

**Table 397.—Pupils per teacher in public and private elementary and secondary schools, by level of education:
Selected countries, 1985 to 1999**

Country	Elementary						Junior high schools (lower secondary)						Senior high schools (upper secondary)					
	1985	1990	1994	1996	1998	1999	1985	1990	1994	1996	1998	1999	1985	1990	1994	1996	1998	1999
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Australia	¹ 13.8	—	18.5	18.1	17.9	17.3	—	—	—	—	14.7	² 13.7	3.2	—	—	—	16.8	² 10.8
Austria	11.3	11.6	11.9	12.7	12.7	14.5	9.2	7.7	8.3	9.2	9.3	9.6	15.2	12.4	7.8	8.5	9.7	10.0
Belgium	—	—	13.3	—	14.0	13.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada	18.1	17.1	16.5	17.0	21.0	18.7	16.0	15.5	19.1	20.0	21.0	18.7	16.0	15.3	19.1	19.5	23.1	20.0
Denmark	12.7	11.2	11.0	11.2	—	10.6	10.2	9.3	9.0	10.1	—	11.6	14.8	13.3	9.1	12.1	—	13.2
France	—	—	19.6	19.5	—	19.6	—	—	—	—	—	12.9	—	—	—	—	—	12.7
Germany ³	20.7	20.3	20.5	20.9	21.6	21.0	16.9	14.6	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.4	23.7	21.0	12.0	13.1	13.6	12.4
Ireland	—	—	24.3	22.6	22.6	21.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.2	8.3	—	—	—	—
Italy	12.8	10.7	10.2	11.2	—	11.3	9.6	8.5	8.0	10.8	—	10.3	10.8	10.7	8.9	9.8	—	10.2
Japan	—	¹ 20.8	19.2	19.7	21.4	21.2	—	18.6	16.2	16.2	17.3	17.1	—	16.2	15.8	15.6	14.4	14.1
Netherlands	20.2	19.2	22.4	20.0	17.8	16.6	12.7	12.4	16.9	—	—	—	—	—	16.5	—	—	—
New Zealand	20.1	19.1	20.2	22.0	24.7	20.5	—	—	16.7	18.1	25.9	19.8	—	—	13.2	14.1	16.8	12.8
Norway	—	—	—	—	12.6	12.6	—	—	—	—	—	10.1	10.1	—	—	—	8.1	9.9
Portugal	—	—	12.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spain	26.8	21.2	19.2	18.0	16.0	15.4	21.4	18.8	18.2	17.8	—	—	15.3	14.8	14.8	14.2	—	—
Sweden	11.6	10.6	12.5	12.7	13.4	13.3	10.8	10.2	10.9	12.2	13.2	13.3	13.1	11.9	14.6	15.2	17.0	15.5
Turkey	31.1	30.6	27.4	—	—	30.0	41.3	48.4	45.6	—	—	—	11.0	12.1	14.1	—	—	16.1
United Kingdom	19.7	22.0	20.7	21.3	22.0	22.5	—	18.5	16.9	16.0	16.7	17.4	11.1	13.9	15.1	15.3	16.7	² 12.4
United States	17.0	15.6	—	16.9	16.5	16.3	16.5	15.9	—	17.5	17.1	16.8	16.2	15.8	—	14.7	14.7	14.5

—Not available.

¹ Public schools only.

² Includes only general programs.

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SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Education at a Glance*, various years; and unpublished data.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 June 2001.)