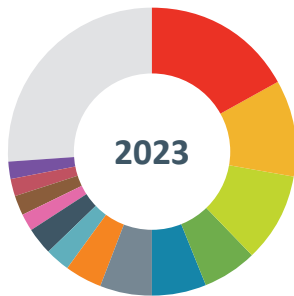




In 2021, the total number of globally mobile international students at the tertiary level remained consistent at **6.4 million**.

Source: UNESCO, 2023

TOP MOST DESTINATIONS

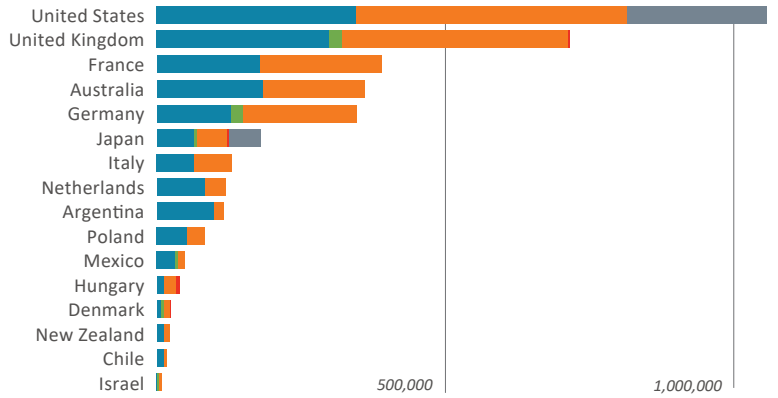


6.4 million students

Source: Project Atlas, 2023; *UNESCO, 2023

United States	17%
United Kingdom	11%
Canada	10%
France	6%
Australia	6%
Germany	6%
Russia*	4%
China*	3%
Japan	3%
Spain	2%
Italy	2%
Netherlands	2%
Argentina	2%
All Others	26%

ACADEMIC LEVELS & DEGREE TYPES OF INBOUND STUDENTS



Legend: Undergraduate degree/qualification, Graduate degree/qualification, Other/Unspecified, Undergraduate non-degree, Graduate non-degree

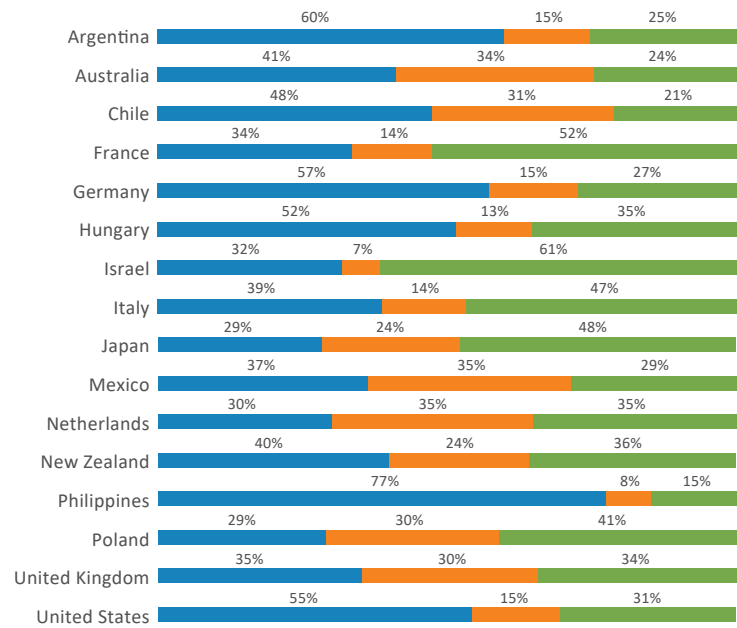
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INBOUND STUDENTS IN SELECT COUNTRIES

	2022 Release	2023 Release	% Change
United States	948,519	1,057,188	11.5%
United Kingdom	633,910	718,085	13.3%
Canada	552,580	660,230	19.5%
France	364,756	392,630	7.6%
Australia	363,859	361,247	-0.7%
Germany	324,729	349,438	7.6%
Russia*	262,416	282,922	7.8%
China*	221,653	210,903	-4.8%
Japan	201,877	181,741	-10.0%
Spain	91,558	135,478	48.0%
Italy	125,470	132,521	5.6%
Netherlands	115,068	122,287	6.3%
Argentina	108,180	117,820	8.9%
Poland	84,689	85,897	1.4%
Mexico	51,659	53,801	4.1%
Hungary	N/A	41,730	N/A
Sweden	33,298	39,806	19.5%
Denmark	25,366	27,391	8.0%
Philippines	22,247	24,520	10.2%
New Zealand	29,790	24,515	-17.7%
Norway	22,540	24,154	7.2%
Chile	18,993	19,998	5.3%
Israel	8,389	10,029	19.5%

Source: Project Atlas, 2022 & 2023; *UNESCO 2023

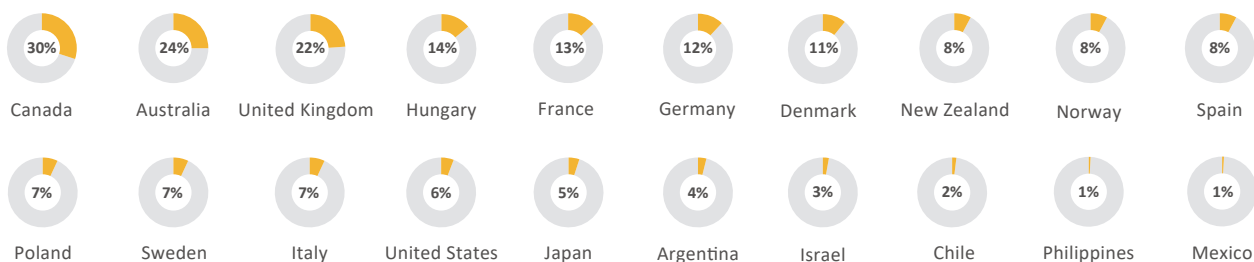
FIELD OF STUDY OF INBOUND STUDENTS IN SELECT COUNTRIES



Legend: STEM, Business & Management, All Others

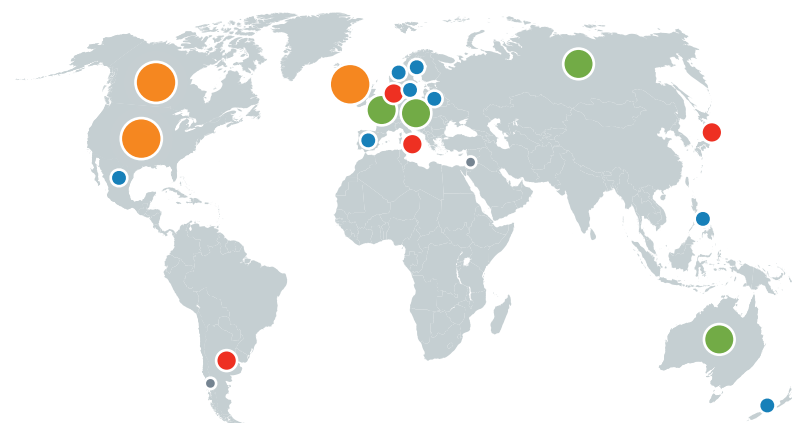
Source: Project Atlas, 2023

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL HIGHER EDUCATION



Source: Project Atlas, 2023

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY HOST COUNTRY



UNITED STATES

China	289,526
India	268,923
South Korea	43,847
Canada	27,876
Vietnam	21,900

UNITED KINGDOM

China	158,335
India	121,815
Nigeria	45,370
United States	29,425
Pakistan	21,745

CANADA

India	290,330
China	80,370
Philippines	23,060
France	22,925
Nigeria	19,180

FRANCE

Morocco	46,371
Algeria	31,032
China	27,479
Italy	19,185
Senegal	15,264

AUSTRALIA

China	140,111
India	55,750
Nepal	34,013
Vietnam	14,224
Indonesia	9,999

GERMANY

China	40,055
India	33,753
Syria	16,712
Austria	14,601
Turkey	12,616

JAPAN

China	85,762
Vietnam	28,848
Nepal	13,757
South Korea	13,073
Indonesia	4,709

SPAIN

France	17,849
Italy	15,846
Germany	8,873
Colombia	7,977
United States	7,308

ITALY

China	15,872
Romania	11,873
Albania	8,758
Iran	7,741
India	6,185

NETHERLANDS

Germany	22,775
Italy	7,633
Romania	6,717
China	5,610
Spain	5,599

ARGENTINA

Brazil	14,069
Peru	13,801
Colombia	12,794
Bolivia	9,112
Paraguay	8,189

POLAND

Ukraine	47,960
Belarus	11,947
Zimbabwe	3,605
Turkey	3,431
India	2,737

MEXICO

United States	21,395
South America	18,583
Latin America	7,196
Europe	1,459
Canada	852

HUNGARY

Germany	3,341
Romania	2,869
China	2,481
Iran	2,019
Serbia	1,986

SWEDEN

Germany	4,166
China	2,302
France	2,276
India	2,125
Finland	1,951

DENMARK

Germany	3,253
Norway	2,610
Spain	1,680
Italy	1,535
Poland	1,301

PHILIPPINES

India	17,242
China	4,491
Nigeria	656
Nepal	192
Thailand	172

NEW ZEALAND

China	10,570
India	3,550
Vietnam	925
Malaysia	850
South Korea	665

CHILE

Venezuela	4,870
Peru	4,288
Colombia	3,501
Ecuador	1,633
Bolivia	1,542

ISRAEL

United States	2,444
India	794
China	680
Germany	638
France	503

Total number of international students in host country:

● >500,000 ● 300,000-499,999 ● 100,000-299,999 ● 20,000-99,999 ● <20,000 or not a *Project Atlas* partner

Source: *Project Atlas*, 2023

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Chile: Ministry of Education, Higher Education Division

China: China Scholarship Council

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Finland: Centre for International Mobility (CIMO)

France: CampusFrance

Germany: The German Academic Exchange Service

Hungary: The Tempus Public Foundaion

India: Association of Indian Universities

Israel: Council for Higher Education

Italy: Uni-Italia

Japan: Japan Student Services Organization

Mexico: National Association of Universities and Higher Education Institutions

Netherlands: The Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education

New Zealand: New Zealand Ministry of Education

Norway: Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education

Poland: Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange

Republic of the Philippines: Commission on Higher Education

Russian Federation: Center for Sociological Research, Ministry of Education and Science

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