

Appendix table 2-36

**Tertiary education of population ages 25–34, by country: 1991–2004**

(Percent)

Country	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
OECD average .....	20.5	21.9	NA	22.2	22.4	23.8	24.9	24.8	25.3	26.4	27.3	28.4	29.5	31.0
Australia .....	22.8	NA	22.8	23.6	24.7	25.3	25.7	28.1	29.0	31.4	33.5	35.8	36.3	36.2
Austria .....	7.9	7.9	NA	8.8	8.7	9.2	12.4	12.5	12.7	15.0	14.3	14.8	15.4	20.3
Belgium .....	26.8	27.2	NA	30.0	32.9	32.2	33.1	33.8	34.4	36.0	37.5	37.6	38.9	40.7
Canada .....	32.9	34.2	NA	37.8	39.3	40.6	44.1	45.5	46.8	48.3	50.5	51.2	52.8	53.3
Czech Republic .....	NA	NA	NA	12.5	11.8	11.2	10.9	10.5	10.9	11.2	11.3	12.3	12.1	13.0
Denmark .....	18.7	19.5	NA	19.7	20.3	20.7	NA	26.8	28.6	29.3	29.1	30.6	35.1	34.9
Finland .....	33.3	33.5	NA	34.1	35.0	35.2	36.4	36.0	37.4	37.6	38.2	39.2	39.8	38.0
France .....	20.1	21.6	23.1	24.3	25.4	26.0	27.8	29.6	30.9	32.4	34.2	36.1	37.4	38.1
Germany .....	19.6	18.8	NA	18.7	20.8	20.3	21.0	21.5	21.5	22.3	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.9
Greece .....	NA	NA	NA	25.0	26.0	28.2	22.3	24.3	24.6	24.3	24.0	24.1	23.7	24.6
Hungary .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14.3	12.4	13.9	13.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	16.8	18.9
Iceland .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	23.7	23.0	24.2	27.6	27.8	26.5	29.1	29.1	31.3
Ireland .....	19.7	21.2	NA	24.4	27.2	31.3	32.5	29.5	28.1	30.3	33.4	36.3	37.1	40.4
Italy .....	6.6	6.8	NA	7.9	8.2	8.3	NA	9.0	10.0	10.4	11.8	12.5	12.5	14.6
Japan .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	45.2	45.4	45.1	47.2	47.7	50.3	51.6	51.6
Korea .....	21.0	23.9	26.8	27.7	29.2	30.6	30.9	33.8	34.8	36.9	39.2	41.2	46.6	49.1
Luxembourg .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	21.2	22.9	23.4	22.6	18.7	30.9
Mexico .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	16.3	17.1	17.3	16.7	16.6	17.4	18.0	18.4	18.7	19.3
Netherlands .....	22.2	23.6	NA	23.9	24.5	25.1	NA	27.5	25.1	26.6	26.5	27.7	27.7	34.2
New Zealand .....	23.2	23.2	NA	21.1	24.2	NA	25.4	26.4	26.0	27.2	28.5	29.3	32.4	28.0
Norway .....	27.1	28.2	NA	30.7	32.1	30.0	29.9	32.8	34.7	34.9	37.9	39.7	39.8	39.2
Poland .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.9	NA	10.3	11.8	12.3	14.2	15.2	16.8	20.4	23.2
Portugal .....	8.5	NA	NA	13.2	13.5	14.4	NA	11.5	12.2	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.3	18.6
Slovak Republic .....	NA	NA	NA	12.5	11.6	12.4	10.4	11.3	11.1	11.2	11.9	11.9	13.2	14.3
Spain .....	16.3	22.5	NA	25.2	26.6	28.6	30.3	32.0	33.5	34.1	35.5	36.7	37.5	38.1
Sweden .....	27.0	26.5	NA	27.3	28.6	28.4	29.3	30.7	31.7	33.6	36.9	39.2	40.4	42.3
Switzerland .....	21.3	21.3	NA	22.0	21.5	22.5	24.7	25.0	25.9	25.6	25.6	26.5	29.4	30.4
Turkey .....	6.1	5.6	NA	6.6	7.5	NA	7.3	7.8	8.7	8.9	9.1	10.5	11.4	10.8
United Kingdom .....	18.5	20.6	NA	23.1	23.3	24.3	24.7	25.9	27.3	28.6	29.5	31.2	33.1	34.6
United States .....	30.2	30.2	NA	32.0	33.6	35.2	35.7	36.2	37.4	38.1	39.1	39.3	38.7	39.0

NA = not available

OECD = Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

NOTES: Tertiary education includes International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) levels 5A, 5B, and 6 programs. ISCED 5A programs largely theory-based and designed to provide sufficient qualifications for entry into advanced research programs and professions with high skill requirements. ISCED 5B programs focus on practical, technical, or occupational skills for direct entry into labor market. ISCED 6 programs devoted to advanced studies and original research leading to award of an advanced research qualification. In United States, ISCED 5B corresponds to associate's, ISCED 5A corresponds to bachelor's and master's, and ISCED 6 corresponds to doctoral degrees.

SOURCE: OECD, *OECD Factbook 2006: Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics*; and Education at a Glance: OECD Indicators 2006 (2006).