

**Table 398.—Percent of population enrolled in secondary and postsecondary institutions, by age group:  
Selected countries, 1985, 1990, and 1996**

Country	Secondary schools, 16 years old <sup>1</sup>			Secondary schools, 17 years old <sup>1</sup>			Postsecondary institutions								
	1985	1990	1996	1985	1990	1996	18 to 21 years old			22 to 25 years old			26 to 29 years old		
							1985	1990	1996	1985	1990	1996	1985	1990	1996
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Belgium .....	90.0	—	100.0	80.9	—	97.0	24.5	—	39.6	7.2	—	15.4	1.5	—	4.0
Canada .....	—	—	91.0	—	—	69.0	—	—	40.5	—	—	21.9	—	—	9.1
Denmark .....	31.2	34.6	93.0	69.3	73.1	82.0	7.4	7.4	8.5	16.3	17.9	23.5	8.2	9.3	12.1
Finland .....	74.6	89.7	93.0	80.5	81.7	92.0	9.3	13.6	18.2	17.3	20.7	28.8	7.9	10.2	13.6
France .....	67.0	68.2	96.0	72.4	79.7	90.0	19.3	24.6	36.0	10.0	11.8	18.6	4.3	3.9	4.4
Germany <sup>2</sup> .....	52.3	46.5	97.0	82.7	81.2	92.0	8.8	8.5	10.8	—	15.9	17.2	8.9	10.3	11.8
Ireland .....	—	79.2	89.0	—	68.0	71.0	—	20.5	31.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japan .....	—	93.5	98.0	—	88.6	95.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands .....	41.7	45.0	98.0	55.6	58.5	90.0	14.4	17.9	24.0	11.9	13.4	19.2	5.7	4.7	5.4
New Zealand .....	—	79.9	98.0	—	57.2	77.0	—	20.7	29.4	—	14.8	13.8	—	—	7.1
Norway .....	83.4	90.4	94.0	76.1	82.6	93.0	8.6	13.5	19.0	13.9	17.4	24.8	6.2	7.5	10.5
Portugal .....	18.0	—	77.0	22.3	—	71.0	5.9	—	19.3	5.4	—	16.0	2.3	—	6.1
Spain .....	58.2	70.6	83.0	50.9	62.1	76.0	15.0	21.3	27.3	10.7	13.5	19.8	4.0	4.5	6.2
Sweden .....	86.7	83.1	97.0	82.4	84.6	96.0	7.8	8.7	13.7	11.3	11.4	17.9	6.5	6.1	8.0
Switzerland .....	58.1	61.9	86.0	78.8	81.7	82.0	5.7	6.4	7.6	10.6	12.1	15.3	5.2	6.4	7.4
Turkey .....	20.5	27.3	—	12.7	17.3	—	—	7.3	—	—	4.3	—	—	2.2	—
United Kingdom .....	67.0	75.6	82.0	45.9	57.4	72.0	15.0	16.1	26.9	7.4	10.6	9.4	—	—	4.8
United States <sup>3</sup> .....	83.6	84.8	86.0	78.1	78.4	79.0	33.2	35.6	34.6	14.6	17.3	21.5	8.2	8.6	11.1

<sup>1</sup> Includes full-time and part-time enrollment.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1985 are for the former West Germany.

<sup>3</sup> Postsecondary includes higher education only.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Increased enrollment rates in some countries may be due to more complete reporting.

SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Education at a Glance*, various years; and unpublished data.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