

Tertiary education enrolment in Ghana increased by over 187% between 2007 and 2014

Tertiary institutions in Ghana includes universities, polytechnics and other institutions such as specialised colleges. In 2007, about 140,000 students were enrolled in tertiary institutions. Enrolment increased to 402,000 in 2014, representing over 187% growth in student numbers. The number of academic staff in these institutions have also been increasing, with staff at the University of Ghana increasing by about 18% between 2008 and 2010. However, there is need for more academic staff in Ghanaian institutions.

According to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the tertiary Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for Ghana of 6.4% was almost equal to the Sub-Sahara African (SSA) average of 6.3% in 2007. By 2014, the GER for Ghana far surpassed the SSA average and reached 15.6%, nearly double the region’s average of 8.2%. Ghana and SSA average figures are however, still below the global average of 25.9% and 34.5% in 2007 and 2014 respectively. There is need to increase the enrolment rates in Ghana and SSA to match the global levels.

