

**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
<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>449,704</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>452,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>453,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>457,984</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>481,280</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b> .....	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
<b>Europe</b> .....	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 <sup>1</sup> .....	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
<b>Latin America</b> .....	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
<b>Middle East</b> .....	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
<b>North America<sup>2</sup></b> .....	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
<b>Oceania</b> .....	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
<b>Asia</b> .....	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
<b>Stateless<sup>3</sup></b> .....	240	0.1	190	0.1	80	( <sup>4</sup> )	100	( <sup>4</sup> )	105	( <sup>4</sup> )	30	( <sup>4</sup> )	109	( <sup>4</sup> )	159	( <sup>4</sup> )

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

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Mexico and Central America, which are included with Latin America.

<sup>3</sup> Home country unknown or undeclared.

<sup>4</sup> 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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