

**Table 391.—Percent of population enrolled in secondary and postsecondary institutions, by age group:  
Selected countries, 1985, 1990, and 1998**

Country	Secondary schools, 16 years old <sup>1</sup>			Secondary schools, 17 years old <sup>1</sup>			Postsecondary institutions								
	1985	1990	1998	1985	1990	1998	18 to 21 years old			22 to 25 years old			26 to 29 years old		
							1985	1990	1998	1985	1990	1998	1985	1990	1998
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Belgium <sup>2</sup> .....	90.0	—	94.0	80.9	—	93.0	24.5	—	41.0	7.2	—	13.5	1.5	—	2.5
Canada .....	—	—	99.0	—	—	83.0	—	—	26.6	—	—	17.3	—	—	6.2
Denmark .....	31.2	34.6	93.0	69.3	73.1	82.0	7.4	7.4	8.1	16.3	17.9	25.5	8.2	9.3	13.4
Finland .....	74.6	89.7	89.0	80.5	81.7	93.0	9.3	13.6	22.8	17.3	20.7	33.4	7.9	10.2	16.0
France .....	67.0	68.2	95.0	72.4	79.7	88.0	19.3	24.6	36.0	10.0	11.8	19.0	4.3	3.9	4.3
Germany <sup>3</sup> .....	52.3	46.5	96.0	82.7	81.2	91.0	8.8	8.5	11.2	—	15.9	18.2	8.9	10.3	10.9
Ireland .....	—	79.2	91.0	—	68.0	73.0	—	20.5	32.7	—	—	11.8	—	—	2.4
Japan .....	—	93.5	96.0	—	88.6	94.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands .....	41.7	45.0	96.0	55.6	58.5	85.0	14.4	17.9	25.6	11.9	13.4	18.9	5.7	4.7	4.7
New Zealand .....	—	79.9	88.0	—	57.2	69.0	—	20.7	28.4	—	14.8	13.5	—	—	6.9
Norway .....	83.4	90.4	94.0	76.1	82.6	93.0	8.6	13.5	19.3	13.9	17.4	26.8	6.2	7.5	10.9
Portugal .....	18.0	—	84.0	22.3	—	81.0	5.9	—	22.9	5.4	—	16.7	2.3	—	6.3
Spain .....	58.2	70.6	85.0	50.9	62.1	73.0	15.0	21.3	30.6	10.7	13.5	22.3	4.0	4.5	6.8
Sweden .....	86.7	83.1	98.0	82.4	84.6	97.0	7.8	8.7	13.4	11.3	11.4	20.6	6.5	6.1	9.4
Switzerland .....	58.1	61.9	90.0	78.8	81.7	85.0	5.7	6.4	9.5	10.6	12.1	16.2	5.2	6.4	7.6
Turkey .....	20.5	27.3	43.0	12.7	17.3	22.0	—	7.3	12.3	—	4.3	7.7	—	2.2	3.4
United Kingdom .....	67.0	75.6	81.0	45.9	57.4	66.0	15.0	16.1	28.5	7.4	10.6	10.3	—	—	5.3
United States <sup>4</sup> .....	83.6	84.8	84.0	78.1	78.4	74.0	33.2	35.6	37.3	14.6	17.3	20.2	8.2	8.6	9.4

—Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Includes full-time and part-time enrollment.

<sup>2</sup>Data for Flemish Belgium only.

<sup>3</sup>Data for 1985 are for the former West Germany.

<sup>4</sup>Postsecondary includes higher education only.

NOTE: Some increases in enrollment rates may be due to more complete reporting by countries.

SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Education at a Glance*, various years; and unpublished data. (This table was prepared July 2000.)