

Table 416.—Foreign students enrolled in institutions of higher education in the United States and outlying areas, by continent, region, and selected countries of origin: 1980–81 to 1999–2000

Continent, region, and country	1980–81		1985–86		1990–91		1995–96		1996–97		1997–98		1998–99		1999–2000	
	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
Total	311,880	100.0	343,780	100.0	407,530	100.0	453,787	100.0	457,984	100.0	481,280	100.0	490,933	100.0	514,723	100.0
Africa	38,180	12.2	34,190	9.9	23,800	5.8	20,844	4.6	22,078	4.8	23,162	4.8	26,222	5.3	30,292	5.9
Eastern Africa	6,260	2.0	6,730	2.0	7,590	1.9	7,596	1.7	8,628	1.9	8,951	1.9	10,189	2.1	11,559	2.2
Central Africa	1,130	0.4	1,540	0.4	1,650	0.4	1,346	0.3	1,187	0.3	1,265	0.3	1,413	0.3	1,775	0.3
North Africa	7,310	2.3	5,980	1.7	4,540	1.1	3,422	0.8	3,469	0.8	3,862	0.8	4,151	0.8	4,525	0.9
Southern Africa	1,480	0.5	2,360	0.7	2,840	0.7	2,657	0.6	2,678	0.6	2,608	0.5	2,956	0.6	3,247	0.6
West Africa	22,000	7.1	17,580	5.1	7,180	1.8	5,818	1.3	6,115	1.3	6,471	1.3	7,513	1.5	9,176	1.8
Nigeria	17,350	5.6	13,710	4.0	3,710	0.9	2,093	0.5	2,184	0.5	2,436	0.5	2,876	0.6	3,602	0.7
Europe	25,330	8.1	34,310	10.0	49,640	12.2	67,358	14.8	68,315	14.9	71,616	14.9	73,809	15.0	78,485	15.2
Eastern Europe	1,670	0.5	1,770	0.5	4,780	1.2	18,032	4.0	19,471	4.3	21,314	4.4	23,131	4.7	25,731	5.0
Western Europe	23,660	7.6	32,540	9.5	44,860	11.0	49,326	10.9	48,844	10.7	50,301	10.5	50,674	10.3	52,754	10.2
France	—	—	3,680	1.1	5,630	1.4	5,710	1.3	5,692	1.2	5,992	1.2	6,241	1.3	6,877	1.3
Germany ¹	3,310	1.1	4,730	1.4	7,000	1.7	9,017	2.0	8,990	2.0	9,309	1.9	9,568	1.9	9,800	1.9
Greece	3,750	1.2	4,440	1.3	4,360	1.1	3,365	0.7	3,010	0.7	3,065	0.6	2,847	0.6	2,782	0.5
Spain	—	—	1,740	0.5	4,300	1.1	4,809	1.1	4,673	1.0	4,371	0.9	4,195	0.9	4,337	0.8
United Kingdom	4,440	1.4	5,940	1.7	7,300	1.8	7,799	1.7	7,357	1.6	7,534	1.6	7,765	1.6	7,990	1.6
Latin America	49,810	16.0	45,480	13.2	47,580	11.7	47,253	10.4	49,592	10.8	51,368	10.7	55,436	11.3	62,098	12.1
Caribbean	10,650	3.4	11,100	3.2	12,610	3.1	10,737	2.4	11,796	2.6	10,855	2.3	11,884	2.4	13,828	2.7
Central America	12,970	4.2	12,740	3.7	15,950	3.9	14,220	3.1	14,524	3.2	15,211	3.2	15,455	3.1	16,854	3.3
Mexico	6,730	2.2	5,460	1.6	6,740	1.7	8,687	1.9	8,975	2.0	9,559	2.0	9,641	2.0	10,607	2.1
South America	26,190	8.4	21,640	6.3	19,020	4.7	22,296	4.9	23,272	5.1	25,302	5.3	28,097	5.7	31,416	6.1
Brazil	—	—	2,840	0.8	3,900	1.0	5,497	1.2	6,168	1.3	6,982	1.5	8,052	1.6	8,600	1.7
Colombia	—	—	4,010	1.2	3,180	0.8	3,462	0.8	3,636	0.8	4,345	0.9	5,041	1.0	6,277	1.2
Venezuela	11,750	3.8	7,040	2.0	2,890	0.7	4,456	1.0	4,590	1.0	4,731	1.0	5,133	1.0	5,125	1.0
Middle East	84,710	27.2	52,720	15.3	33,420	8.2	30,563	6.7	29,841	6.5	30,962	6.4	32,836	6.7	34,897	6.8
Iran	47,550	15.2	14,210	4.1	6,260	1.5	2,628	0.6	2,129	0.5	1,863	0.4	1,660	0.3	1,885	0.4
Jordan	6,140	2.0	6,590	1.9	4,320	1.1	2,222	0.5	2,094	0.5	2,027	0.4	2,039	0.4	2,074	0.4
Lebanon	6,770	2.2	7,090	2.1	3,900	1.0	1,554	0.3	1,370	0.3	1,321	0.3	1,315	0.3	1,582	0.3
Saudi Arabia	10,440	3.3	6,900	2.0	3,590	0.9	4,191	0.9	4,264	0.9	4,571	0.9	4,931	1.0	5,156	1.0
Turkey	—	—	2,460	0.7	4,080	1.0	7,678	1.7	8,194	1.8	9,081	1.9	9,377	1.9	10,100	2.0
North America ²	14,790	4.7	16,030	4.7	18,950	4.6	23,644	5.2	23,611	5.2	22,613	4.7	23,302	4.7	24,128	4.7
Canada	14,320	4.6	15,410	4.5	18,350	4.5	23,005	5.1	22,984	5.0	22,051	4.6	22,746	4.6	23,544	4.6
Oceania	4,180	1.3	4,030	1.2	4,230	1.0	4,202	0.9	3,690	0.8	3,893	0.8	4,228	0.9	4,676	0.9
Asia	94,640	30.3	156,830	45.6	229,830	56.4	259,893	57.3	260,743	56.9	277,508	57.7	275,076	56.0	280,146	54.4
East Asia	51,650	16.6	80,720	23.5	146,020	35.8	166,717	36.7	167,935	36.7	178,256	37.0	177,141	36.1	180,146	35.0
China	2,770	0.9	13,980	4.1	39,600	9.7	39,613	8.7	42,503	9.3	46,958	9.8	51,001	10.4	54,466	10.6
Hong Kong	9,660	3.1	10,710	3.1	12,630	3.1	12,018	2.6	10,942	2.4	9,665	2.0	8,735	1.8	7,545	1.5
Japan	13,500	4.3	13,360	3.9	36,610	9.0	45,531	10.0	46,292	10.1	47,073	9.8	46,406	9.5	46,872	9.1
Korea, Republic of	6,150	2.0	18,660	5.4	23,360	5.7	36,231	8.0	37,130	8.1	42,890	8.9	39,199	8.0	41,191	8.0
Taiwan	19,460	6.2	23,770	6.9	33,530	8.2	32,702	7.2	30,487	6.7	30,855	6.4	31,043	6.3	29,234	5.7
South and Central Asia	14,540	4.7	25,800	7.5	42,370	10.4	45,401	10.0	44,256	9.7	47,761	9.9	52,602	10.7	58,148	11.3
India	9,250	3.0	16,070	4.7	28,860	7.1	31,743	7.0	30,641	6.7	33,818	7.0	37,482	7.6	42,337	8.2
Pakistan	2,990	1.0	5,440	1.6	7,730	1.9	6,427	1.4	6,095	1.3	5,821	1.2	5,905	1.2	6,107	1.2
South East Asia	28,450	9.1	50,310	14.6	41,440	10.2	47,774	10.5	48,550	10.6	51,491	10.7	45,333	9.2	41,852	8.1
Indonesia	3,250	1.0	8,210	2.4	9,520	2.3	12,820	2.8	12,461	2.7	13,282	2.8	12,142	2.5	11,300	2.2
Malaysia	6,010	1.9	23,020	6.7	13,610	3.3	14,015	3.1	14,527	3.2	14,597	3.0	11,557	2.4	9,074	1.8
Philippines	—	—	3,920	1.1	4,270	1.0	3,127	0.7	2,796	0.6	2,801	0.6	2,864	0.6	3,143	0.6
Singapore	—	—	3,930	1.1	4,500	1.1	4,098	0.9	3,727	0.8	3,843	0.8	4,030	0.8	4,250	0.8
Thailand	6,550	2.1	6,940	2.0	7,090	1.7	12,165	2.7	13,481	2.9	15,090	3.1	12,489	2.5	10,983	2.1
Stateless ³	240	0.1	190	0.1	80	(⁴)	30	(⁴)	109	(⁴)	159	(⁴)	28	(⁴)	7	(⁴)

—Not available.

¹Data for 1980–81 and 1985–86 are for the former Federal Republic of Germany.²Excludes Mexico and Central America, which are included with Latin America.³Home country unknown or undeclared.⁴Less than .05 percent.

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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