Knowledge Institutions in Africa and their development 1960-2020

Kenya

Introduction

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Highlights

- 1 Kenya's population increased from 8 million in 1960 via 24 million in 1990 to 53 million now.
- The literacy rate has improved a lot in recent decades, and currently is assessed to be 82%, with adult men 85% and adult women 78%.
- Although education is free and compulsory for everyone, primary enrolment figures stood at 80% in 2012, and for secondary schools at 50%. Tertiary enrolment was only 12% (men 13% and women 10%), and Kenya currently has 650,000 students in higher education institutions.
- The education index (part of the human development index) improved from .376 in 1990 to .526 in 2018 (on a scale from 0 to 1), and it has improved consistently and also almost everywhere. Regional inequality has diminished between 1990 and 2018.
- The 'mean years of education for adults' indicator improved from 3.7 to 6.6 years, and the improvements are consistent almost everywhere. Regional inequality was extreme in 1990, and became even more extreme in 2000. After 2020 regional inequality diminished, but is still very high for African standards. The 'expected years of education for children' indicator shows deterioration between 1990 and 2000, and afterwards growth, to levels above 1990 everywhere. Regional inequality first increased and then diminished.
- Although there was higher education in Kenya from 1956 onwards, formal universities started late in Kenya, but after 1990 there was rapid growth.

Particularly after 2005 the growth of the number of tertiary knowledge institutions can be called spectacular. Currently there are 30 public institutions, 25 private religious ones and 14 private secular ones. There is a remarkable number of technical universities, with a lot of information technology as well, feeding the rapidly developing 'Silicon Savannah'.

- The public universities are distributed quite well over the country, and many of the 47 Counties now have their own public university, of at least a sublocation of one of the public universities. The private universities show a strong concentration in and around Nairobi, followed by Rift Valley Region (with a concentration in and around Eldoret).
- Seven of Kenya's universities belong to the Top-200 in Africa (according to the 4icu ranking) and the University of Nairobi belongs to the Top-10, as one of the few non-South African universities.
- 9 Kenya, and particularly Nairobi are popular locations for international thinktanks (including global UN agencies), and also some national think thanks have been established there. In total we counted 13 thinktanks (including the UN agencies).
- There are many museums in Kenya. We counted 42 of those, and some go back a long time.

Part 1: The Story

Introduction: Kenya's demographic and education development

Kenya was a British colony from the early 20th Century until its Independence in 1963. The country became a Republic in 1964. Presidents so far were Jomo Kenyatta (1964-1978), Daniel arap Moi (1978-2002), Mwai Kibaki (2002-2013) and Uhuru Kenyatta (2013 onwards)¹.

Kenya's population increased from 8 million in 1960 to 48 million in 2019². In 1960 a mere 7% of the Kenyan population lived in cities (only 600,000 people), while currently the urban population has increased to 28% or 15 million. Nairobi is Kenya's capital city and currently has 2.8 million inhabitants, followed by Mombasa at the Coast (800,000), Nakuru and Eldoret in the Rift Valley (260,000 and 220,000) and Kisumu on Lake Victoria, in Nyanza (220,000). Kenya's life expectancy increased from 47 years for males, and 51 years for females in 1960 to 65 years for males and 71 years for females currently. The median age first decreased (from 17 in 1960 to 15 in 1985) and then started to increase (to 20 currently), mainly as a result of diminishing fertility rates. In 1960 an average woman gave birth to 7.8

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President of Kenya

² All demographics from: https://www.worldometers.info/demographics/kenya-demographics/#population-pyramid, However, for population they use '53 million' in 2019, while the population census of 2019 gives 48 million: "The total enumerated population was 47,564,296 Of which 23,548,056 were Males, 24,014,716 were Females and 1,524 were Intersex Females accounted for 50.5% of the total population". See: https://www.knbs.or.ke/?p=5621

live-born children in 1960, which then increased to 8.1 in 1970, to decrease afterwards to current levels of 3.5.





Source: www.kenya.worldvitalrecords.com and www.meteo.go.ke

Literacy and enrolment

According to UNESCO³, Kenya's literacy rate stood at a high 82% in 2018, but with men higher than women (85% versus 78%). There are 5.7 million illiterate people in Kenya, according to these assessments: 2.3 million men and 34 million women.

In Kenya, education has become free and compulsory for primary and secondary levels of education. Kenya's population of school-age children (5-15 years) increased from 2.1 million in 1960 to 13.7 million (expected) in 2020, and net primary school enrolment increased from ca 50% in 1960⁴ to 80% according to the last figures (2012)⁵, with boys slightly lower than girls. Secondary school enrolment stood at ca 50% in 2012, one of the highest enrolment rates of Africa, and with many graduates aspiring to go to university afterwards. According to UNESCO there are 8.3 million children in the primary-school-age cohort (6-11), 7.5 million in the secondary-school-age cohort (12-17), and 5.3 million in the tertiary-school-age cohort (18-22).

Kenya's population cohort of 18-22 years old, the one from which university students mostly come, increased from 616,000 in 1960 to 5.3 million in 2020. However, the so-called 'gross enrolment rate' of tertiary students was only 12% in 2017 (men 13% and women 10%). In total this would mean that Kenya has ca 650,000 students in higher education institutions.

³ http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/ke

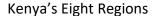
⁴ https://www.ascleiden.nl/publications/education-africa-recent-dynamics-and-current-situation

⁵ https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SE.PRM.NENR?end=2012&locations=KE&start=2000

There are also Kenyan students abroad. We copy an assessment by Paul Schulmann, made in 2017: "Kenya sent 13,024 degree-seeking students abroad. U.S. institutions enrolled 3,177 of these students, making the United States Kenyan students' leading destination. Other top countries include the U.K., Australia, and South Africa"⁶.

Kenya: regional inequality of education

The information provided by the Globaldatalab about subregional human development index, its components and its indicators (https://globaldatalab.org/shdi) provides data for the period between 1990 and 2018, and uses eight regions.





Source: see part 2.

The Globaldatalab provides data about the education index (one of the three indexes that together form the Human Development Index), and about two relevant indicators: mean years of schooling, showing the average education level of the adult population per region, and expected years of education, showing the expected number of years current children will attend schools. This excludes the religious, koranic schools (mainly in Coast and North Eastern Regions) and only deals with the official, state-based, school system.

We present the data for the years 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2018 (the latest year available at the moment). These can be found in part 2: "the data", as tables 1-4.

Education index

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⁶ African Student Mobility: Regional Trends and Recommendations for U.S. HEIs March 7, 2017 Paul Schulmann, Senior Research Associate, World Education Services.

In Kenya, the education index, part of the human development index, has improved consistently between 1990 and 2018 (from .376 to .526 on a scale of 0 to 1) and has done so everywhere, with the exception of North Eastern Region between 1990 and 2000. Regionally, Nairobi has always had the highest figures and the Kenyan Somali area (North Eastern) always the lowest, but there the increase has been fastest. The slowest improvements happened in Western Region, the area of mainly the Luhya ethnic group. Western Region, together with Central Region (the area of the Kikuyu ethnic group) came second in 1990 -after Nairobi -, but deteriorated to the fifth position in 2018, after Nairobi, Central, Nyanza (the area of mainly the Luo and Kisii ethnic groups), and Eastern (mainly the Kamba, Meru and Embu ethnic groups). As a result of more rapid changes in the more peripheral regions, regional inequality has diminished between 2000 and 2018, after becoming worse between 1990 and 2000.

Mean Years of Schooling for Adults

The 'mean years of schooling' indicator shows that adults in Kenya experienced an increasing education level: from 3.7 average school years in 1990 to 6.6 in 2018. Growth has been consistent everywhere, with the exception of a decrease in Nairobi (the area with the highest figures in all periods) between 2010 and 2018, and stagnation in the worst area, North Eastern Region between 1990 and 2000 and again between 2010 and 2018, but with a strong increase between 2000 and 2010, making it the region with the fastest overall improvements. Nairobi, starting from relatively high levels in 1990, experienced the slowest improvements between 1990 and 2018. Kenya's regional inequality for adult education levels was extreme in 1990 and became even more extreme in 2000, but after that regional inequality has diminished, although it is still very high, compared to many other countries in Africa.

Expected Years of Schooling for Children

The 'expected years of schooling' indicator shows quite good schooling prospects for children in 1990, compared to many other countries in Africa: from 9.1 to 11.1 years of schooling. However the situation deteriorated between 1990 and 2000, and it did so almost everywhere in the country. The situation improved, though, after the year 2000, and continued to do so after 2010. That growth was consistent everywhere. For this indicator not Nairobi showed the best results, but the southwestern regions, first Nyanza, and after 2000 Western Region. A lot of the high performance in these regions is a result of parents taking initiatives to improve education, a lot of it supported by churches. North Eastern Region always lagged behind, but this region experienced the fastest improvements. As a result regional inequality improved between 2000 and 2010, but stagnated afterwards. The slowest improvements took place in Rift Valley Region, covering a huge area from the Maasai areas in the south, via the Kalenjin areas (and the areas of the former 'White Highlands') in the centre to the Turkana areas in the northwest of the country.

Kenya's tertiary knowledge development

Kenya's universities started relatively late. With the exception of one institution (the private Aga Khan Hospital's training wing, that started in 1959), the first public university started

only in 1970, because before that the East African Community was still intact and concentrated its public higher education in Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

Kenya currently has 69 universities and other higher education institutions, of which 30 are public ones, 25 are private religious ones and 14 are private non-religious ones. In addition there are many think tanks in Kenya, partly related to international (UN) agencies. And Kenya has a number of important museums. Of Kenya's universities five public ones and two private ones are part of ICU's Top-200 ranking for Africa, and the University of Nairobi is part of the Top-10, as one of the few non-South African universities in that Top-10.

Historically the development of the number of tertiary knowledge institutions is as given in the table below.

Kenya's tertiary knowledge institutions,	1960-2019

Type	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
publ	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	6	6	6	7	24	30
Priv rel	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	9	11	14	20	24	25
Priv oth	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	13	14
total	1	1	2	3	4	6	9	16	18	23	35	61	69

We will first give some information about the public universities, followed by the private ones, the think tanks and the museums, see table 5 in part 2. The information includes the ranks of a limited number of universities, according to the 4ICU website (position within Africa, top-200 African universities)⁷.

Public universities in Kenya

There have always been more private universities in Kenya than public ones, but the public ones have many more students in total. Currently the known numbers of students in (13 out of 30) public universities together are in excess of 240,000, while the known number of students in (6 out of 39) private universities are in excess of 70,000. In numbers of students, the biggest university currently is a private one, though, the Mount Kenya University, with >50,000 students, many of them ICT students, followed by the University of Nairobi, the oldest public university (*1970), with >45,000 students, and Kenyatta University (third in line *1965) with > 45,000 students as well. Moi University (*1984; the second public university in Kenya) and its offshoot Eldoret University (broken away in 2013) together currently have > 63,000 students. Most public universities offer bachelors' and diploma/certificate courses, less also masters programmes and not many are research-oriented universities with doctorate programmes. These are the older, more established universities. Many recently established universities mainly deal with applied sciences (a lot of IT and management/ business studies) and professional tertiary courses.

⁷ https://www.4icu.org





University of Nairobi:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/58/Universityofnairobi.jpg/220px-Universityofnairobi.jpg

Kenyatta University in Nairobi: https://media-exp1.licdn.com/dms/image/C4D1BAQFV6lv4LBDSbA/company-background 10000/0?e=2159024400&v=beta&t=p7LGgezS0sL05RcD8qTzh4Jt3TaxYyMk3wrFH9zVC6A



Moi University Eldoret:

https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/proxy/a6Gvw8JXQodSkO9YO6u361d8jESWjweL5ybADMaTu5qGlZjgePzOqD Jo3Scz0t79EdzZGbYueZkD9X 9inQx4Hwjhx8arsAjs8XTR9LZQylhZUxnZB7akddv0HSL

Many current public universities have started as pre-university schools or colleges, and many started as subsidiaries (university colleges) of the first public universities, to become independent universities later, particularly after 2010. Also after 2010 many current universities spread their campuses to other Counties. It now seems that the new County leadership (after considerable devolution of political power to the 47 Counties) all want to have at least one tertiary institution in their County.

Regional distribution of tertiary knowledge institutions

Kenya's public universities and their subsidiaries (colleges) can nowadays be found in the majority of the current 47 Counties, but with a clear hub function for Nairobi as the capital city and for Eldoret in the Rift Valley, the areas of the four Kenyan Presidents so far (and their ethnic preferences), see table 7. The coastal areas, western and northern Kenya started later, and lag (far) behind, although there are currently a variety of university activities in Mombasa, the second city of the country, and a few in the Nyanza and Western areas (Kisumu/Maseno, and Kakamega), showing its political marginalization. Public universities

have expanded to all regions, and to many Counties, but religious and non-religious private universities show a major concentration in and immediately around Nairobi, followed by Rift Valley Region.

Private universities in Kenya



United States International University Africa in Nairobi:

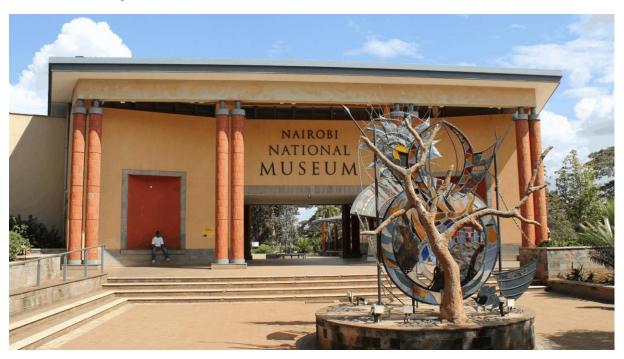
https://www.kenyans.co.ke/files/styles/article_inner_mobile/public/images/media/A%20Library%20at%20United%20States%20International%20University-Africa%20%28USIU%29..jpg?itok=0jVRmX7K

Private universities have always been important in Kenya, but after the 1990s the number of private religious universities (often with foreign backing) increased very fast and after the 2010s also the number of private non-religious (commercial and foreign) universities. Like public institutions, one can also notice that some of these private institutions have set up subsidiary colleges in other parts of the country. The Aga Khan Hospital's training institute was the pioneer, even starting before Kenya's Independence in 1963. Nairobi is the stronghold of private universities (with 13 religious universities and 10 non-religious private universities with colleges, and often also headquarters in that city). But from 2005 onwards many private campuses have been initiated outside the capital city as well, with a surprising number of new initiatives springing up in Kajiado, the Maasai County south of Nairobi (although one may also say that this multi-million city is now spreading to include North Kajiado). One can also see that the publicly neglected Nyanza and Western areas try to make up for public denial since 2004 and have started private institutes of higher learning themselves.

Think tanks in Kenya

Independent Kenya, and particularly Nairobi, has been a popular place for international agencies (like the UN, e.g. HABITAT and UNEP) to establish a (global) think tank. Also foreign aid agencies selected Nairobi for their African knowledge support activities (like AERC with its support from the World Bank, and PASGR with its support from DfID, UK). The Kenyan government also established some think thanks (e.g. KARI), but also many (international) NGOs and international scientific organizations (like ICIPE) did so. So far we found 13 international and Kenyan think tanks, mostly in Nairobi.

Museums in Kenya



Nairobi National Museum: https://momaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/National-Museums-of-Kenya-original-image-1.png

There are 42 museums in Kenya, most of those part of the National Museums of Kenya, a government organization. There are a few private and a few community museums. Ten museums can be found in Nairobi, the others scattered over the country, with many in remote Counties (e.g., the Coastal north, and the Northern regions). Many Coastal museums show ruins from the Swahili past. Many other museums in remote areas show prehistoric sites of Early Man; sites of famous excavations. There are not many art museums in Kenya.

Part 2: The Data

Map and Table 1: Regions in Kenya and their population, 1990 and 2018

Regional Inequality in Kenya

Map	Region	Populat	ion x	'18/
		1000	'90	
		1990	2018	
	1 = Central	3,340	5,870	1.76
	2 = Coast	2,250	5,050	2.24
	3 = Eastern	4,610	7,550	1.64
	4 = Nairobi	1,170	4,670	3.99
Eastern Rift Valley North	5 = North Eastern	880	1,490	1.69
Eastern	6 = Nyanza	3,600	7,200	2.00
Western	7 = Rift Valley	5,300	13,500	2.55
Nyanza Central	8 = Western	3,460	6,020	1.74
Nairobi				
Coast				
Total Kenya		23,700	51,400	2.17

Source for tables 1-4: Globaldatalab, version 4.0 https://globaldatalab.org/shdi/shdi/

map:

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/John_Gachohi/publication/230835747/figure/fig2/AS:202787 603390473@1425359740646/Map-of-Kenya-illustrating-Kenya-provinces.png

Table 2: Kenya, regional differences in the education index, 1990-2018

Region	Educa	Education index x 1000			
	1990	2000	2010	2018	18/90
1 = Central	393	426	522	563	1.43
2 = Coast	307	340	456	482	1.57
3 = Eastern	357	388	483	511	1.43
4 = Nairobi	443	509	607	609	1.37
5 = North Eastern	146	130	249	266	1.82
6 = Nyanza	373	414	512	543	1.46
7 = Rift Valley	373	387	487	514	1.38
8 = Western	393	416	505	530	1.34
Kenya	376	407	498	526	1.40
Ineq	3.0	3.9	2.4	2.3	

Table 3: Kenya, regional differences in Mean Years of Schooling for Adults, 1990-2018

Region	Mean Years of Education
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	1990	2000	2010	2018	18/90
1 = Central	4.1	5.6	6.6	7.4	1.80
2 = Coast	3.0	4.4	5.5	5.7	1.90
3 = Eastern	3.3	4.7	5.4	5.8	1.76
4 = Nairobi	6.6	8.5	9.6	9.2	1.39
5 = North Eastern	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.3	2.60
6 = Nyanza	3.2	4.9	6.3	6.7	2.09
7 = Rift Valley	3.5	4.9	5.9	6.3	1.80
8 = Western	4.0	5.2	5.8	6.2	1.55
Kenya	3.7	5.3	6.1	6.6	1.78
Ineq	13.2	17.0	7.4	7.1	

Table 4: Kenya, regional differences in Expected Years of Schooling for Children, 1990-2018

Region	Educa	Education index x 1000			
	1990	2000	2010	2018	18/90
1 = Central	9.3	8.6	10.8	11.5	1.24
2 = Coast	7.5	7.0	9.8	10.5	1.40
3 = Eastern	8.9	8.4	10.9	11.4	1.28
4 = Nairobi	8.0	8.2	10.4	10.9	1.36
5 = North Eastern	4.7	4.1	7.4	8.0	1.70
6 = Nyanza	9.6	9.0	10.8	11.5	1.20
7 = Rift Valley	9.3	8.1	10.5	11.0	1.18
8 = Western	9.3	8.7	11.2	11.7	1.26
Kenya	9.1	8.3	10.6	11.1	1.22
Ineq	2.0	2.2	1.5	1.5	

Table 5: Public universities in Kenya, with 4icu-rank in Africa's Top-200

University	University since	(current) Location of campus(es)
University of Nairobi (4ICU rank 2019: 8) http://www.uonbi.ac.ke	1970 (1956 as Royal Technical College East Africa; 1963: Royal College Nairobi)	Nairobi (plus: Kikuyu, Parklands, Lower Kabete, Upper Kabete, Chiromo, Kisumu, Kenya Science campus, Mombasa campus)
Moi University (4ICU rank 2019: 73) http://www.mu.ac.ke	1984	Eldoret, Rift Valley Region (plus: Eldoret West Campus, Nairobi, Kitale, Kericho, Odero Akang'o - Siaya, Mombasa campus)
Kenyatta University (4ICU rank 2019: 21) http://www.ku.ac.ke	1985 (1965 as Kenyatta University College)	Nairobi (plus: Mombasa, Kitui, Nakuru, Embu, Ruiru, Nyeri, Kiambu, Kericho, Dadaab). Also in Arusha, Tanzania

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Egerton University	1987 (1939 as Egerton	Njoro (plus: Laikipia, Kisii,
(4ICU rank 2019: 80)	Farm School, Egerton	Nakuru Town), Rift Valley
http://www.egerton.ac.ke	Agricultural College)	Region
Maseno University	1991 (1955 as Maseno	Maseno (Oginga Odinga
http://www.maseno.ac.ke	Govt. Training Institute,	Campus), Nyanza Region
	Siriba Teachers College)	
Jomo Kenyatta University of	1994 (1981 as Jomo	Nairobi (plus: Mombasa,
Agriculture and Technology JKUAT	Kenyatta College of	Taita Taveta, Nakuru, Kisii,
(4ICU rank 2019: 67)	Agriculture)	Kitale, Arusha (Tanzania),
http://www.jkuat.ac.ke		Meru University College of
		Science and Technology,
		Murang'a University
		College)
Masinde Muliro University of Science	2007 (1972 as Western	Kakamega, Western region
and Technology	College of Arts and	(plus: Nairobi, Webuye and
http://www.mmust.ac.ke	Sciences or WECO; in 2002	Budalangi –Busia
	it became a constituent	Campuses)
	college of Moi University)	
Machakos University College (of	2011 (1957 school)	Machakos, Eastern Region
Kenyatta University)		
http://www.machakosuniversity.ac.ke		
Moi University Rongo University	2011, constituent college of	Rongo, Nyanza Region
College (RUC)	Moi University.	
http://ruc.ac.ke		
Dedan Kimathi University of	2012 (1972 as Kimathi	Nyeri, Central Region
Technology	Institute of Technology	
http://www.dkut.ac.ke	(K.I.T.), Kimathi University	
	College of Technology	
	(KUCT))	
University of Kabianga	2013 (1959-founded as	Kericho, Rift Valley Region
http://kabianga.ac.ke	Kabianga Farmers Training	
	Centre . 2007- became	
	Kabianga Campus of Moi	
	University. 2009- upgraded	
	into Kabianga University	
	College constituent college	
	of Moi University. 2013-	
	chartered as the University	
	of Kabianga).	
Chuka University	2013 (2004 as constituent	Chuka (in Tharaka-Nithi
http://chuka.ac.ke	college of Egerton	County, Eastern Region)
	University)	
Technical University of Mombasa	2013 (1948 as Mombasa	Mombasa (plus: Kwale and
http://www.tum.ac.ke	Institute of Muslim	Lamu), Coast Region
	Education; 1966 as	
	Mombasa Technical	
	Institute; 1976: Mombasa	
	Polytechnic; 2007 as	
	Mombasa Polytechnic	
	University College; 2013 as	
	TUM)	

Laikinia University	2012 /1020 primar:	Nyahururu /aluar Nairrasha
Laikipia University	2013 (1929, primary	Nyahururu (plus: Naivasha,
http://www.laikipia.ac.ke	school, 1965 Large–scale	Nakuru, Maralal
	Farmers training (LSFTC)	Campuses), Central Region,
	college; 1979 Animal	and Rift Valley Region
	Husbandry and Industry	
	Training Institute (AHITI);	
	1990, Campus of Egerton	
	University)	
South Eastern Kenya University	2013 (1976 Ukamba	Kwa Vonza in Kitui (plus:
http://www.seku.ac.ke	Agricultural Institute; 2008	Machakos, Wote, Mtito-
	South Eastern University	Andei, Kitui Town
	College (of Nairobi	campuses) Eastern Region
	University)	
Karatina University	2013 (2007 as school; 2010	Karatina (plus Itiati,
https://www.karu.ac.ke	as Mount Kenya campus of	Nanyuki), Central Region
	Moi University)	
Meru University of Science and	2013 (1979 as school; 2008	Meru. Eastern Region
Technology	as a constituent college of	
http://www.must.ac.ke	Jomo Kenyatta University	
	of Agriculture and	
	Technology)	
Eldoret University	2013 (Large Scale Farmers	Eldoret (Town and
http://www.uoeld.ac.ke	Training Centre 1946.	Chepkoilel), Rift Valley
	Converted to a teachers'	Region
	training college and	
	renamed Moi Teachers'	
	Training College 1984.	
	Taken over by Moi	
	University as a Campus in	
	1990 and renamed	
	Chepkoilel Campus.	
	Upgraded into a university	
	college and renamed	
	Chepkoilel University	
	College, a constituent	
	college of Moi University	
	2010. Acquired current	
	status and title 2013).	
Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of	2013 (Founded 2009 as	Bondo, Nyanza Region, also
Science and Technology	Bondo University College	Kisii (Nyanza) and Busia
(JOOUST)	(BUC), a constituent college	(Western)
http://www.jooust.ac.ke	of Maseno University).	-
Kisii University	2013 (Founded 1965 as a	Kisii, Nyanza Region
http://www.kisiiuniversity.ac.ke	Primary Teachers' Training	
	College. Established as Kisii	
	University College a	
	constituent college of	
	Egerton University 2007.	
	Acquired current status and	
	title 2013)	
Maasai Mara University	2013	Narok, Rift Valley region
Triadodi Ividia Offiverbity	2013	Traible, Mile valley region

http://www.mmarau.ac.ke		
Multimedia University of Kenya	2013 (Founded as Central	Nairobi
(MMU)	Training School (CTS) 1948.	Train out
http://www.mmu.ac.ke	Upgraded into Kenya	
incepty www.miniadonee	College of Communications	
	Technology (KCCT) 1992	
	and then into Multimedia	
	University College of Kenya,	
	constituent college of Jomo	
	Kenyatta University of	
	Agriculture and Technology	
	2008. Acquired current	
	status and title 2013.	
Pwani University	2013 (Founded 1984 as	Kilifi, Coast Region
http://www.pu.ac.ke	Kilifi Institute of	initial, seasoning.on
	Agriculture. Became a a	
	constituent college of	
	Kenyatta University 2007,	
	formerly known as the Kilifi	
	Institute of Agriculture.	
	Acquired current status and	
	title 2013).	
The Technical University of Kenya	2013 (Founded 2007 as the	Nairobi
http://tukenya.ac.ke	Kenya Polytechnic	
	University College, a	
	constituent college of the	
	University of Nairobi.	
	Acquired current status and	
	title 2013).	
Kibabii University (KIBU)	2015 (Founded 2007 as	Bungoma, Western Region
http://www.kibabijuniversity.ac.ke	Kibabii Teachers Training	
	College. Transformed into	
	Kibabii University College, a	
	constituent college of	
	Masinde Muliro University	
	of Science and Technology,	
	2011. Acquired current	
	status and title 2015).	
Kirinyaga University	2016 (1971 school; 2012	Kerugoya, Central Region
https://www.kyu.ac.ke/	part of Jomo Kenyatta	
	University of Agriculture	
	and Technology)	
Murang'a University of Technology	2016 (2011 part of Jomo	Murang'a, Central Region
https://www.mut.ac.ke/	Kenyatta University of	
	Agriculture and	
	Technology)	
Embu University	2016 (Founded in 2011 as	Embu, Eastern region
http://www.embuni.ac.ke	Embu University College - a	
	constituent college of the	
	University of Nairobi.	

	Acquired status as a full-	
	fledged University in 2016).	
Garissa University	2017 (started in 2011 a	Garissa, North Eastern
http://www.guc.ac.ke	constituent college of Moi	Region
	University).	

Sources: Wikipedia: Universities and 4ICU, and also: WHED: https://www.whed.net/results institutions.php

Table 6: Private universities and other tertiary education institutions in Kenya

University	University since	(current) Location of campus(es)
Aga Khan University Teaching	1959	Nairobi
Hospital (private religious/Islamic).		
Also: Aga Khan University, Medical		
College East Africa		
https://www.aku.edu/mcea/		
United States International University	1969 (present status in	Nairobi
Africa (private foreign)	1999)	
(4ICU rank 2019: 119)	·	
http://www.usiu.ac.ke		
The East Africa School of Theology	1979	Nairobi
(private religious)		
https://east.ac.ke/		
Nairobi International School of	1981	Nairobi
Theology (private religious)		
http://www.nistkenya.org/		
Kenya School of Professional Studies	1988	Nairobi
(SPS) (private)		
https://www.kips.ac.ke/		
University of Eastern Africa, Baraton	1991 (1980 school; seventh	Eldoret and Baraton
(private religious)	day adventist church)	(Nandi), Rift Valley Region
http://www.ueab.ac.ke	,	, ,
Catholic University of Eastern Africa	1992 (1984: Catholic	Nairobi/Langata
(private religious)	Higher Institute of Eastern	
http://www.cuea.edu	Africa)	
Daystar University (private religious)	1992 (1974: Daystar	Nairobi
http://www.daystar.ac.ke	Communications, Daystar	
	University College)	
Africa Nazarene University (private	1993 (started by the USA-	Ongata Rongai (Kajiado),
religious)	based Church of the	near Nairobi, but in Rift
http://www.anu.ac.ke	Nazarene International,	Valley Region
	first campus outside the	
	USA)	
The Catholic University of Eastern	1993 constituent college of	Nairobi
Africa Hekima University College	the Catholic University of	
(private religious)	Eastern Africa.	
http://www.hekima.ac.ke		
Scott Christian University (private	1997 (1962 school; Africa	Machakos, Eastern Region
religious)	Inland Mission; College of	
http://www.scott.ac.ke	the Africa Inland Church,	
	Kenya,)	

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The Catholic University of Eastern	1997 constituent college of	Nairobi
Africa Tangaza University College	the Catholic University of	
Tangaza College (TUC)	Eastern Africa	
http://tangaza.org		
Kabarak University (private)	2001	Kabarak (and Nakuru), Rift
http://www.kabarak.ac.ke		Valley region
Kiriri Women's University of Science	2001	Nairobi
and Technology (private)		
https://www.kwust.ac.ke/		
Strathmore University (private	2002 (1961 as a pre-	Nairobi
religious)	university Catholic school)	
(4ICU rank 2019: 68)		
http://www.strathmore.edu		
The Catholic University of Eastern	2002 a constituent college	Karen, near Nairobi
Africa Marist International University	of the Catholic University of	
College (MIUC) (private religious)	Eastern Africa.	
http://miuc.ac.ke		
Uzima University College (constituent	2004 (founded by the RC	Kisumu
college of CUEA) (private religious)	Archdiocese of Kisumu;	
https://www.uzimauniversity.ac.ke/	origins: white fathers)	
The East African University (private)	2005	Kitengela (Kajiado), Rift
https://teau.ac.ke/	2003	Valley Region
Sacred Training Institute (private	2005	Nairobi and Bungoma
religious)	2003	(Western Region)
https://www.facebook.com/		(Western Region)
SacredTrainingInstitute/		
Kenya Methodist University (private	2006 (1997 as Bible	Meru, Eastern Region (+
religious)	College)	Nairobi, Nakuru, Mombasa,
-	College)	
http://www.kemu.ac.ke	2006 (1008) as Tranical	Nyeri)
Great Lakes University of Kisumu	2006 (1998: as Tropical	Kisumu, Nyanza Region,
(private)	Institute of Community	also Nairobi, Milimani
http://www.gluk.ac.ke	Health and Development)	Alaria de
Adventist University of Africa (private	2006 (2005; Seventh Day	Nairobi
religious)	Adventist Church)	
http://www.aua.ac.ke		
Gretsa University (private)	2006	Thika, Central Region
https://gretsauniversity.ac.ke/		
Pan Africa Christian University	2006 (Founded 1978 as a	Nairobi
(private religious)	Bible College)	
St. Paul's University (private religious)		Nairobi
http://www.spu.ac.ke	Divinity School, later St	
	Paul's United Theological	
	College)	
Presbyterian University of East Africa	2007 (1994 as Presbyterian	Kikuyu (Kiambu), Central
(private religious)	College)	Region
http://puea.ac.ke		
KCA University (private)	2007 (1989: Kenya College	Nairobi (+ Githunguri,
http://www.kca.ac.ke	of Accountancy)	Kericho, Eldoret, Kisumu,
	l ''	Amagoro/Siaya and
http://www.spu.ac.ke Presbyterian University of East Africa (private religious) http://puea.ac.ke	Paul's United Theological College) 2007 (1994 as Presbyterian College)	Kikuyu (Kiambu), Central Region

Mount Kenya University 4ICU rank 2019: 101) (private) http://www.mku.ac.ke	2008 (1996; former name: Thika Institute of Technology)	Kitengela/Kajiado-Rift Valley) Thika (plus: Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kitale, Lodwar, Kakamega, Nkubu (Meru), Kisii, Kisumu, Kabarnet, Garissa, Kericho and Malindi, as well as Kigali in Rwanda), Bujumbura in Burundi, Kampala in Uganda, Hargeisa in Somaliland. There is also a 'Virtual Varsity'.
The Catholic University of Eastern Africa Regina Pacis University College (RPUC) (private religious) http://rpuc.ac.ke	2010 a constituent college of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa.	Langata, near Nairobi
Africa International University	2011 (1983: Nairobi	Karen, near Nairobi (+
(private religious)	Evangelical Graduate	Eldoret, Kisumu, Maseno,
http://www.aiu.ac.ke	School of Theology)	Nairobi)
Kenya Highland Evangelical University (KHEU) (private religious) http://www.kheu.ac.ke	2011 (Founded as Sotik Bible School 1944. Relocated from Sotik to Cheptenye in Belgut area 1950. Transformed into Kenya Highlands Bible School 1955, renamed Kenya Highlands Bible College 1962 and the Bible College Council 1970. Acquired current status and title 2011).	Kericho, Rift Valley Region
Riara University (private) https://www.riarauniversity.ac.ke/	2012 (former name: Riara University School of Business, Education and Law)	Nairobi/Kibera
Management University of Africa (private) https://www.mua.ac.ke/	2012	Nairobi
The Catholic University of Eastern Africa Uzima University College (private religious) http://www.uzimauniversity.ac.ke	2012 constituent college of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA).	Kisumu
Zetech University (private) https://zetech.ac.ke/	2014 (1990 as school)	Nairobi
Nairobi Institute of Software Development (private) https://www.facebook.com/nisdke/	2014	Nairobi

Lukenya University (private)	2014	Kambu and Mtito Andei;
https://www.lukenyauniversity.ac.ke/		Eastern Region
K.A.G. East University (private	2016 (1968 school; Kenya	Kitengela (Kajiado), Rift
religious) https://east.ac.ke/	Assemblies of God)	Valley Region, but near
		Nairobi
Amref International University	2017	Nairobi
(private)		
https://amref.ac.ke/		

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Table 7: Regional distribution of Kenya's tertiary knowledge centres (main locations and sublocations), 2020

Region	Number of	Number of	Number of	Total	Tertiary
	Public	private	other	number of	knowledge
	Knowledge	religious	private	knowledge	institutes
	Institutes	knowledge	knowledge	institutes	per million
	in 2020	institutes	institutes	in 2020	inhabitants
		in 2020	in 2020		in 2020
1 = Central	10	2	3	15	2.6
2 = Coast	9	1	2	12	2.0
3 = Eastern	13	2	3	18	2.4
4 = Nairobi	7	18	10	35	7.5
5 = North Eastern	2	0	1	3	0.7
6 = Nyanza	9	4	4	17	2.4
7 = Rift Valley	17	6	14	37	2.7
8 = Western	4	1	1	6	1.0
Kenya	71	34	38	143	2.8

Unlike the table in part 1, table 7 includes all subsidiary locations, next to the main locations. See table 1 in part 2 for the population numbers, and the map.

Table 8: Think Tanks (and global UN agencies) in Kenya

Name	Year established	Where
ICIPE International Centre of Insect Physiology and	1970	Nairobi
Ecology		
http://www.icipe.org/		
UNEP United Nations Environment Programme	1972	Nairobi
(UN)		
https://www.unenvironment.org/		
UN Habitat (UN)	1978	Nairobi
https://unhabitat.org/kenya		
ICRAF Kenya, World Agroforestry Centre (CGIAR)	1978	Nairobi
https://www.worldagroforestry.org/country/kenya		
KARI, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (public)	1986	Nairobi
https://www.kari.org/		
AERC African Economic Research Council (private)	1988	Nairobi
https://aercafrica.org/		
Institute of Economic Affairs (private)	1994	Nairobi
https://www.africaportal.org/		

Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and	1997	Nairobi
Analysis (KIPPRA) (public) https://kippra.or.ke/		
PASGR (Partnership for African Social and	2011	Nairobi
Governance Research) (private, DfID-initiated)		
https://www.pasgr.org/		
Habitat for Humanity Head office and office for	2011?	Nairobi
Africa and ME (private NGO) www.habitat.org		
AfreHealth (African Forum for Research and	2016	Nairobi
Education in Health (private)		
https://afrehealth.org/		
Centre for African Progress Centre (private)	2016	Nairobi (and in
https://centreforafricanprogress.com/		Uganda, Tanzania;
		US-based)
The Africa Center for Strategic Progress	?	Nairobi, support
https://acstrap.org/		from the USA

Sources: wikipedia Think Tanks and other sources

Table 9: Museums in Kenya

Name	Year established and ownership	Where
Nairobi National Museum	1910 as EAUNHS museum,	Nairobi
	1930 as Coryndon Museum; in	
	1963 National Museum of	
	Kenya; 2008 NNM	
	(government)	
Kitale Museum	1926 (private, as Stoneham	Kitale (Trans Nzoia)
	Museum), in 1974 government	
Gedi Museum	1927 (government)	Gedi (Coast: Kilifi)
Mnarani Ruins	1929 (government)	Kilifi
Hyrax Hill Site Museum	1945 (government)	Near Nakuru
Fort Jesus Museum	1958 (government)	Mombasa
Siyu Fort	1958 (government)	Lamu
Nairobi Snake Park	1961 (government)	Near Nairobi
Kenya National Archives	1965 (government)	Nairobi
Olorgesailie Prehistoric site	1970 (government)	Kajiado
Bomas of Kenya	1971 (government)	Nairobi
National Railway Museum	1971 (government)	Nairobi
Koobi Fora Pre-Historic Site	1973 (government)	Near Lake Turkana, Marsabit side
Meru Museum	1974 (government)	Meru
Kenyatta House	1977 (government)	Maralal in Samburu
Kisumu Museum	1980 (government)	Kisumu
Takwa Fort	1982 (government)	Manda Island in Lamu
Lamu Museum	1984 (government)	Lamu
Karen Blixen Museum	1986 (government)	near Nairobi
African Heritage Gallery/House	1989 (private)	Nairobi
Kapenguria Museum	1993 (government)	Kapenguria in West Pokot
Krapf Memorial Museum/ Rabai Museum	1994 (government)	Rabai (Kilifi)
Nairobi Botanic Garden	1996 (government)	Nairobi

Narok Museum	1996 (government)	Narok (Maasai area)
Abasuba Community Peace	2000 (community)	Mfangano Island (Nyanza,
Museum		Homa Bay)
August 7th Memorial Park	2001 (government)	Nairobi
Lari Memorial Peace Museum	2001 (community)	Kiambu District
Malindi Museum	2004 (government)	Malindi
Nairobi Gallery	2005 (government)	Nairobi
Porini Association	2006 (private non-profit)	Laikipia
Thimlich Ohinga	2006 (government)	Migori near Lake Victoria
Loiyangalani Desert Museum	2008 (government)	Turkana District
Treasures of Africa Museum	2011 (?) (private)	Kitale
Tambach Museum	2012 (government)	Tambach Elgeyo Marakwet
Jumba la Mtwana	Not known	Near Kilifi
Community Museums of Kenya	Not known	unclear
Aeumbu Community Peace	Not known	near Embu.
Museum		
Akamba Community Peace	Not known	near Machakos
Museum.		
Kabarnet Museum	Not known	Kabarnet (Baringo)
Kariandusi Museum	Not known	Near Lake Elmenteita, Nakuru
Seu-Seu Community Peace	Not known	Ngong
Museum.		
Wajir Museum	Not known	Wajir (North Eastern Region

(source: Wikipedia: Museums, and other sources) See: https://www.museums.or.ke/ for online information about most museums that are part of the National Museums of Kenya organization.

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