

YOUTH POPULATION

Key Findings: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States

In 1999, the population ages 5 to 19 (children of primary- and secondary-school age) represented nearly 22 percent of the total population in the United States. The youth percentage of the total population in the United States was equal to that in the Russian Federation, but was higher than the youth population in all other G8 countries. The range in these countries was from 15 percent in Italy to 20 percent in Canada (figure 1a).

The youth population ages 5 to 19 grew by 11 percent in the United States between 1992 and 1999. The growth rate was higher

in the United States than in the three other countries that experienced growth in this age group over this period—7 percent in Germany and Canada, and 5 percent in the United Kingdom (figure 1b).

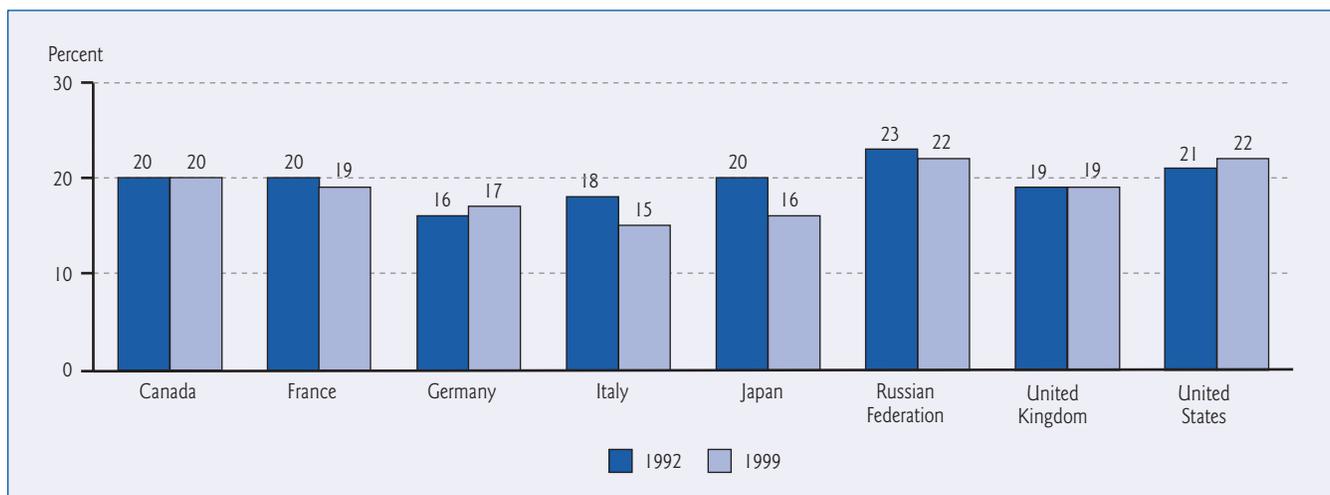
In contrast with the United States, the youth populations in France, the Russian Federation, Italy, and Japan declined over this period—by 2 percent, 3 percent, 16 percent, and 18 percent, respectively (figure 1b).

Definition and Methodology

The percent of the population ages 5 to 19 in 1992 and 1999 is calculated by dividing the population ages 5 to 19 by the total population for each respective country. The percent change in

population ages 5 to 19 is calculated by subtracting the population ages 5 to 19 in 1992 from this population in 1999 and dividing by the 1992 population ages 5 to 19.

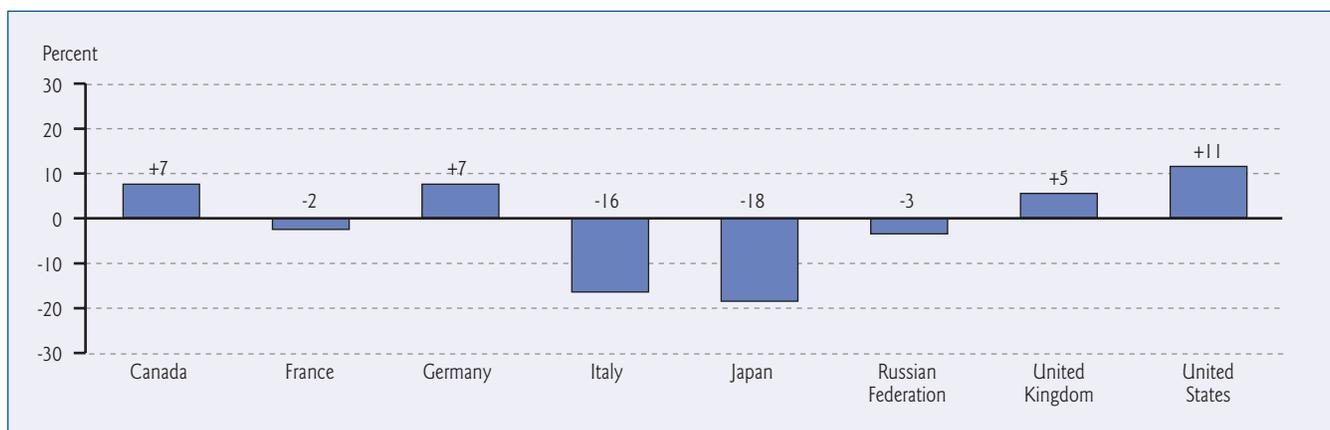
Figure 1a. Percentage of the total population ages 5 to 19, by country: 1992 and 1999



NOTE: The United Kingdom includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, International Database, 2001.

Figure 1b. Percentage change in the population ages 5 to 19, by country: 1992 and 1999



NOTE: The United Kingdom includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

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Youth Population – Data Tables

Table A-1a. Percentage of the total population ages 5 to 19, by country:
1992 and 1999

Country	Year	
	1992	1999
Canada	20.4	20.1
France	20.4	19.4
Germany	16.0	16.6
Italy	18.1	15.0
Japan	20.1	16.2
Russian Federation	22.6	22.2
United Kingdom	18.7	19.3
United States	21.0	21.7

NOTE: The United Kingdom includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, International Database, 2001.

Table A-1b. Percentage change in the population ages 5 to 19, by country:
1992 to 1999

Country	Percentage change
Canada	-1.7
France	-4.7
Germany	4.2
Italy	-16.9
Japan	-19.1
Russian Federation	-1.6
United Kingdom	3.0
United States	3.4

NOTE: The United Kingdom includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, International Database, 2001.