

AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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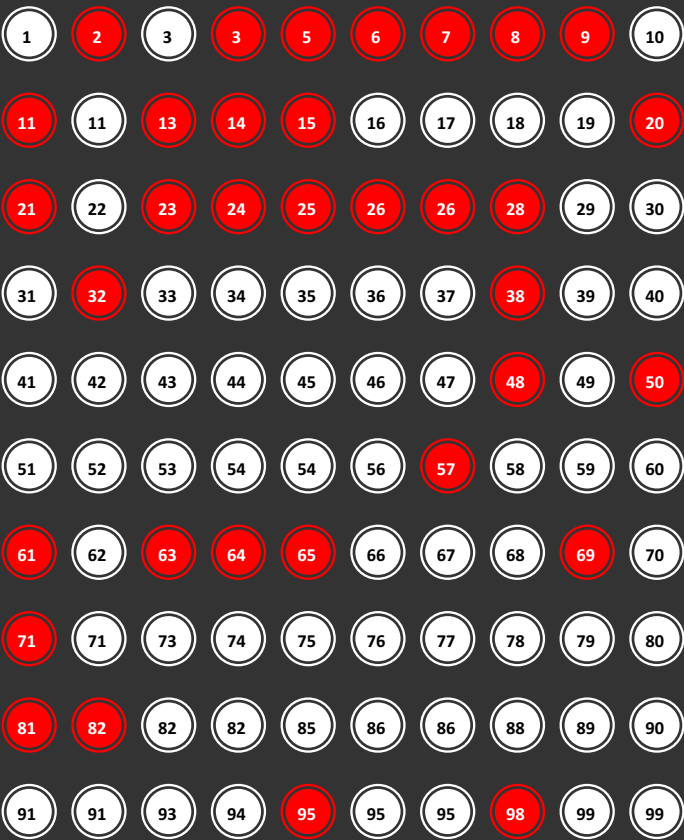
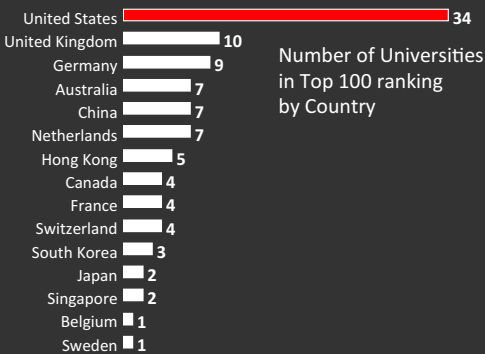
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World University Rankings 2023

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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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949K OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDIED AT U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS DURING THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

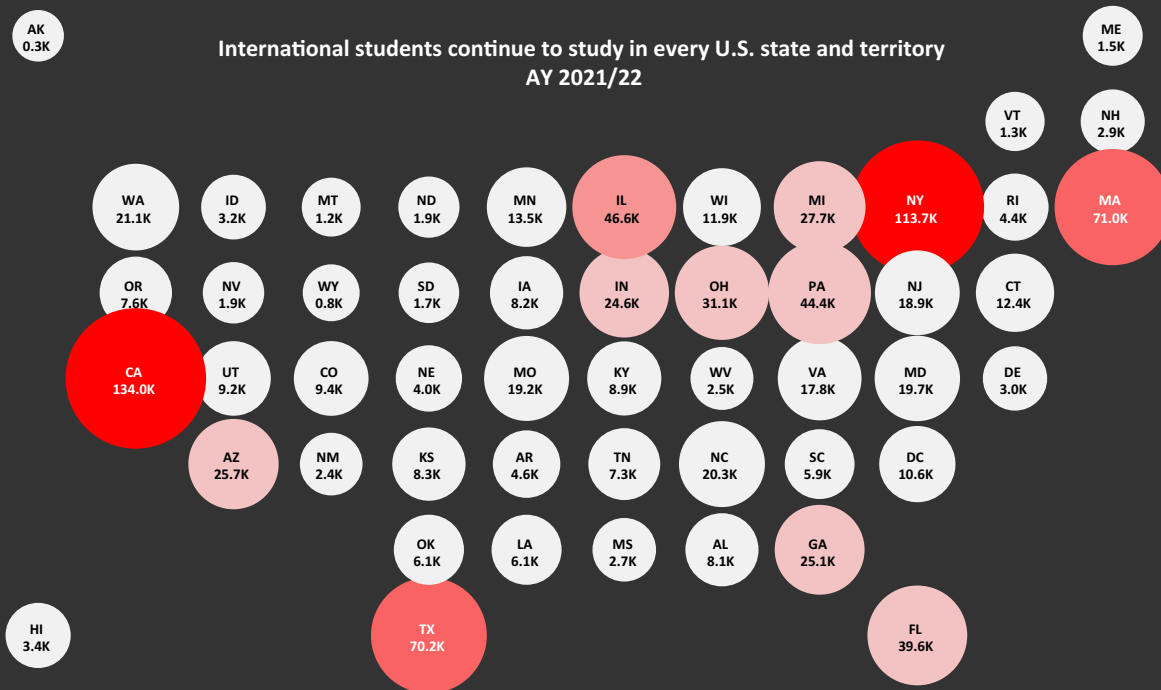
Source: Open Doors Report

4.8%

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

Source: Open Doors Report

International students continue to study in every U.S. state and territory
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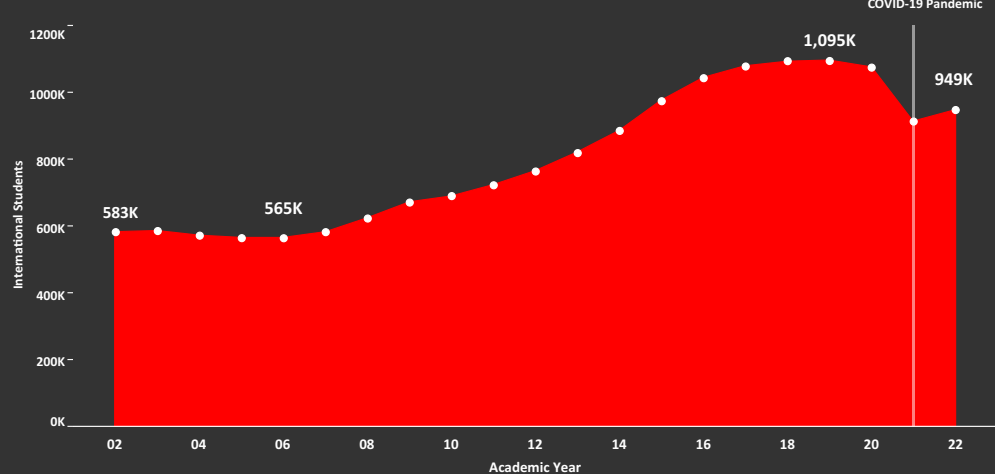
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Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic:

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.

NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S.



BY ACADEMIC LEVEL, AY 2022

TOTAL GRADUATE

385K

41%

TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE

345K

36%

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

185K

19%

TOTAL NON-DEGREE

34K

4%

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

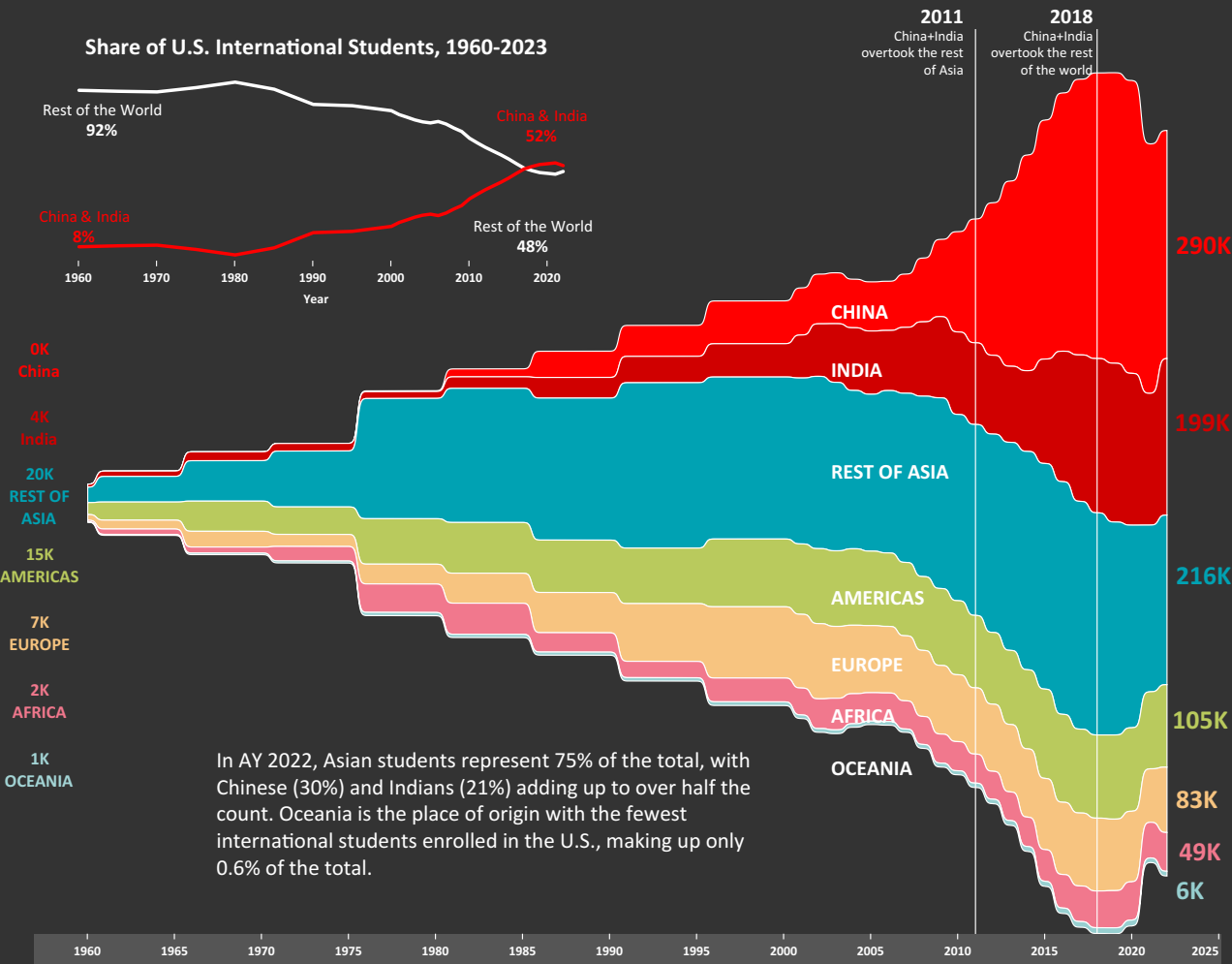
The total number of graduate students, at 385K, was higher than the pre-pandemic total. This growth, particularly at the master's level, was likely due to increased student interest and pent-up demand from the previous year.

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Share of U.S. International Students, 1960-2023



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Top Fields of Study for International Students, 2022

54%

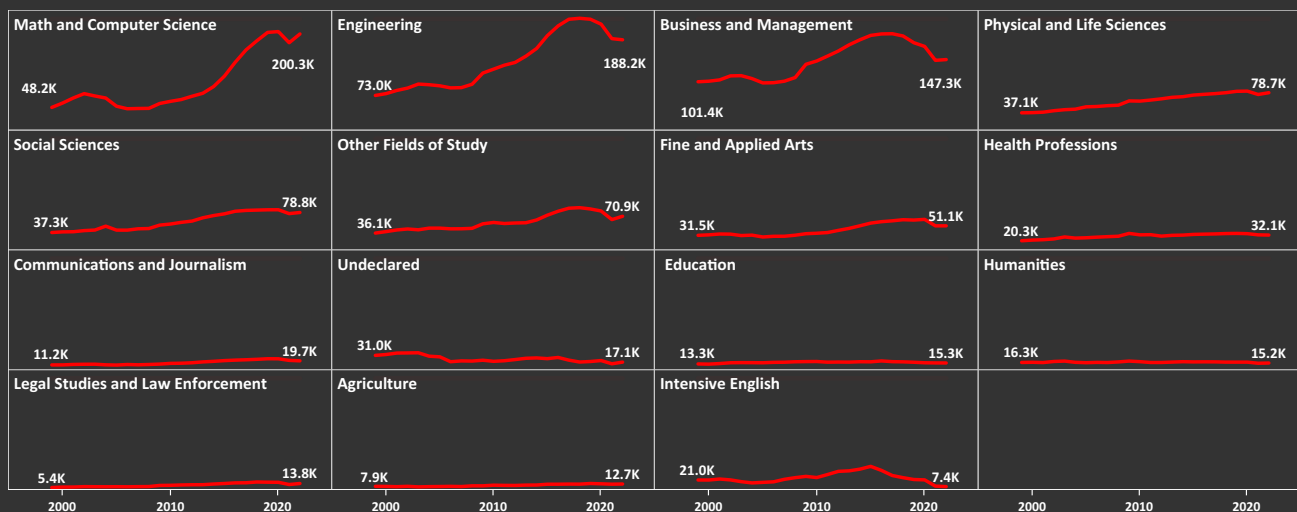
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PURSUED MAJORS IN STEM FIELDS.

Source: Open Doors Report

Math and Computer Science	Engineering	Business and Management	Social Sciences
21%	20%	16%	8%
Physical and Life Sciences	Other Fields of Study	Fine and Applied Arts	Health Professions
8%	7%	5%	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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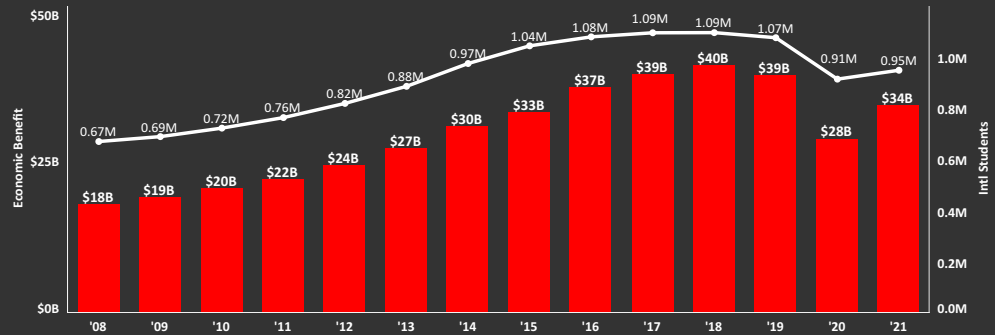
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How Has Your School's International Enrollment Changed?

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

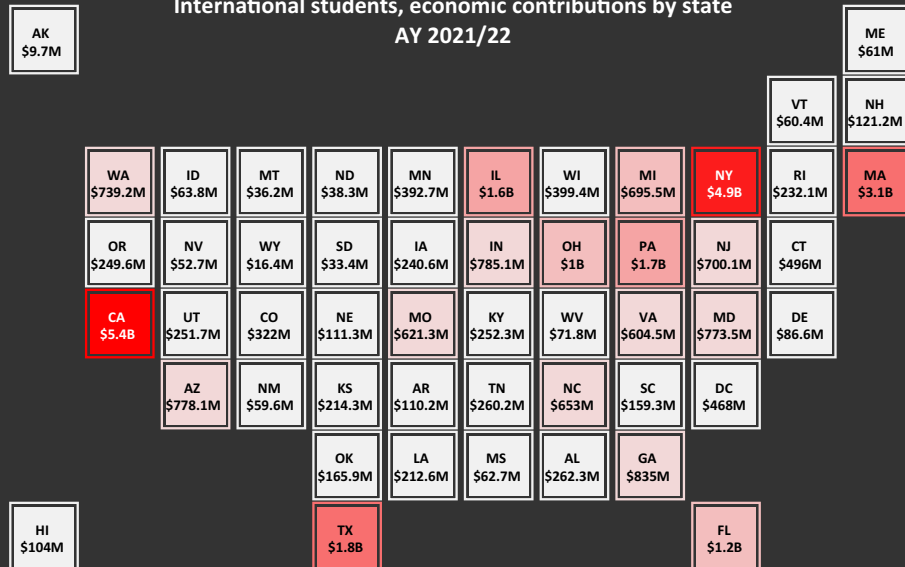
Source: NAFSA's economic analysis for 2021-2022 Academic Year; U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Open Doors Report.



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

International students, economic contributions by state AY 2021/22



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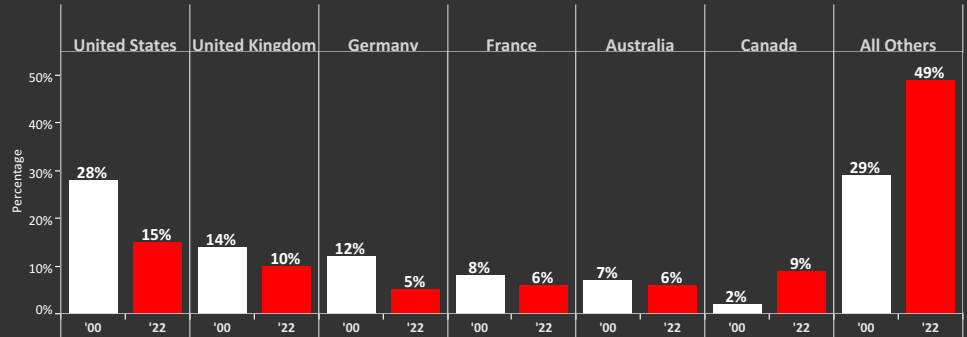
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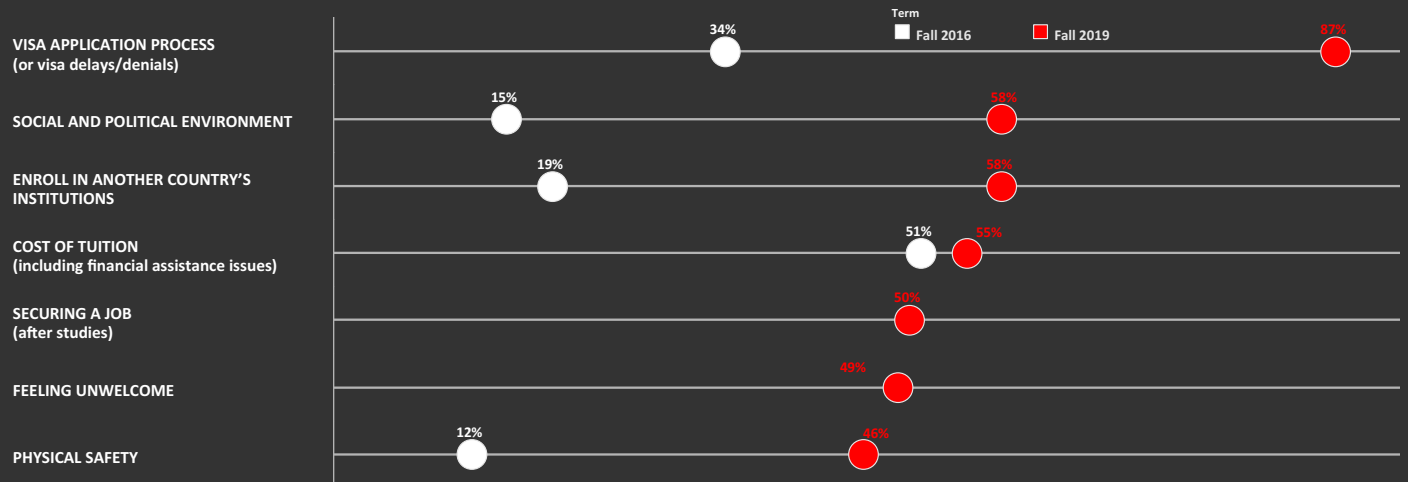
International Student Enrollment Competitor Countries Market Share, AY 2000 - AY 2022



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.

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

Source: NAFSA



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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.

