

**Table 411.—Number of bachelor's degree recipients per 100 persons of the theoretical age of graduation, by sex:
Selected countries, 1989 to 1999**

| Country | Men and women | | | | | | Men | | | | | Women | | | | |
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| | 1989 | 1990 | 1992 | 1995 | 1996 | 1999 | 1989 | 1990 | 1992 | 1995 | 1996 | 1989 | 1990 | 1992 | 1995 | 1996 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Australia | 19.6 | — | 28.5 | 34.9 | 36.0 | 27.0 | 18.9 | — | 23.7 | 27.6 | 28.9 | 21.1 | — | 33.6 | 42.7 | 43.3 |
| Austria | 6.6 | 7.7 | — | 9.8 | 10.5 | 12.0 | 7.6 | 8.5 | — | 10.6 | 11.4 | 5.5 | 6.8 | — | 8.9 | 9.6 |
| Belgium ¹ | 16.5 | 17.1 | — | — | 15.9 | 17.8 | 18.9 | 19.5 | — | — | 16.7 | 14.1 | 14.7 | — | — | 15.2 |
| Canada | — | — | 32.2 | 31.8 | 31.9 | 29.3 | — | — | 27.6 | 26.4 | 26.5 | — | — | 37.6 | 37.4 | 37.4 |
| Czech Republic | — | — | — | — | — | 10.8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Denmark | 12.9 | 15.0 | 22.3 | 28.5 | 28.0 | — | 11.5 | 13.3 | 17.7 | 25.1 | 23.1 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 27.2 | 31.9 | 33.0 |
| Finland | 16.9 | 17.1 | — | 22.2 | 23.9 | 33.9 | 17.1 | 17.0 | — | 22.0 | 22.4 | 16.6 | 17.1 | 17.9 | 22.3 | 25.6 |
| France | 13.8 | 14.9 | — | — | — | 24.9 | 13.7 | 14.7 | — | — | — | 13.9 | 15.1 | — | — | — |
| Germany ² | 13.2 | 12.9 | — | 16.2 | 16.1 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 15.7 | — | 18.2 | 18.2 | 10.1 | 10.0 | — | 14.0 | 13.5 |
| Hungary | — | — | — | — | — | 26.9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Iceland | — | — | — | — | — | 28.9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ireland | 16.4 | 17.4 | 17.8 | 21.2 | 25.5 | 26.0 | 31.9 | 17.5 | 17.9 | 19.9 | 24.6 | — | 17.3 | 17.7 | 22.7 | 26.4 |
| Italy | 8.9 | 9.2 | — | 11.8 | 12.6 | 16.0 | 9.1 | 9.3 | — | 10.8 | 11.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | — | 12.9 | 13.8 |
| Japan | — | 22.1 | 23.2 | 22.8 | 22.9 | 29.0 | — | 31.5 | 31.9 | 30.4 | 30.7 | — | 12.4 | 14.0 | 14.9 | 14.9 |
| Korea, Republic of | — | — | — | — | — | 27.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Mexico | — | — | — | — | — | 11.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Netherlands | 10.2 | 8.0 | 17.6 | 22.0 | 19.6 | 33.5 | 12.3 | 9.4 | 17.3 | 20.6 | 18.2 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 17.8 | 23.4 | 21.1 |
| New Zealand | 36.1 | 15.3 | 17.2 | 24.7 | 30.8 | 37.3 | 16.6 | 15.4 | 16.9 | 20.9 | 26.2 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 17.4 | 28.6 | 35.4 |
| Norway | 24.6 | 27.5 | 19.0 | 23.0 | 27.4 | 33.9 | 18.1 | 19.1 | 14.5 | 17.2 | 20.2 | 31.7 | 36.3 | 23.7 | 28.9 | 34.8 |
| Portugal | — | 7.6 | — | 14.6 | 15.7 | — | — | 5.9 | — | 10.8 | 11.3 | — | 9.3 | — | 18.3 | 20.2 |
| Spain | 17.7 | 18.6 | — | 24.0 | 26.1 | 30.3 | 14.6 | 15.3 | — | 19.6 | 21.5 | 21.0 | 22.0 | — | 28.6 | 31.0 |
| Sweden | 13.0 | 12.2 | 14.1 | 15.5 | 19.1 | 27.2 | 11.1 | 10.5 | 11.8 | 14.0 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 14.0 | 16.4 | 17.0 | 23.3 |
| Switzerland | 7.7 | 7.7 | — | 9.1 | 9.3 | 20.5 | 10.1 | 10.3 | — | 11.4 | 11.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | — | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Turkey | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7.0 | — | 9.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 8.6 | — | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | — |
| United Kingdom | — | — | 20.4 | 31.6 | 34.4 | 36.8 | — | — | 21.0 | 30.3 | 32.7 | — | — | 19.8 | 32.9 | 36.2 |
| United States | 27.3 | 28.6 | 27.4 | 33.2 | 34.7 | 33.2 | 25.5 | 26.2 | 24.6 | 29.3 | 30.6 | 29.2 | 31.1 | 30.3 | 37.3 | 38.9 |

—Not available.

¹ Data for Flemish Belgium only.

² Data for 1989 are for the former West Germany.

NOTE: The graduation rate relates the number of people with bachelor's degrees to the number of people in the population at typical age of graduation. Data for 1999 reflect a reclassification of degree levels and may not be comparable to figures for earlier years.

SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Education at a Glance 2001*, and unpublished tabulations. (This table was prepared January 2002.)