



Over 5.6 million higher education students studied abroad.

Source: UNESCO, 2020

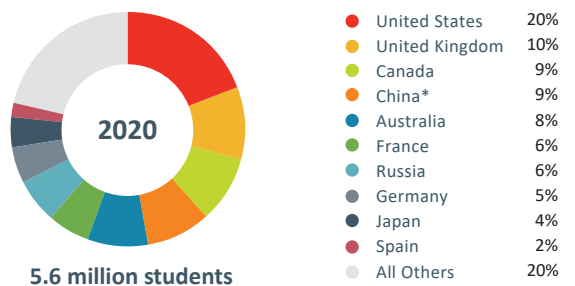
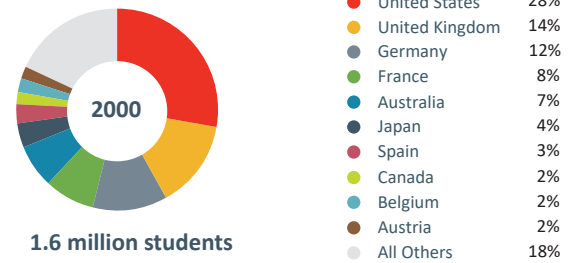
INBOUND STUDENTS IN SELECT COUNTRIES

	2019 Release	2020 Release	% Change
United States	1,095,299	1,075,496	-1.8%
United Kingdom	524,250	551,495	5.2%
Canada	435,415	503,270	15.6%
China	492,185	*	*
Australia	420,501	463,643	10.3%
France	343,400	358,000	4.3%
Russia	334,497	353,331	5.6%
Germany	282,002	302,157	7.1%
Japan	208,901	228,403	9.3%
Spain	120,991	125,675	3.9%
Netherlands	85,955	94,236	9.6%
Poland	72,743	78,259	7.6%
New Zealand	61,240	52,995	-13.5%
Sweden	37,888	38,334	1.2%
Denmark	32,106	30,733	-4.3%
Norway	24,155	21,199	-12.8%

* Data not available

Source: Project Atlas, 2019 & 2020

TOP HOST DESTINATIONS, 2000 & 2020



*China total from Project Atlas, 2019

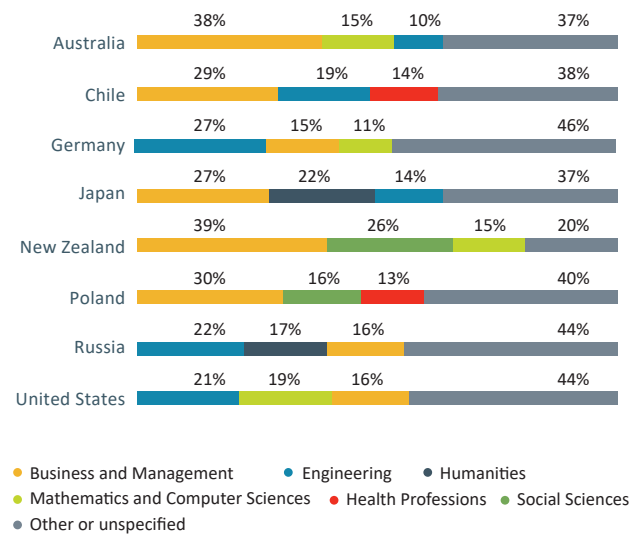
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ACADEMIC LEVELS & DEGREE TYPES OF INBOUND STUDENTS



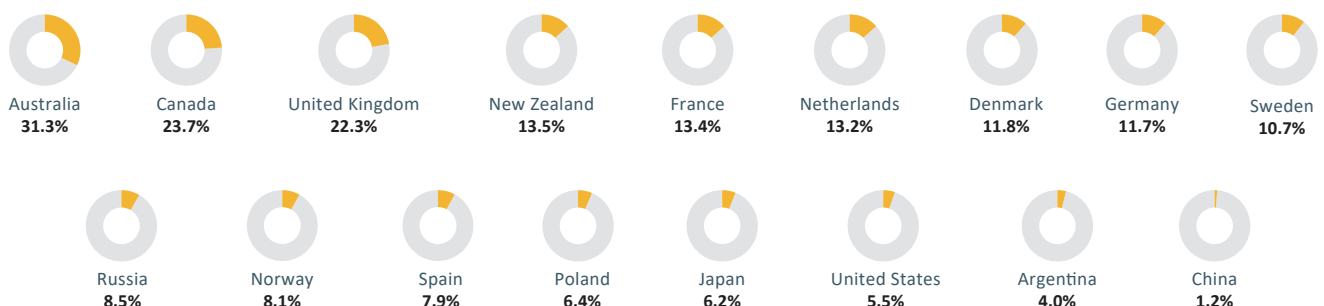
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FIELD OF STUDY OF INBOUND STUDENTS IN SELECT COUNTRIES



Source: Project Atlas, 2020

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL HIGHER EDUCATION



Australia, Canada and the U.K.

host the largest shares of international students in comparison to their total higher education populations.

Source: Project Atlas, 2020

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY HOST COUNTRY

UNITED STATES

China	372,532
India	193,124
South Korea	49,809
Saudi Arabia	30,957
Canada	25,992

UNITED KINGDOM

China	129,045
United States	30,650
India	27,915
Germany	18,405
France	18,230

CANADA

India	198,750
China	98,565
France	21,515
United States	13,200
South Korea	12,260

CHINA*

South Korea	50,600
Thailand	28,608
Pakistan	28,023
India	23,198
United States	20,996

AUSTRALIA

China	165,809
India	90,918
Nepal	34,645
Vietnam	16,432
Malaysia	13,562

FRANCE

Morocco	41,729
Algeria	31,196
China	28,436
Italy	14,692
Tunisia	13,025

RUSSIA

Kazakhstan	67,831
China	37,515
Turkmenistan	35,261
Uzbekistan	28,833
Tajikistan	20,752

GERMANY

China	39,871
India	20,562
Syria	13,032
Austria	11,495
Russia	10,439

JAPAN

China	94,047
Vietnam	45,248
Nepal	18,662
South Korea	15,977
Taiwan	7,518

SPAIN

Italy	15,543
France	14,323
United States	9,239
Germany	7,476
Colombia	7,145

ARGENTINA

Brazil	15,818
Peru	13,748
Colombia	12,189
Paraguay	8,785
Bolivia	8,618

NETHERLANDS

Germany	23,022
Italy	5,563
China	4,697
Belgium	3,952
Bulgaria	3,680

POLAND

Ukraine	40,698
Belarus	7,460
India	3,748
Czechia	1,627
Norway	1,489

NEW ZEALAND

China	19,950
India	13,015
United States	2,785
Malaysia	1,550
South Korea	1,355

SWEDEN

Germany	3,588
Finland	2,591
China	2,529
India	2,179
France	1,929

DENMARK

Germany	3,302
Norway	3,039
United States	1,794
Spain	1,536
United Kingdom	1,476

*China total from *Project Atlas*, 2019

Total number of international students in host country:



Source: *Project Atlas*, 2020

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Finland	Centre for International Mobility
France	Campus France
Germany	The German Academic Exchange Service
India	Association of Indian Universities
Ireland	Education in Ireland
Japan	Japan Student Services Organization
Malaysia	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia
Mexico	National Association of Universities and Higher Education Institutions

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OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
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UIS	UNESCO Institute for Statistics

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