

**Table 390.—School-age populations as a percent of total population:
Selected countries, 1985, 1990, 1995, 1996, and 1998**

| Country | 5- to 13-year-olds as a percent of total population | | | | | 14- to 17-year-olds as a percent of total population | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|--|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 1996 ¹ | 1998 ¹ | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 1996 ² | 1998 ² |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Australia | 14.5 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Belgium | 11.4 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Canada | 12.8 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Czech Republic | — | — | 11.6 | 13.0 | 13.0 | — | — | 6.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Denmark | 12.0 | 10.1 | 9.7 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Finland | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| France | 12.8 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Germany ³ | 9.1 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| Greece | — | — | 10.7 | 12.0 | 11.0 | — | 5.5 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Iceland | 15.7 | 15.0 | 14.3 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Ireland | 17.9 | 17.5 | 15.2 | 17.0 | 16.0 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| Italy | 12.7 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Japan | 14.0 | 11.8 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 6.0 |
| Korea | — | — | 14.5 | 15.0 | 14.0 | — | — | 7.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| Luxembourg | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| Netherlands | 12.0 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| New Zealand | 15.3 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Norway | 12.5 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Portugal | 15.3 | 14.3 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 8.0 | 7.0 |
| Russian Federation | — | — | 14.3 | 16.0 | — | — | — | 5.8 | 7.0 | — |
| Spain | 15.0 | 12.9 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 8.0 | 7.0 |
| Sweden | 11.3 | 10.2 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Switzerland | 10.6 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Turkey | 20.6 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 21.0 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 11.0 | 11.0 |
| United Kingdom | 11.4 | 11.1 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| United States | 12.6 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 15.0 | 14.0 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 7.0 |

—Not available.

¹ Data are for the 5-14 year old population.

² Data are for the 15-19 year old population.

³ Data for 1985 are for the former West Germany.

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