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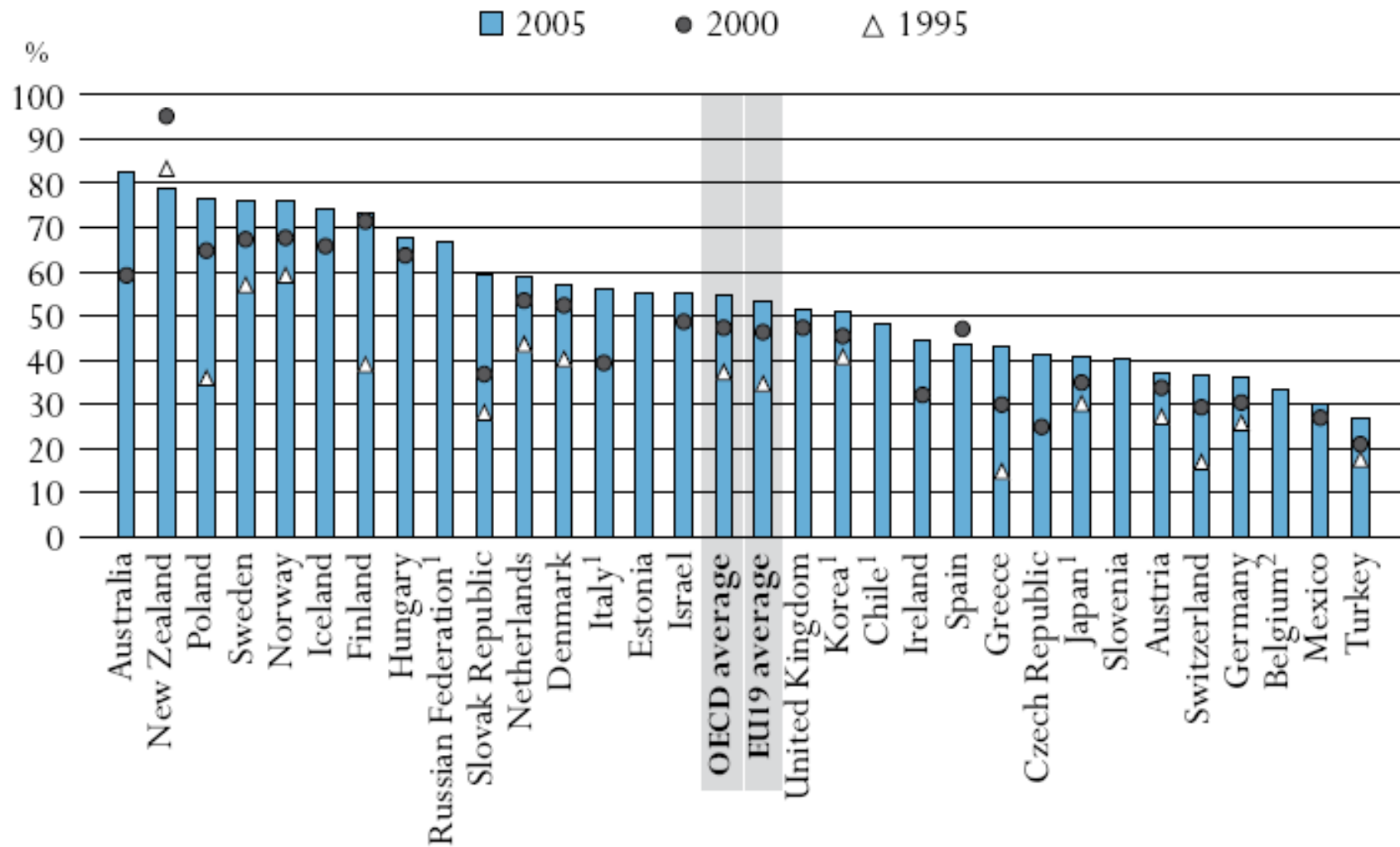
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International Trends:

First-Year Students in OECD Countries (OECD, 2008)



Daniel Bell (1973) „*The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*“

The turning point of the post-industrial society – the new axial system – for all societal spheres: technology, economy, education and culture, is scientific knowledge.

For a society that defines itself in an increasing manner as a „Society of Knowledge“, the universities play a key role for the development of cultural orientation and economically exploitable knowledge.

In other words: Vocational education [...] falls behind higher academic education and [...] and loses attractiveness.

(see Baethge, Solger, Wieck 2007, S. 75).

College for all?

*Innovative
Apprenticeship systems*



Educational policy

Proportion of 25-64 year olds in work contracts for highly skilled
Proportion of 25-64 year olds holding a tertiary degree

