

Table 414.—Total public direct expenditures on education as a percentage of the gross domestic product: Selected countries, 1985 to 1999

Country	All institutions ¹					Primary and secondary institutions					Higher education institutions				
	1985	1990	1995	1998	1999	1985	1990	1995	1998	1999	1985	1990	1995	1998	1999
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Average for year	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.2	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.2
Average for countries reporting data for all years	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4
Australia	5.4	4.3	4.5	4.8	5.0	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.8	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
Austria	5.6	5.2	5.3	6.3	6.3	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.7
Belgium ²	6.3	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.5	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.5
Canada	6.1	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.7	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.9
Czech Republic	—	—	4.8	4.3	4.4	—	—	3.4	2.9	3.0	—	—	0.7	0.8	0.8
Denmark	6.2	6.2	6.5	8.3	8.1	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.9	4.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	2.2	2.4
Finland	5.8	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.2	—	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	—	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.1
France	—	5.1	5.8	6.0	6.0	—	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	—	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1
Germany ³	4.6	—	4.5	4.6	4.7	2.8	—	2.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	—	1.0	1.1	1.1
Greece	—	—	3.7	3.5	3.6	—	—	2.8	2.3	2.4	—	—	0.8	1.1	1.1
Hungary	—	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.7	—	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.9	—	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Iceland	—	4.3	4.5	7.1	—	—	3.3	3.4	4.3	—	—	0.6	0.7	2.2	—
Ireland	5.6	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2
Italy	4.7	5.8	4.5	4.9	4.5	3.2	4.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8
Japan	—	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	—	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	—	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Korea, Republic of	—	—	3.6	4.1	4.1	—	—	3.0	3.1	3.2	—	—	0.3	0.4	0.6
Luxembourg	—	—	4.3	—	—	—	—	4.2	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	—
Mexico	—	3.2	4.6	4.2	4.4	—	2.2	3.4	3.0	3.1	—	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Netherlands	6.2	5.7	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.1	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.1	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.3
New Zealand	—	5.5	5.3	7.2	6.3	—	3.9	3.8	4.9	4.8	—	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.2
Norway	5.1	6.2	6.8	7.7	7.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.3	0.7	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.0
Poland	—	—	5.2	5.4	5.2	—	—	3.3	3.5	3.6	—	—	0.8	1.2	0.8
Portugal	—	—	5.4	5.7	5.7	—	—	4.1	4.3	4.2	—	—	1.0	1.0	1.0
Russia	—	—	3.4	—	3.0	—	—	1.9	—	—	—	—	0.7	—	—
Spain	3.6	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.5	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Sweden	—	5.3	6.6	8.0	7.7	—	4.4	4.4	5.3	5.1	—	1.0	1.6	2.1	2.1
Switzerland	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Turkey	—	3.2	2.2	3.0	4.0	—	2.3	1.4	1.8	2.9	—	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1
United Kingdom	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.7	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.3	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.1
United States	4.7	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.2	3.2	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.5	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.4

—Not available.

¹ Includes preprimary and other expenditures not classified by level.² Flemish Belgium data only.³ Data for 1985 refer to West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany before unification).⁴ Data are for 2000.

NOTE: Direct public expenditure on educational services includes both amounts spent directly by governments to hire educational personnel and to procure other resources,

and amounts provided by governments to public or private institutions. Figures for 1998 include public subsidies to households attributable for educational institutions and direct expenditures from international sources, and are not directly comparable with other years. Figures for 1985 also include transfers and payments to private entities, and thus are not strictly comparable with later figures.

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