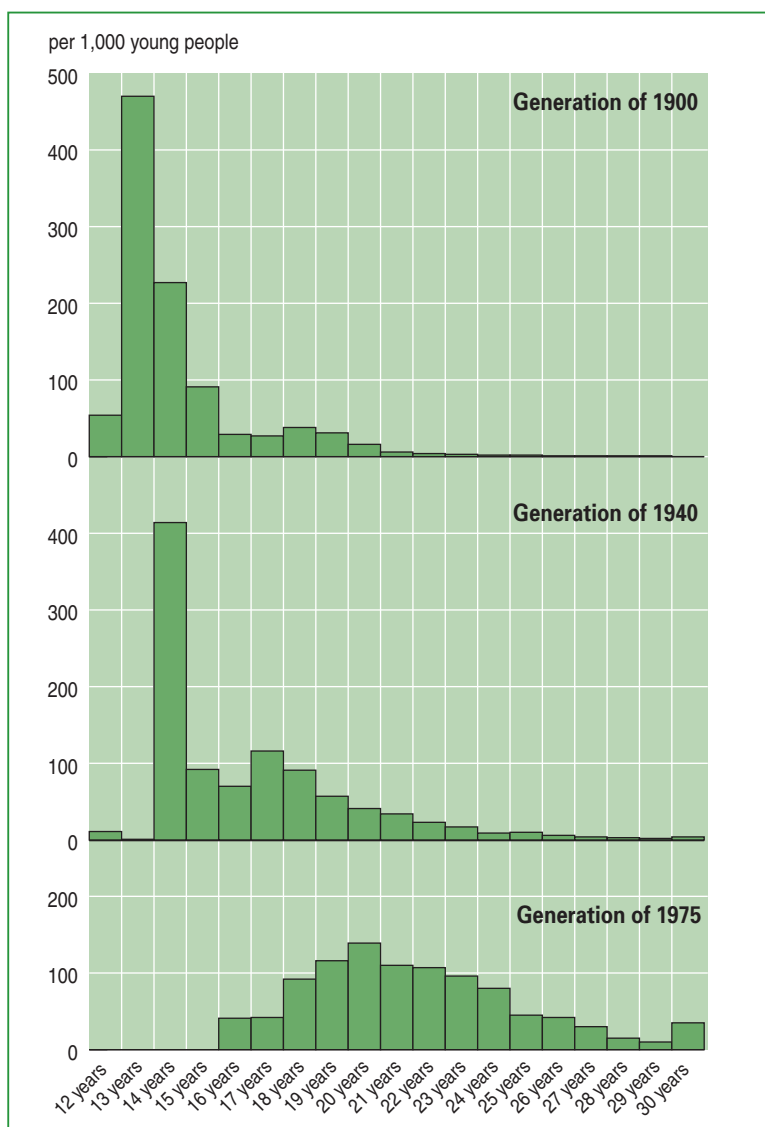
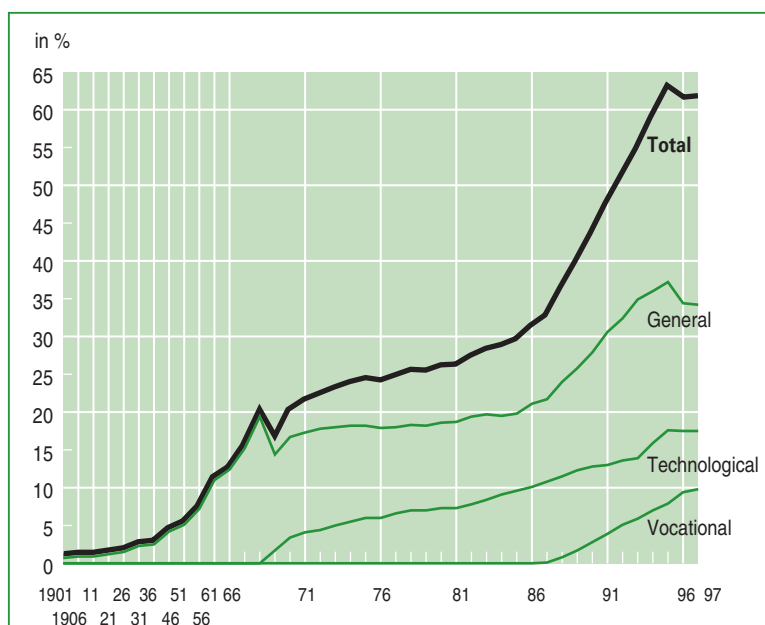


Figure 2 - Age on Leaving Basic Education



Read as follows: of 1,000 young people born in 1900, 470 left basic education at the age of 13.
 Source: Ministry of National Education, Research and Technology, DPD. Older data published by Debeauvais et Maes.

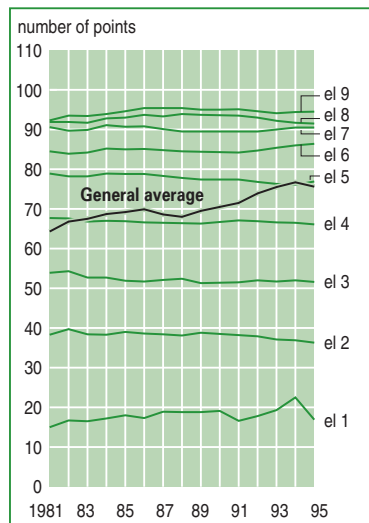
Figure 3 - Proportion of *Baccalauréat* Holders in a Generation



Read as follows: students who passed the *baccalauréat* (general, technological and vocational) in 1997 represented 61.5% of their generation.

Source: Ministry of National Education, Research and Technology, DPD.

Figure 4 - Change in the Gross General Level of Conscripts by Level of Education



Read as follows : the gross general level of the conscripts at education level 9 rose from 92.3 points in 1981 to 94.5 points in 1995 (out of a maximum of 110 points). The increase in the gross general level of all conscripts (from 64.3 in 1981 to 75.6 in 1995) was mainly due to a structural effect: there was a continuing increase in the most highly qualified categories.

Coverage: metropolitan France.
 Source: Ministry of National Education, Research and Technology, DPD; Ministry of National Defence, DCSN.

The General Level of Conscripts

Definition of levels of education

EL1 : no schooling

EL2 : no schooling beyond second year

EL3 : holder of CAP or admitted to second and third years

EL4 : holder of a diploma or admitted to fifth or sixth year or holding a vocational training diploma (CAP or BEP)

EL5 : admitted to senior year

EL6 : holder of a general or technical baccalauréat, or basic legal qualification, or teacher training diploma

EL7 : holder of the diploma of general university studies, or advanced technical diploma, or engineering diploma after 2 years' study, or qualified for admission to a grande école

EL8 : holder of a degree, a master's degree, or an engineering diploma after 3 years' study

EL9 : graduate of a grande école, or holder of a doctorate or the agrégation (highest competitive examination for teachers), or student in the third cycle of higher education

Coverage : metropolitan France.

Source : Ministry of National Education, Research and Technology, DPD; Ministry of Defence, DCSN.

Figure 6 - Access to *Baccalauréat* Level or to Higher Education

