over	6-14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 and over
Cambodia	28.9	80.2	51.8	14.4	1.2
Banteay Mean Chey	27.8	82.6	44.5	9.0	0.7
Bat Dambang	28.9	79.5	48.0	11.9	0.8
Kampong Cham	28.0	80.4	49.4	9.6	0.9
Kampong Chhnang	29.2	79.4	50.3	10.5	0.6
Kampong Spueu	30.5	79.7	53.8	11.2	1.0
Kampong Thum	29.2	77.9	50.5	10.4	0.8
Kampot	30.9	82.1	55.7	12.0	0.7
Kandal	27.8	82.9	51.6	13.1	1.0
Kaoh Kong	28.6	77.2	47.8	8.9	0.8
Kracheh	26.4	73.0	46.4	8.1	0.5
Mondol Kiri	24.6	61.5	42.8	7.2	1.1
Phnom Penh	28.5	87.4	58.4	30.4	3.8
Preah Vihear	27.4	69.3	46.8	8.9	0.6
Prey Veang	30.7	85.3	57.3	12.2	1.2
Pousat	28.4	74.6	47.7	10.5	0.7
Rotanak Kiri	18.3	42.6	33.9	7.2	1.2
Siem Reab	27.8	75.8	45.3	11.2	1.1
Krong Preah Sihanouk	29.5	79.3	53.4	16.4	1.7
Stueng Traeng	27.6	68.2	51.5	12.9	0.7
Svay Rieng	30.7	86.4	60.1	12.3	0.7
Takaev	33.2	85.6	64.8	17.1	0.9
Otdar Mean Chey	26.9	72.8	39.4	5.9	0.6
Krong Kaeb	32.0	84.3	51.2	8.2	0.6
Krong Pailin	24.4	72.4	39.8	6.0	0.5

Figures 4.7 and 4.8 show the school attendance rate by sex and age group as of 2008. The attendance rates for females ages 6-14 presented almost the same levels as those for males. The attendance rates for females aged 6-14 in Banteay Mean Chey and some other 13 provinces are even higher than those for males. However, the attendance rates of males aged 15-19 showed higher than those for females in all provinces. Females still have a fewer opportunity to attend higher education institution in every province.

Figure 4.7 Percentage of Population Aged 6-14 Attending School by Sex: Province, 2008

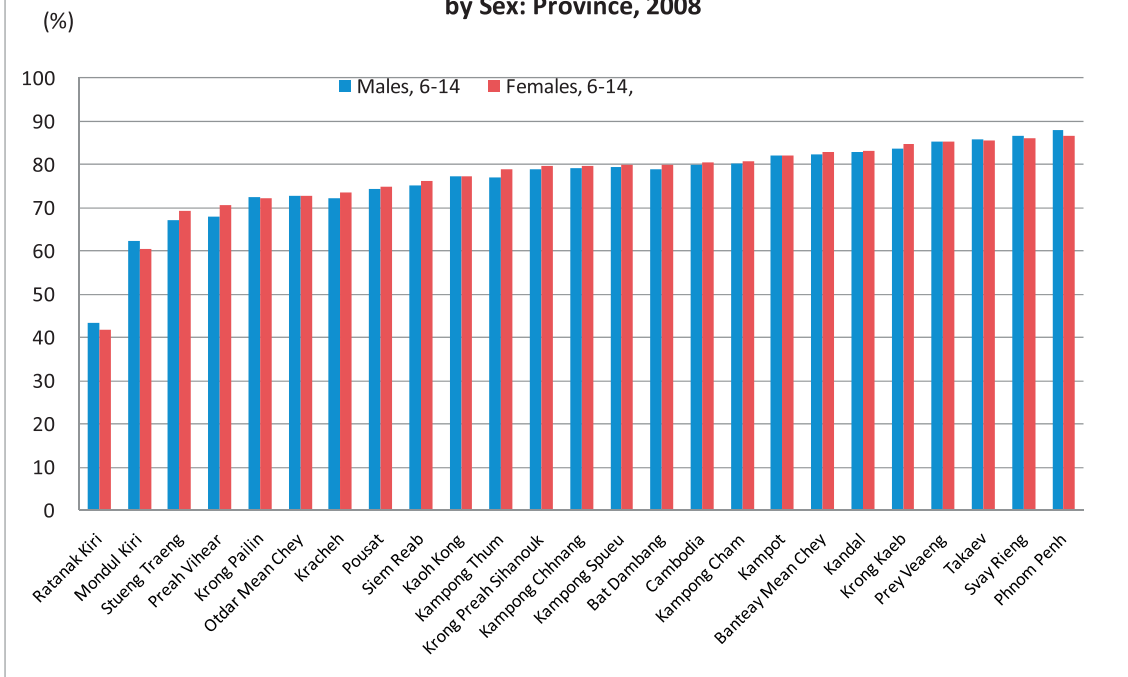


Figure 4.8 Percentage of Population Aged 15-19 Attending School by Sex: Province, 2008

