

School system

Age	Grade	Old Versus New School Structure	
		Old System	New System
16	12	Higher Secondary Education (Grades 11-12)	Secondary Education (Grades 9-12)
15	11		
14	10	Secondary Education (Grades 9-10)	
13	9		
12	8	Lower Secondary Education (Grades 6-8)	Basic Education (Grades 1-8)
11	7		
10	6		
9	5	Primary Education (Grades 1-5)	
8	4		
7	3		
6	2		
5	1		
4	Pre-Primary Education/Early Childhood Development		

EDUCATION IN NEPAL

QUICK FACTS



Population

29,000,000

(2016, World Bank)



Compulsory Education

Grade 8



Language of Instruction

Nepali, English,

and minority languages
at the elementary level

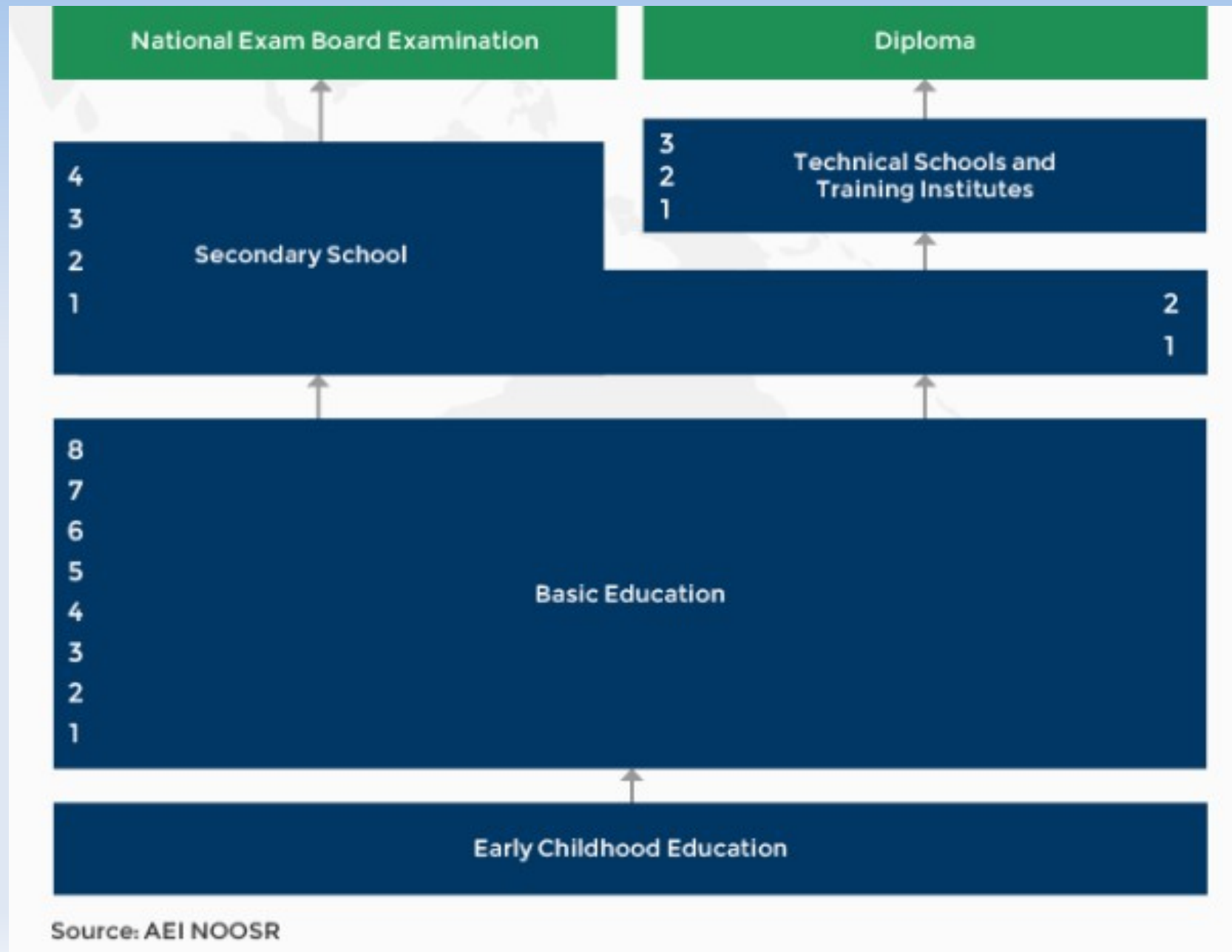


Academic Year

April - March/April

(varies at universities)

School system



Schools (government / private)

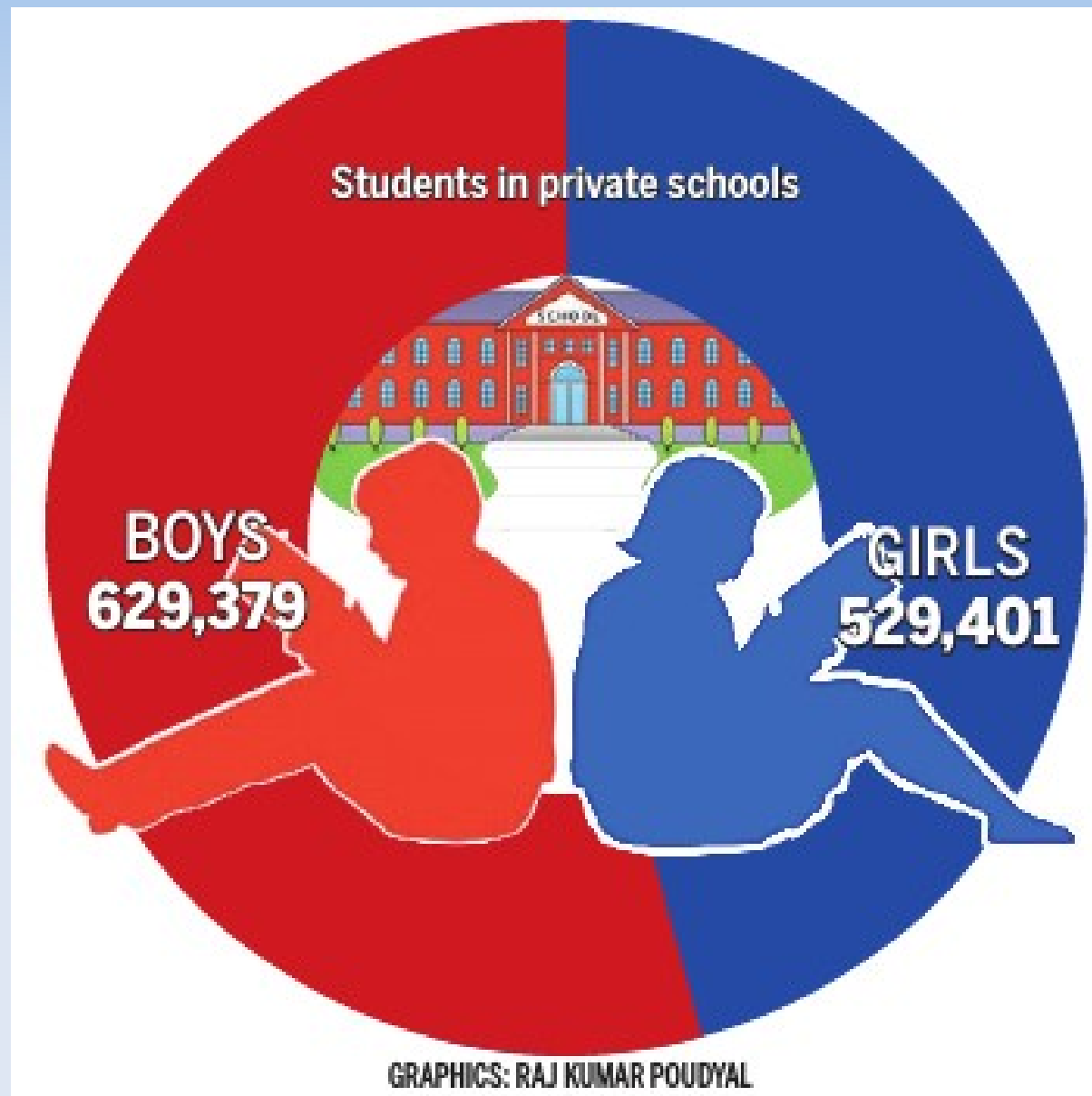
Number of schools in Nepal

Academic year	Government schools	Private Schools
2077	27,813	6,732
2078	26,454	6,760
2079	27,343	7,373
2080	26,606	6,886
2081	25,874	8,149

Features of education sector

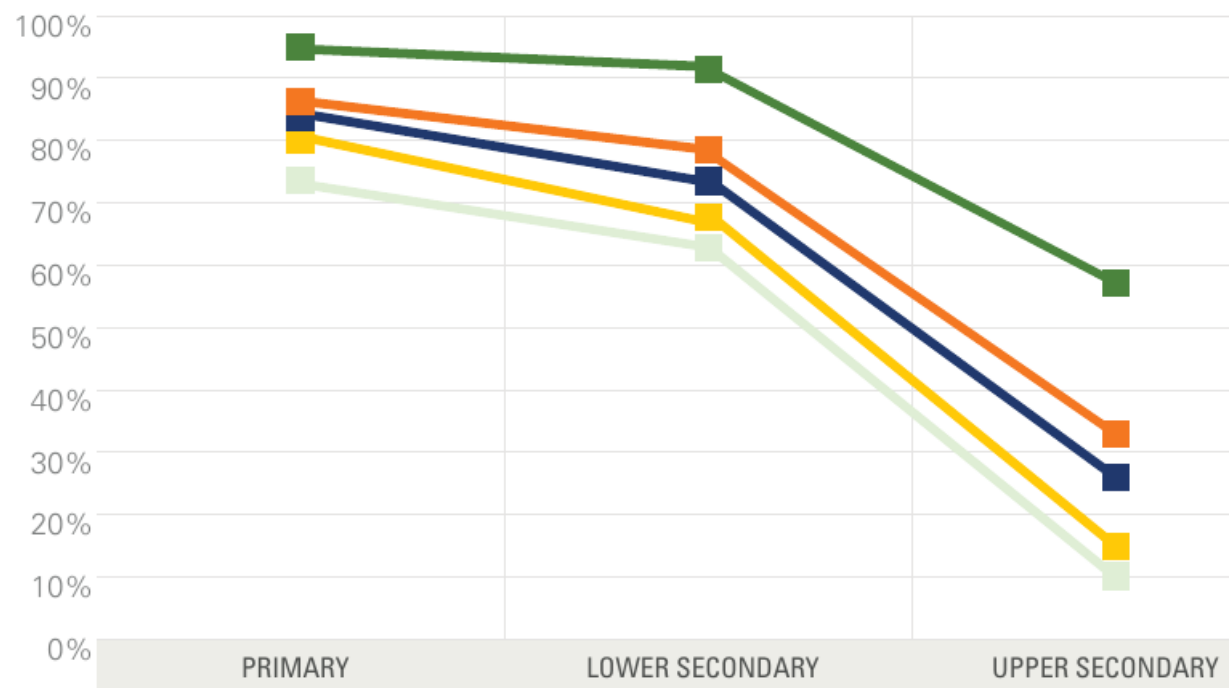
- Access to primary schools improved
- Secondary level : long ways, fees
- Social exclusions : girls, Dalits, partly ethnic groups
- Poor equipment especially of rural schools
- Public schools vs. private schools
- Nepali as language of education
- Non-inclusive curricula
- High failure rate in exams
- Lack of vocational education
- Underpayment of teachers
- Politicisation of education sector

Private schools



School completion and economic status

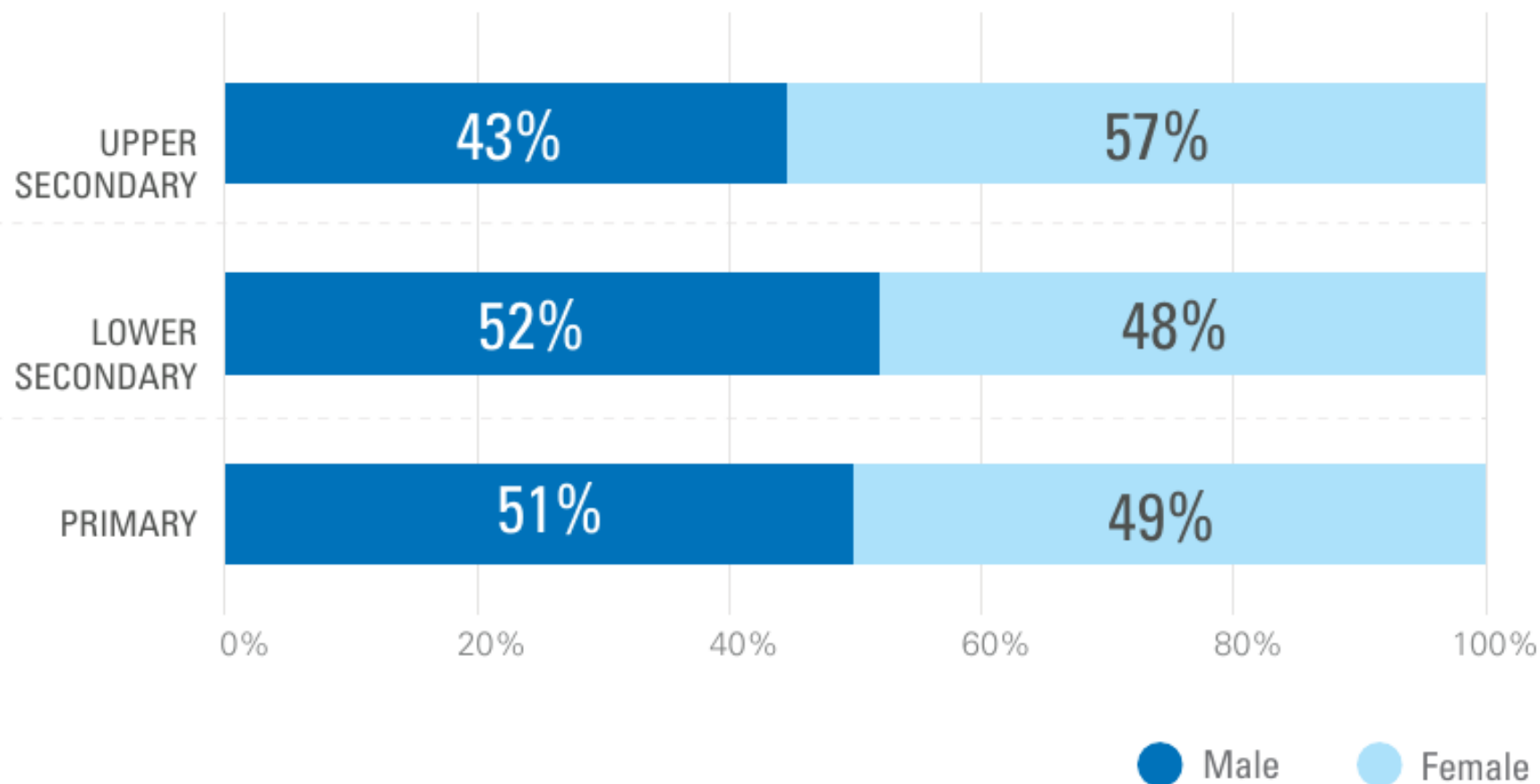
Richest	96%	91%	59%
Urban	83%	78%	33%
Total	82%	73%	27%
Rural	80%	64%	14%
Poorest	72%	62%	10%
	PRIMARY	JUNIOR SECONDARY	SENIOR SECONDARY



School completion : gender differences

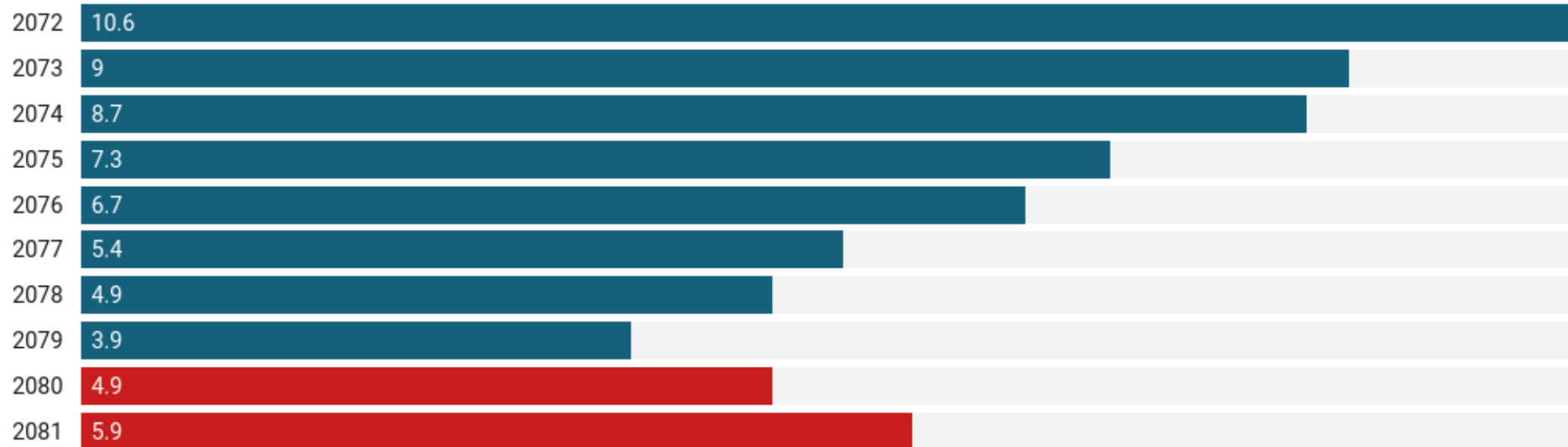
FIGURE 6

Profile of children who do not complete school, **by sex**



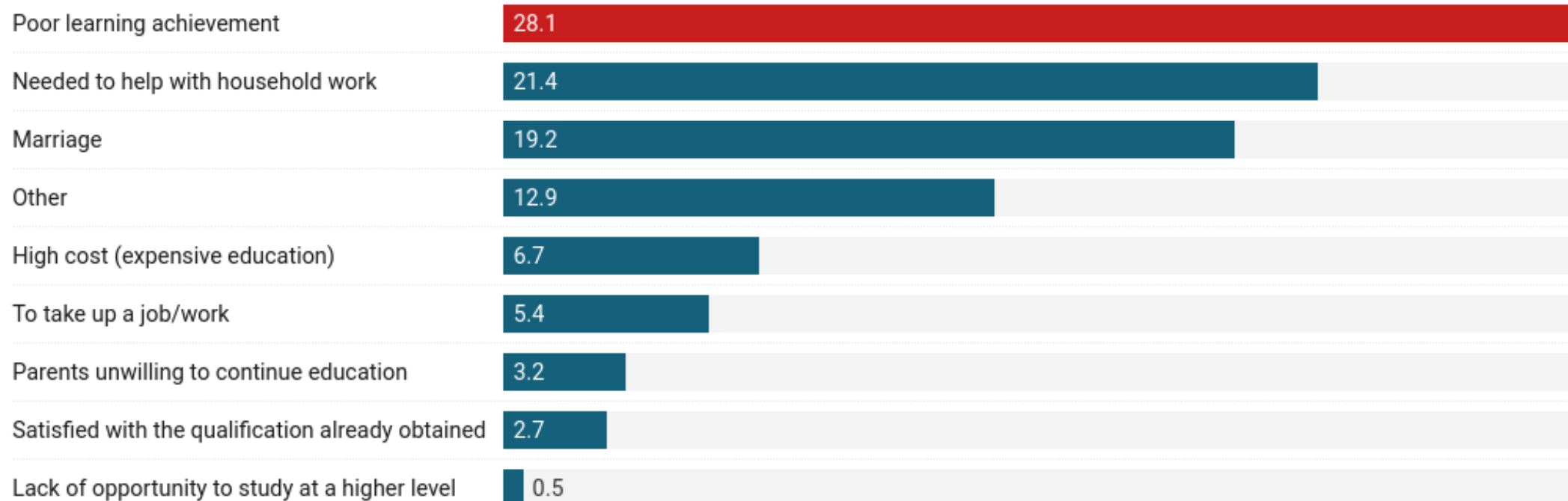
School completion

Children aged 5 to 12 who are out of school (in percentage)



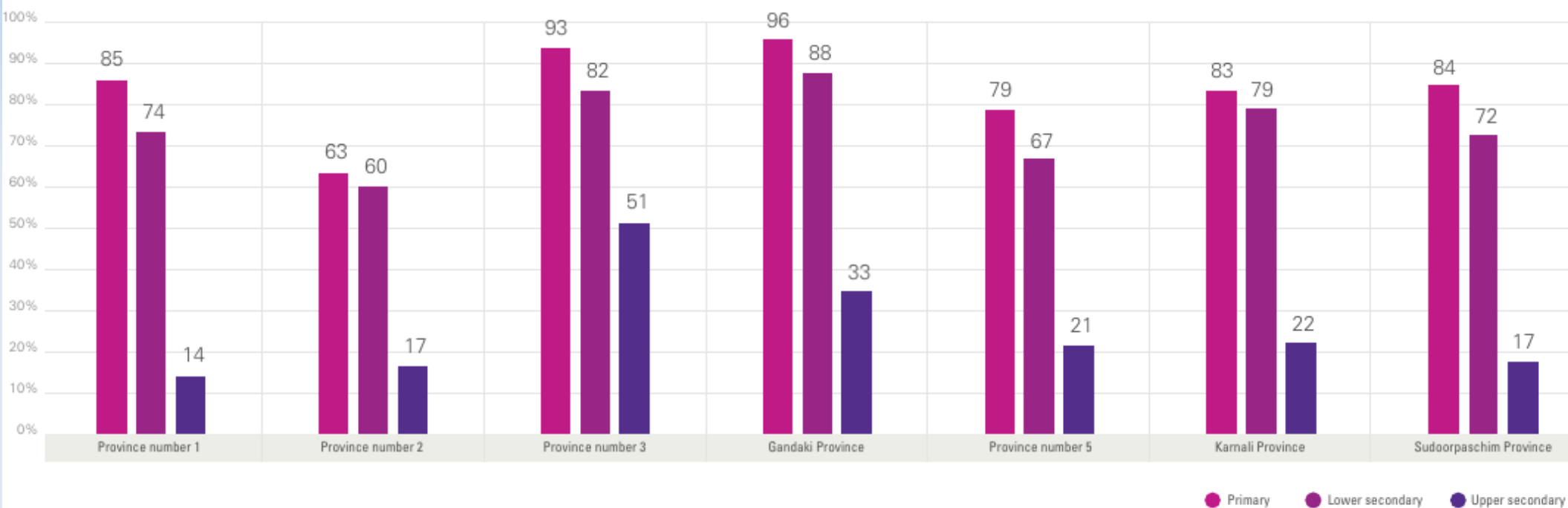
School completion : reasons for dropping school

Reasons for students dropping out from school/college (in percentage)



School completion : regional differences

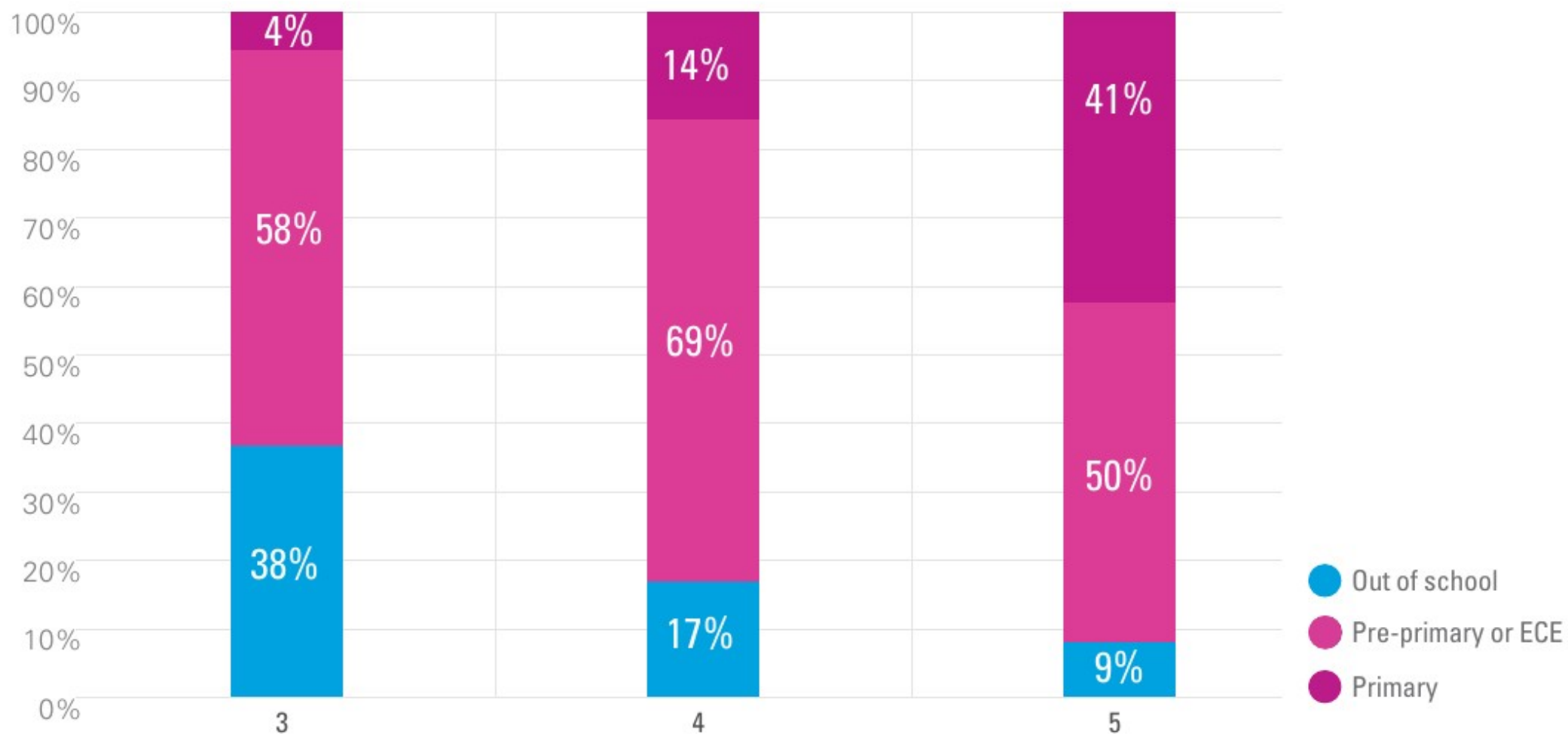
FIGURE 5 Completion rate, by province



Early childhood education

FIGURE 42

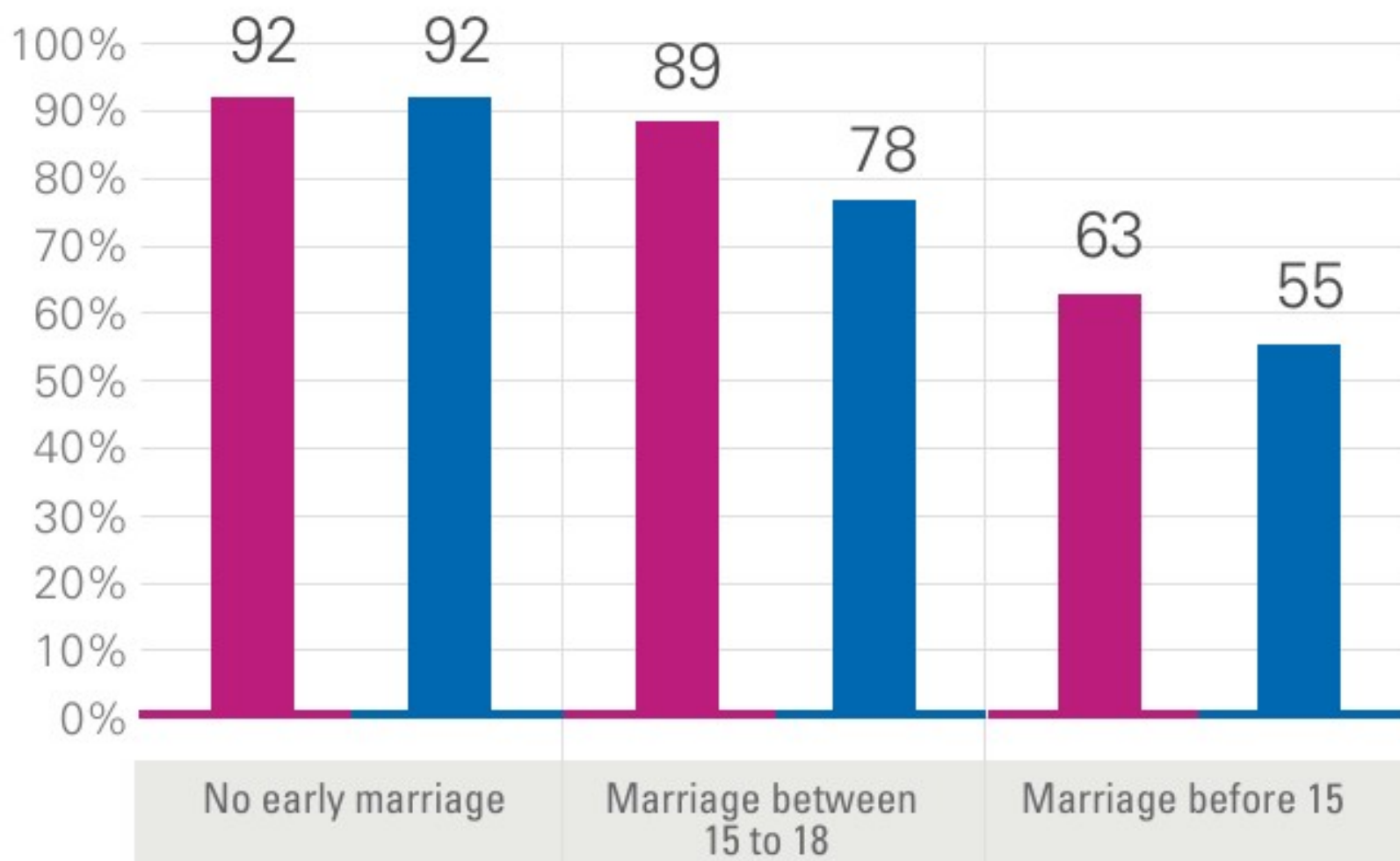
Level of education attended by 3 to 6 year olds



Education and child marriage

FIGURE 63

Literacy rate of youth age 20 to 24 year olds
by marriage status



Universities and similar institutions (2021)

List of Universities in Nepal

1. Tribhuvan University (TU)
2. Nepal Sanskrit University (NSU) (formerly Mahendra Sanskrit University)
3. Kathmandu University (KU)
4. Purbanchal University (PU)
5. Pokhara University (PU)
6. Lumbini Buddha University (LBU)
7. Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU)
8. Mid Western University (MWU)
9. Far-western University (FWU)
10. Nepal Open University (NOU)
11. Rajarshi Janak University (RJU)

University Like Institutions

1. National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS)
2. B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences
3. Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS)
4. Karnali Academy of Health Sciences
5. Pokhara Academy of Health Sciences
6. Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST)
7. Manmohan Technical University (MTU)



Secondary Education Examination (SEE) 2021

Total of 463,166 students appeared in Secondary Education Examinations (SEE)

Number of students	GPA Range	Grade	Description	Equivalent Score (Percentage)
4,284	Above 3.65 to 4.00	A+	Outstanding	90-100
42,427	Above 3.25 to 3.60	A	Excellent	80-89
50,646	Above 2.85 to 3.02	B+	Very Good	70-79
61,955	Above 2.45 to 2.80	B	Good	60-69
91,314	Above 2.50 to 2.40	C+	Satisfactory	50-59
108,464	Above 1.65 to 2.00	C	Acceptable	40-49
64,577	Above 1.25 to 1.60	D+	Partially acceptable	30-39
	Above 0.8 to 1.2	D	Insufficient	20-29
	Above 0.0 to 0.8	E	Very Insufficient	Below 20

Earthquake affected schools

EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

April 25, 2015

7.8

total schools destroyed
7,900

students affected

1,000,000
from 31 districts

classrooms with
major damage

7,700

classrooms
destroyed

17,000

schools days affected

26
days

classrooms with
minor damage

12,000

deconstruction worth

Rs 28.9
billion

Local donor to
construct schools

466
Budget
Rs 1.7
billion

Direct donor
contribution

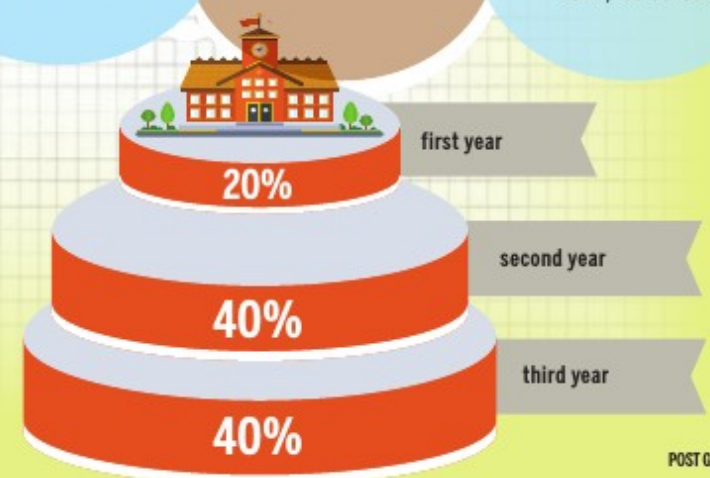
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billion

total need for reconstruction

Rs 39.7
billion

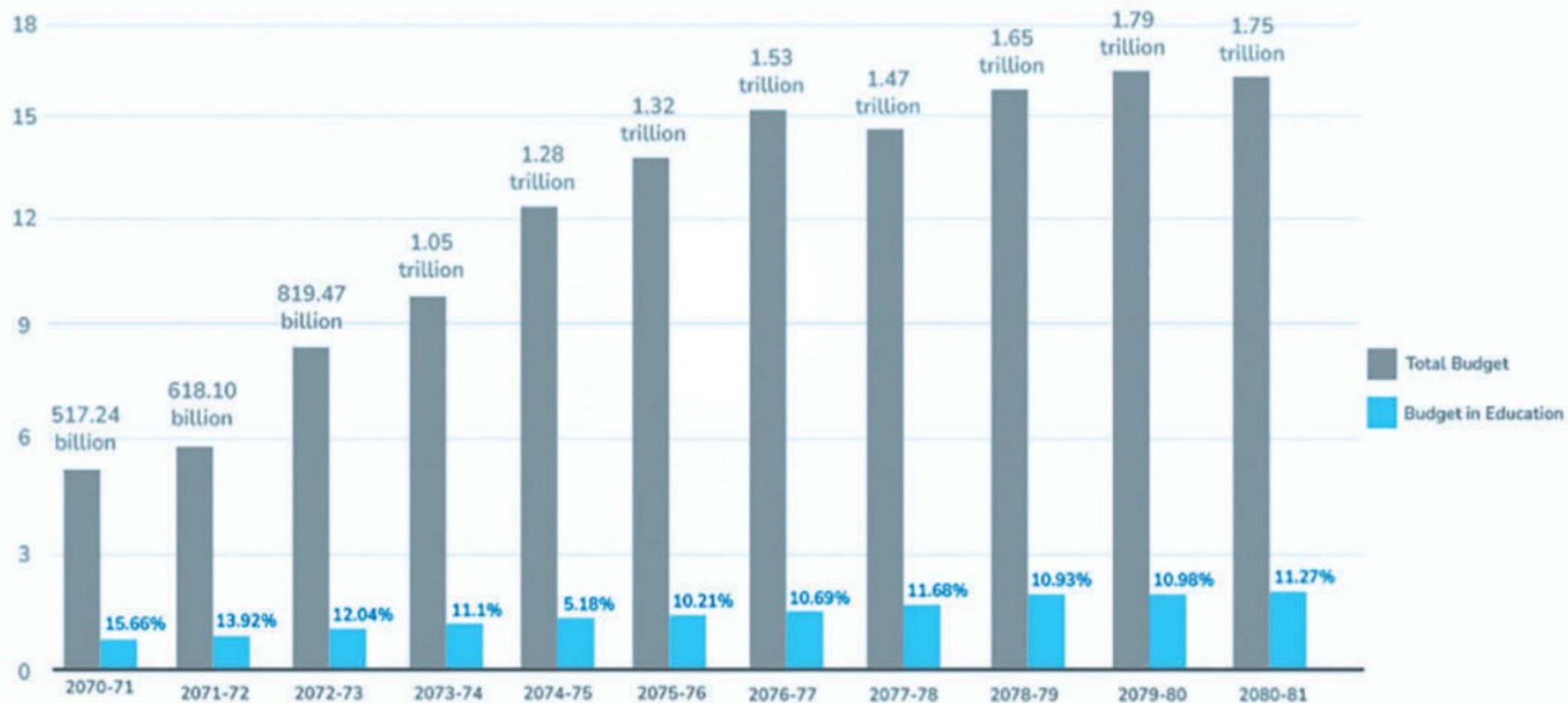
ADB & JICA

Rs 2.12
billion
for 1,700 schools



Reconstruction planned to be
completed in three years

Education budget 2013-2023

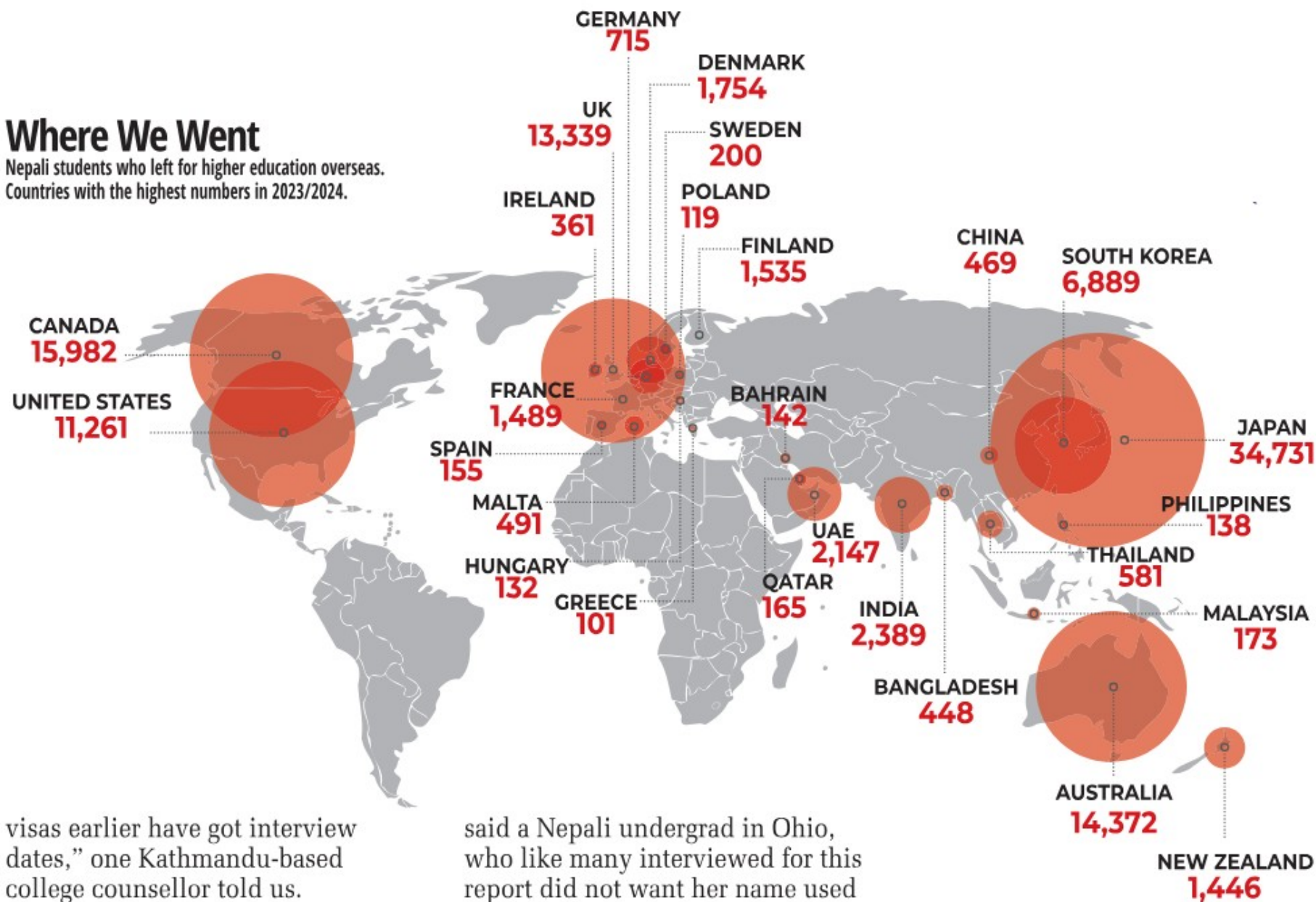


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Out-migration for higher education (2023/24)

Where We Went

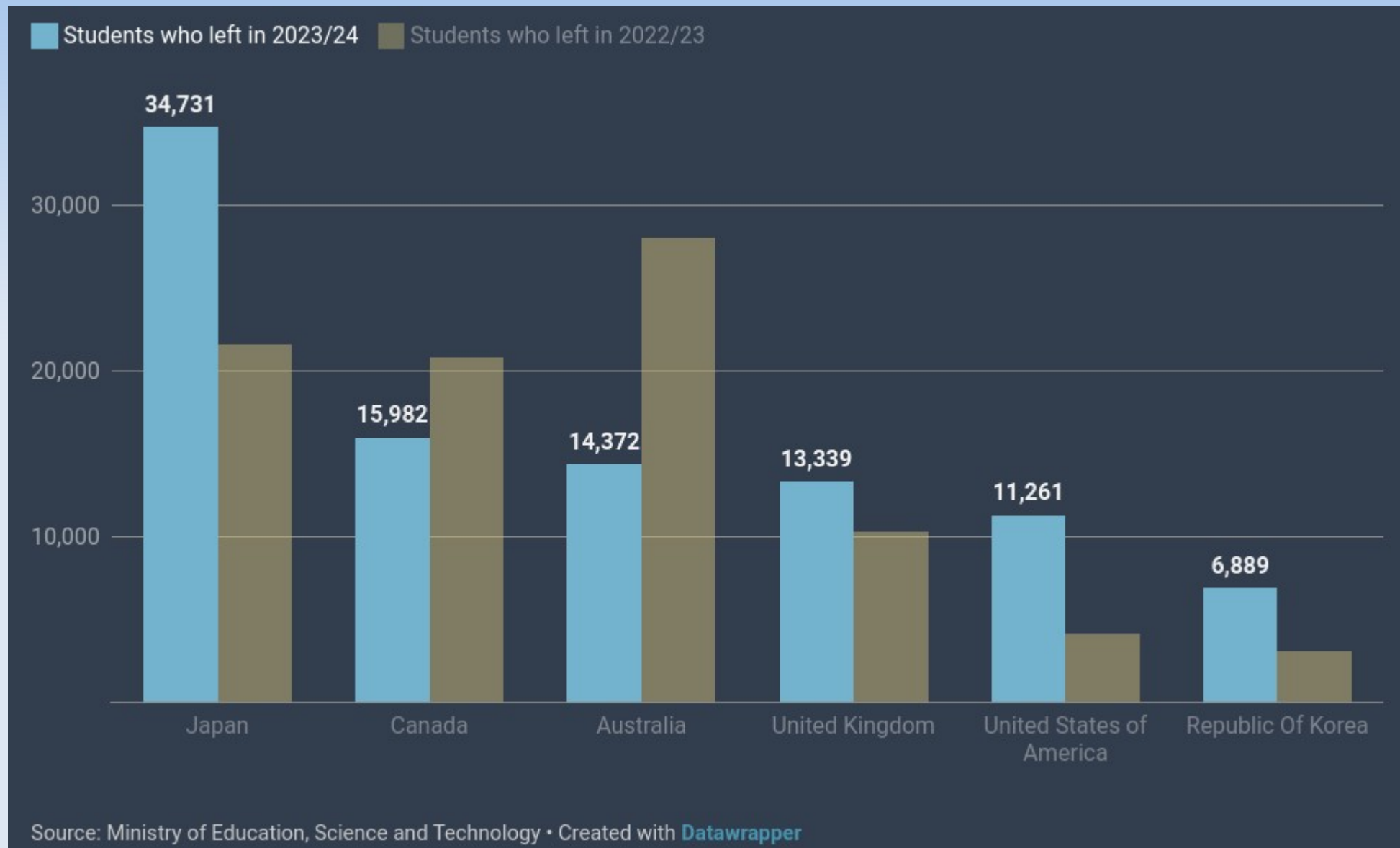
Nepali students who left for higher education overseas.
Countries with the highest numbers in 2023/2024.



visas earlier have got interview dates," one Kathmandu-based college counsellor told us.

said a Nepali undergrad in Ohio, who like many interviewed for this report did not want her name used

Out-migration for higher education, preferred countries (2023/24)



Map of Nepal

(Political and Administrative)

