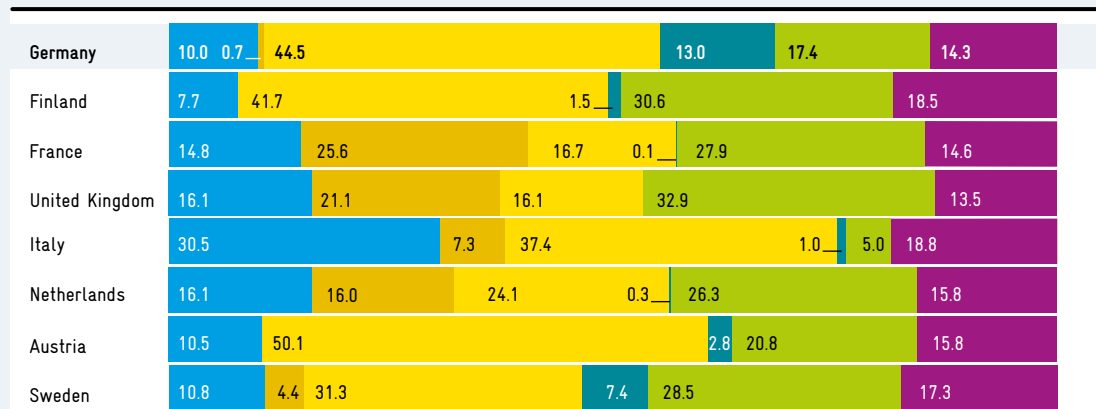


Qualification levels of gainfully employed persons in selected EU countries in 2018 as percentages¹⁾



Classification of the ISCED qualification levels.²⁾

- ISCED 0-2: (Pre)primary and lower secondary education
- ISCED 3*: General and vocational upper secondary education without direct access to tertiary education
- ISCED 3**: General and vocational upper secondary education with direct access to tertiary education
- ISCED 4: Post-secondary non-tertiary education, (Abitur school-leaving examination and apprenticeship)
- ISCED 5+6: Short, career-related tertiary education (2 to less than 3 years), Bachelor's degree, training as a master craftsman or technician or equivalent vocational school qualification.
- ISCED 7+8: Master's degree, doctoral degree or equivalent qualification

¹⁾ Figures that do not add up to 100 percent: graduation level unknown.

²⁾ UNESCO uses the ISCED classification of educational levels as standards for international comparisons of country-specific education systems. They are also used by the OECD.

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