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Shifting Trends in Global Student Mobility: Who is Going Where?

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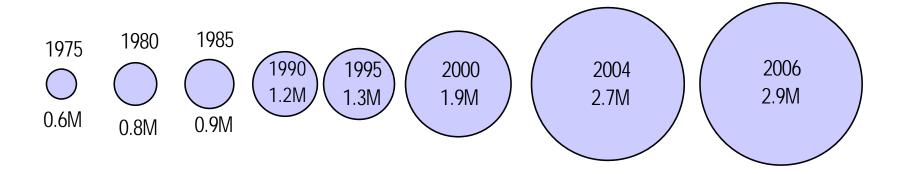
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Worldwide: A Growing Pie

- Worldwide, there were over 2.9 million international students in 2006, a 3% increase over the previous year.
- By 2025, almost 8 million students are projected to be studying outside their home country.

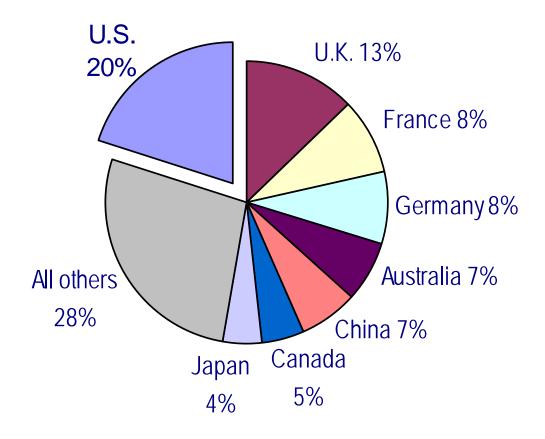


Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2007



Global Share of International Students

In 2007, the U.S. hosted 20% of international students worldwide.

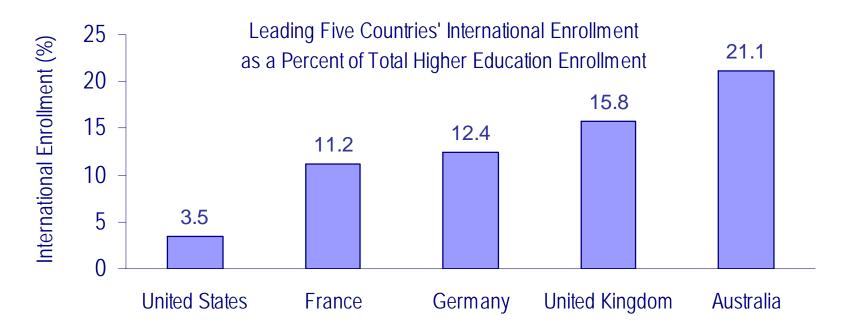


Source: Project Atlas 2007 data from partner organizations and UNESCO/OECD 2006 data



Higher Education Capacity

The 623,805 international students in the U.S. comprise less than 4% of total U.S. higher education enrollment, with only 153 institutions hosting 55% of all international students in the U.S.



Sources: Project Atlas 2007 data from partner organizations and UNESCO/OECD 2006 data



Factors likely to affect enrollment shifts:

- Expanded capacity in home country higher education sectors of major sending countries such as China and India
- Domestic (political, economic, social and educational) shifts within key sending countries
- Transnational Education (TNE, CBE) and alternative modes of educational delivery
- Increased recruitment by other countries



Project Atlas: Tracking Global Student Mobility

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Project Atlas: Measuring Global Student Mobility

- Mobility data from 21 other countries, through data sharing agreements with agencies around the world
- Goal: Building a community of researchers to share accurate and timely data on student mobility
- Countries represented: South Africa (IEASA);
 Australia (AEI); India (AIU); China (CSC); Mexico (ANUIES); Netherlands (NUFFIC); U.K. (British Council); Germany (DAAD); Ireland (Education Ireland); USA (IIE); and many others.



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The People's Republic of China has grown into a major study destination with the numbers of international students and scholars rising steadily over the past decade. According to the China Scholarship Council, there were more than 195,00 international students in China in 2007-08.

General Student Data

Most recent total for international student enrollment: 195,503 (2007-08)

Types of institutions surveyed:

Public and private

Number of students from country

studying abroad: 144,000

Percentage of institutions surveyed including international students:

Number of international students, by level of study:

Undergraduate: 57,367 Graduate/post-graduate: 10,846 Non-degree (all levels): 127,290

Top 10 sending places of origin and percentage of total international student enrollment:

1. South Korea 33.0%

2. Japan 9.5%

3. United States 7.5%

4. Vietnam 5.0%

5. Thailand 3.7%

6. Russia 3.7% 7. India 3.7%

8. Indonesia 3.4%

9. France 2.4%

10. Pakistan 2.3%

Business and management: 17,391 Engineering: 6,785 Physical and life sciences: 16,902 Social sciences: 4,700 Math and computer sciences: 1,411

Fine and applied arts: 2,508 Health professions: 8,671

Education: 1,878 Humanities: 134,502 Agriculture: 755

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Top 10 destinations and number of students from given country studying abroad*:

1. United States 93,672

2. Japan 86,378

3. United Kingdom 50,753

4. Australia 40,316 (2005)

5. Germany 27,129 (2005) 6. New Zealand 23,260 (2005)

7. Canada 17,913 (2005)

8. France 17,132

9. South Korea 15,288

10. Macao (China) 11,469

Methodolgy & Sources

The China Scholarship Council is the main organization responsible for data collection. The Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education PRC is responsible for setting policies relating to international student data collection. The sources of international student data come from reports from individual universities. Data are collected on an annual basis and have been collected from 1998-2008, to date. An international student is defined by their country of citizenship.

For further data or other information on international students, visit: http://en.csc.edu.cn/

Source: China Scholarship Council (CSC)

 Outbound mobility data are based on UNESCO-UIS Global Education Digest 2008 Data (UNESCO, 2008) and reflect data for academic year ending 2006.



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As its tertiary level education places expand, India is becoming a regional host country as well as a leading sending country. India has one of the world's largest higher education systems, comprising more than 350 universities and 16,000 colleges. The Indian government has enacted

policies encouraging and helping more international students from developing countries to study in India.

General Student Data

Total count of all higher education students, both domestic and international: 11,612,505

Most recent total for international student enrollment:

18,594

Do these counts of international students reflect both public and private institutions? Yes

Top 10 sending places of origin and percentage of total international student enrollment:

- 1. Iran 11.7%
- 2. United Arab Emirates 10.1%
- 3. Nepal 9.3%
- 4. Ethiopia 5.6%
- 5. Saudi Arabia 4.1%
- 6. Kenya 3.3%
- 7. United States 3.3%
- 8. Oman 3.3%
- 9. Yemen 3.2%
- 10. Bhutan 2.9%

2005 data >> 2004 data >>

Top 10 Destinations

Top 10 destinations and number of students from given country studying abroad*:

- 1. United States 79,219
- 2. Australia 22,039 (2005)
- 3. United Kingdom 19,204
- 4. Germany 4,339 (2005)
- 5. Canada 2,826 (2005)
- New Zealand 1,563 (2005)
- 7. Malaysia 1,262 (2005)
- 8. Ukraine 1.170
- 9. Kazakhstan 968
- 10. Cyprus 793

Methodolay & Sources

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is responsible for collecting international student data. In collaboration with the University Grants Commission, AIU also sets national policies relating to data collection. The AIU is the main source for the student data listed above. Data have been collected on an annual basis up to the present year, 2005. For purposes of collection, an international student is defined as a student from another nationality apart from India. Further data are collected on: field of study; academic level; type of host institution attended; degree/qualification/credential awarded; and sources of student financial support.

For further data or country information, you can visit the following site: http://education.nic.in/higedu.asp

University handbooks and other AIU Publications are also published every year and are made available to the public.

 Outbound mobility data are based on UNESCO-UIS Global Education Digest 2008 Data (UNESCO, 2008) and reflect data for academic year ending 2006.

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With an international student enrollment of over 389,000 students in the 2007/2008 academic year, the United Kingdom is the second largest host of international students after the United States. The UK attracts large numbers of students from Asia, the United States, and other places of origin within Europe. For information about the United Kingdom as a place of origin for international students please click here.

Total count of all higher education students, both domestic and

2,382,155 (2008)

Most recent total for international 389,330 (2008)

Types of institutions surveyed: Public only

Percentage of institutions surveyed that enroll international students:

Number of international students, by

Undergraduate: 198,240 Graduate/post-graduate: 191,090

Top 10 sending places of origin and percentage of total international student enrollment (in 2008):

1. China 12.6%

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- 2. India 7.2% 3. United States 5.6%
- 4. Germany 4.5%
- 6. Ireland 4.1%
- 7. Greece 3.6%
- 8. Nigeria 3.3%
- 9. Malaysia 3.2%
- 10. Hong Kong 2.6%

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- 1. Business and Management: 98.865
- 2. Engineering: 47,610
- 3. Social Sciences: 33,445 4. Health Professions: 30,745
- 5. Physical and Life Sciences: 29,870
- 6. Mathematics and Computer Sciences: 28,035
- 7. Fine and Applied Arts: 20,050
- 8. Education: 13,055
- 9. Humanities: 10.370
- 10. Agriculture: 2,545

Top 10 destinations and number of students from given country studying abroad*:

- 1. United States 8,568
- 2. Australia 5,412 (2005) 3. France 2,570
- 4. Germany 1,962 (2005)
- 5. Denmark 1,584
- 6. Canada 1,221 (2005)
- 7. Ireland 1,196 8. Spain 485
- 9. New Zealand 406 (2005)
- 10. Japan 350

Methodolay & Sources

The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) is the primary organization responsible for international student data collection. The Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) sets governmental policies regarding data collection. HESA collects data from individual universities and colleges on an annual basis. For purposes of collection, students are defined by their country of domicile, i.e., "the student's permanent or home address prior to entry to the programme of study." International students are those who are not UK-domiciled. Based on this current methodology, HESA data is available from 2002-2003 onward. Data are collected on: gender; field of study; academic level; name of host institution attended; degree/qualification/credential awarded; nationality and sources of student financial support (although not an obligatory field so gaps remain).

Note The total international student figure includes "Incoming Visiting and Exchange Students." In 2007-08, 24,950 overseas domiciled students were classed as "visiting or exchange students;" other sources (e.g., Universities UK) choose not to include these students in their figures in order to avoid "double-counting" students (as there are some cases where an overseas exchange student could be counted when the UK exchange student--with whom the overseas student is exchanginghas already been counted). HESA includes the visiting and exchange students in its totals to include all international students, whether they are in the UK for 1 semester or for several years, and whether they are exchanging with a UK student or visiting for a portion of their course.

For additional country data or other information on international students, please visit:

- http://www.britishcouncil.org/eumd/statistics/ (This is a password protected site available only to paying members).
- http://www.hesa.ac.uk

Hard copy (non-electronic) sources of publicly available data or other information on internationals students are not available.

Source: The British Council

* Outbound mobility data are based on UNESCO-UIS Global Education Digest 2008 Data (UNESCO, 2008) and reflect data for academic year ending 2006.