

Knowledge Institutions in Africa and their development 1960-2020 Tunisia

Introduction

This report about the development of the knowledge institutions in Tunisia was made as part of the preparations for the AfricaKnows! Conference (2 December 2020 – 28 February 2021) in Leiden and elsewhere, see www.africaknows.eu.



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Highlights

- 1 Tunisia's population has increased from 4.1 million in 1960, via 8.2 million in 1990 to 11.7 million in 2020.
- 2 The overall literacy rate was 79% in 2014, but for men much higher than for women.
- 3 The enrolment in education has increased a lot during the last few decades, and currently is 98% for primary (net), 93% for secondary (gross), and 32% for tertiary education (gross): a total of 256,000 students in tertiary institutions in the country. In addition 22,000 Tunisian students studied abroad in 2017.
- 4 The so-called education index (part of the human development index) improved from .406 in 1990 to .658 in 2018, with a low and stable regional inequality.
- 5 Mean years of schooling for adults also improved a lot and did so everywhere. On average from 3.4 years to 7.2 years of education and with a modest and diminishing level of regional inequality. Expected years of education for children improved from 10.5 years in 1990 to one of the highest in Africa, 15.1, with a very low regional inequality.
- 6 In 1960 Tunisia only had one public university. From 1986 onwards this started to increase and spread over Tunisia's regions. In 2020 there are 14 public universities.

- 7 From the 1990s onwards the number of private institutes for higher education exploded, to a level of at least 59.
- 8 Most tertiary knowledge institutes can be found in Tunis, followed by Sousse and Sfax. Quantity does not say much about quality: according to the 4icu classification only two universities belong to the Top-200 in Africa, and both are in low positions.
- 9 From 1993 Tunisia also got its think tanks, of which we could find five existing today.
- 10 Tunisia's museums already started in the late 19th Century, including one of the most prominent museums of Africa. We counted 64 current museums.

Part 1: The Story

Tunisia's demographic and education development

Tunisia is a country in the North of Africa in the Maghreb region with a land mass of 163,610 square kilometers. It is the smallest country in the Maghreb region and the third most populated with approximately 11.7 million people in 2020.¹ Tunisia is bordered by Algeria and Libya and on the north coast by the Mediterranean sea. The northernmost point of Tunisia is also the northernmost point in Africa. The capital is Tunis which is located on the north coast. The three most populous cities in Tunisia are Tunis, Sfax and Sousse.

¹ <http://www.ins.tn/fr/themes/population#4023> , also see: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/796046/total-population-of-the-maghreb-countries/>

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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Tunisia

Tunisia is a unitary semi-presidential representative democracy and is considered to be the only fully democratic sovereign state in the Arab countries.² Following the Treaty of Bardo in 1881, Tunisia became a protectorate of France and was under their rule until independence in 1956. In 2011 Tunisia experienced the 'Arab spring', which was a massive campaign of civil resistance against high unemployment, inequality and lack of freedom of speech, which led to the ousting of President Ben Ali with his resignation after 23 years in power.³

The official language in Tunisia is Arabic and although it is not official, French is widely used in schools and universities as a mode of instruction and also in public life. The population in Tunisia has grown significantly since independence: from 4.1 million in 1960 to currently 11.7 million people. It is estimated that around 64% of the population speak French in addition to Arabic.

Literacy and enrolment

According to UNESCO the literacy and enrolment figures for Tunisia are as follows⁴. The average adult literacy rate in Tunisia is 79%, one of the highest in Africa, but for men higher than for

²<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunisia>

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunisian_Revolution

⁴<http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/tn>

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women: 86% versus 72%. In 2014 UNESCO regarded 1.8 million people of and beyond 15 years of age as illiterate: 0.6 million men and 1.2 million women.

Following independence in 1956, education became one of the top priorities of the country and following a number of policy reforms this led to education becoming compulsory and free and to the nationalization of most educational institutions.⁵ Education in Tunisia is compulsory from 6-14 years, a total of nine years of schooling. Out of currently 1.1 million children in the 6-11 age range 98% went to school (net enrolment). The gross enrolment rate for the 1.1 million secondary school-age people (12-18) 93% participated in secondary education in 2016 (gross enrolment); many more women than men (99% versus 87%), a remarkable difference. The gross enrolment rate at lower secondary education is approximately 100% and at upper secondary education it is around 91%. Most teaching is conducted in Arabic, except in a few sciences and technical subjects which are still taught in French. English is becoming more prominent in schools across Tunisia too.

For the 0.8 million people in the 19-23 age bracket the gross enrolment rate was 32% in 2019, with again a remarkable dominance of women: 42% versus 23% for men. Before the Arab Spring, and the turmoil that resulted, in 2010 these figures were higher: overall 35%, women 43% and men 28%. It means that Tunisia had 256,000 tertiary students. According to Campusfrance the numbers of students diminished from 357,000 in 2012 to 282,000 in 2017. Among these students in Tunisian higher education institutions 6,400 came from elsewhere, and the most important countries of origin were Cameroon, Mauritania, the DRC, Libya and Mali. There were 19,000 Tunisian students abroad in 2012 and that increased to 22,000 in 2017: mostly in France, Germany, Romania, Canada, and Italy, in that order⁶.

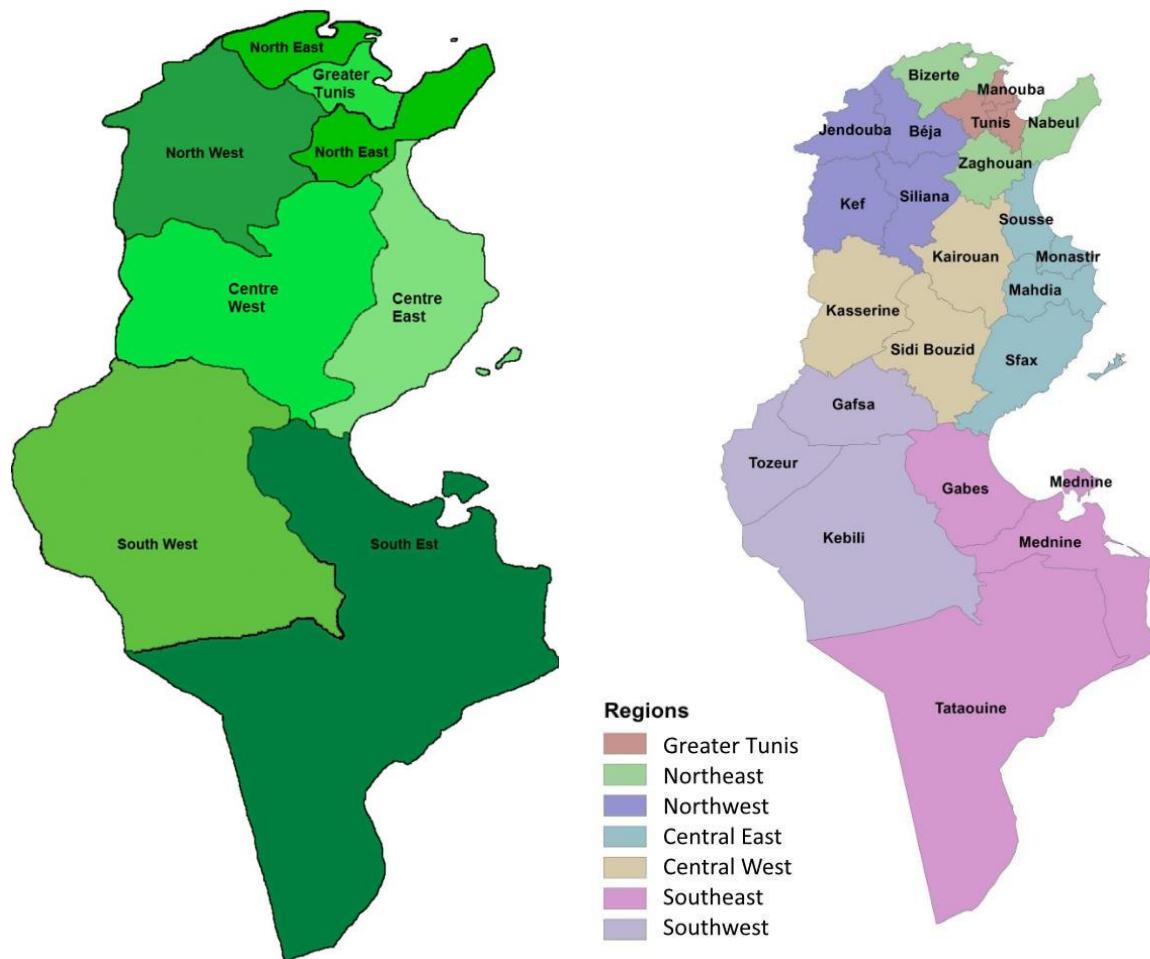
Regional differentiation of education results, 1990-2018

Map 2: Tunisia's regions, as used in the SHDI data

⁵ <https://oxfordbusinessgroup.com/overview/covering-new-ground-private-sector-creating-more-opportunities-investors>

⁶ https://ressources.campusfrance.org/publications/mobilite_pays/en/tunisie_en.pdf

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Source of the maps:

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jalila_El_Ati/publication/319618925/figure/fig1/AS:552929499516928@1508840073553/Tunisia-map-according-to-region.png, and

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ian_Ross18/publication/328537798/figure/fig1/AS:685963407790080@1540557829074/Regions-and-governorates-of-Tunisia-4.jpg

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 seven regions. We found a map showing those seven regions⁷.

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 schooling, showing the expected number of years current children will attend

⁷ Another relevant dataset is the Barro&Lee dataset of the Worldbank, see: <http://www.barrolee.com/>. For Tunisia a useful paper is: Salwa Trabelsi, 2013, Regional inequality of education in Tunisia: an evaluation by the Gini Index. Région et Développement n° 37-2013

https://regionetdeveloppement.univ-tln.fr/wp-content/uploads/5_Trabelsi-1.pdf

schools. This excludes the religious, koranic schools 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

The education index improved considerably and consistently between 1990 and 2018. Most improvements can be noticed in Nord Ouest/Northwest, and the least (but still considerable) in Nord Est. Regional inequality of education is not high in Tunisia, and slightly improved between 2010 and 2018, during the era of the Arab Spring, and its demands for social justice. The best education situation, throughout these 28 years can be found in Grand Tunis, the capital city, and the worst education situation was and is in Centre Ouest/Centre East.

Of course it matters how many people live in the various regions, and how that has developed over time. We compare 1990 with 2018. In total population in Tunisia increased with 41% and the highest regional increase happened in Centre Est, the lowest growth in Grand Tunis and Nord Est.

Mean Years of Schooling for Adults

According to UNESCO, ‘Mean Years of Schooling’ is an indicator about the “average number of completed years of education of a country's population aged 25 years and older, excluding years spent repeating individual grades”⁸. For Tunisian adults, the education results, measured in ‘mean years of schooling’, show high improvements in all regions, and a lower regional inequality, particularly (again) during the last period. The highest growth can be seen in Nord Ouest; the slowest improvements in Centre Est. The highest education results were and are in Grand Tunis; the lowest in Centre Ouest.

Expected Years of Schooling for Children

UNDP defines the ‘expected years of schooling’ as the: “Number of years of schooling that a child of school entrance age can expect to receive if prevailing patterns of age-specific enrolment rates persist throughout the child’s life”⁹. For children, the best education prospects can be found In Grand Tunis, the worst in Centre Ouest. However, most improvements could be found in Nord Ouest and Sud Est; the slowest improvements in Centre Est. Regional inequality of education prospects for children is relatively low though.

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⁸ <http://uis.unesco.org/en/glossary-term/mean-years-schooling>

⁹ <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/expected-years-schooling-children-years>

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Today there are 14 public tertiary institutions and 59 private institutions for higher education, according to the combination of international sources that we have used (see tables 5 and 6). The Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique) gives very detailed information, which adds up to many more institutions, but it is unclear how those relate to larger establishments. For those who want to study these more detailed statistics the sources are in the footnote¹⁰.

Historical Development of Private and Public Universities and other tertiary knowledge institutions in Tunisia

| Type | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Public University | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 14 |
| Private University | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 59 |
| Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 41 | 73 |

Sources: see tables 5 and 6 in part 2.

Public Universities

Public universities in Tunisia still make up the vast majority of students enrolled in tertiary education, though they are much fewer than the number of private institutions. The first university created by the government was the Université de Tunis in 1960 and it was created with the purpose of being the basis for regulating and initiating the development of further tertiary education institutes. It is the second oldest university in Tunisia, the oldest being Université Ez-Zitouna which is a university specializing in Islamic studies which was established in 757 but was modernized in 1956. Public universities in Tunisia offer a wide variety of disciplines to study and are organized by bachelors programs which take three years, masters which take 2 and PhD programs which take 3 years. Public universities are spread throughout the country in the more populated towns and cities. According to the 4icu rating the best university of Tunisia is the Université de Sfax, but on a world scale it only has position 6186 in the world, and position 150 in Africa.

¹⁰ http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=17&code_menu_parent=13 (institutions per gouvernorat 2013/14 – 2018/19 for all public and private institutions), and http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=16&code_menu_parent=13 (student numbers (total and female per university 2012/13 – 1018/19)



Université de Sfax¹¹



Université de Tunis El Manar¹²

Private Universities

Given the nationalization of education in Tunisia after independence there was not a lot of investment in private education until in 2000, when Tunisia created a strict legal framework for regulating the private higher education sector. This resulted in a drastic increase in private institutions. Private institutions grew considerably also after the 2011 revolution in light of negative sentiments towards the government, and government-controlled universities. Today private institutions constitute only a fraction of the population of students enrolled in tertiary education (see mes.tn¹³). Private institutes overwhelmingly provide programs in Technology and Engineering and in Business Studies. For this research, the private institutions which have been taken into account are those which have been accredited by the Ministry of Education. The private Université Centrale occupies the second position in the 4ICU rating for Tunisia, but only position 178 within Africa. Two other private universities are in the top-five of Tunisia's 4icu system.



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https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/proxy/XPV6aDEUhbzOoldRjaTVwwHEqXAIGtEvOK7edCtUorrwtJkohWkwM7N05HkAx0zkJmlmKX_Jdlg3gax1AGs50jhiyo7tZH_BvCnkC-Io7lbiYX-Mg20KVTNr_UIF

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https://www.airbnb.com/google_place_photo?photoreference=CmRaAAAADR0c3Z6NTSVryI9z1Z1_n5CHhqxnNzromKnwXvh_QUAYEm0dRh2FWxbanYEyRtMEaquqRtdC8nbOdVm5zQLgp1aY34YdSUJkvYxCgWeWW1HT_ZzN2-MrWNTRBISi5yMEhCrHpUDUDLFBIVeGjn0m41GhSgkYnt4Bm1ENUcoXyvvZo4I_YAZA&maxwidth=800&maxheight=800&place_id=783212

¹³ http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=17&code_menu_parent=13

Université Centrale Privée, Tunis¹⁴

Note on the geography of higher education institutions in Tunisia

If we combine the geographical information in tables 5 and 6 we see that, unlike the statistics about education equality given for the education situation as a whole, tertiary education shows a huge regional disparity in Tunisia, both for public and for private institutions. Greater Tunis leads by far, followed by Centre Est (Sousse, Sfax, and Monastir). The other regions are lagging far behind, and Nord Ouest has the lowest number of tertiary institutions per million inhabitants, followed by Centre Ouest, that was earlier characterized as the least developed (formal) education region in Tunisia, although it performed and performs an important role as an Islamic Centre of learning, e.g. in the Kairouan Islamic Studies Centre. See table 7 in part 2. However, as explained there, this information is restricted to the main locations. Some universities (e.g. Carthage, and Jendouba) have a lot more subsidiaries in other parts of the country, making the regional distribution somewhat more equal¹⁵.

Think Tanks

In doing research for this report we could find five think tanks which are still operating today. One of the oldest and most prominent is the Tunisia Institute for Strategic Studies which was setup by the initiative of the former president. It was created in 1993 to analyze and research topics related to development of Tunisia. The think tanks found are also spread throughout various regions in Tunisia. See table 8 in part 2.

According to UNESCO the number of researchers in Tunisia increased from 2514/million in 2009 to 3050/million in 2018. This would mean a growth from 26,000 scholars in 2009 to 35,000 in 2018. Of these scholars 6% worked in business, 89% in higher education, and 6% in (other) government positions in 2018¹⁶.

The Ministry of Higher Education and Research has an extensive structure of research institutes outside the university structure. More details can be found in an overview published by the Ministry¹⁷

Museums

For this report we have found 64 museums that exist in Tunisia. One of the most prominent museums to be found in Tunisia is the Bardo museum which is one of the largest institutions of

¹⁴ https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/proxy/DBfmnK8LfG_VBeHchBPY1FdSfcJmEobw7iqbrSifEggff7jMzZsgJDaJJIPS7KJFf3_Gn8g-PSIKtMZEC3xMsaEopm5Apxky2k

¹⁵ http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=17&code_menu_parent=13

¹⁶ <http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/tn?theme=science-technology-and-innovation>

¹⁷ http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=177&code_menu_parent=28

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its type in Africa. It has a rich collection which tells the story of the history of Tunisia over millennia and its many different civilizations.¹⁸ See table 9 in part 2.



Bardo Museum in Tunis¹⁹

¹⁸ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bardo_National_Museum_\(Tunis\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bardo_National_Museum_(Tunis))

¹⁹ <https://wereldreis.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/tunis-bardo-museum.jpg>

Part 2: The Data

Map: Regional administrative structure of Tunisia



https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ian_Ross18/publication/328537798/figure/fig1/AS:685963407790080@1540557829074/Regions-and-governorates-of-Tunisia-4.jpg

Table 1: Tunisia: Education index 1990-2018²⁰

| Region | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2018 | 2018/1990 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Centre Est | 411 | 534 | 636 | 650 | 1.58 |
| Centre Ouest | 339 | 437 | 514 | 558 | 1.65 |
| Grand Tunis | 455 | 592 | 707 | 744 | 1.64 |
| Nord Est | 415 | 537 | 637 | 645 | 1.55 |
| Nord Ouest | 367 | 473 | 556 | 620 | 1.69 |
| Sud Est | 390 | 506 | 602 | 651 | 1.67 |
| Sud Ouest | 410 | 531 | 630 | 673 | 1.64 |

²⁰ The HDI data, and its components go from 0 (worst level) to 1 (best level). We present the figures x 1000. The inequality figure is the highest value divided by the lowest value in a particular year.

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|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total | 406 | 526 | 625 | 658 | 1.62 |
| Inequality | 1.34 | 1.35 | 1.38 | 1.33 | |

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

Table 2: Tunisia: changes in regional population between 1990 and 2018; population numbers in millions

| Region | 1990 | 2018 | 2018/1990 |
|--------------|------|------|-----------|
| Centre Est | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.51 |
| Centre Ouest | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.38 |
| Grand Tunis | 2.0 | 2.8 | 1.36 |
| Nord Est | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.36 |
| Nord Ouest | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.41 |
| Sud Est | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.31 |
| Sud Ouest | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.50 |
| Total | 8.2 | 11.6 | 1.41 |

Table 3: Tunisia, Regional data for 'mean years of schooling for adults'

| Region | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2018 | 2018/1990 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Centre Est | 3.6 | 5.2 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 2.00 |
| Centre Ouest | 2.4 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 2.25 |
| Grand Tunis | 4.2 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 2.05 |
| Nord Est | 3.4 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 2.12 |
| Nord Ouest | 2.6 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 2.27 |
| Sud Est | 3.3 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 2.12 |
| Sud Ouest | 3.4 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 2.09 |
| Total | 3.4 | 4.9 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 2.12 |
| Inequality | 1.75 | 1.76 | 1.74 | 1.59 | |

Table 4: Tunisia, Regional data for 'expected years of schooling for children'

| Region | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2018 | 2018/1990 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Centre Est | 10.5 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 1.41 |
| Centre Ouest | 9.3 | 11.6 | 12.9 | 13.6 | 1.46 |
| Grand Tunis | 11.3 | 14.1 | 15.7 | 16.4 | 1.45 |
| Nord Est | 10.9 | 13.5 | 15.0 | 14.6 | 1.34 |
| Nord Ouest | 10.1 | 12.6 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 1.50 |
| Sud Est | 10.1 | 12.5 | 13.9 | 15.1 | 1.50 |
| Sud Ouest | 10.7 | 13.3 | 14.8 | 15.7 | 1.47 |
| Total | 10.5 | 13.1 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 1.44 |
| Inequality | 1.22 | 1.22 | 1.22 | 1.21 | |

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Table 5. Public Universities in Tunisia

| Names | where | 4icu position in Tunisia | year started |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Université Ez-Zitouna | Tunis | 15 | 1956 (757) |
| Université de Tunis | Tunis | 9 | 1960 |
| Université de Sousse | Sousse | 8 | 1986 |
| Université de Sfax | Sfax | 1 | 1986 |
| Université de Tunis El Manar | Tunis | 3 | 1987 |
| Université de Carthage | Tunis | 6 | 1987 |
| Université de la Manouba | Manouba | 11 | 2000 |
| Université Virtuelle de Tunis (UVT) | Tunis | -- | 2002 |
| Université de Gabès | Gabès | 13 | 2003 |
| Université de Jendouba | Jendouba | 18 | 2003 |
| Université de Gafsa | Gafsa | 20 | 2004 |
| Université de Monastir | Monastir | 7 | 2004 |
| Université de Kairouan | Kairouan | 22 | 2004 |
| Instituts Supérieurs des Etudes Technologiques | Tunis | 32 | 2016 |

Sources: Wikipedia Universities and 4ICU; also <https://www.whed.net/>; we only give the main locations; for more detailed locational information see: http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=16&code_menu_parent=13

Table 6. Private Universities in Tunisia

| Name | where | 4icu position in Tunisia | year started |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Université Libre de Tunis; merger of the Electronic and Automatism School and the Institute for Advanced Technologies and Business Studies. | Tunis | 5 1973 (1994; 2001) | |
| Université Tunis Carthage / earlier: Ecole Supérieure d'Informatique et de Gestion | La Soukra / Tunis | 12 1993 (2001) | |
| École Supérieure Privée de Technologie et de Management / SUPTECH | Tunis | 19 1993 (2001) | |
| Université Montplaisir Tunis | Tunis | 31 | 1993 |
| Université Arabe des Sciences | Tunis | 41 | 1993 |
| Université Privée du Sud / Université libre du Sud (ULS-IPSAS) | Sfax | -- 1993 (2001) | |
| Institut Privée des Hautes Etudes à Tunis | Tunis | 14 1998 | |
| Université Centrale | Tunis | 2 | 1999 |
| Université Mahmoud El Materi | Tunis | 40 | 2000 |

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| Université Privée des Etudes Scientifiques et Technologiques de Mégrine | Mégrine | 38 | |
| | | | 2001 |
| TIME Université / Ecole Supérieure Privée des Technologies de l'information et de Management de l'Entreprise | Tunis | 28 | |
| Université Internationale de Tunis | Tunis | -- | 2002 |
| Mediterranean School of Business | Tunis | 16 | 2002 |
| Institut Supérieur Privé Méditerranéen de Technologie | Tunis | 21 | 2002 |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénierie et de Technologie / ESPRIT | Ariana | 4 | 2002/2003 |
| École Supérieure Privée des Etudes Administratives et Commerciales (until 2012: Université Internationale Privée de Management des Affaires de Sfax) | Sfax | 52 | |
| École Supérieure Privée de l'Aéronautique et des Technologies | Tunis | 37 | 2003 |
| Institut Privée des Hautes Etudes à Sousse | Sousse | 55 | 2003 |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Architecture, d'Audiovisuel et de Design | Tunis | 30 | |
| Université Méditerranéenne | Tunis | 23 | 2004 |
| Université Ibn Khaldoun | Tunis | 29 | 2005 |
| Université Européenne de Tunis | Tunis | 26 | 2006 |
| Université Technologique Privée de Gabès/ Ecole supérieure privée des Sciences Appliquées et de la Technologie de Gabès (ESSAT) | Gabès | 51 | |
| Université SESAME | Ariana | 25 | 2007 |
| Institut Supérieur des Etudes Paramédicales et Sciences Infirmières | Sousse | -- | 2007 |
| Université Privée de Sousse / UPS | Sousse | -- | 2007 |
| École Supérieure Polytechnique Privée de Sousse/Ecole Polytechnique de Sousse | Hammam Sousse | 33 | |
| Université Paris-Dauphine Tunis | Tunis | 27 | 2009 |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Administration des Affaires et de Droit Avicenne | Tunis | 36 | |
| EPI Sousse | Sousse | 17 | 2011 |

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| École Centrale Supérieure Privée de Technologie | Sousse | -- | 2012 |
| École Polytechnique Internationale Privée de Tunis | Tunis | 24 | 2013 |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Informatique et d'Administration des Affaires | Le Kram | 34 | 2013 |
| École Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Privée de Gafsa | Gafsa | 57 | 2013 |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénieurs de Monastir | Monastir | 56 | 2014 |
| École Supérieure Privée des Technologies et Ingénierie | Ariana | 35 | 2014 |
| Leaders University | Nabeul | 60 | 2014 |
| Institut International du Numérique et de l'Audiovisuel | Manouba | 39 | 2014 |
| Institut Supérieur Privé d'Administration des Entreprises | Tunis | 53 | 2014 |
| American University in North Africa | Tunis | 46 | 2015 |
| École Internationale Supérieure Privée de Droit et des Affaires | Tunis | 49 | 2015 |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences, de la Technologie et des Affaires du Centre | Sousse | 62 | 2017 |
| Institut International de Technologie | Sfax | 42 | ? |
| École Supérieure Privée des Technologies d'Informatique et de Management | Hammam-Sousse | 43 | ? |
| École Supérieure Polytechnique Internationale Privée de Sfax | Sfax | 44 | ? |
| International School of Business | Sfax | 45 | ? |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénierie et de Technologie Appliquée | Sousse | 47 | ? |
| Faculté des Sciences de la Santé | Tunis | 48 | ? |
| École Supérieure Privée des Technologies de l'Information et de Management de Nabeul (IT Business school) | Nabeul | 50 | ? |
| Université Privée de Sousse | Sousse | 54 | ? |

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| Faculté Privée de Management et des Sciences de l'Administration de Sousse | Sousse | 58 | ? |
| École Supérieure Polytechnique Privée de Monastir | Monastir | 59 | ? |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences Infirmières El Amed | Hammam Sousse | 61 | ? |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Assurance et de Finance | Tunis | 62 | ? |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences Infirmières de Sousse | Sousse | -- | ? |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences de la Santé de Sousse | Sousse, Sfax (and Tunis) | -- | ? |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences Infirmières de Kairouan | Kairouan | -- | ? |
| Faculté Privée des Sciences Paramédicales de Sfax | Sfax | -- | ? |
| Tunisia Tech University | Tunis | -- | ? |

Sources: Wikipedia Universities and 4ICU; also <https://www.whed.net/>; we only give the main locations; for more detailed information see: http://www.mes.tn/page.php?code_menu=17&code_menu_parent=13

Table 7: Geographical distribution of the main locations of Tunisia's higher education institutions²¹

| City | SHDI Region | Public | Private | Total | Number of tertiary institutions per million inhabitants |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|---------|-------|---|
| Tunis | Grand Tunis | 6 | 27 | 33 | 13.6 |
| Mégrine | | - | 1 | 1 | |
| Ariana | | - | 1 | 1 | |
| Le Kram | | - | 1 | 1 | |
| Manouba | | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | | 7 | 31 | 38 | |
| Sousse | Centre Est | 1 | 14 | 15 | 9.6 |
| Sfax | | 1 | 7 | 8 | |
| Monastir | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | | 3 | 23 | 26 | |
| Gafsa | Sud Ouest | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2.9 |

²¹ Table 7 looks at all university locations, including the main subsidiaries; but not at all locations; see tables 5 and 6.

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| Gabès | Sud Est | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1.8 |
| Nabeul | Nord Est | - | 2 | 2 | 1.3 |
| Kairouan | Centre Ouest | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1.3 |
| Jendouba | Nord Ouest | 1 | - | 1 | 0.8 |
| Total | | 24 | 59 | 73 | |

For population numbers in 2018 (needed for the calculation of the last column) see table 2. For the regions see Map 1, earlier in part 2.

Table 8: Think tanks in Tunisia

| Name | Description | Location | Established |
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| Arab Institute for Human Rights | The Arab Institute for Human Rights is an independent Arab non-governmental organization based in Tunisia. The Arab Institute for Human Rights aims to promote a culture of civil, political, economic, social and cultural human rights. | Tunis | 1989 |
| Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies | ITES was formed as a public establishment at the initiative of the country's former president, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, and acts under the oversight of the Presidency of the Republic. ITES's mission is to carry out research, studies, analyses, and forecasting regarding short- and longer-term horizons for a wide range of issues related to various national and international phenomena that may affect the process of development of Tunisian society. | Carthage | 1993 |
| Maghreb Economic Forum | The Maghreb Economic Forum (MEF) is an independent Think-and-Do Tank founded in 2011 on the premise of supporting economic and social development in the Maghreb region. | x | 2011 |

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| Tunisian Think Tank | The Tunisian Think Tank aims to create a space for exchange where minds concerned with the future of Tunisia and bilateral relations between France and Tunisia converge; between Europe and Tunisia. | x | 2018 |
| Centre for Mediterranean and International Studies | The promotion of studies related to the Mediterranean and international questions | Montplaisir | x |
| Tunisia Think Tank Foundation International | TTT is a non-profit specialized in pluri- and interdisciplinary strategic thinking around 4 focal points: (1) Citizenship and Civic values; (2) Society ; (3) the Territory ; and (4) the Sustainable Development model. | Tunis | x |

Sources: wikipedia Think Tanks, <https://onthinktanks.org/>, and other sources. This information is probably far from complete.

Table 9: Museums in Tunisia

| Name | Type | Established |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Carthage National Museum | museum | 1875 |
| Bardo National Museum | national museum archaeological museum | 1888 |
| Sfax Archaeological Museum | archaeological museum | 1907 |
| Dar Jellouli Museum | museum | 1939 |
| Sousse Archaeological Museum | archaeological museum | 1951 |
| Salakta Archaeological Museum | archaeological museum | 1980 |
| Bulla Regia Museum | museum | 1982 |
| Nabeul Museum | museum | 1984 |
| Musée national d'Utique | archaeological museum | 1990 |
| Dar Cherait Museum | museum | 1990 |
| Gafsa Archaeological Museum | archaeological museum | 1990 |
| Lamta Archaeological Museum | archaeological museum | 1992 |
| Douz Museum | museum | 1997 |
| Finance Museum (Tunis) | museum | 2003 |
| Dar Am Taïeb | museum | 2005 |
| Moknine Museum | museum | 2006 |
| Musée de la monnaie | museum | 2008 |
| Djerba Traditional Heritage Museum | museum | 2008 |
| Musée Habib Bourguiba | museum | 2013 |

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| Carthage Paleo-Christian Museum | museum | |
| | museum | |
| Dar Bach Hamba | cultural center | |
| Dar Ben Abdallah | Palaces of Tunis | |
| Kerkennah Museum | museum | |
| El Djem Archaeological Museum | museum | |
| | | |
| Enfidha Museum | museum | |
| | protected area | |
| Botanical Garden of Tunis | nature reserve | |
| | botanical garden | |
| Musée de Makthar | museum | |
| Mahdia Museum | museum | |
| Musée de Téboursouk | museum | |
| Musée de Zarzis | museum | |
| Musée national d'art islamique de Raqqada | museum | |
| Musée national de la médecine | museum | |
| National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies Museum | museum | |
| Musée de la mémoire nationale | museum | |
| Musée de la poste | museum | |
| Kerkouane Archaeological Museum | archaeological museum | |
| Dar Maâkal Az-Zaïm | museum | |
| Chemtou Museum | archaeological museum | |
| musée des arts islamiques de Monastir | museum | |
| Dar Essid Museum | museum | |
| Musée archéologique de Sbeïtla | museum | |
| Museum of popular arts and traditions of Le Kef | museum | |
| Museum of popular arts and traditions of Monastir | museum | |
| Musée ethnographique de Gabès | museum | |
| Musée océanographique de Bizerte | museum | |
| Dar El Annabi | museum | |
| Musée de la mémoire de la Terre | museum | |
| Dar Khadija Museum in Hammamet | museum | |
| Museum of Arab and Berber civilizations, Ibn Khaldun, Nefta | museum | |
| The Dome Museum | museum | |
| Lalla Urban Museum | museum | |
| The Museum of Galala | museum | |
| Medenine Customs and Traditions Museum | museum | |

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| Herz Allah Museum of Photography | museum | |
| The traditional fishing museum of Zarzis | museum | |
| General Patton Museum by train | museum | |
| Kousra Traditional Heritage Museum | museum | |
| Education Museum | museum | |
| Film museum | museum | |
| The Tunisian-Algerian Shared Memory Museum, Ghardimaou | museum | |
| The Hard Museum Museum | museum | |
| Tunis Science City | science museum | |
| Mareth Museum | military museum | |
| Musée militaire national | military museum | |

(source: Wikipedia: Museums, and other sources)

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Annex: relevant websites

| Public universities and HEIs | Websites |
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| Universite de Sfax | http://univ-sfax.tn/ |
| Universite de Tunis El Manar | http://www.utm.rnu.tn/utm/fr/ |
| Université de Carthage | http://www.ucar.rnu.tn/Fr/ |
| Université de Monastir | http://www.um.rnu.tn/fr/ |
| Université de Tunis | http://www.utunis.rnu.tn/ |
| Université de la Manouba | http://www.uma.rnu.tn/ |
| Université de Sousse | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Sousse |
| Université de Gabès | http://www.univgb.rnu.tn/Fr/ |
| Université de Jendouba | http://www.uj.rnu.tn/ |
| Université de Gafsa | http://www.ugaf.rnu.tn/ |
| Université Ez-Zitouna | http://www.uz.rnu.tn/ |
| Université de Kairouan | http://www.univ-k.rnu.tn/ |
| Instituts Supérieurs des Etudes Technologiques | http://www.isetr.rnu.tn/ |
| Université Virtuelle de Tunis (UVT) | http://www.uvt.rnu.tn |
| Private universities and HEIs | |

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| Université Centrale | https://www.universitecentrale.net/fr/ |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénierie et de Technologie | http://esprit.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Polytechnique Privée de Sousse | https://polytecsousse.tn/ |
| Université Libre de Tunis | https://www.ult-tunisie.com/ |
| Université Internationale de Tunis | https://univ-internationale.com/fr |
| Université Tunis Carthage | https://www.utctunisie.com/ |
| École Polytechnique Internationale Privée de Tunis | http://pi.tn |
| Institut Privée des Hautes Etudes à Tunis | http://www.ihet.ens.tn/ |
| Mediterranean School of Business | https://www.msb.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée de Technologie et de Management | https://suptech.tn/ |
| Institut Supérieur Privé Méditerranéen de Technologie | http://www.medtech.tn/ |
| Université Montplaisir Tunis | http://www.umt.ens.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Informatique et d'Administration des Affaires | https://www.ebs.tn/ ecole-epsima/ |
| EPI Sousse | https://www.epieducationalgroup.com/ |
| Université SESAME | http://universitesesame.com/ |
| Université Paris-Dauphine Tunis | https://www.tunis.dauphine.fr/ |
| Université Méditerranéenne | http://www.umlt.ens.tn/gr/ |
| TIME Université | http://www.time.ens.tn/fr/ |
| Université Mahmoud El Materi | http://www.ummm-tunisie.com/ |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Architecture, d'Audiovisuel et de Design | http://www.esad-tunis.com/ |
| École Supérieure Privée de l'Aéronautique et des Technologies | http://www.esat.ens.tn/en/ |
| Université Privée des Etudes Scientifiques et Technologiques de Mégrine | http://www.upes-megrine.com/accueil.html |
| Université Ibn Khaldoun | http://www.uik.ens.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Administration des Affaires et de Droit Avicenne | https://apbstunisia.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée des Technologies et Ingénierie | http://tek-up.de/ |
| Université Arabe des Sciences | http://uas.ens.tn/ |
| Institut International du Numérique et de l'Audiovisuel | http://www.iina.tn/ |
| Université Européenne de Tunis | https://universiteeuropeenne.tn/ |

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| Université Technologique Privée de Gabès | http://www.essat-gabes.com/ |
| American University in North Africa | http://www.auna.com.tn/en/ |
| Institut Supérieur Privé d'Administration des Entreprises | http://iaetunis.com/ |
| École Internationale Supérieure Privée de Droit et des Affaires | http://lbs.tn/ |
| École Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Privée de Gafsa | http://esip.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénieurs de Monastir | https://www.esprims.tn/école/presentation-de-lecole/ |
| École Supérieure Privée des Etudes Administratives et Commerciales | http://www.eseac.ens.tn/ |
| Leaders University | https://www.leaders-university.net/ |
| Institut International de Technologie | http://www.iit.com.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée des Technologies d'Informatique et de Management | http://www.estim.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Polytechnique Internationale Privée de Sfax | http://www.espin-ens.com/ |
| International School of Business | https://isb.ens.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénierie et de Technologie Appliquée | http://www.espita.ens.tn/ |
| Faculté des Sciences de la Santé | https://upsat.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Privée des Technologies de l'Information et de Management de Nabeul (IT Business school) | https://itbs.tn/ |
| Université Privée de Sousse | http://www.ups.ens.tn/ |
| Institut Privée des Hautes Etudes à Sousse | http://www.ihes.ens.tn/ |
| Faculté Privée de Management et des Sciences de l'Administration de Sousse | http://www.fmsa.ens.tn/ |
| École Supérieure Polytechnique Privée de Monastir | https://www.polytechmonastir.tn/ |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences Infirmières El Amed | http://www.universite-amed.com/ |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences, de la Technologie et des Affaires du Centre | http://www.issatso.rnu.tn/fo/index.php |
| École Supérieure Privée d'Assurance et de Finance | http://www.espaf.tn/ |
| Université Privée du Sud | https://ipsas-ens.net/ ; http://www.uls.ens.tn/ |

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| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences Infirmières de Sousse | https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Interest/ISIS-Institut-Sup%C3%A9rieur-Priv%C3%A9-des-Sciences-Infirm%C3%A8res-de-Sousse--136040546503377/ |
| École Centrale Supérieure Privée de Technologie | https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89cole_centrale_polytechnique_priv%C3%A9e_de_Tunis |
| Institut Supérieur des Etudes Paramédicales et Sciences Infirmières | -- |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences de la Santé de Sousse | https://upsat.tn/ |
| Institut Supérieur Privé des Sciences Infirmières de Kairouan | https://www.facebook.com/ISPSIK/ |
| Faculté Privée des Sciences Paramédicales de Sfax | -- |
| Tunisia Tech University | http://www.tunisiatechu.org/ |

Think tanks

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| Tunisia Think Tank Foundation International | https://www.facebook.com/tunisia.think.tank.foundation?ref |
| Tunisian Think Tank | https://tunisianthinktank.com/ |
| Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies | http://www.ites.tn/ |
| Centre for Mediterranean and International Studies | http://www.cemi-tunis.org/ |
| Maghreb Economic Forum | https://www.magef.org/who-we-are/ |

Museums (with known websites)

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| National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies Museum | http://www.instm.agrinet.tn/ |
| Musée de la monnaie museum | http://www.bct.gov.tn/bct/siteprod/francais/musee/musee_fr.jsp |
| Sousse Archaeological Museum | http://www.soussemuseum.tn/ |
| Bardo National Museum | http://www.bardomuseum.tn/ |
| Djerba Traditional Heritage Museum | http://www.djerbamuseum.tn/ |
| Tunis Science City | http://www.cst.rnu.tn |
| Musée militaire national | http://www.defense.tn/fr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=99 |