

Table 420.—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 1997–98

Continent, region, and country	1980–81		1985–86		1990–91		1993–94		1994–95		1995–96		1996–97		1997–98	
	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	449,704	100.0	452,635	100.0	453,787	100.0	457,984	100.0	481,280	100.0
Africa	38,180	12.2	34,190	9.9	23,800	5.8	20,569	4.6	20,724	4.6	20,844	4.6	22,078	4.8	23,162	4.8
Eastern Africa	6,260	2.0	6,730	2.0	7,590	1.9	7,093	1.6	7,139	1.6	7,596	1.7	8,628	1.9	8,951	1.9
Central Africa	1,130	0.4	1,540	0.4	1,650	0.4	1,472	0.3	1,430	0.3	1,346	0.3	1,187	0.3	1,265	0.3
North Africa	7,310	2.3	5,980	1.7	4,540	1.1	3,614	0.8	3,522	0.8	3,422	0.8	3,469	0.8	3,862	0.8
Southern Africa	1,480	0.5	2,360	0.7	2,840	0.7	2,563	0.6	2,672	0.6	2,657	0.6	2,678	0.6	2,608	0.5
West Africa	22,000	7.1	17,580	5.1	7,180	1.8	5,804	1.3	5,943	1.3	5,818	1.3	6,115	1.3	6,471	1.3
Nigeria	17,350	5.6	13,710	4.0	3,710	0.9	2,285	0.5	2,147	0.5	2,093	0.5	2,184	0.5	2,436	0.5
Europe	25,330	8.1	34,310	10.0	49,640	12.2	62,442	13.9	64,811	14.3	67,358	14.8	68,315	14.9	71,616	14.9
Eastern Europe	1,670	0.5	1,770	0.5	4,780	1.2	12,929	2.9	15,906	3.5	18,032	4.0	19,471	4.3	21,314	4.4
Western Europe	23,660	7.6	32,540	9.5	44,860	11.0	49,496	11.0	48,905	10.8	49,326	10.9	48,844	10.7	50,301	10.5
France	—	—	3,680	1.1	5,630	1.4	5,976	1.3	5,843	1.3	5,710	1.3	5,692	1.2	5,992	1.2
Germany, Federal Republic of ¹	3,310	1.1	4,730	1.4	7,000	1.7	8,508	1.9	8,592	1.9	9,017	2.0	8,990	2.0	9,309	1.9
Greece	3,750	1.2	4,440	1.3	4,360	1.1	4,144	0.9	3,699	0.8	3,365	0.7	3,010	0.7	3,065	0.6
Spain	—	—	1,740	0.5	4,300	1.1	5,246	1.2	5,126	1.1	4,809	1.1	4,673	1.0	4,371	0.9
United Kingdom	4,440	1.4	5,940	1.7	7,300	1.8	7,828	1.7	7,786	1.7	7,799	1.7	7,357	1.6	7,534	1.6
Latin America	49,810	16.0	45,480	13.2	47,580	11.7	45,246	10.1	47,239	10.4	47,253	10.4	49,592	10.8	51,368	10.7
Caribbean	10,650	3.4	11,100	3.2	12,610	3.1	10,672	2.4	11,286	2.5	10,737	2.4	11,796	2.6	10,855	2.3
Central America	12,970	4.2	12,740	3.7	15,950	3.9	13,886	3.1	14,923	3.3	14,220	3.1	14,524	3.2	15,211	3.2
Mexico	6,730	2.2	5,460	1.6	6,740	1.7	8,021	1.8	9,003	2.0	8,687	1.9	8,975	2.0	9,559	2.0
South America	26,190	8.4	21,640	6.3	19,020	4.7	20,708	4.6	21,030	4.6	22,296	4.9	23,272	5.1	25,302	5.3
Brazil	—	—	2,840	0.8	3,900	1.0	4,977	1.1	5,017	1.1	5,497	1.2	6,168	1.3	6,982	1.5
Colombia	—	—	4,010	1.2	3,180	0.8	3,077	0.7	3,208	0.7	3,462	0.8	3,636	0.8	4,345	0.9
Venezuela	11,750	3.8	7,040	2.0	2,890	0.7	3,742	0.8	4,092	0.9	4,456	1.0	4,590	1.0	4,731	1.0
Middle East	84,710	27.2	52,720	15.3	33,420	8.2	29,509	6.6	30,246	6.7	30,563	6.7	29,841	6.5	30,962	6.4
Iran	47,550	15.2	14,210	4.1	6,260	1.5	3,621	0.8	2,896	0.6	2,628	0.6	2,129	0.5	1,863	0.4
Jordan	6,140	2.0	6,590	1.9	4,320	1.1	2,826	0.6	2,431	0.5	2,222	0.5	2,094	0.5	2,027	0.4
Lebanon	6,770	2.2	7,090	2.1	3,900	1.0	2,165	0.5	1,835	0.4	1,554	0.3	1,370	0.3	1,321	0.3
Saudi Arabia	10,440	3.3	6,900	2.0	3,590	0.9	3,721	0.8	4,075	0.9	4,191	0.9	4,264	0.9	4,571	0.9
Turkey	—	—	2,460	0.7	4,080	1.0	5,474	1.2	6,716	1.5	7,678	1.7	8,194	1.8	9,081	1.9
North America²	14,790	4.7	16,030	4.7	18,950	4.6	23,288	5.2	23,394	5.2	23,644	5.2	23,611	5.2	22,613	4.7
Canada	14,320	4.6	15,410	4.5	18,350	4.5	22,655	5.0	22,747	5.0	23,005	5.1	22,984	5.0	22,051	4.6
Oceania	4,180	1.3	4,030	1.2	4,230	1.0	3,857	0.9	4,327	1.0	4,202	0.9	3,690	0.8	3,893	0.8
Asia	94,640	30.3	156,830	45.6	229,830	56.4	264,693	58.9	261,789	57.8	259,893	57.3	260,743	56.9	277,508	57.7
East Asia	51,650	16.6	80,720	23.5	146,020	35.8	171,279	38.1	168,190	37.2	166,717	36.7	167,935	36.7	178,256	37.0
China	2,770	0.9	13,980	4.1	39,600	9.7	44,381	9.9	39,403	8.7	39,613	8.7	42,503	9.3	46,958	9.8
Hong Kong	9,660	3.1	10,710	3.1	12,630	3.1	13,752	3.1	12,935	2.9	12,018	2.6	10,942	2.4	9,665	2.0
Japan	13,500	4.3	13,360	3.9	36,610	9.0	43,770	9.7	45,276	10.0	45,531	10.0	46,292	10.1	47,073	9.8
Korea, Republic of	6,150	2.0	18,660	5.4	23,360	5.7	31,076	6.9	33,599	7.4	36,231	8.0	37,130	8.1	42,890	8.9
Taiwan	19,460	6.2	23,770	6.9	33,530	8.2	37,581	8.4	36,407	8.0	32,702	7.2	30,487	6.7	30,855	6.4
South and Central Asia	14,540	4.7	25,800	7.5	42,370	10.4	48,941	10.9	47,836	10.6	45,401	10.0	44,256	9.7	47,761	9.9
India	9,250	3.0	16,070	4.7	28,860	7.1	34,796	7.7	33,537	7.4	31,743	7.0	30,641	6.7	33,818	7.0
Pakistan	2,990	1.0	5,440	1.6	7,730	1.9	7,299	1.6	6,989	1.5	6,427	1.4	6,095	1.3	5,821	1.2
South East Asia	28,450	9.1	50,310	14.6	41,440	10.2	44,461	9.9	45,763	10.1	47,774	10.5	48,550	10.6	51,491	10.7
Indonesia	3,250	1.0	8,210	2.4	9,520	2.3	11,744	2.6	11,872	2.6	12,820	2.8	12,461	2.7	13,282	2.8
Malaysia	6,010	1.9	23,020	6.7	13,610	3.3	13,718	3.1	13,617	3.0	14,015	3.1	14,527	3.2	14,597	3.0
Philippines	—	—	3,920	1.1	4,270	1.0	3,528	0.8	3,472	0.8	3,127	0.7	2,796	0.6	2,801	0.6
Singapore	—	—	3,930	1.1	4,500	1.1	4,823	1.1	4,473	1.0	4,098	0.9	3,727	0.8	3,843	0.8
Thailand	6,550	2.1	6,940	2.0	7,090	1.7	9,537	2.1	10,889	2.4	12,165	2.7	13,481	2.9	15,090	3.1
Stateless³	240	0.1	190	0.1	80	(⁴)	100	(⁴)	105	(⁴)	30	(⁴)	109	(⁴)	159	(⁴)

¹ 1990–91 and later years data are for Germany, which includes the former Federal Republic of Germany and the former Democratic Republic of Germany.

² Excludes Mexico and Central America, which are included with Latin America.

³ Home country unknown or undeclared.

⁴ Less than .05 percent.

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Totals and subtotals include other countries not shown separately. Data are for "nonimmigrants," i.e., students who have not migrated to this country. Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

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