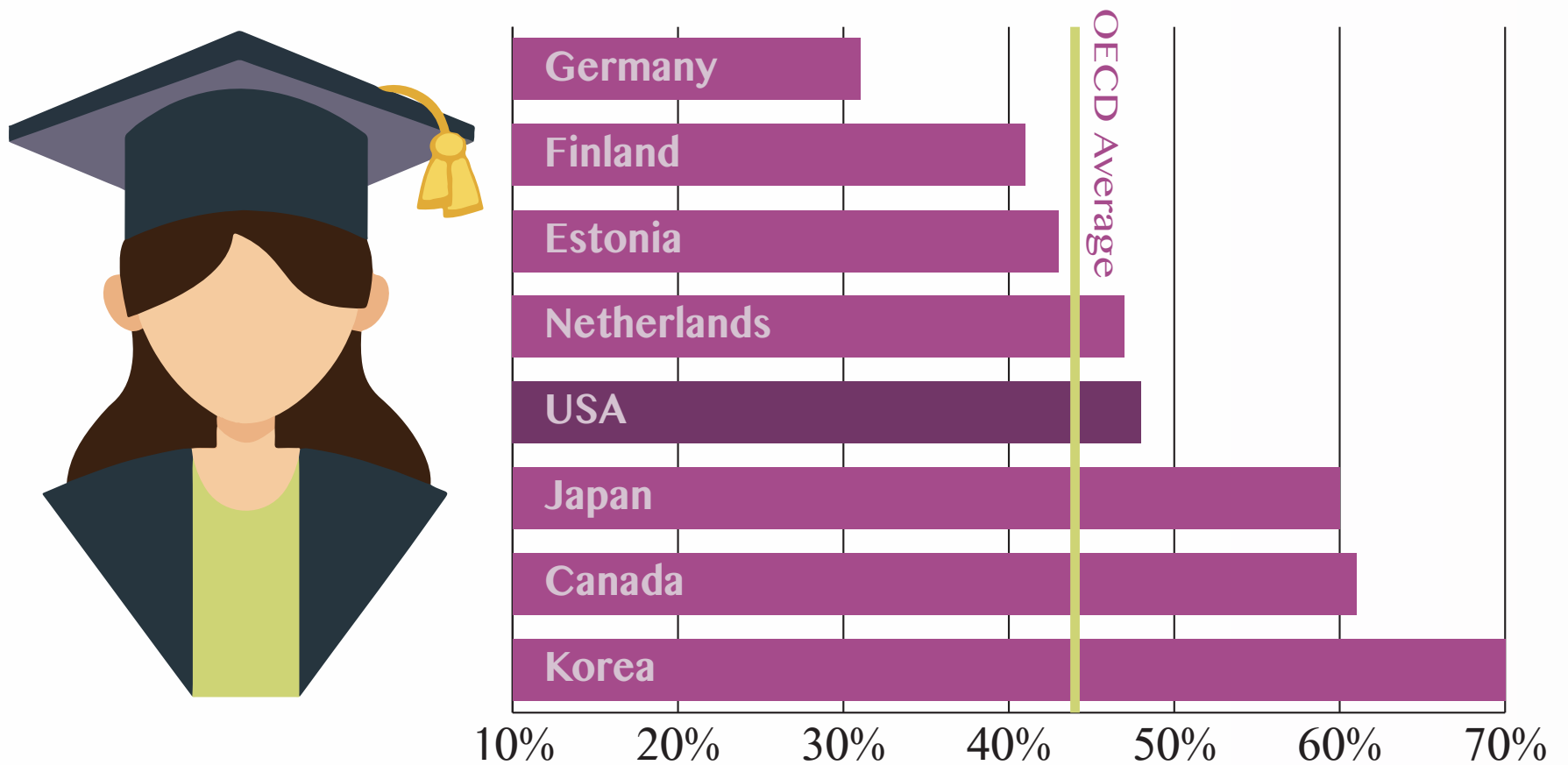


Millennial College and Career Readiness: How Does the U.S. Compare?

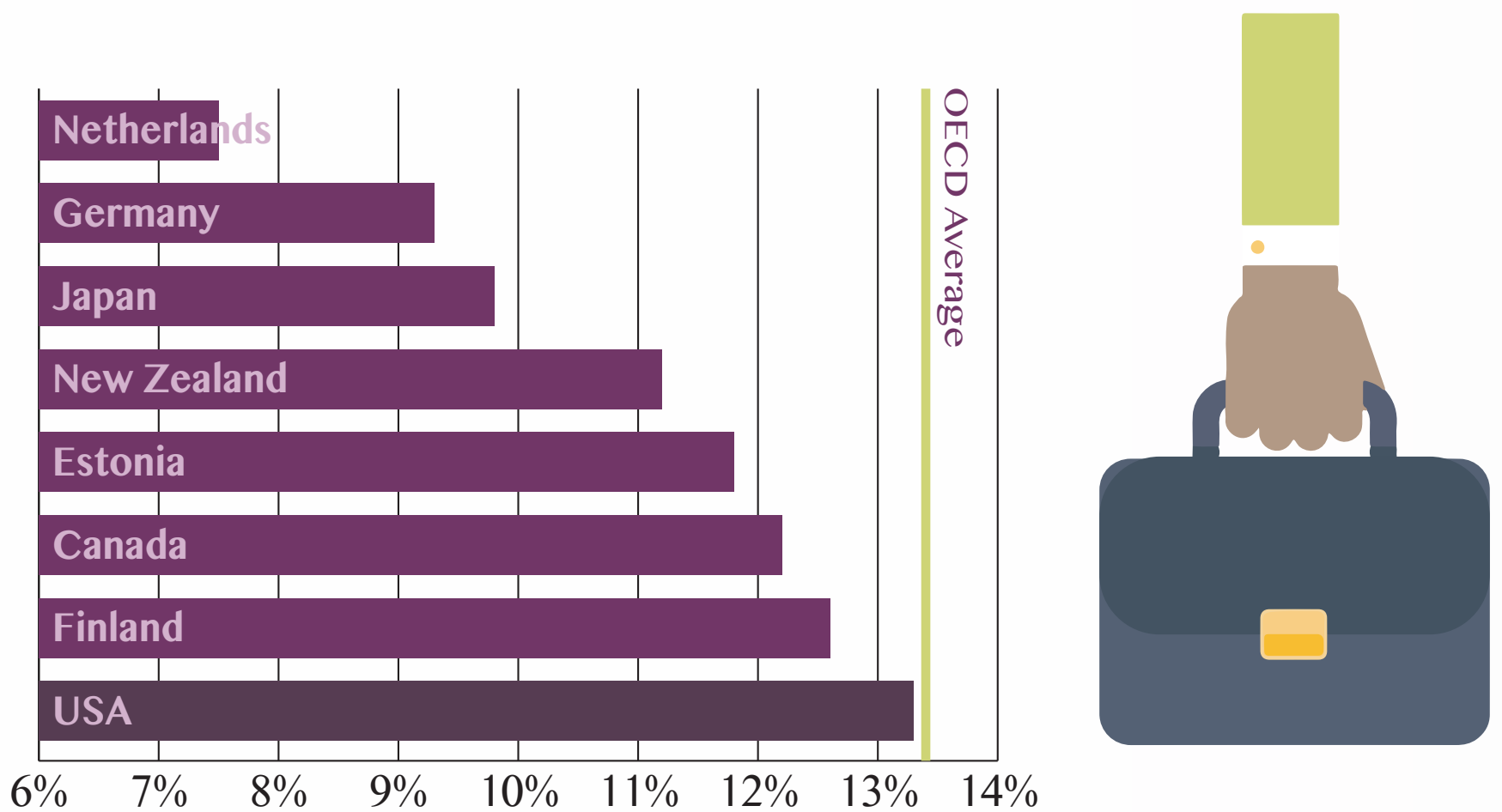
Percent of 25-34-Year-Olds with a College Degree



Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2018

Compared to the top-performing education systems in the world, the United States is in the middle of the pack when it comes to young adults with college degrees. And millennials in the U.S. are significantly less likely to have a college degree than those in Japan, South Korea and even neighboring Canada. But college degrees aren't everything. What about employment?

Percent of 15-29-Year-Olds Not in Education, Employment or Training



Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2018

When it comes to young people in employment, education and training the U.S. fares even worse. Compared to the top performers, the U.S. is at the bottom of the pack, only just below the OECD average for youth not in school or employed. And millennials in the U.S. are more than twice as likely not to be in employment, education or training than their peers in the Netherlands.

Top-performing education systems that do well on these measures have different strategies of providing young people with the tools and knowledge they need to be both college and career ready. To find out more, see CIEB's Top-performing Education System Profiles.