

Table 397.—School-age populations as a percent of total population: Selected countries, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 1996

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

¹ 1996 data are for the 5-14 year old population.

² 1996 data are for the 15-19 year old population.

³ Data for 1985 are for the former West Germany.

—Data not available.

SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Education at a Glance*, various years; and unpublished data. (This table was prepared August 1999.)