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Male	Number								Ratio to 24-year-old population ^c		
Asia											
Cambodia.....	1,817	415	67	98	64	109	77	77,800	2.3	0.39	0.14
Japan (2001).....	335,850	275,451	10,110	3,761	7,854	160,525	93,201	880,400	38.1	13.05	18.23
Kyrgyzstan	7,915	3,281	805	171	297	710	1,298	44,000	18.0	5.84	1.61
Laos.....	1,135	314	42	20	81	15	156	47,400	2.4	0.63	0.03
South Korea.....	113,573	63,881	6,843	4,289	3,805	6,729	42,215	403,200	28.2	14.17	1.67
Taiwan (2001)	59,091	35,661	2,466	6,268	1,482	2,225	23,220	197,531	29.9	16.93	1.13
Middle East											
Iran	37,530	20,103	2,529	1,736	2,787	4,776	8,275	700,600	5.4	2.19	0.68
Israel.....	11,625	6,986	413	1,344	85	3,034	2,110	52,600	22.1	7.51	5.77
Lebanon.....	4,778	1,309	348	254	10	326	371	31,800	15.0	3.09	1.03
Morocco.....	15,863	5,529	1,886	800	337	2,365	141	300,600	5.3	1.05	0.79
Oman.....	1,353	146	36	0	5	0	105	29,200	4.6	0.50	0.00
Palestine.....	4,550	1,443	195	381	49	415	403	28,400	16.0	3.62	1.46
Qatar.....	353	158	46	15	0	29	68	3,600	9.8	3.58	0.81
Turkey.....	69,775	31,118	4,397	2,469	3,046	9,262	11,944	673,600	10.4	3.24	1.38
Sub-Saharan Africa											
Eritrea.....	676	330	60	44	64	10	152	33,400	2.0	0.96	0.03
Ethiopia.....	13,122	3,254	234	202	1,240	426	1,152	574,400	2.3	0.49	0.07
Ghana.....	5,232	2,227	694	0	294	801	438	188,600	2.8	0.76	0.42
Kenya.....	9,151	2,821	861	57	1,023	226	654	312,000	2.9	0.83	0.07
Uganda.....	12,931	892	240	40	92	322	198	212,600	6.1	0.27	0.15
Tanzania.....	3,015	918	NA	73	237	64	544	323,200	0.9	0.26	0.02
Europe											
Austria.....	7,939	3,487	407	442	138	355	2,145	47,600	16.7	6.58	0.75
Belgium.....	11,273	5,052	829	391	292	859	2,681	63,600	17.7	6.59	1.35
Denmark.....	3,277	1,291	238	145	85	800	23	33,200	9.9	1.48	2.41
Finland.....	10,319	6,940	432	542	308	521	5,137	33,400	30.9	19.22	1.56
France.....	119,281	64,647	16,616	10,002	1,031	10,427	26,571	388,600	30.7	13.95	2.68
Germany (2001).....	96,418	60,037	5,536	6,584	2,218	21,839	23,860	460,200	21.0	8.30	4.75
Hungary.....	18,810	6,314	278	461	868	868	3,839	84,800	22.2	6.42	1.02
Iceland.....	469	192	30	45	9	38	70	2,200	21.3	7.00	1.73
Ireland.....	8,640	3,824	955	887	130	213	1,639	35,200	24.5	10.26	0.61
Italy.....	66,568	32,883	3,910	2,354	946	5,350	20,323	370,200	18.0	7.44	1.45
Netherlands.....	32,084	13,001	1,440	1,121	960	2,692	6,788	95,400	33.6	10.81	2.82
Norway.....	8,041	3,147	77	657	108	1,071	1,234	27,800	28.9	7.47	3.85
Spain.....	85,347	37,984	4,696	5,919	2,717	4,829	19,823	325,600	26.2	10.18	1.48
Sweden.....	13,551	7,333	513	740	121	772	5,187	52,400	25.9	12.52	1.47
Switzerland.....	11,084	4,581	775	281	134	421	2,970	39,200	28.3	10.61	1.07
United Kingdom ^d (1999).....	121,676	54,988	15,448	10,754	1,262	8,766	18,758	357,800	34.0	12.92	2.45
Central/Eastern Europe											
Czech Republic.....	12,441	7,142	510	1,899	660	945	3,128	89,000	14.0	6.96	1.06
Albania.....	1,155	192	28	28	14	86	36	55,200	2.1	0.19	0.16
Armenia.....	4,662	1,047	NA	NA	246	NA	801	26,000	17.9	4.03	NA
Bulgaria.....	6,118	1,781	43	159	122	1,330	127	62,600	9.8	0.72	2.12

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Croatia	7,866	2,607	401	429	271	191	1,315	32,600	24.1	7.41	0.59
Estonia	800	167	10	13	8	18	118	10,200	7.8	1.46	0.18
Georgia	8,800	2,770	300	43	225	27	2,175	40,400	21.8	6.79	0.07
North America											
Canada	51,805	25,434	4,470	3,886	644	8,937	7,497	210,000	24.7	7.86	4.26
Costa Rica	1,749	702	58	149	127	107	261	36,200	4.8	1.64	0.30
Cuba	5,702	1,802	208	155	267	136	1,036	76,200	7.5	2.19	0.18
Mexico	66,488	28,961	867	5,103	2,499	2,259	18,233	972,000	6.8	2.75	0.23
United States	536,158	197,669	37,966	33,045	9,780	69,558	47,320	1,889,200	28.4	6.78	3.68
Oceania											
Australia	48,187	18,178	3,942	4,214	657	1,872	7,493	137,600	35.0	11.85	1.36
New Zealand	7,572	2,403	1,259	265	137	110	632	25,400	29.8	9.03	0.43
Female											
Asia											
Cambodia	745	110	39	27	4	39	1	79,200	0.9	0.09	0.05
Japan (2001)	209,632	83,826	4,082	1,204	6,488	60,775	11,277	839,000	25.0	2.75	7.24
Kyrgyzstan	8,839	3,229	1,231	303	65	903	727	43,600	20.3	5.33	2.07
Laos	591	75	21	10	19	8	17	46,600	1.3	0.14	0.02
South Korea	100,925	32,978	6,584	5,010	2,054	5,037	14,293	380,400	26.5	7.35	1.32
Taiwan (2001)	58,339	12,963	1,218	3,123	1,718	3,537	3,367	187,363	31.1	5.03	1.89
Middle East											
Iran	31,681	13,522	3,487	1,565	1,998	4,766	1,706	670,400	4.7	1.31	0.71
Israel	18,642	7,273	532	710	86	5,293	652	49,600	37.6	3.99	10.67
Lebanon	6,616	1,650	326	164	18	1,036	106	31,400	21.1	1.96	3.30
Morocco	12,415	3,229	1,141	311	90	1,444	243	290,000	4.3	0.62	0.50
Oman	991	71	15	7	40	0	9	22,200	4.5	0.32	0.00
Palestine	4,093	1,172	318	377	17	331	129	26,600	15.4	3.16	1.24
Qatar	967	195	92	47	0	56	0	3,000	32.2	4.63	1.87
Turkey	49,107	17,951	4,347	1,807	1,867	6,281	3,649	644,400	7.6	1.81	0.97
Sub-Saharan Africa											
Eritrea	114	30	10	2	10	1	7	33,600	0.3	0.09	0.00
Ethiopia	3,725	410	30	31	164	110	75	578,000	0.6	0.05	0.02
Ghana	1,890	724	222	0	68	376	58	188,200	1.0	0.18	0.20
Kenya	5,470	1,049	259	14	471	219	86	315,000	1.7	0.26	0.07
Uganda	2,370	699	54	16	29	494	106	213,800	1.1	0.10	0.23
Tanzania	1,079	153	NA	14	62	24	53	327,600	0.3	0.04	0.01
Europe											
Austria	7,193	1,691	345	80	98	702	466	44,800	16.1	2.21	1.57
Belgium	11,253	3,159	622	128	206	1,537	666	61,600	18.3	2.63	2.50
Denmark	3,458	1,073	221	64	86	684	18	31,800	10.9	1.22	2.15
Finland	14,950	3,243	563	304	224	996	1,156	32,200	46.4	6.98	3.09
France	156,035	51,513	16,895	5,040	1,226	20,630	7,722	373,600	41.8	8.27	5.52
Germany (2001)	86,909	29,953	5,007	2,603	2,660	16,341	3,342	432,600	20.1	3.15	3.78
Hungary	28,168	3,309	238	89	791	1,155	1,036	81,000	34.8	2.66	1.43
Iceland	971	177	57	13	0	84	23	2,000	48.6	4.65	4.20
Ireland	10,767	2,856	1,276	518	66	577	419	33,800	31.9	6.74	1.71

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Italy.....	84,109	24,380	4,975	2,473	399	9,171	7,362	356,400	23.6	4.27	2.57
Netherlands.....	37,725	5,192	797	214	451	2,769	961	91,600	41.2	2.65	3.02
Norway.....	14,380	1,707	63	116	98	973	457	26,600	54.1	2.76	3.66
Spain.....	122,231	27,829	6,212	3,091	2,022	9,146	7,358	311,600	39.2	6.00	2.94
Sweden.....	20,546	4,521	743	523	110	1,398	1,747	49,800	41.3	6.27	2.81
Switzerland.....	7,944	1,564	365	56	39	775	329	37,400	21.2	2.11	2.07
United Kingdom ^d (1999).....	141,995	37,389	16,778	3,876	1,595	11,886	3,254	338,800	41.9	7.53	3.51
Central/Eastern Europe											
Czech Republic.....	13,103	3,892	569	250	408	1,485	1,180	85,400	15.3	2.82	1.74
Albania.....	669	236	9	14	28	43	142	52,400	1.3	0.37	0.08
Armenia.....	5,544	296	0	0	89	0	207	25,600	21.7	1.16	0.00
Bulgaria.....	14,048	3,046	29	250	83	2,576	108	59,800	23.5	0.79	4.31
Croatia.....	981	396	64	57	38	25	212	31,400	3.1	1.18	0.08
Estonia.....	1,472	122	27	8	1	69	17	9,800	15.0	0.54	0.70
Georgia.....	10,997	2,054	695	127	221	83	928	39,200	28.1	5.03	0.21
North America											
Canada.....	75,326	27,916	5,883	1,538	592	17,723	2,180	200,600	37.6	5.08	8.83
Costa Rica.....	2,644	372	46	65	40	157	64	34,600	7.6	0.62	0.45
Cuba.....	11,067	958	187	64	117	272	318	73,000	15.2	0.94	0.37
Mexico.....	68,745	13,088	834	4,486	738	1,079	5,951	1,007,000	6.8	1.19	0.11
United States.....	716,963	200,953	45,565	16,078	8,464	118,630	12,216	1,822,200	39.3	4.52	6.51
Oceania											
Australia.....	64,558	11,681	4,581	1,551	459	3,046	2,044	131,600	49.1	6.56	2.31
New Zealand.....	13,396	1,926	1,089	127	59	298	353	24,000	55.8	6.78	1.24

NA not available

NS&E natural sciences and engineering

^aIncludes physical, biological, earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.^bJapanese social science data also include business administration.^cNumber of degrees per 100 24-year-olds.^dIncludes former colleges and polytechnics.

NOTES: NS&E degrees include natural, agricultural, and computer sciences; mathematics; and engineering. Data for first university degrees use the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 97), level 5A. Long (more than 5 years) and short (less than 5 years) first university degrees are combined.

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