

Table 411.—Percent of bachelor's degrees awarded in science: Selected countries, 1985 to 1999

Country	All science degrees					Natural sciences					Mathematics and computer science					Engineering				
	1985	1990	1995	1996	1999	1985	1990	1995	1996	1999	1985	1990	1995	1996	1999	1985	1990	1995	1996	1999
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Australia	—	—	19.3	20.1	19.4	—	—	9.9	10.0	7.0	—	—	3.8	4.1	4.5	—	—	5.6	6.0	7.9
Austria	16.8	19.6	21.1	22.1	26.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.3	4.1	5.2	5.3	5.1	3.2	7.7	9.0	9.9	10.8	16.5
Belgium ¹	—	—	—	24.4	25.3	4.6	—	—	3.1	6.1	1.7	—	—	1.8	2.3	—	—	—	19.5	17.0
Canada	17.1	16.4	16.7	17.4	19.7	4.9	6.0	6.5	6.7	8.2	4.5	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.0	7.7	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.5
Czech Republic	—	—	—	—	29.3	—	—	—	—	3.8	—	—	—	—	3.0	—	—	—	—	22.5
Denmark	—	—	—	—	—	6.3	4.4	2.5	1.4	—	—	—	—	3.3	—	16.2	21.7	17.0	15.1	—
Finland	39.3	33.5	37.2	35.7	33.2	7.7	4.1	4.0	4.1	0.6	6.3	5.9	6.9	6.0	2.4	25.3	23.4	26.3	25.6	30.2
Germany ²	23.8	31.3	31.6	31.1	33.5	5.0	7.2	6.7	6.6	6.9	2.3	3.5	5.2	5.0	5.2	16.5	20.5	19.7	19.5	21.4
Hungary	—	—	—	—	17.3	—	—	—	—	1.1	—	—	—	—	1.3	—	—	—	—	14.9
Iceland	—	—	—	—	13.6	—	—	—	—	6.1	—	—	—	—	2.6	—	—	—	—	4.9
Ireland	28.8	34.1	32.3	28.0	25.8	12.8	14.1	16.9	12.2	8.8	4.0	6.3	4.7	6.3	7.1	12.0	13.7	10.7	9.6	10.0
Italy	19.5	19.7	19.5	19.9	27.6	8.1	7.6	6.8	6.6	6.0	3.1	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	8.3	8.3	8.9	9.6	18.2
Japan	22.7	23.5	22.8	—	18.9	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.3	21.0	19.3	19.3	18.9
Korea, Republic of	—	—	—	—	36.7	—	—	—	—	6.3	—	—	—	—	4.5	—	—	—	—	25.9
Mexico	—	—	—	—	22.9	—	—	—	—	2.1	—	—	—	—	7.0	—	—	—	—	13.8
Netherlands	21.8	21.1	—	16.0	16.5	8.5	7.1	—	1.6	3.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	12.1	12.4	—	12.8	11.6
New Zealand	20.5	19.5	—	—	18.6	11.7	8.2	—	—	12.1	5.5	5.5	—	—	1.6	3.3	5.8	3.2	3.6	5.0
Norway	—	12.9	16.8	15.2	12.8	2.5	2.1	3.1	2.8	0.8	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	2.8	—	10.2	13.2	11.9	9.3
Poland	—	—	—	—	16.5	—	—	—	—	2.1	—	—	—	—	1.8	—	—	—	—	12.6
Portugal	—	—	15.0	15.4	—	6.5	6.7	2.2	2.8	—	—	—	2.8	2.8	—	—	10.5	9.9	9.8	—
Spain	13.9	15.0	18.2	18.5	21.0	5.5	5.7	4.3	4.8	4.8	1.3	2.6	4.5	4.3	3.9	7.0	6.7	9.4	9.4	12.3
Sweden	15.4	24.0	26.4	22.4	25.0	2.6	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.6	1.6	4.7	5.5	4.5	3.0	11.3	15.2	17.0	14.3	18.4
Switzerland	20.2	23.0	22.3	22.4	25.1	10.3	11.2	10.4	11.1	6.5	2.1	3.7	3.7	3.1	1.8	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.2	16.8
Turkey	23.0	20.6	20.9	—	24.2	3.6	4.6	5.1	—	7.1	1.6	2.1	2.7	—	3.7	17.8	13.8	13.1	—	13.4
United Kingdom	—	—	—	—	28.9	—	—	—	—	9.8	—	—	—	—	6.4	—	—	—	—	12.7
United States	21.7	16.9	—	16.8	17.4	6.3	5.1	—	6.9	7.2	5.5	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.3	9.8	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.9

—Not available.

¹Data for Flemish Belgium only.

²Data for 1985 are for the former West Germany.

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