

Table 21 - Higher Education: Participation and Graduation Rates, 1996*Percentages*

		Participation Rates		Graduation Rates(3)					
		Net entry rate(1)	Net enrolment rate (age 18-21) (2)	First Degree			Higher Degree		
				Sub-degree	Short	Long	Masters or equiv.	PhD or equiv.	
1	Australia(4)	m	23.0	m	36.0	x	12.2	0.8	1
2	Austria	29.0	13.0	5.0	a	10.0	a	1.3	2
3	Belgium	m	20.0	28.0	a	16.0	4.9	0.7	3
4	Canada	m	23.0	57.0	32.0	x	5.1	0.8	4
5	Czech Republic	m	13.0	6.0	3.0	10.0	x	0.3	5
6	Denmark	35.0	8.0	8.0	20.0	8.0	4.4	0.6	6
7	Finland	45.0	13.0	19.0	11.0	13.0	x	1.9	7
8	France	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	8
9	Germany	27.0	8.0	11.0	a	16.0	a	1.6	9
10	Greece	18.0	29.0	5.0	x	13.0	0.3	0.4	10
11	Hungary	35.0	13.0	a	x	22.0	2.5	0.1	11
12	Iceland	m	7.0	13.0	15.0	m	m	m	12
13	Ireland	29.0	m	16.0	14.0	11.0	4.5	0.6	13
14	Italy	m	m	3.0	1.0	12.0	1.2	0.1	14
15	Japan(5)	m	m	30.0	23.0	x	1.9	0.4	15
16	Korea	m	26.0	20.0	26.0	x	3.2	0.5	16
17	Luxembourg	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	17
18	Mexico	m	7.0	x	x	12.0	m	m	18
19	Netherlands	34.0	24.0	a	x	20.0	10.0	1.9	19
20	New Zealand	39.0	23.0	16.0	24.0	7.0	12.1	0.6	20
21	Norway	26.0	10.0	50.0	22.0	6.0	9.3	0.9	21
22	Poland	48.0	16.0	10.0	m	m	m	m	22
23	Portugal	m	14.0	6.0	2.0	14.0	1.5	m	23
24	Spain	m	26.0	2.0	11.0	15.0	x	0.9	24
25	Sweden	m	14.0	4.0	11.0	8.0	3.0	1.9	25
26	Switzerland	16.0	5.0	26.0	a	9.0	a	2.9	26
27	Turkey	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	27
28	United Kingdom(6)	41.0	22.0	12.0	34.0	x	12.3	1.1	28
29	USA	52.0	22.0	22.0	35.0	x	12.5	1.2	29

Source: OECD, Education at a Glance, 1998.

x Data included in another category/column.

m Not available.

a Not applicable.

(1) Net entry rate is calculated by dividing the number of new university level entrants in a specified age group by the total population for that age group.

(2) Number of full-time and part-time students aged 18-21 as a percentage of the population aged 18-21.

(3) Annual flow of students qualifying, divided by the average population of the theoretical graduation age group.

(4) Includes technical and further education (TAFE) enrolments, some of which are classified as below HE level.

(5) Includes advanced students in the special training schools (SENSHUs) some of whose courses may be below sub-degree level.

(6) Excludes private HE.