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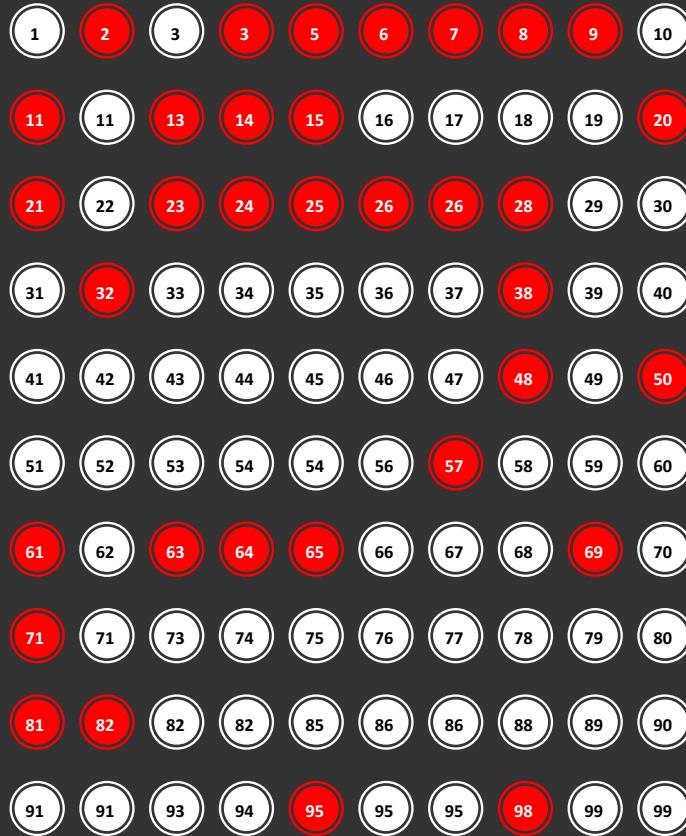
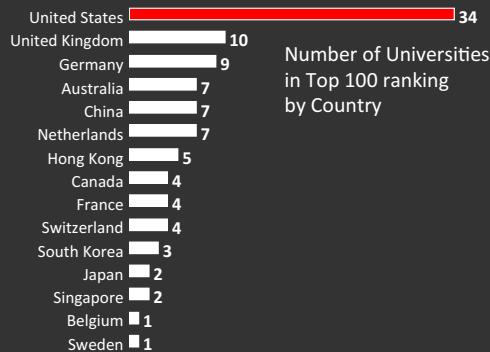
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World University Rankings 2023

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34 OF THE TOP 100 GLOBALLY RANKED UNIVERSITIES ARE LOCATED IN THE U.S.

For decades, the U.S. has been the top destination for students looking to study abroad- for good reasons like its academic excellence, diverse opportunities, research prowess, cultural richness, and the promise of a well-rounded educational and personal experience that prepares them for a successful future.



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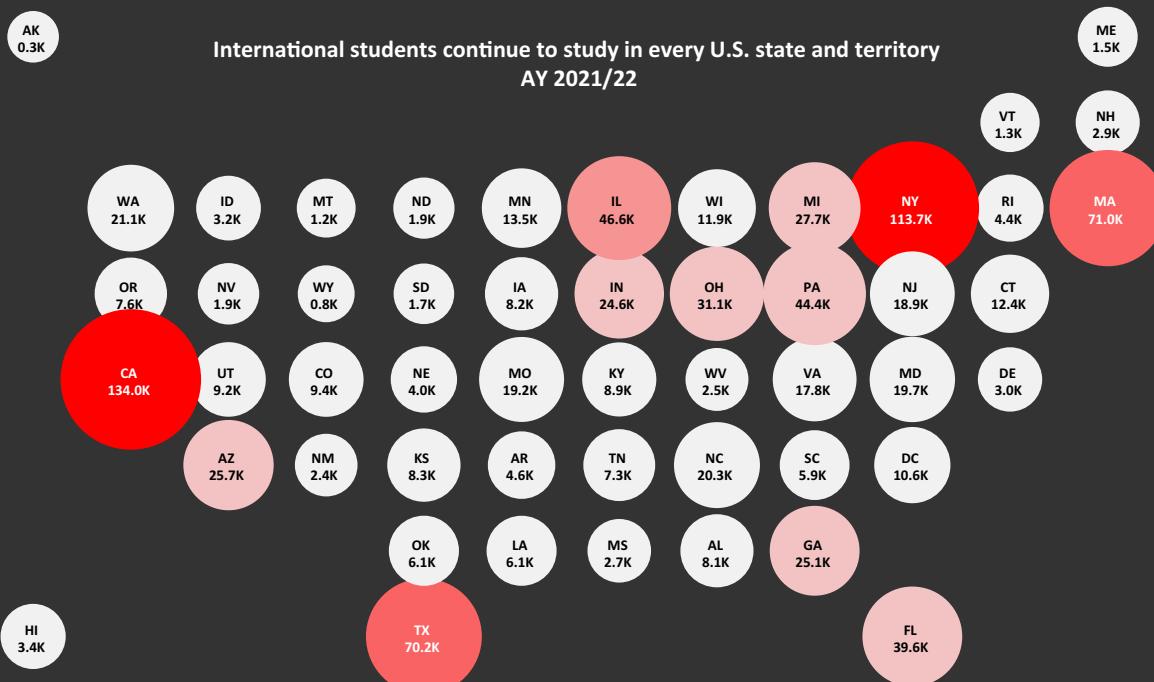
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDIED AT U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS DURING THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Source: Open Doors Report

4.8%

OF THE NEARLY 20 MILLION COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. IN 2020-21 WERE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

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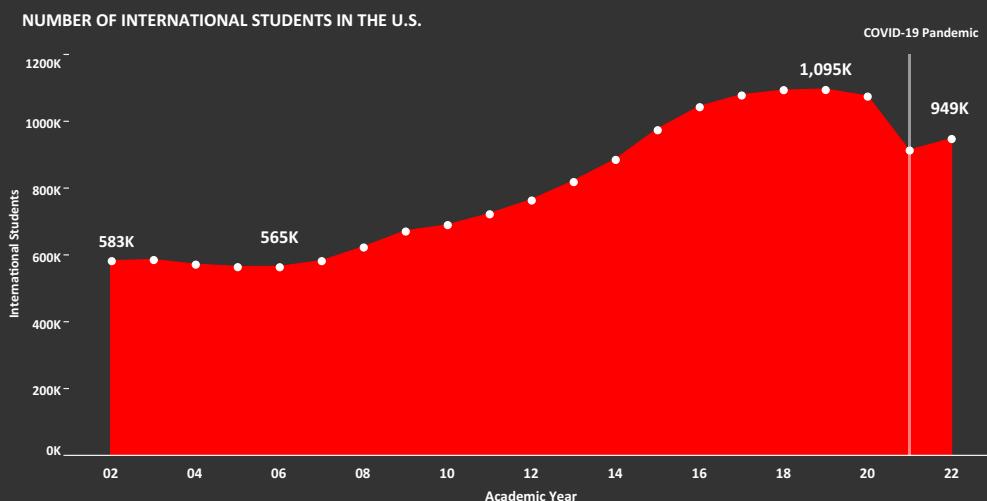
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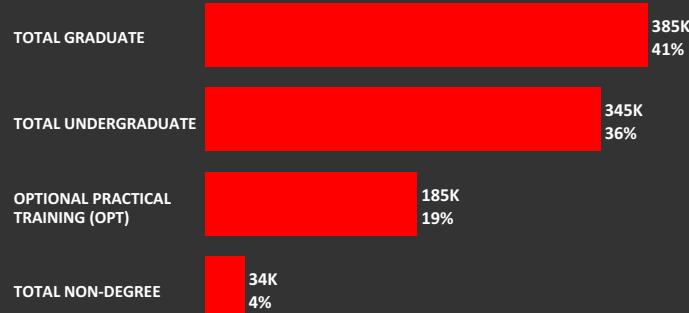
Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic:

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted international student mobility in 2020/21.

After a drop in recent years due to COVID-19 restrictions, American institutions registered a 3.8% increase in international student participation in 2022.



BY ACADEMIC LEVEL, AY 2022



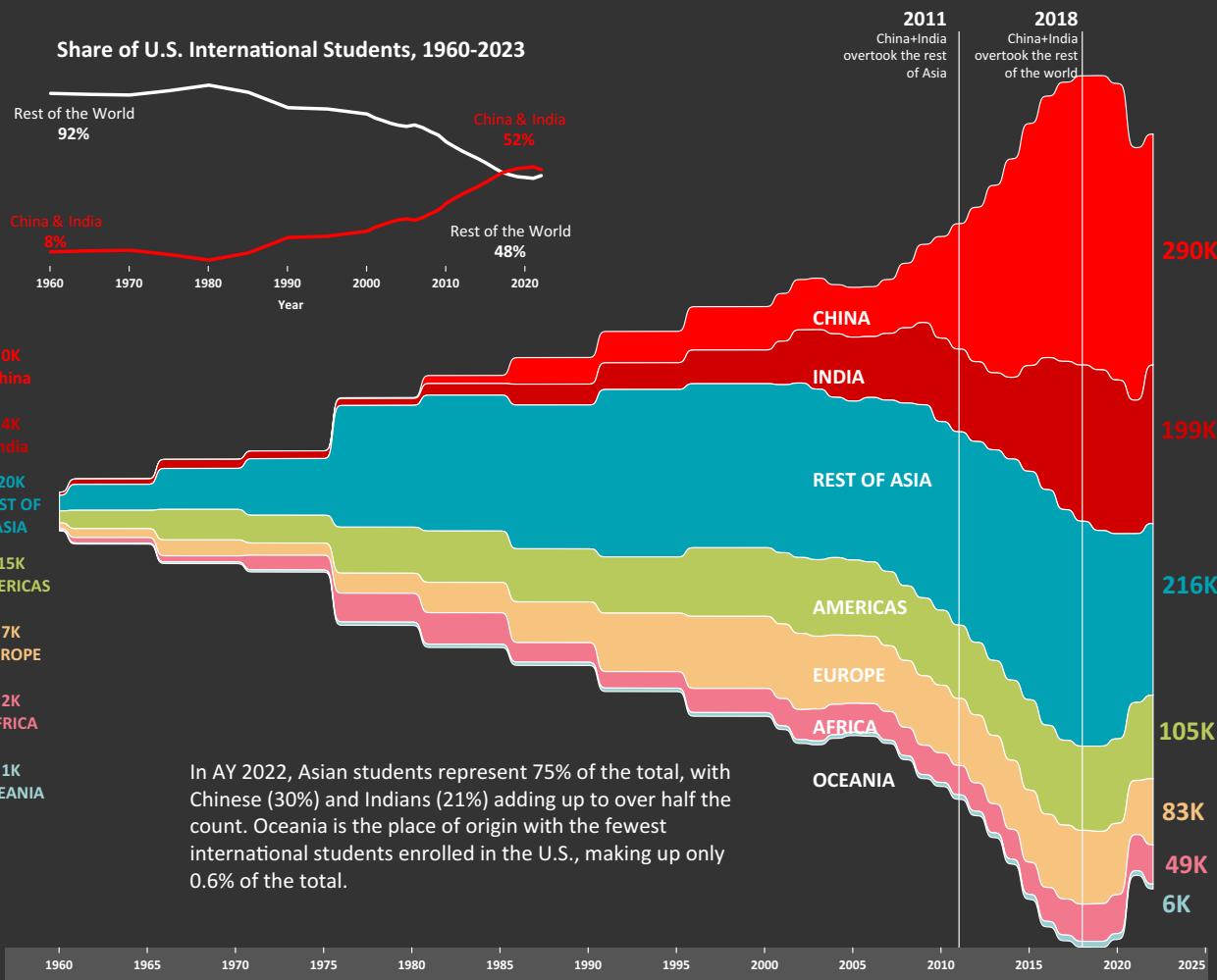
The international graduate students surpassed the number of undergraduate students for the first time in a decade.

The total number of graduate students, at 385K, was higher than the pre-pandemic total. This growth, particularly at the master's level, was likely due to increased student interest and pent-up demand from the previous year.

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OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PURSUED MAJORS IN STEM FIELDS.

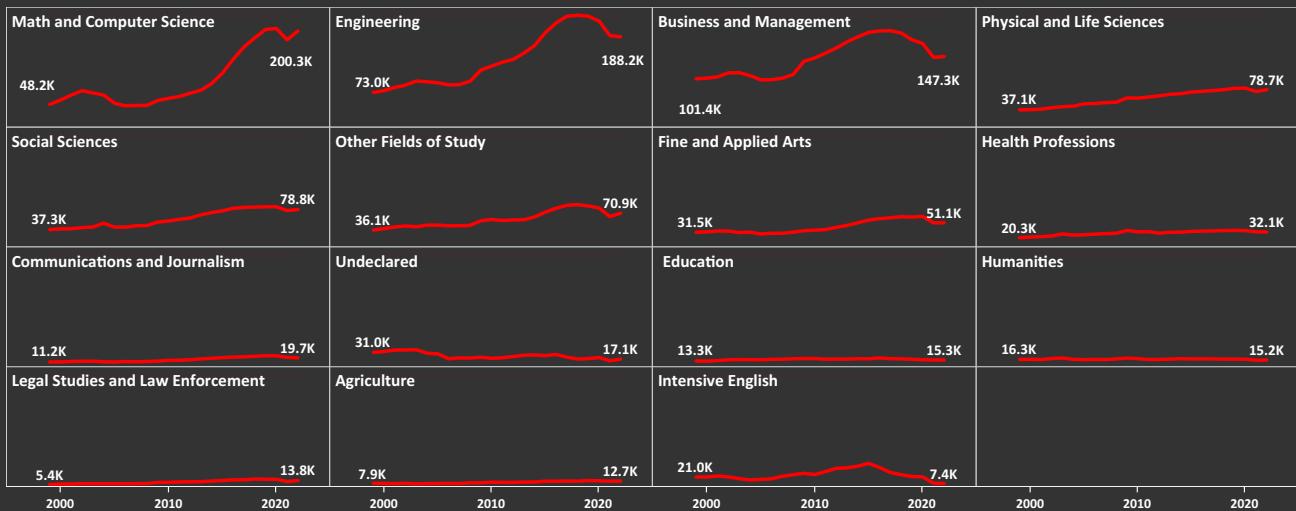
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Top Fields of Study for International Students, 2022

Math and Computer Science	21%	Engineering	20%	Business and Management	16%	Social Sciences	8%
Physical and Life Sciences	8%	Other Fields of Study	7%	Fine and Applied Arts	5%	Health Professions	3%

International students pursuing higher education in the USA often gravitate towards popular and diverse fields of study that align with their career goals and interests. Some of these fields are particularly sought after due to the reputation of US institutions, opportunities for research and innovation, and the potential for post-graduation employment.

Selected Fields of Study, 1999-2022



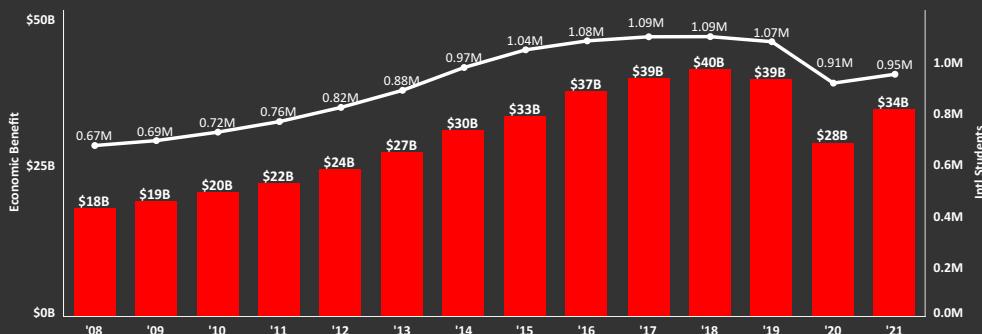
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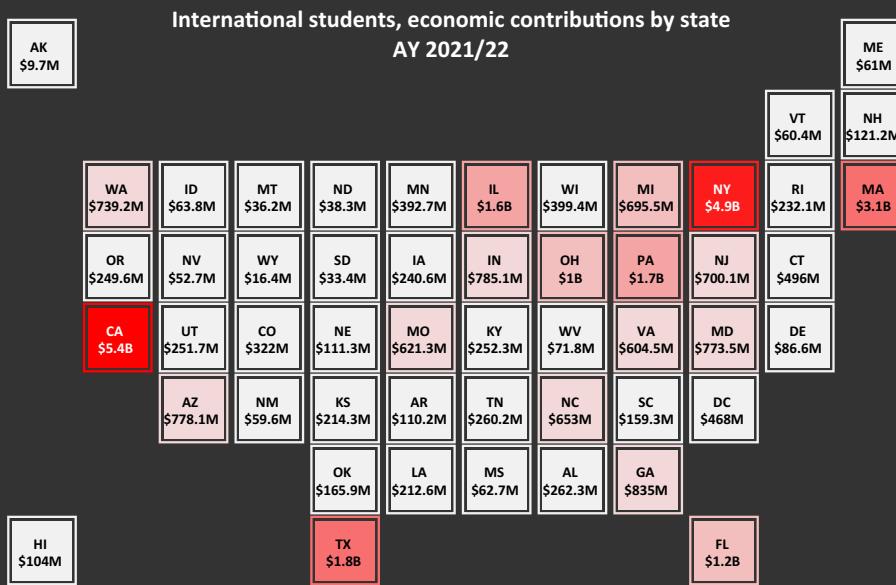
The Economic Benefit of International Student Enrollment in The United States - A Ten-Year Trend

Source: NAFSA's economic analysis for 2021-2022 Academic Year; U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Open Doors Report.



International students studying at U.S. colleges and universities contributed **33.8 billion** to the U.S. economy and support **335,423 jobs** in AY 2021/22. For every three international students, one U.S. job is created and supported by spending in the higher education, accommodation, dining, retail, transportation, telecommunications, and health insurance sectors.

Source: NAFSA Analysis: The Economic Value of International Student Enrollment to the U.S. Economy



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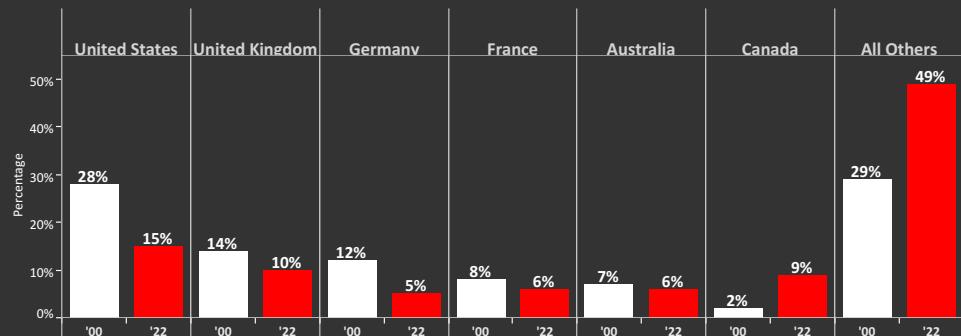
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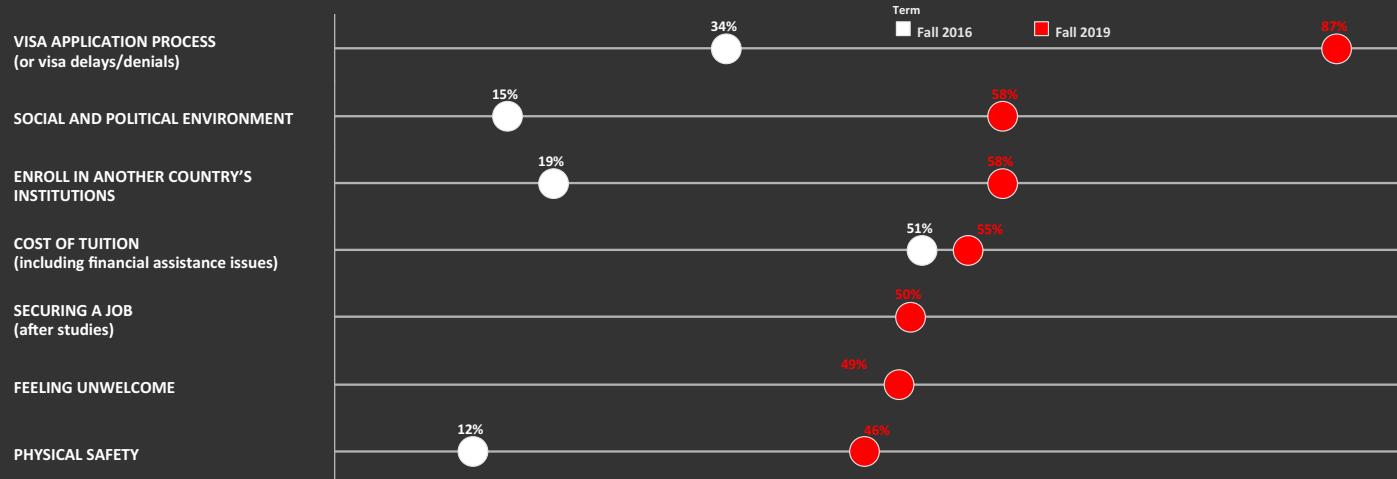
According to Project Atlas data, since 2000, the number of students pursuing education outside of their home country has increased fourfold, from 1.6 million to 6.4 million, while the U.S. share of this globally mobile student population dropped from 28% in 2000 to 15% in 2022.

International Student Enrollment Competitor Countries Market Share, AY 2000 - AY 2022



TOP REASONS FOR DECLINING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN THE U.S.

Source: NAFSA



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How Has Your School Changed?

Check your school to see how many international students are enrolling in the Fall 2021 compared to the Fall 2011.

Search For Your School
All

Note: Search list includes top 100 national universities as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

Percent international for Fall 2011 Percent international for Fall 2021

