

**Table 415.—Number of bachelor's degree recipients per 100 persons of the theoretical age of graduation,¹ by sex:
Selected countries, 1989 to 1996**

Country	Men and women						Men						Women					
	1989	1990	1992	1994	1995	1996	1989	1990	1992	1994	1995	1996	1989	1990	1992	1994	1995	1996
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Australia	19.6	—	28.5	32.2	34.9	36.0	18.9	—	23.7	25.9	27.6	28.9	21.1	—	33.6	38.7	42.7	43.3
Austria	6.6	7.7	—	9.2	9.8	10.5	7.6	8.5	—	10.1	10.6	11.4	5.5	6.8	—	8.4	8.9	9.6
Belgium	16.5	17.1	—	—	—	15.9	18.9	19.5	—	—	—	16.7	14.1	14.7	—	—	—	15.2
Canada	—	—	32.2	30.3	31.8	31.9	—	—	27.6	25.5	26.4	26.5	—	—	37.6	35.3	37.4	37.4
Denmark	12.9	15.0	22.3	30.5	28.5	28.0	11.5	13.3	17.7	26.4	25.1	23.1	14.4	16.9	27.2	34.9	31.9	33.0
Finland	16.9	17.1	—	22.2	22.2	23.9	17.1	17.0	—	22.2	22.0	22.4	16.6	17.1	17.9	22.1	22.3	25.6
France	13.8	14.9	—	—	—	—	13.7	14.7	—	—	—	—	13.9	15.1	—	—	—	—
Germany ²	13.2	12.9	—	14.6	16.2	16.1	16.1	15.7	—	16.4	18.2	18.2	10.1	10.0	—	12.6	14.0	13.5
Ireland	16.4	17.4	17.8	—	21.2	25.5	31.9	17.5	17.9	—	19.9	24.6	—	17.3	17.7	—	22.7	26.4
Italy	8.9	9.2	—	11.3	11.8	12.6	9.1	9.3	—	10.3	10.8	11.4	8.7	9.0	—	12.4	12.9	13.8
Japan	—	22.1	23.2	23.2	22.8	22.9	—	31.5	31.9	31.0	30.4	30.7	—	12.4	14.0	15.2	14.9	14.9
Netherlands	10.2	8.0	17.6	—	22.0	19.6	12.3	9.4	17.3	—	20.6	18.2	7.9	6.5	17.8	—	23.4	21.1
New Zealand	36.1	15.3	17.2	—	24.7	30.8	16.6	15.4	16.9	—	20.9	26.2	15.5	15.1	17.4	—	28.6	35.4
Norway	24.6	27.5	19.0	23.0	23.0	27.4	18.1	19.1	14.5	17.4	17.2	20.2	31.7	36.3	23.7	28.8	28.9	34.8
Portugal	—	7.6	—	13.8	14.6	15.7	—	5.9	—	10.4	10.8	11.3	—	9.3	—	17.2	18.3	20.2
Spain	17.7	18.6	—	—	24.0	26.1	14.6	15.3	—	—	19.6	21.5	21.0	22.0	—	—	28.6	31.0
Sweden	13.0	12.2	14.1	13.7	15.5	19.1	11.1	10.5	11.8	12.0	14.0	15.1	15.1	14.0	16.4	15.4	17.0	23.3
Switzerland	7.7	7.7	—	8.5	9.1	9.3	10.1	10.3	—	10.7	11.4	11.5	5.3	5.1	—	6.3	6.8	7.2
Turkey	6.0	6.1	6.1	—	7.0	—	7.3	7.5	7.5	—	8.6	—	4.6	4.5	4.6	—	5.2	—
United Kingdom	—	—	20.4	25.9	31.6	34.4	—	—	21.0	25.5	30.3	32.7	—	—	19.8	26.3	32.9	36.2
United States	27.3	28.6	27.4	32.2	33.2	34.7	25.5	26.2	24.6	28.7	29.3	30.6	29.2	31.1	30.3	35.9	37.3	38.9

¹The graduation rate relates the number of people with bachelor's degrees to the number of people in the population at typical age of graduation.

²Data for 1989 are for the former West Germany.

—Data not available.

SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, unpublished tabulations. (This table was prepared September 1999.)