

**Table 417. Foreign students enrolled in institutions of higher education in the United States and outlying areas, by continent, region, and selected countries of origin: Selected years, 1980–81 to 2001–02**

Continent, region, and country	1980–81		1985–86		1990–91		1995–96		1998–99		1999–2000		2000–01		2001–02	
	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>311,880</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>343,780</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>407,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>453,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,933</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>514,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547,867</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>582,996</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b> .....	<b>38,180</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>34,190</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>23,800</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>20,844</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>26,222</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>34,217</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>37,724</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Eastern Africa .....	6,260	2.0	6,730	2.0	7,590	1.9	7,596	1.67	10,189	2.1	11,559	2.2	13,516	2.5	15,331	2.6
Central Africa .....	1,130	0.4	1,540	0.4	1,650	0.4	1,346	0.30	1,413	0.3	1,775	0.3	1,859	0.3	1,972	0.3
North Africa .....	7,310	2.3	5,980	1.7	4,540	1.1	3,422	0.75	4,151	0.8	4,525	0.9	5,184	0.9	5,593	1.0
Southern Africa .....	1,480	0.5	2,360	0.7	2,840	0.7	2,657	0.59	2,956	0.6	3,247	0.6	3,304	0.6	3,443	0.6
West Africa .....	22,000	7.1	17,580	5.1	7,180	1.8	5,818	1.28	7,513	1.5	9,176	1.8	10,346	1.9	11,385	2.0
Nigeria .....	17,350	5.6	13,710	4.0	3,710	0.9	2,093	0.46	2,876	0.6	3,602	0.7	3,820	0.7	4,499	0.8
<b>Asia</b> .....	<b>94,640</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>156,830</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>229,830</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>259,893</b>	<b>57.27</b>	<b>275,076</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>280,146</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>302,058</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>324,812</b>	<b>55.7</b>
East Asia .....	51,650	16.6	80,720	23.5	146,020	35.8	166,717	36.74	177,141	36.1	180,146	35.0	189,371	34.6	196,813	33.8
China .....	2,770	0.9	13,980	4.1	39,600	9.7	39,613	8.73	51,001	10.4	54,466	10.6	59,939	10.9	63,211	10.8
Hong Kong .....	9,660	3.1	10,710	3.1	12,630	3.1	12,018	2.65	8,735	1.8	7,545	1.5	7,627	1.4	7,757	1.3
Japan .....	13,500	4.3	13,360	3.9	36,610	9.0	45,531	10.03	46,406	9.5	46,872	9.1	46,497	8.5	46,810	8.0
Korea, Republic of .....	6,150	2.0	18,660	5.4	23,360	5.7	36,231	7.98	39,199	8.0	41,191	8.0	45,685	8.3	49,046	8.4
Taiwan .....	19,460	6.2	23,770	6.9	33,530	8.2	32,702	7.21	31,043	6.3	29,234	5.7	28,566	5.2	28,930	5.0
South and Central Asia .....	14,540	4.7	25,800	7.5	42,370	10.4	45,401	10.00	52,602	10.7	58,148	11.3	71,765	13.1	86,131	14.8
India .....	9,250	3.0	16,070	4.7	28,860	7.1	31,743	7.00	37,482	7.6	42,337	8.2	54,664	10.0	66,836	11.5
Pakistan .....	2,990	1.0	5,440	1.6	7,730	1.9	6,427	1.42	5,905	1.2	6,107	1.2	6,948	1.3	8,644	1.5
South East Asia .....	28,450	9.1	50,310	14.6	41,440	10.2	47,774	10.53	45,333	9.2	41,852	8.1	40,916	7.5	41,868	7.2
Indonesia .....	3,250	1.0	8,210	2.4	9,520	2.3	12,820	2.83	12,142	2.5	11,300	2.2	11,625	2.1	11,614	2.0
Malaysia .....	6,010	1.9	23,020	6.7	13,610	3.3	14,015	3.09	11,557	2.4	9,074	1.8	7,795	1.4	7,395	1.3
Philippines .....	—	—	3,920	1.1	4,270	1.0	3,127	0.69	2,864	0.6	3,143	0.6	3,139	0.6	3,295	0.6
Singapore .....	—	—	3,930	1.1	4,500	1.1	4,098	0.90	4,030	0.8	4,250	0.8	4,166	0.8	4,141	0.7
Thailand .....	6,550	2.1	6,940	2.0	7,090	1.7	12,165	2.68	12,489	2.5	10,983	2.1	11,187	2.0	11,606	2.0
<b>Europe</b> .....	<b>25,330</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>34,310</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>49,640</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>67,358</b>	<b>14.84</b>	<b>73,809</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>78,485</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>80,584</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>81,579</b>	<b>14.0</b>
Eastern Europe .....	1,670	0.5	1,770	0.5	4,780	1.2	18,032	3.97	23,131	4.7	25,731	5.0	27,674	5.1	29,591	5.1
Western Europe .....	23,660	7.6	32,540	9.5	44,860	11.0	49,326	10.87	50,674	10.3	52,754	10.2	52,910	9.7	51,988	8.9
France .....	—	—	3,680	1.1	5,630	1.4	5,710	1.26	6,241	1.3	6,877	1.3	7,273	1.3	7,401	1.3
Germany <sup>1</sup> .....	3,310	1.1	4,730	1.4	7,000	1.7	9,017	1.99	9,568	1.9	9,800	1.9	10,128	1.8	9,613	1.6
Greece .....	3,750	1.2	4,440	1.3	4,360	1.1	3,365	0.74	2,847	0.6	2,782	0.5	2,768	0.5	2,599	0.4
Spain .....	—	—	1,740	0.5	4,300	1.1	4,809	1.06	4,195	0.9	4,337	0.8	4,156	0.8	4,048	0.7
United Kingdom .....	4,440	1.4	5,940	1.7	7,300	1.8	7,799	1.72	7,765	1.6	7,990	1.6	8,139	1.5	8,414	1.4
<b>Latin America</b> .....	<b>49,810</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>45,480</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>47,580</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>47,253</b>	<b>10.41</b>	<b>55,436</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>62,098</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>63,634</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>68,358</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Caribbean .....	10,650	3.4	11,100	3.2	12,610	3.1	10,737	2.37	11,884	2.4	13,828	2.7	14,423	2.6	13,879	2.4
Central America .....	12,970	4.2	12,740	3.7	15,950	3.9	14,220	3.13	15,455	3.1	16,854	3.3	16,764	3.1	18,826	3.2
Mexico .....	6,730	2.2	5,460	1.6	6,740	1.7	8,687	1.91	9,641	2.0	10,607	2.1	10,670	1.9	12,518	2.1
South America .....	26,190	8.4	21,640	6.3	19,020	4.7	22,296	4.91	28,097	5.7	31,416	6.1	32,447	5.9	35,653	6.1
Brazil .....	—	—	2,840	0.8	3,900	1.0	5,497	1.21	8,052	1.6	8,600	1.7	8,846	1.6	8,972	1.5
Colombia .....	—	—	4,010	1.2	3,180	0.8	3,462	0.76	5,041	1.0	6,277	1.2	6,765	1.2	8,068	1.4
Venezuela .....	11,750	3.8	7,040	2.0	2,890	0.7	4,456	0.98	5,133	1.0	5,125	1.0	5,217	1.0	5,627	1.0
<b>Middle East</b> .....	<b>84,710</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>52,720</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>33,420</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>30,563</b>	<b>6.74</b>	<b>32,836</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>34,897</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>36,858</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>38,545</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Iran .....	47,550	15.2	14,210	4.1	6,260	1.5	2,628	0.58	1,660	0.3	1,885	0.4	1,844	0.3	2,216	0.4
Jordan .....	6,140	2.0	6,590	1.9	4,320	1.1	2,222	0.49	2,039	0.4	2,074	0.4	2,187	0.4	2,417	0.4
Lebanon .....	6,770	2.2	7,090	2.1	3,900	1.0	1,554	0.34	1,315	0.3	1,582	0.3	2,005	0.4	2,435	0.4
Saudi Arabia .....	10,440	3.3	6,900	2.0	3,590	0.9	4,191	0.92	4,931	1.0	5,156	1.0	5,273	1.0	5,579	1.0
Turkey .....	—	—	2,460	0.7	4,080	1.0	7,678	1.69	9,377	1.9	10,100	2.0	10,983	2.0	12,091	2.1
<b>North America<sup>2</sup></b> .....	<b>14,790</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>16,030</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>18,950</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>23,644</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>23,302</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>24,128</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>25,888</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>27,039</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Canada .....	14,320	4.6	15,410	4.5	18,350	4.5	23,005	5.07	22,746	4.6	23,544	4.6	25,279	4.6	26,514	4.5
<b>Oceania</b> .....	<b>4,180</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>4,228</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4,676</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4,624</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Stateless<sup>3</sup></b> .....	<b>240</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>#</b>

—Not available.

# Rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1980–81 and 1985–86 are for West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany before unification).<sup>2</sup> Excludes Mexico and Central America, which are included with Latin America.<sup>3</sup> Home country unknown or undeclared.

NOTE: Totals and subtotals include other countries not shown separately. Data are for "nonimmigrants," i.e., students who have not migrated to this country. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

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