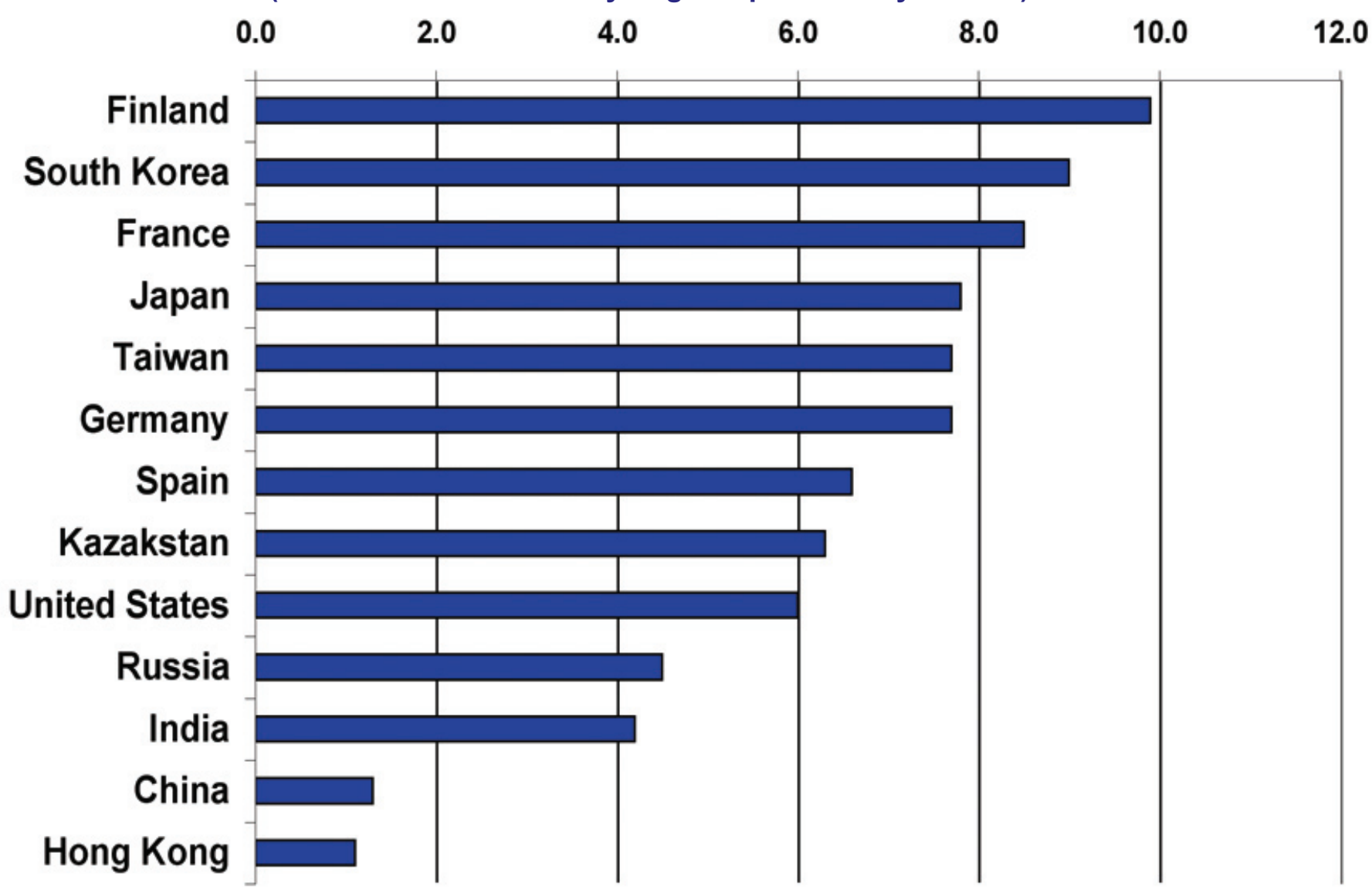


U.S. Falls Further Behind in Science Degrees:

Ratio of Natural Science & Engineering First University Degrees
to 24-year old Population by Selected Country
(Measures First University Degrees per 100 24-year olds)



Source: National Science Foundation, *Science & Engineering Indicators* — 2002. Data is from 1999.

