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REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

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International Students



**U.S. Students
Studying Abroad**



Global Student Mobility



International Student Census



Who is Surveyed?

Close to 3,000
U.S. higher
education
institutions



Who is Counted?

International Students
Enrolled and on
Optional Practical
Training (OPT)



What Time Frame?

2022/23
Academic Year

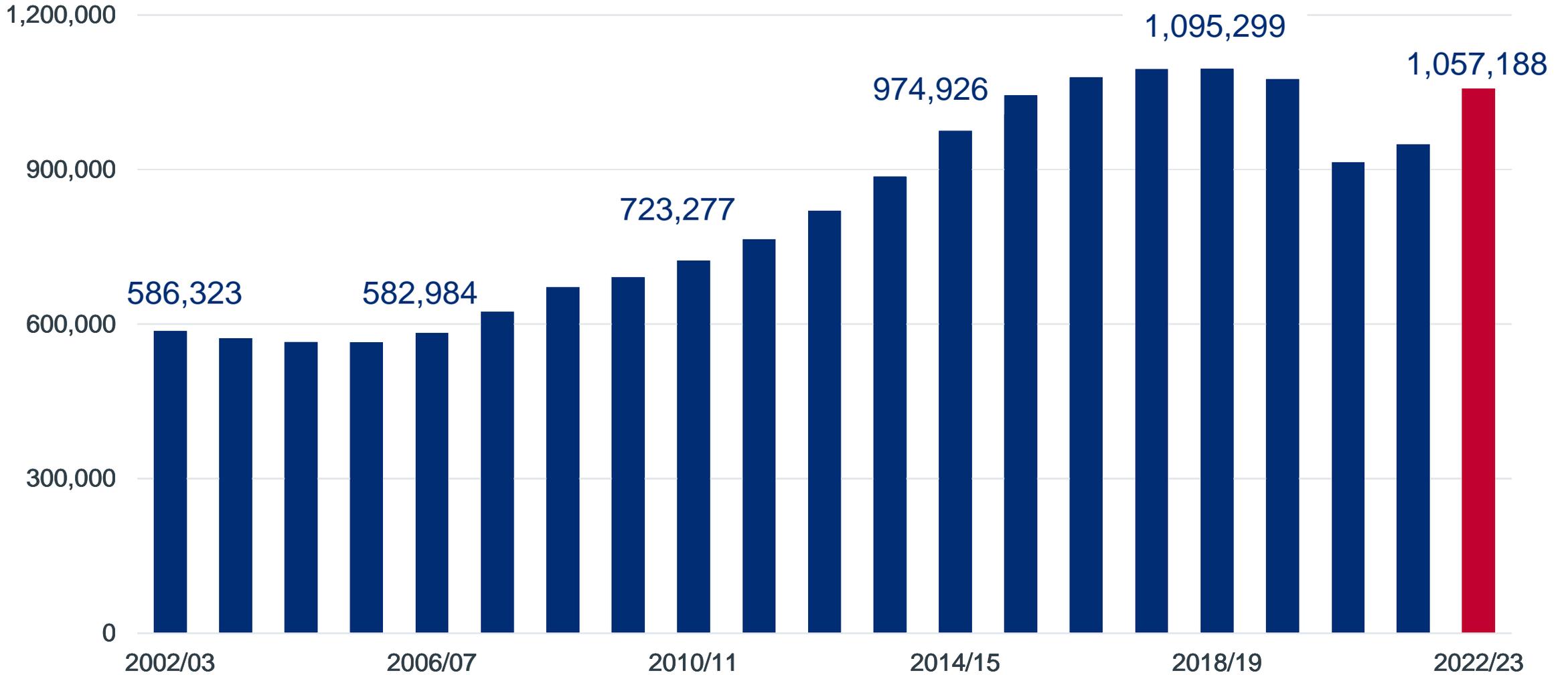


1,057,188
international
students
were at U.S.
institutions in
2022/23





20 Years of International Student Trends



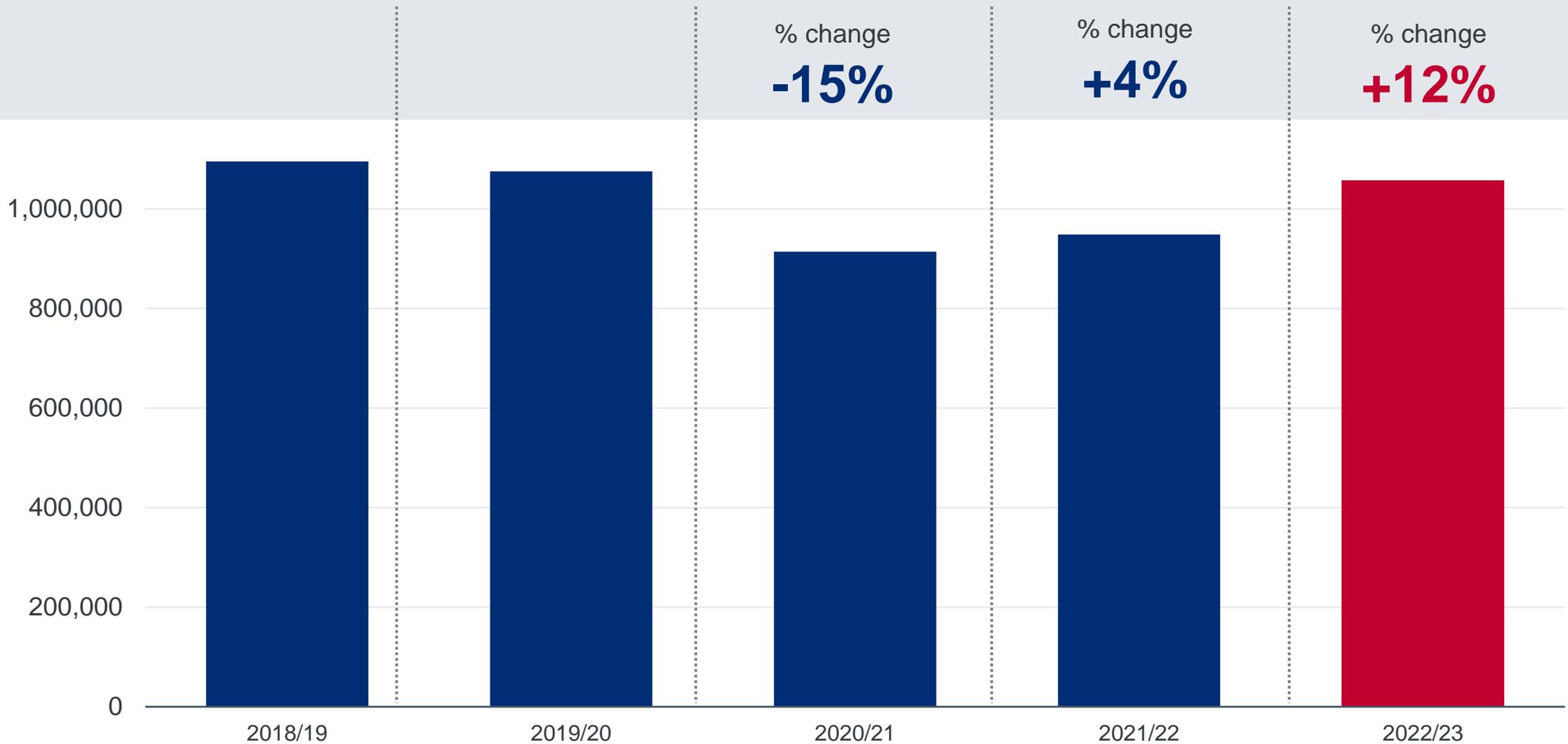


International Student Trends



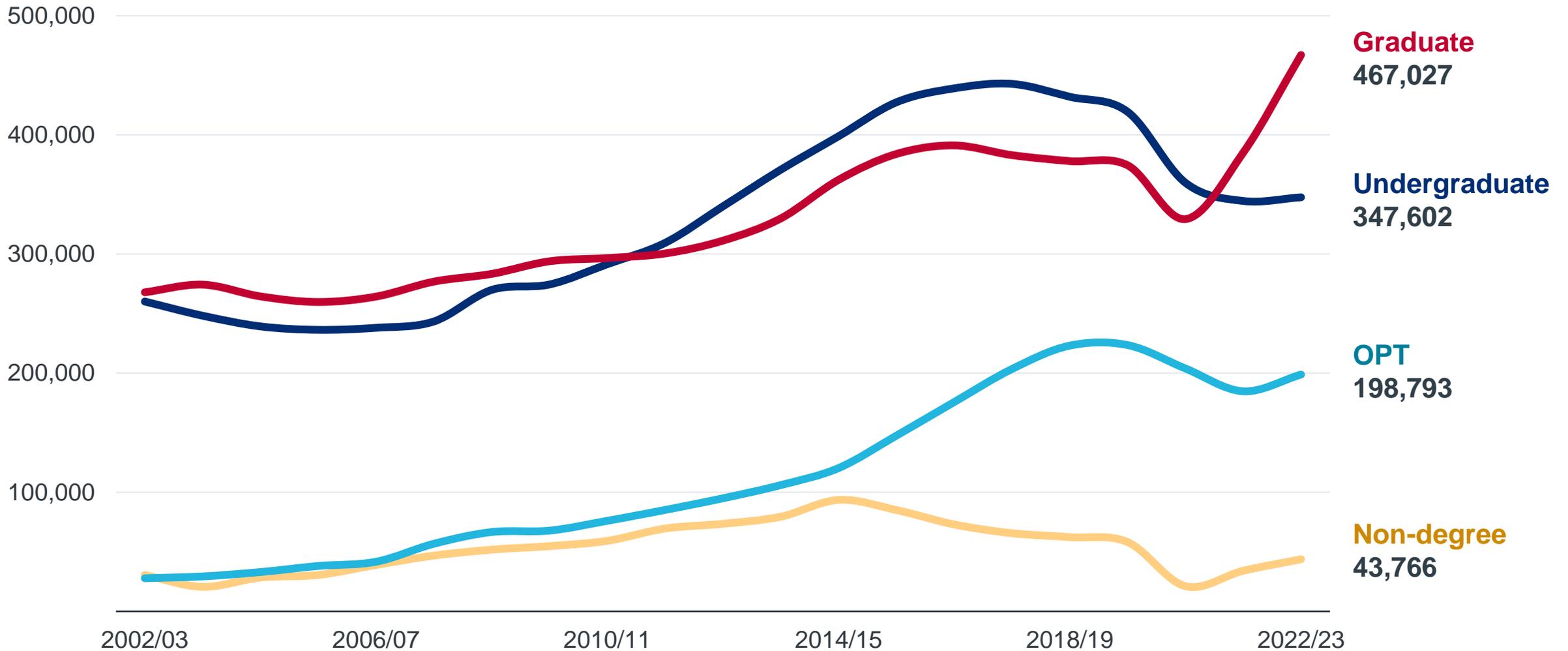


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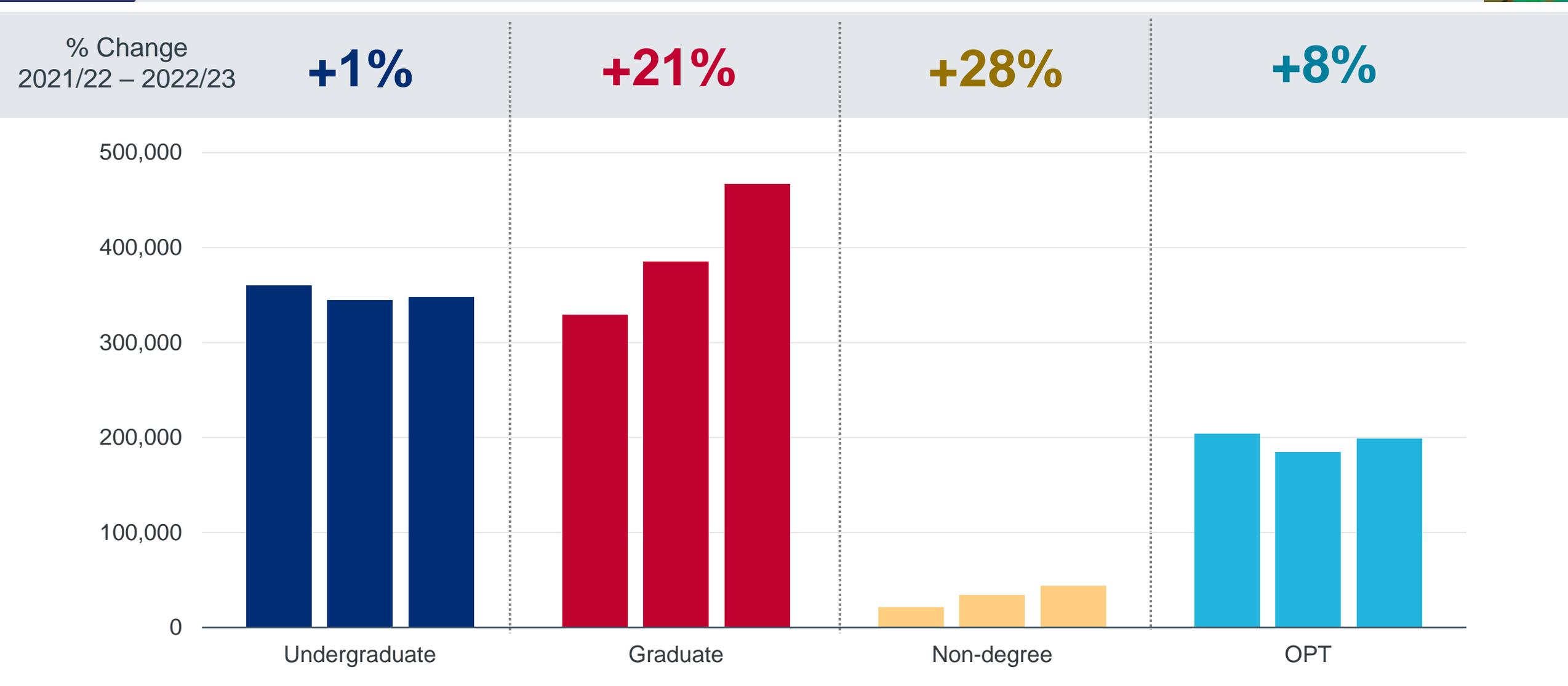


International Students by Academic Level



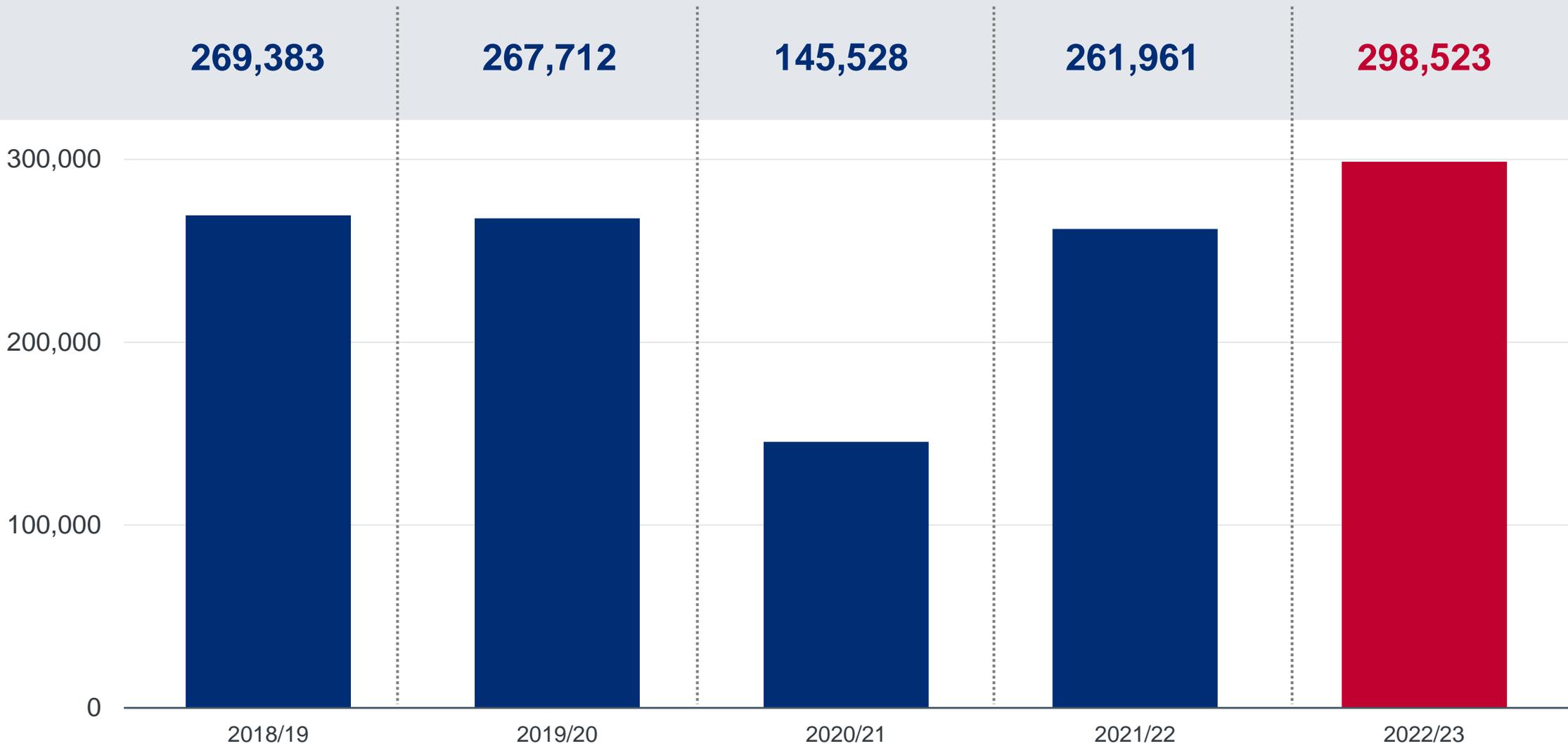


International Students by Academic Level





International Students New to U.S. Institutions





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International students
came from over
**210 places of
origin**

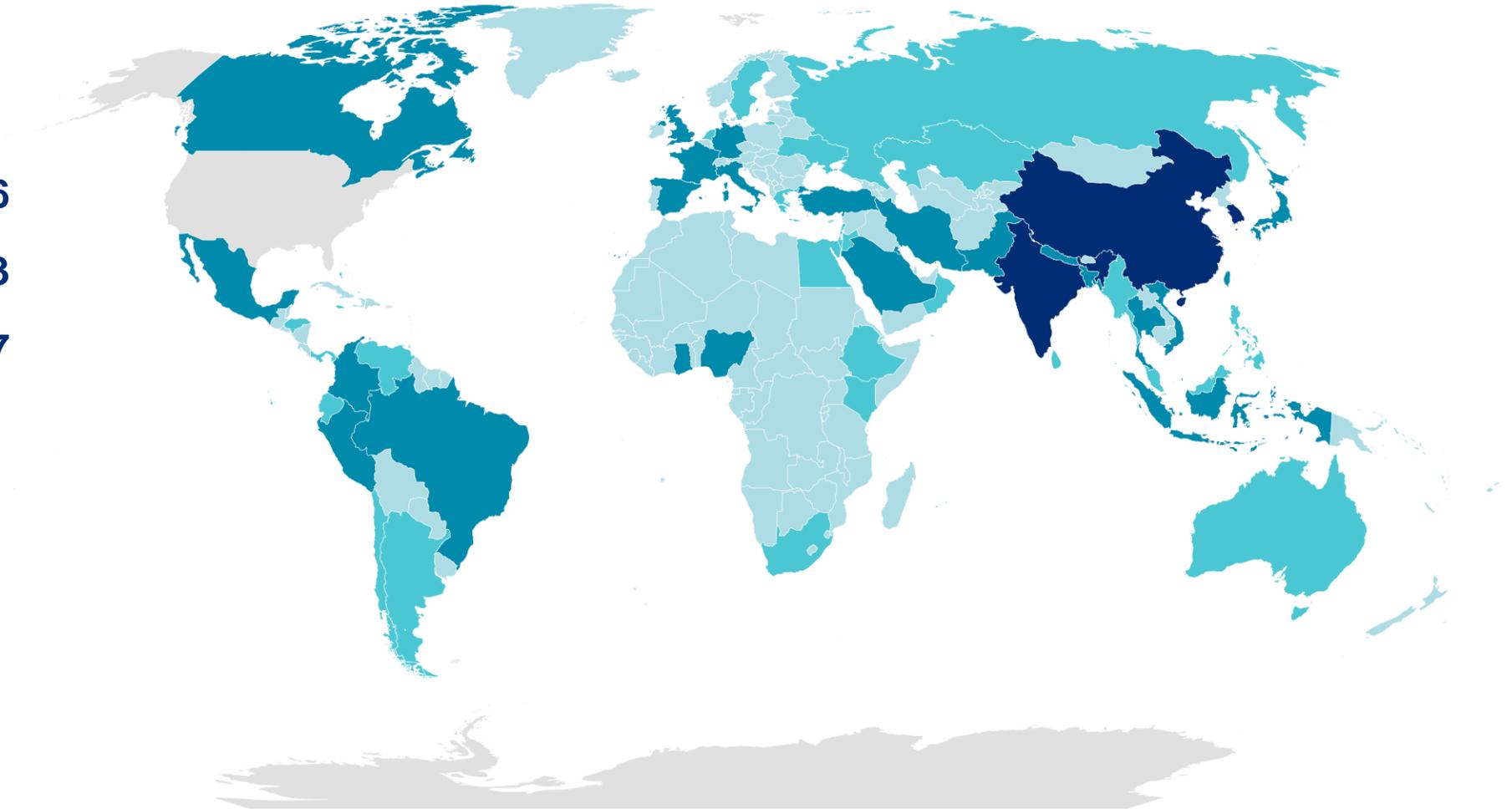
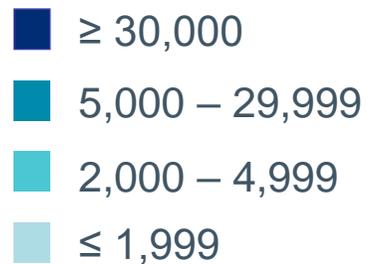




International Students by Place of Origin

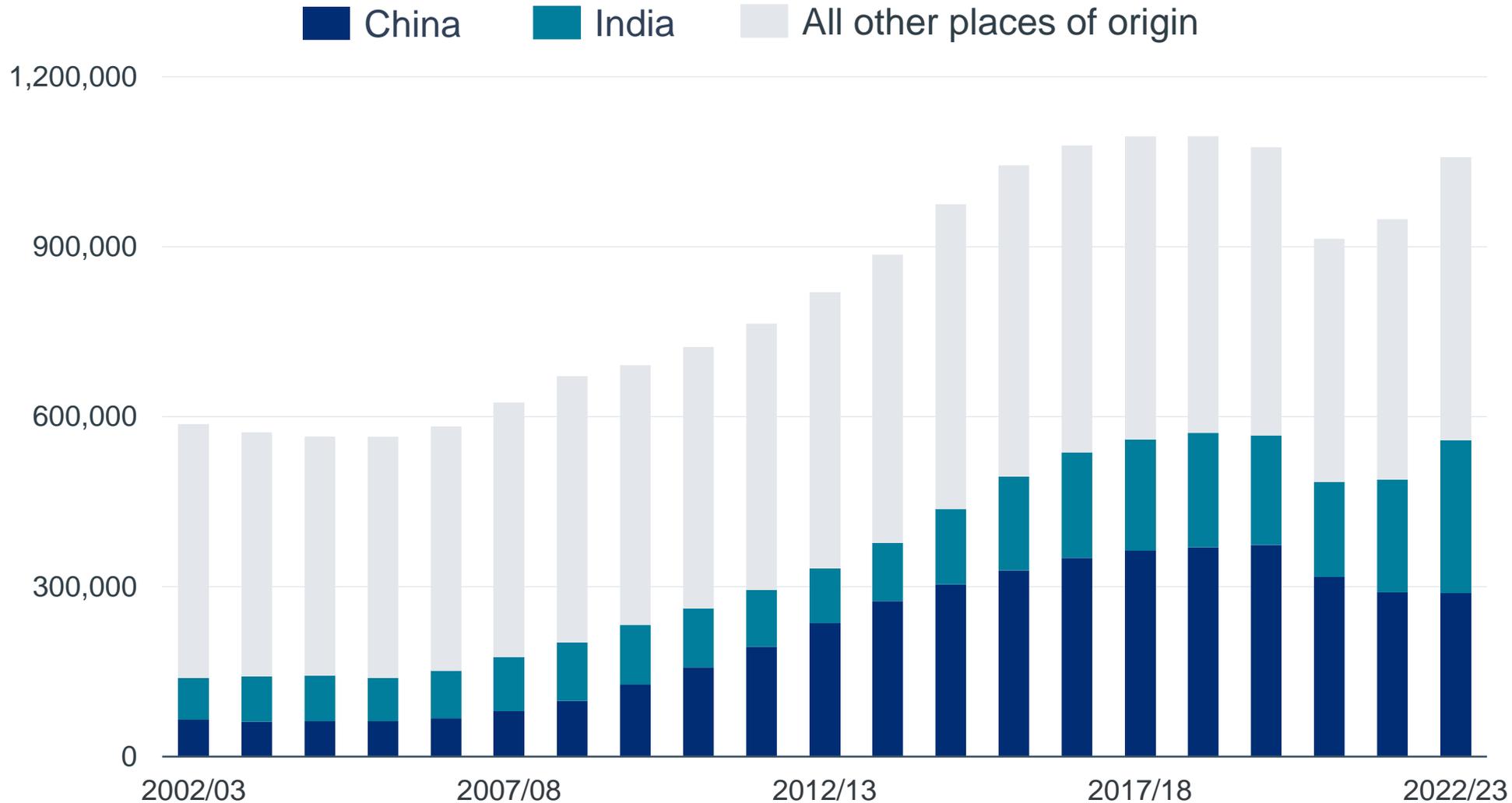
Top Places of Origin

- 1 China 289,526
- 2 India 268,923
- 3 South Korea 43,847





Top Two Places of Origin

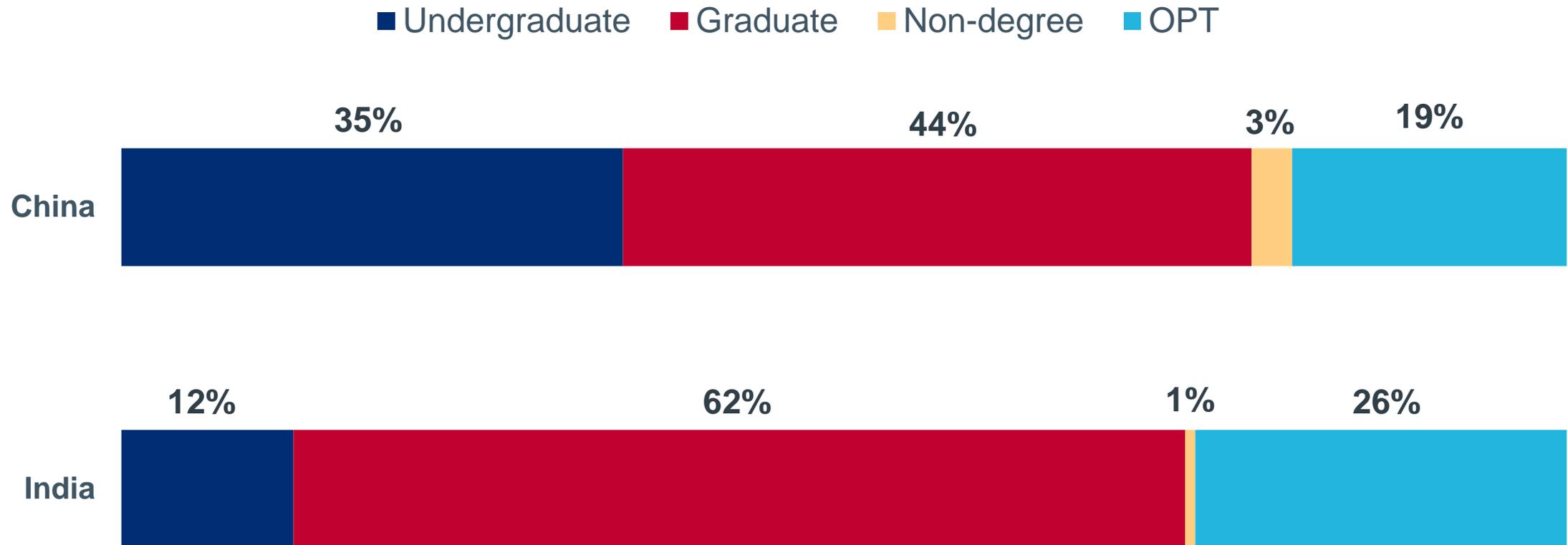


India
268,923
+35%

China
289,526
-0.2%

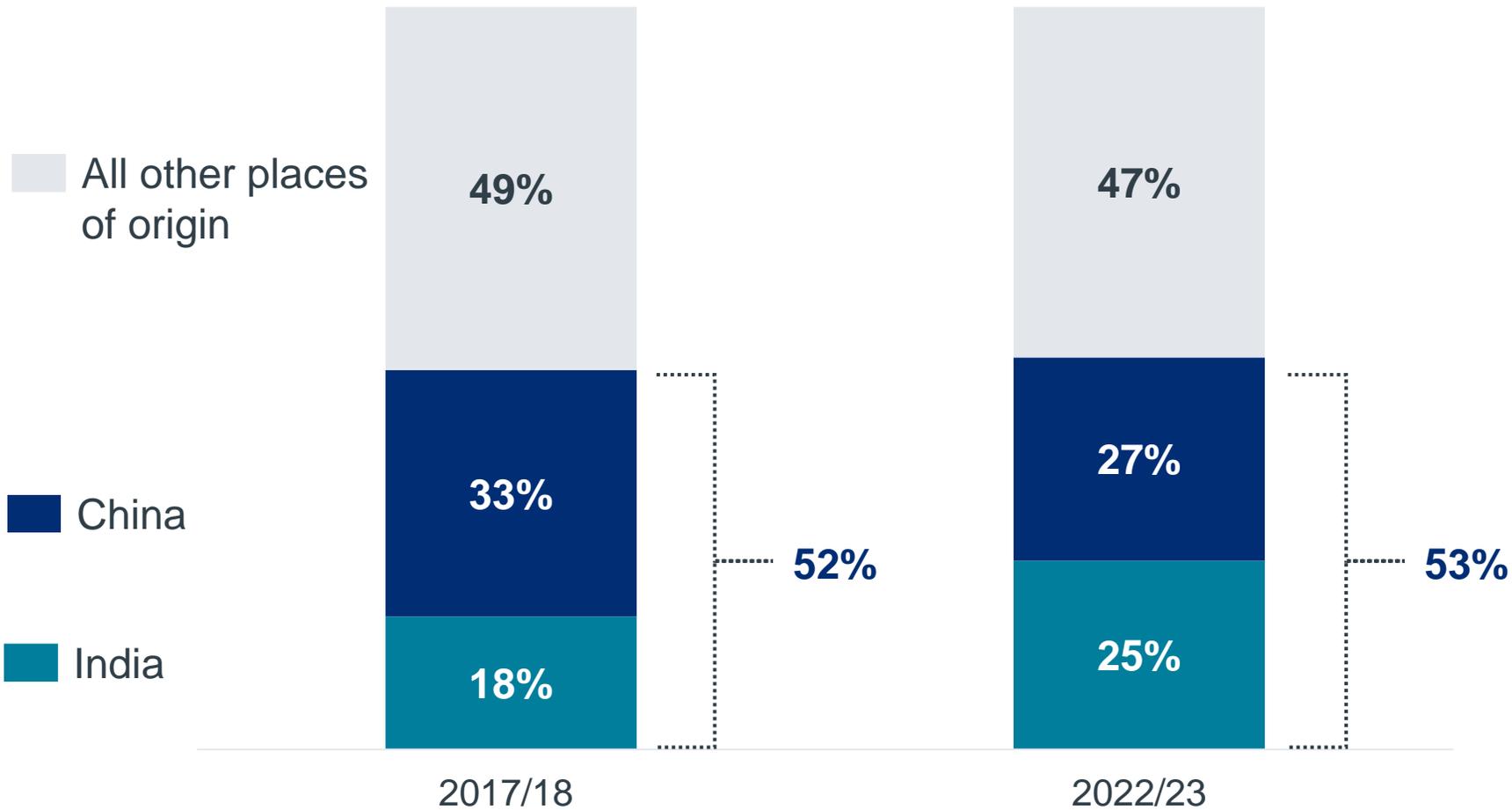


Top Two Places of Origin





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Note: Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.



Leading Places of Origin at All Time Highs



Bangladesh

+28%



Colombia

+13%



Ghana

+32%



India

+35%



Italy

+10%



Nepal

+28%



Pakistan

+16%



Spain

+5%



48 states
reported an increase in
international students

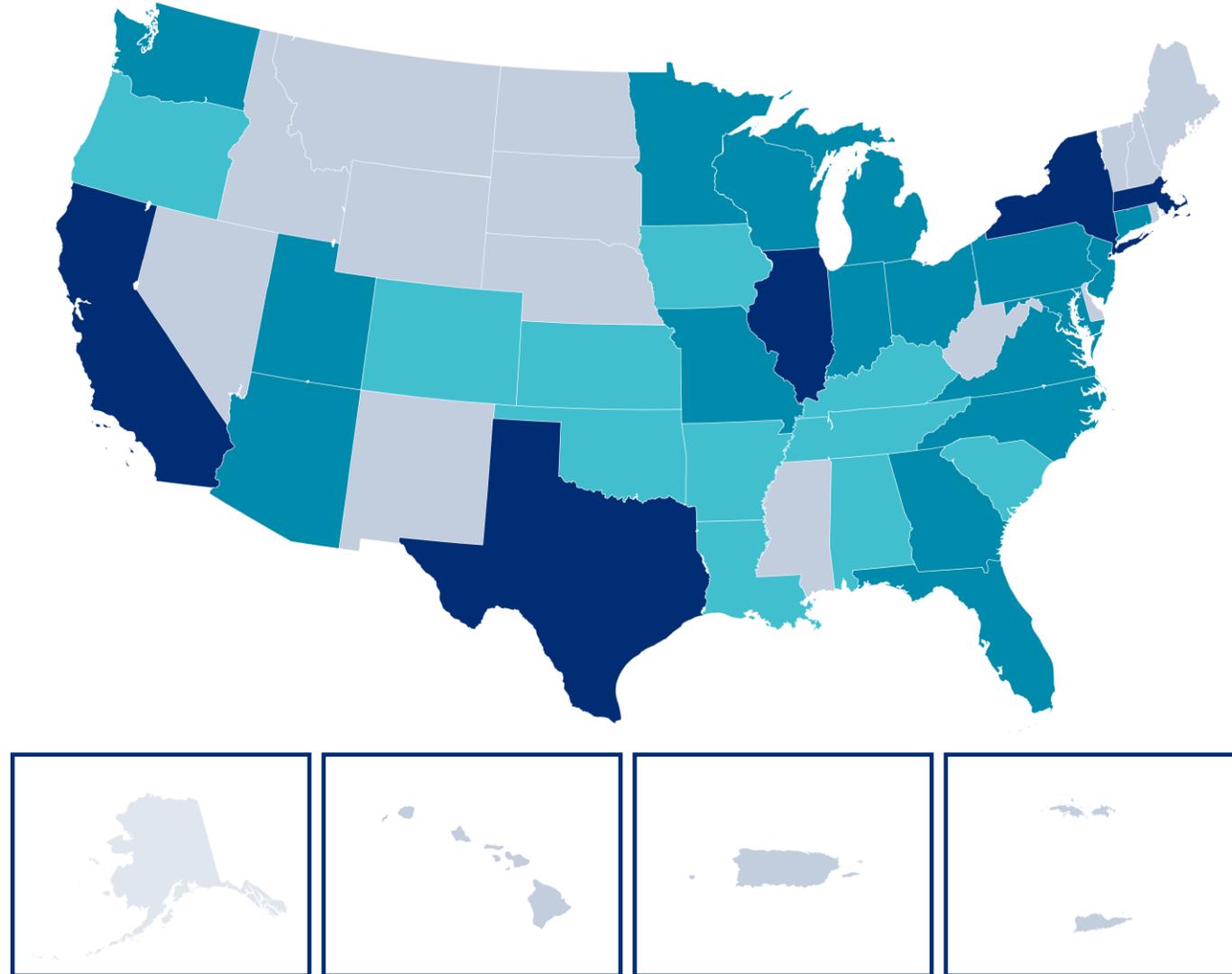
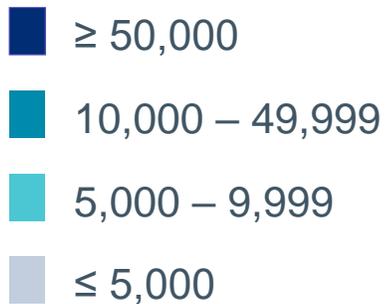




International Student Destinations

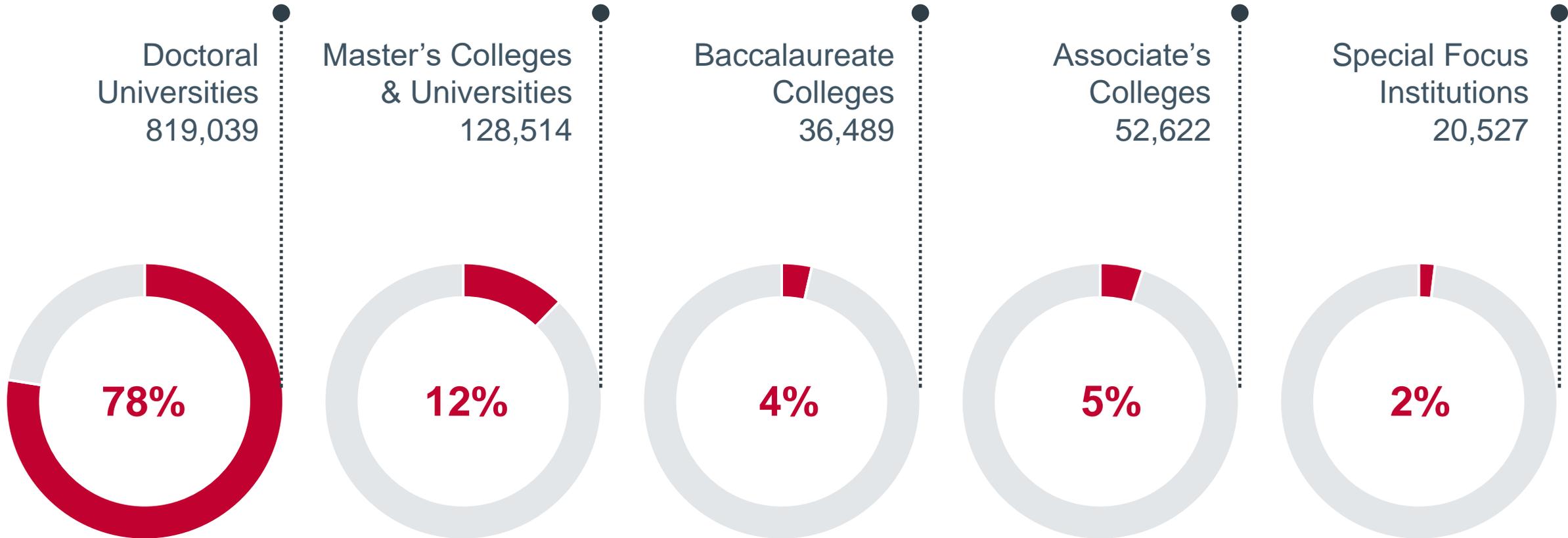
Top Destination States

- 1 California
- 2 New York
- 3 Texas
- 4 Massachusetts
- 5 Illinois





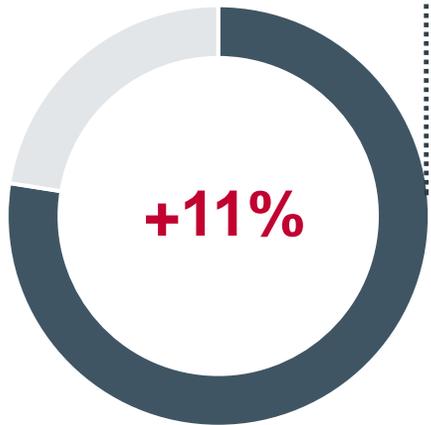
International Students by Institution Type



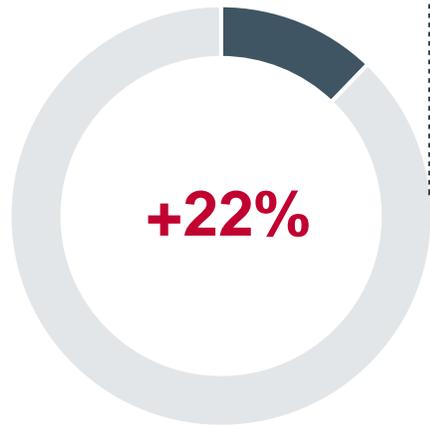


International Students by Institution Type

Doctoral
Universities
819,039



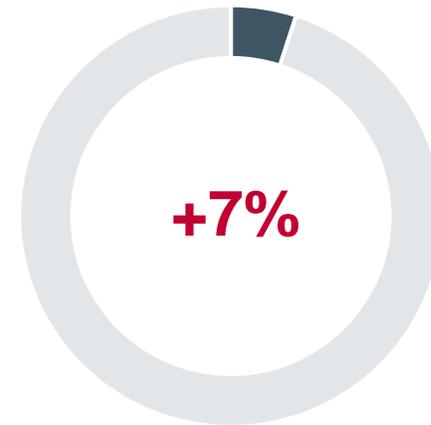
Master's Colleges
& Universities
128,514



Baccalaureate
Colleges
36,489



Associate's
Colleges
52,622



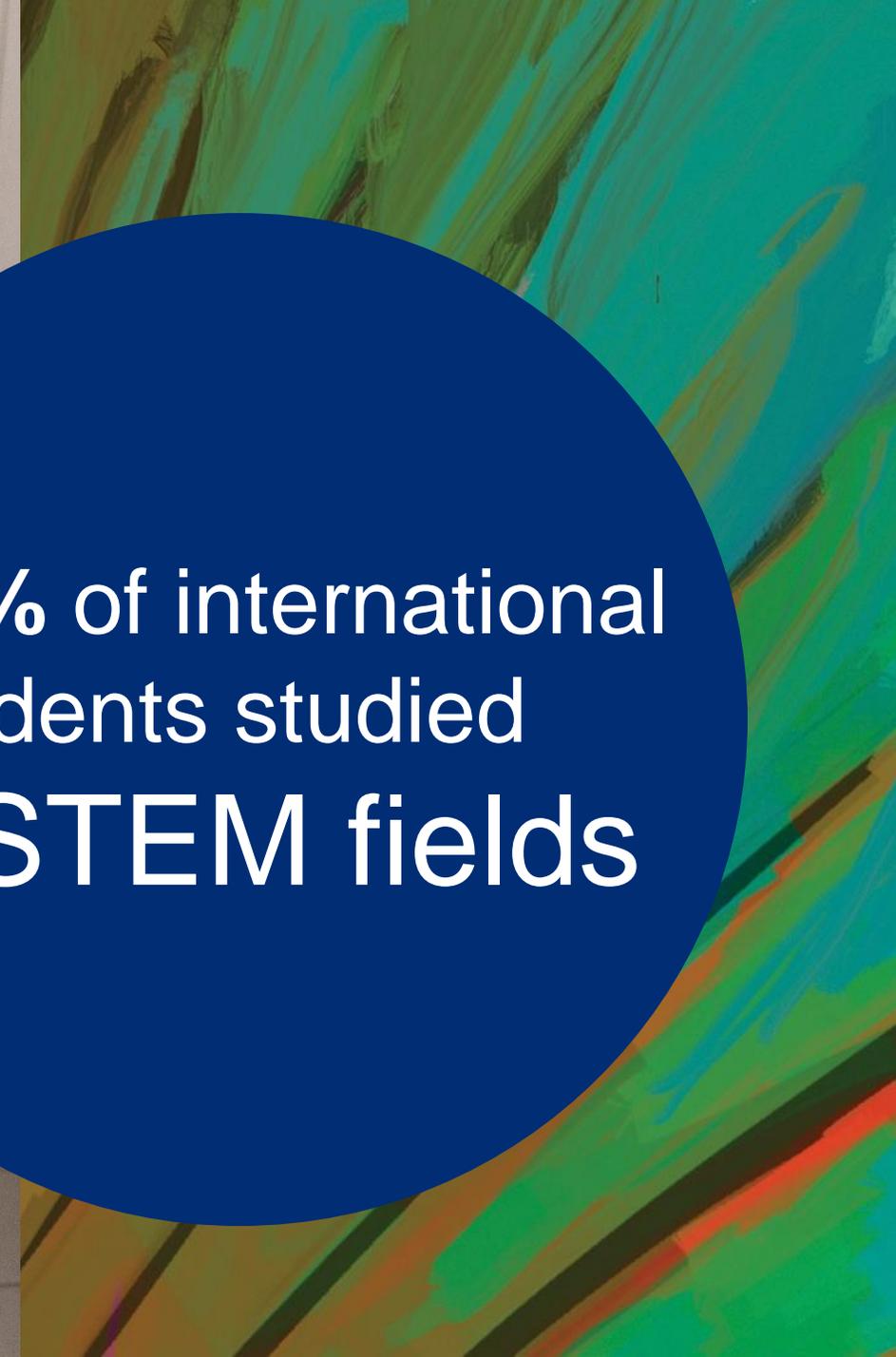
Special Focus
Institutions
20,527



% Change
2021/22 – 2022/23

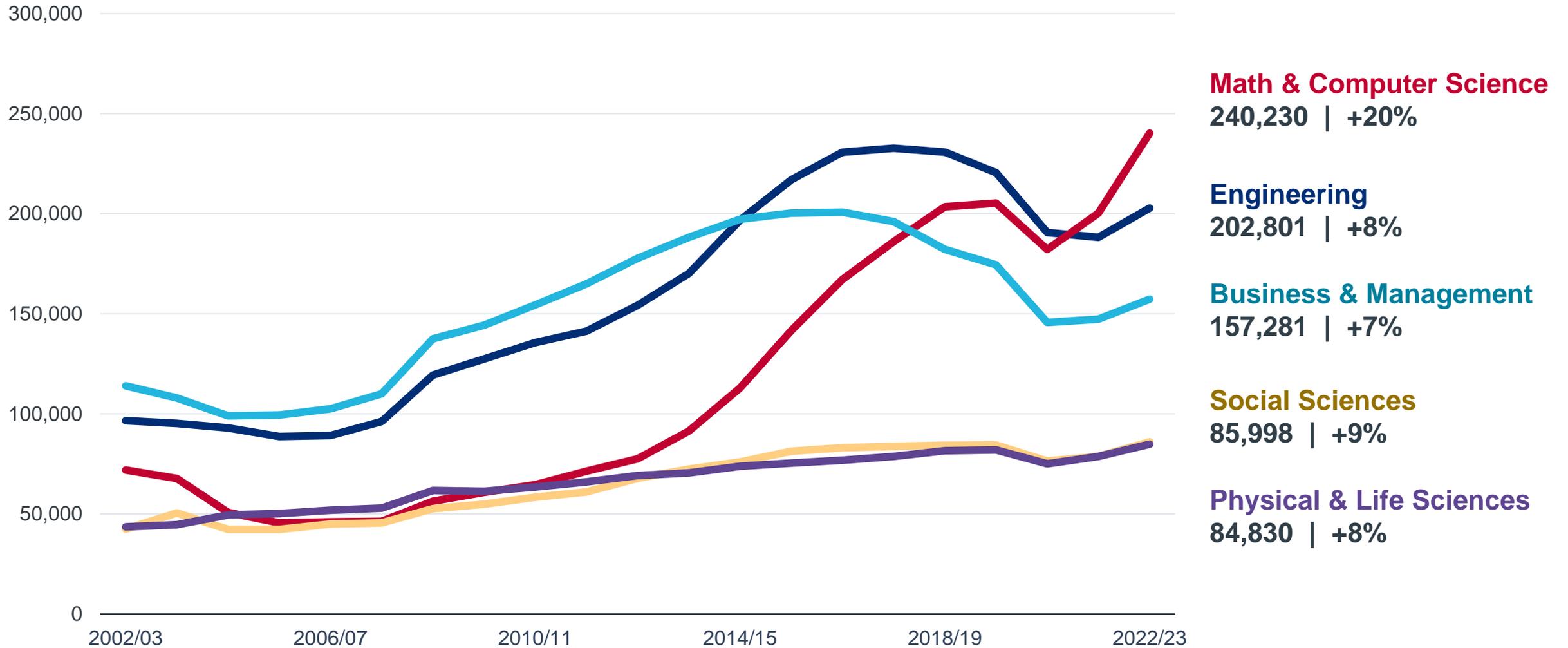


55% of international students studied in **STEM** fields





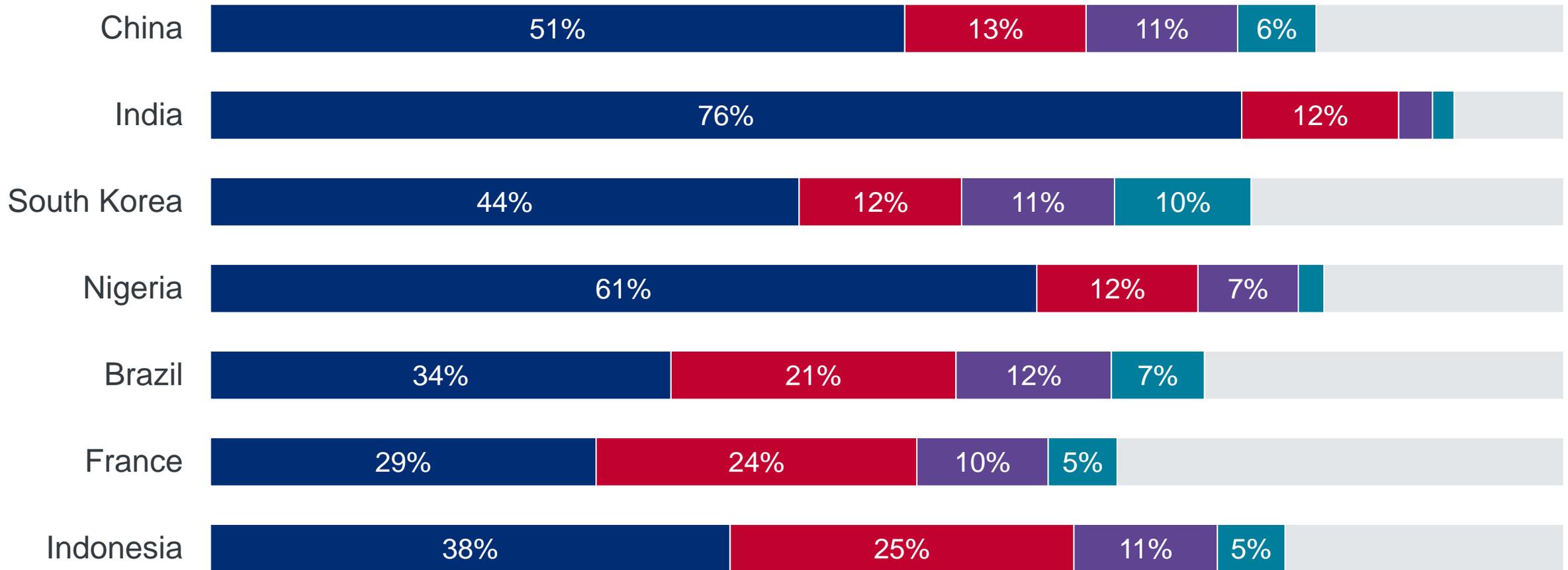
International Students by Field of Study





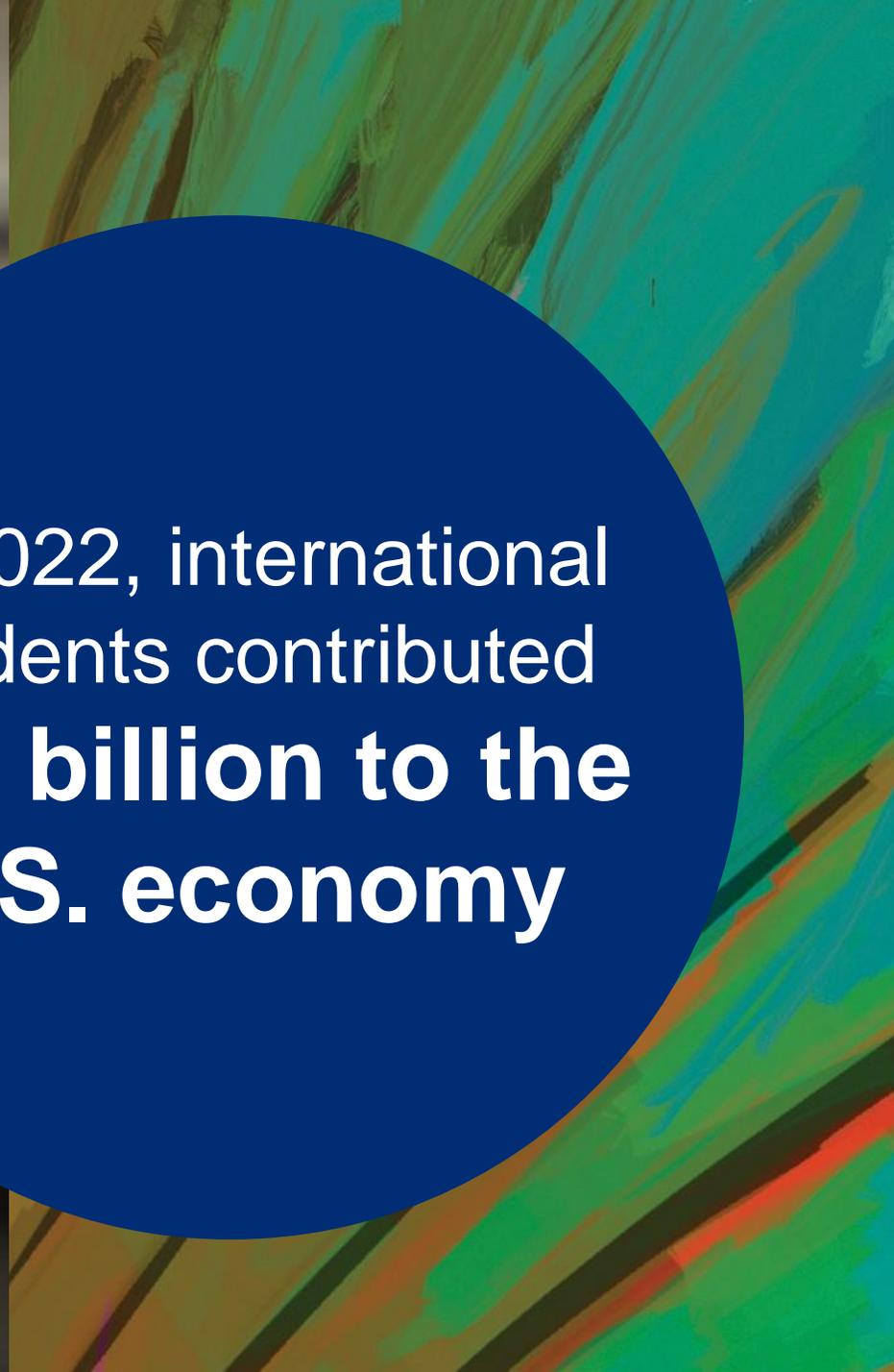
What International Students Study

STEM Business and Management Social Sciences Fine and Applied Arts All Other Fields



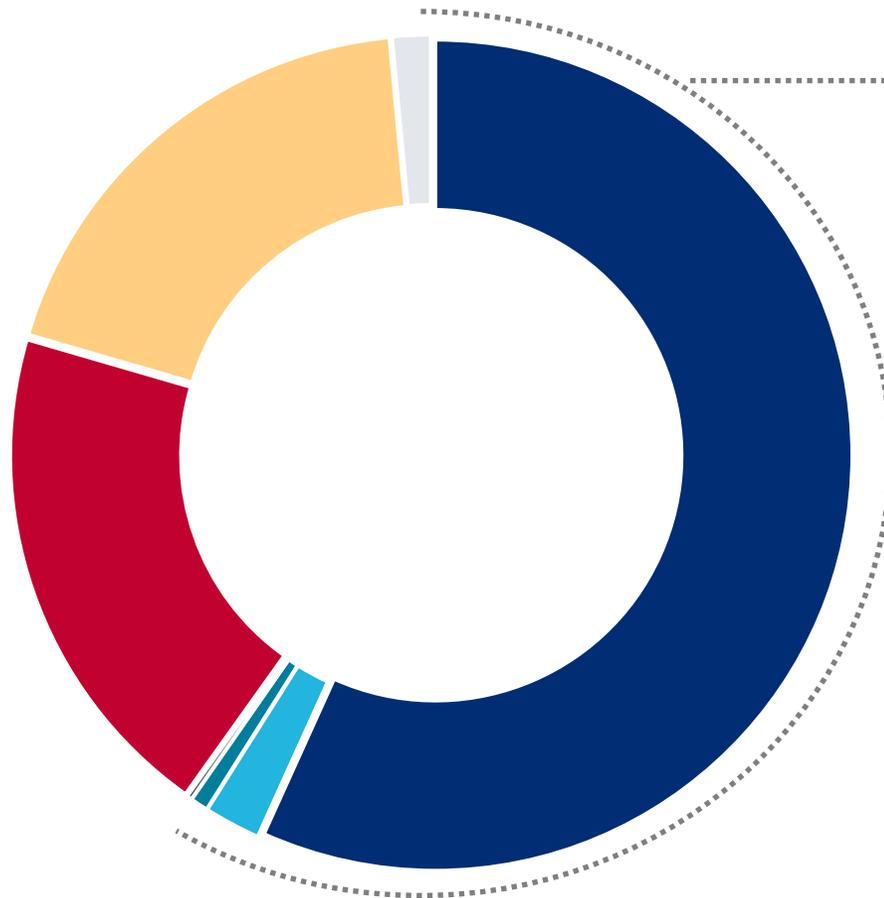


In 2022, international students contributed **\$38 billion to the U.S. economy**





International Students' Primary Sources of Funding



International Funding

- 57 % Personal and Family
- 2 % Foreign Gov't or University
- < 1 % Foreign Private Sponsor
- < 1 % International Organizations
- 20 % U.S. College or University
- 19 % Current Employment/OPT
- 2 % Other Sources



Fall 2023 Snapshot

Fall 2023 International Student Snapshot



11 Higher Education Association Survey Partners

Distributed in September & October 2023



Community Colleges for International Development
Local Access - Global Opportunities

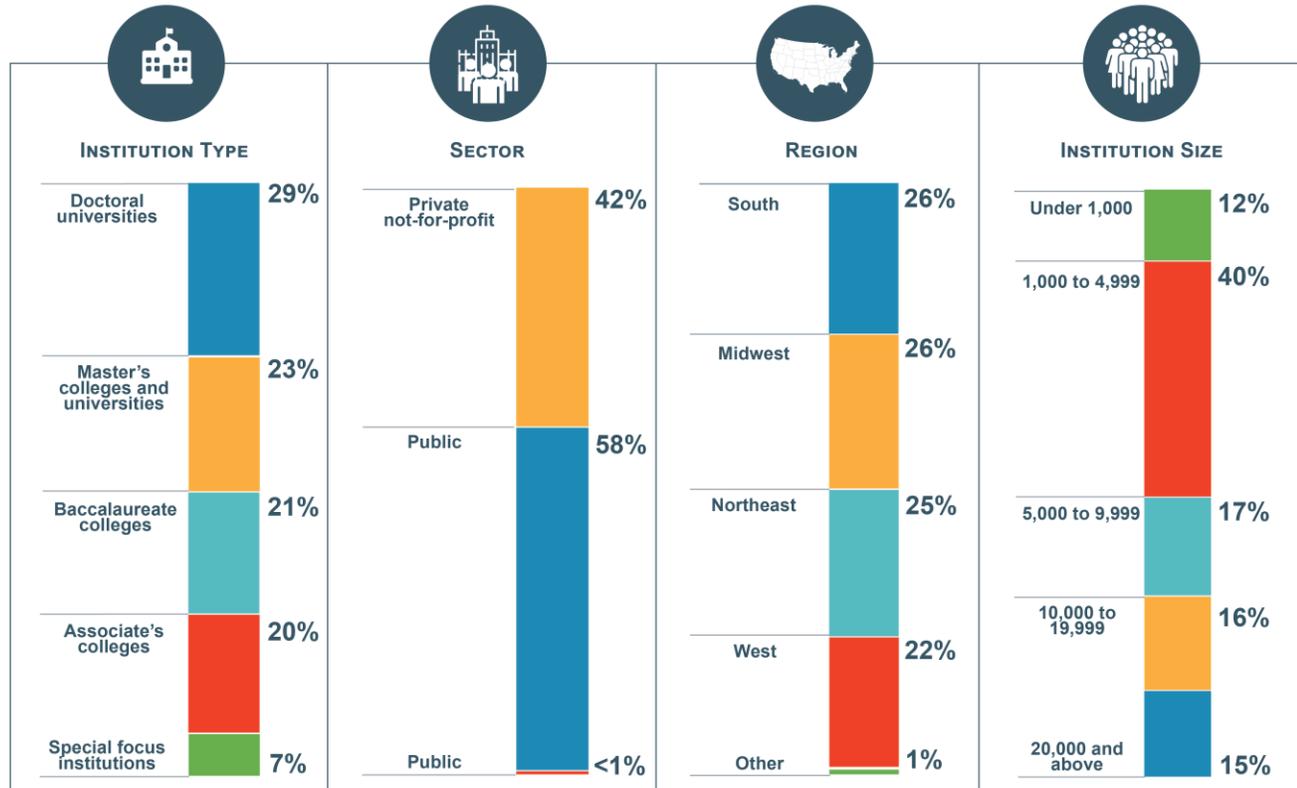


Fall Snapshot Overview



639 institutional responses

57% of all international students in *Open Doors 2022*



U.S. International Student Totals Increased

1.



+8%
international
students



On U.S. campuses

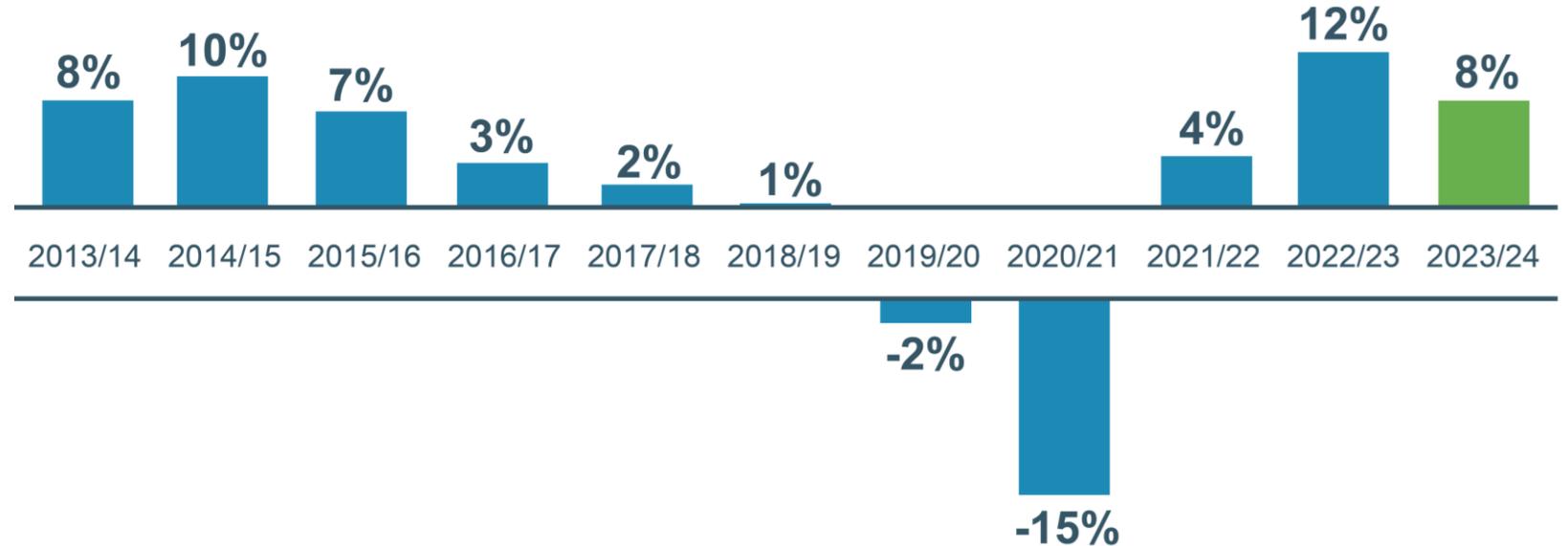


Online in the U.S.



Online outside the U.S.

■ *Open Doors*
■ Fall 2023 Snapshot

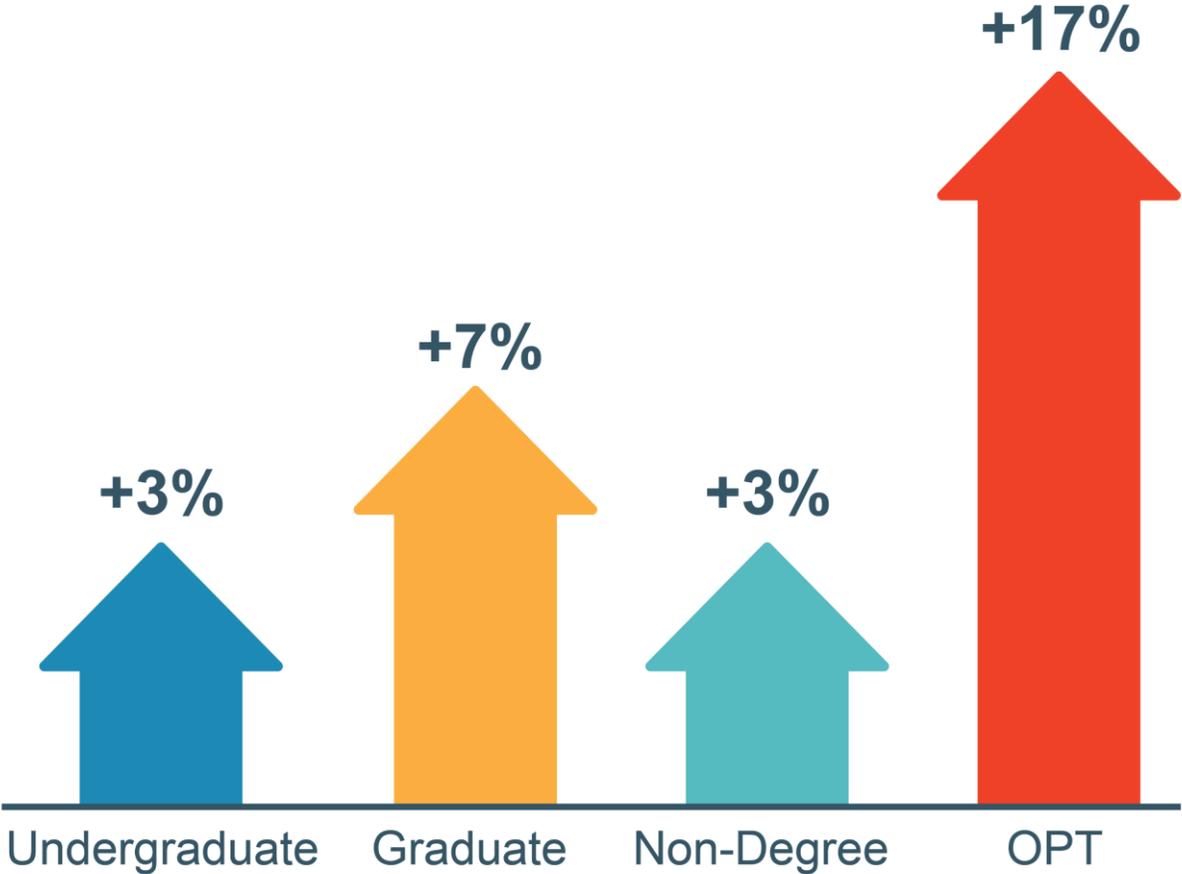


Strong Growth across All Academic Levels

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International student totals grew among all academic levels, and strong growth in Optional Practical Training

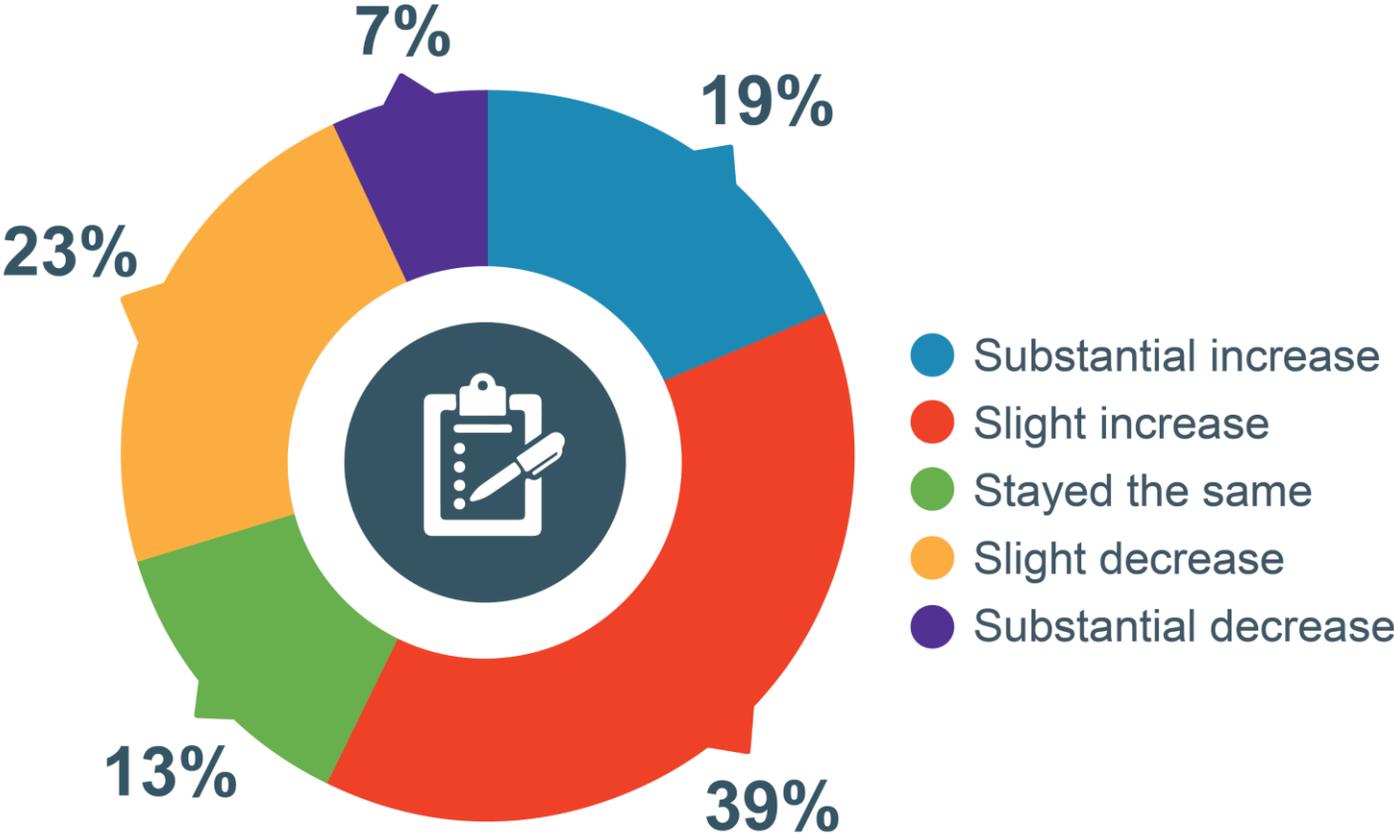


Most U.S. Institutions Reported New Enrollment Growth

3.



+2%
growth in
international
students new to
reporting
institution



Recruitment Remains Strong and Diverse

4.



85%

reported financial support for international recruitment is the same or higher than in previous year

Undergraduate



Graduate





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U.S. Study Abroad Overview



Who is Surveyed?

Over 1,800
accredited U.S. higher
education institutions
awarding credit for
study abroad



Who is Counted?

**U.S. Citizens and
Permanent Residents**
receiving credit from
their home institution
for study abroad



What Time Frame?

2021/22 Academic Year
Study abroad from
Fall 2021 - Summer 2022

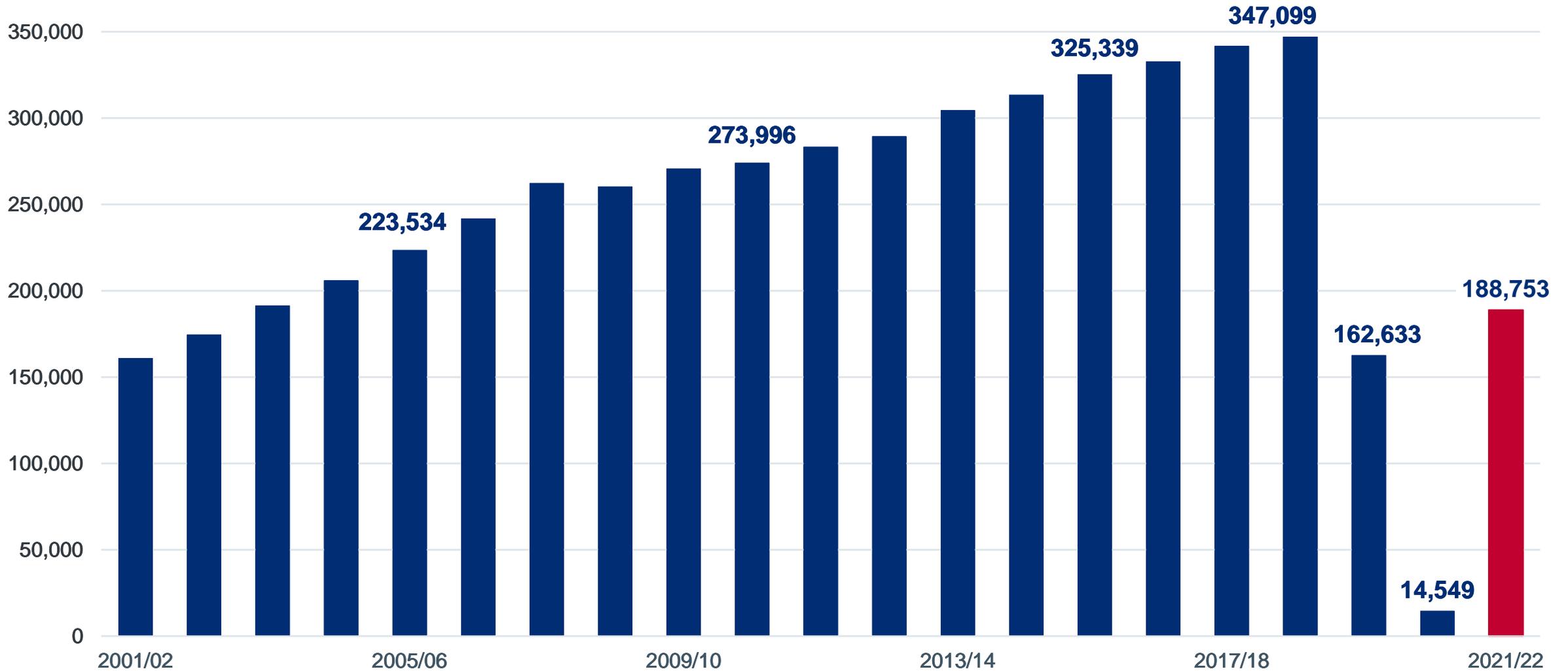


188,753
U.S. students
studied abroad in
2021/22





20 Years of U.S. Study Abroad Trends



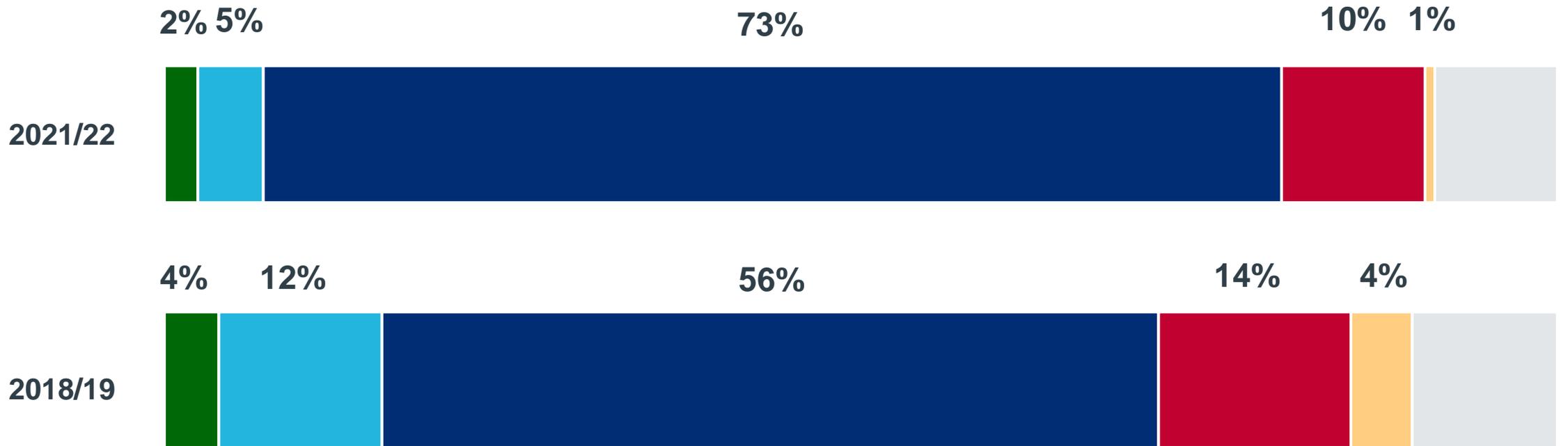
A young woman with dark hair in braids, wearing sunglasses on her head and a dark jacket, is looking down at a large, colorful travel brochure she is holding. The brochure features various images and text, including a globe and a map. In the background, a large, classical building with a dome and arches is visible, suggesting a European city square. The scene is outdoors with a clear sky. On the left side of the image, there is a vertical decorative element with abstract, painterly brushstrokes in shades of green, brown, and gold. In the top right corner, there is a small, white, stylized icon of a globe with a person walking around it.

Europe hosted
73% of U.S.
students studying
abroad in 2021/22



U.S. Study Abroad by Host Region

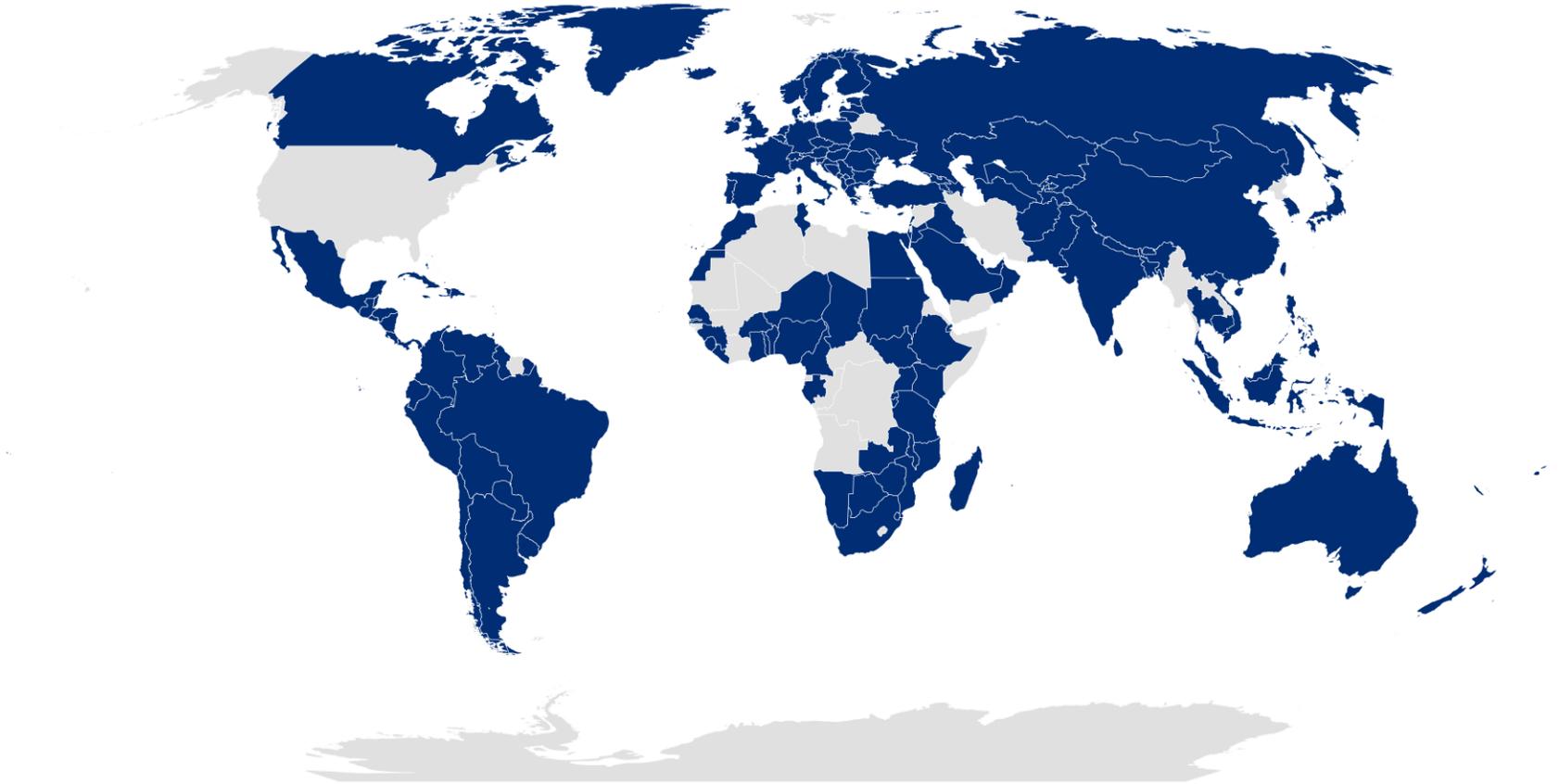
Africa, Sub-Saharan Asia Europe Latin America & Caribbean Oceania Other regions and multiple destinations





Leading U.S. Study Abroad Destinations

1	Italy	30,610
2	United Kingdom	27,503
3	Spain	25,348
4	France	14,397
5	Germany	7,644
6	Ireland	7,031
7	Costa Rica	4,751
8	Greece	4,484
9	Denmark	4,393
10	South Korea	4,304



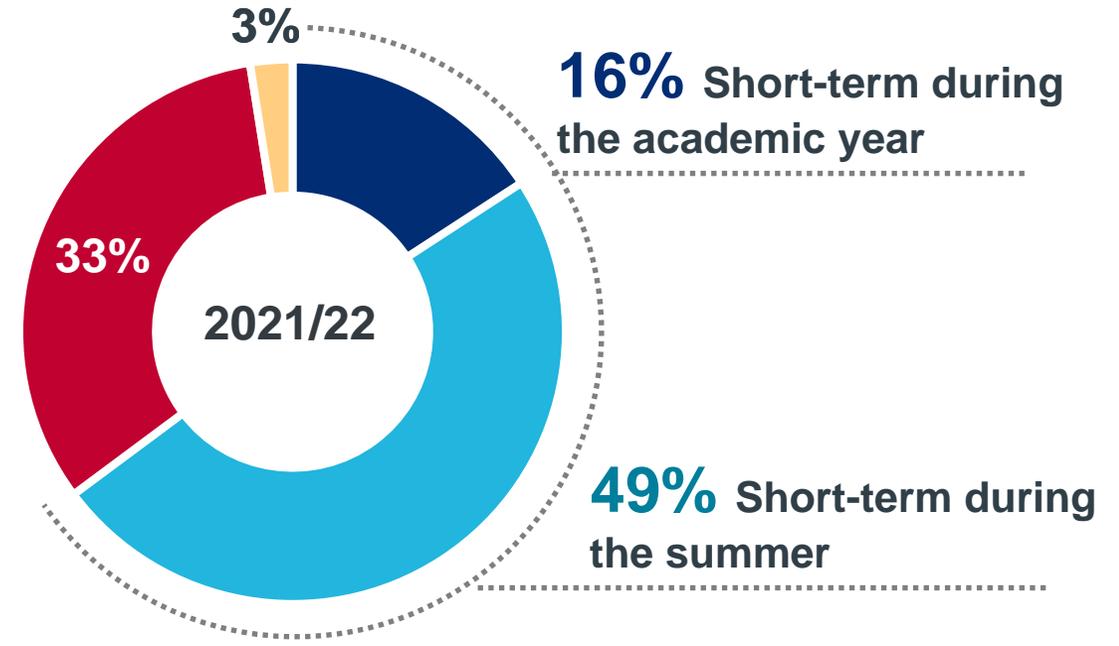
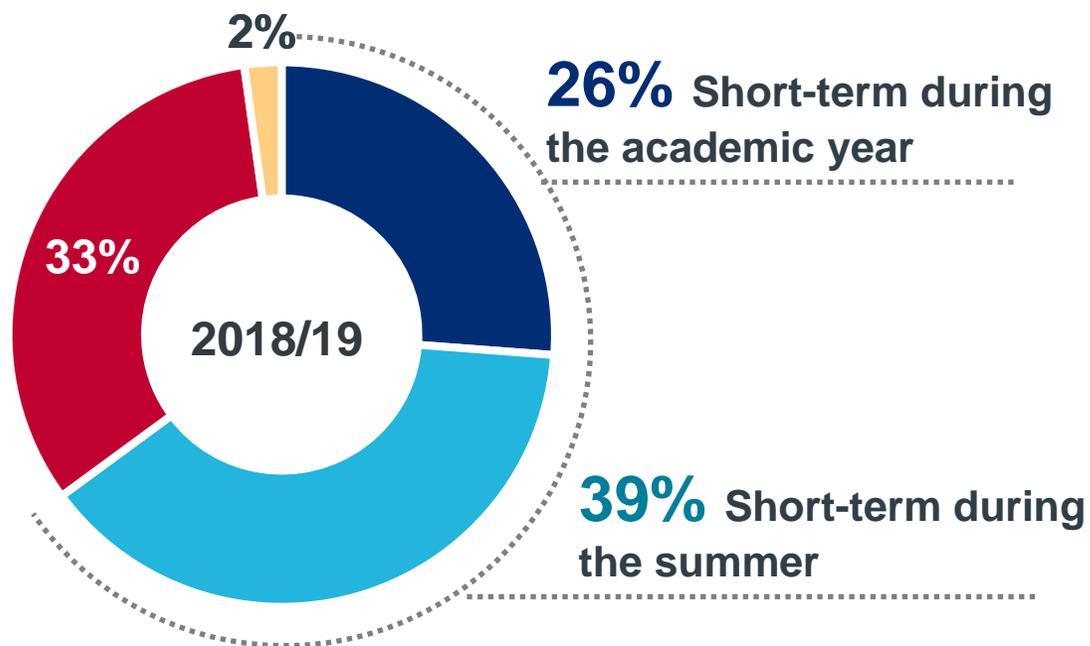


Duration of U.S. Study Abroad

Short-term
8 weeks or less during the academic year or summer

Mid-Length
One/two quarters or semester

Long-term
Academic year or calendar year





U.S. Study Abroad Student Profile: Fields of Study



Business and
Management
21%



Social
Sciences
18%



Physical and
Life Sciences
8%



Fine and
Applied Arts
7%



Foreign Language and
International Studies
7%



Engineering
6%



Health
Professions
6%

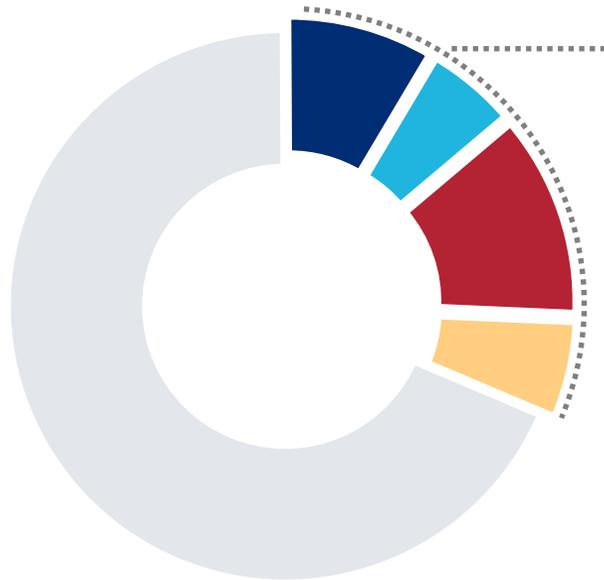


Communications
and Journalism
5%



U.S. Study Abroad Race/Ethnicity

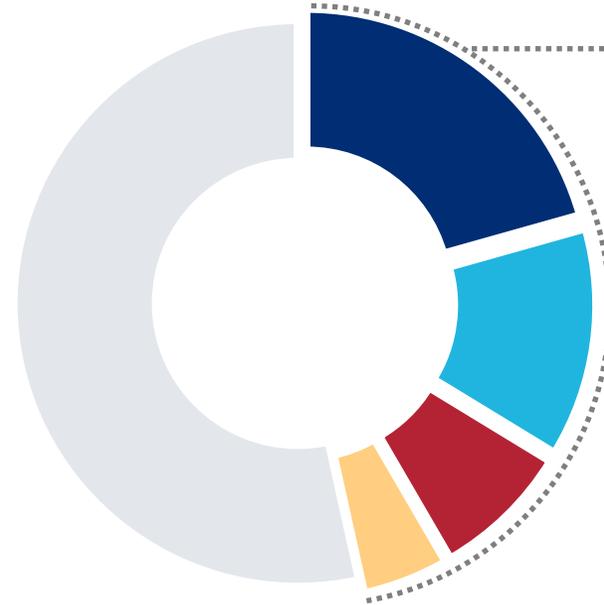
U.S. Study Abroad, 2021/22



32% identify as racial/ethnic minority students

- 9%** Asian or Pacific Islander
- 5%** Black or African American
- 12%** Hispanic or Latino(a)
- 6%** Multiracial & Other

U.S. Higher Education, Fall 2021*



47% identify as racial/ethnic minority students

- 21%** Asian or Pacific Islander
- 13%** Black or African American
- 8%** Hispanic or Latino(a)
- 5%** Multiracial & Other

*U.S. Department of Education, *Digest of Education Statistics*, 2023



16,626

students participated
in online global
learning





Online Global Learning

47%

Remote internships and consulting with global companies



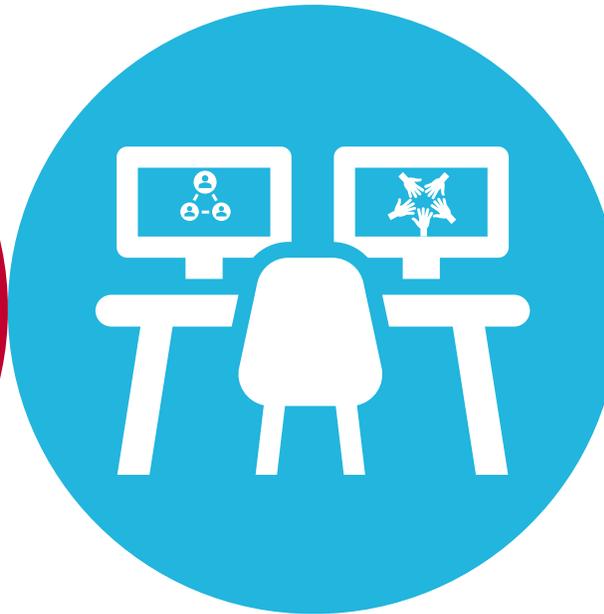
30%

Courses paired with partner institutions



38%

Collaborative project-based learning



28%

Videoconference dialogues



Classifications: [The Forum on Education Abroad](#)

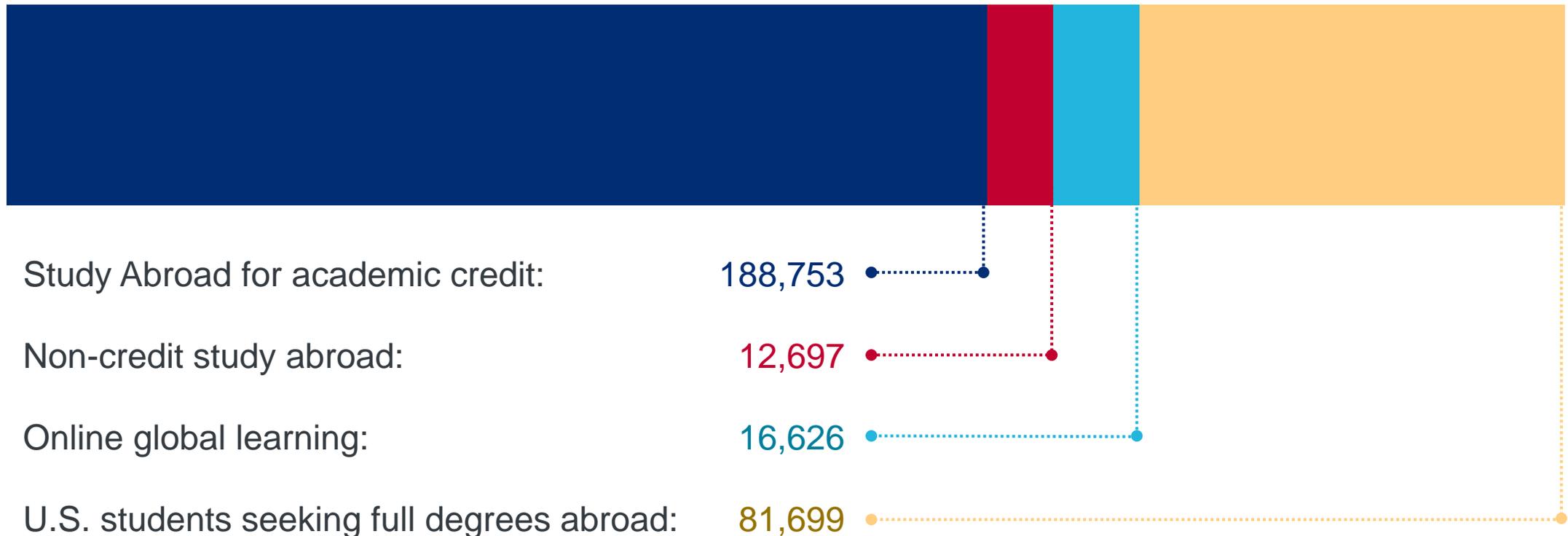
12,697
students participated
in non-credit
experiential activities





Comprehensive View of Study Abroad

Over **299,775** U.S. students engaged in global education experiences in 2021/22



Spring 2023 Snapshot



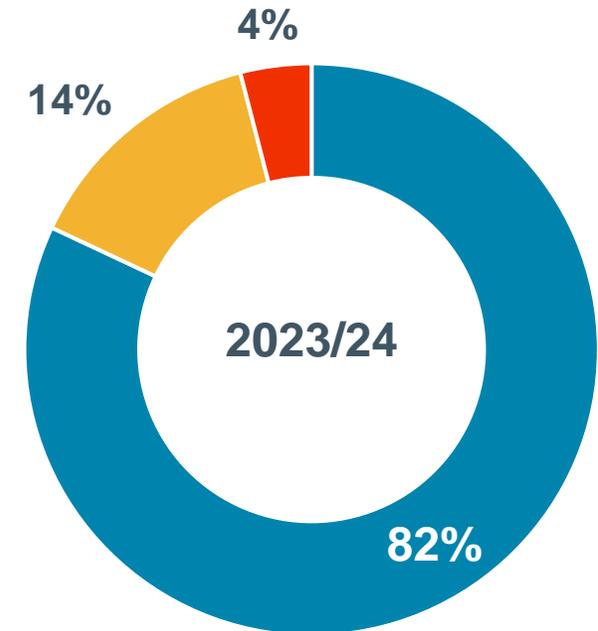
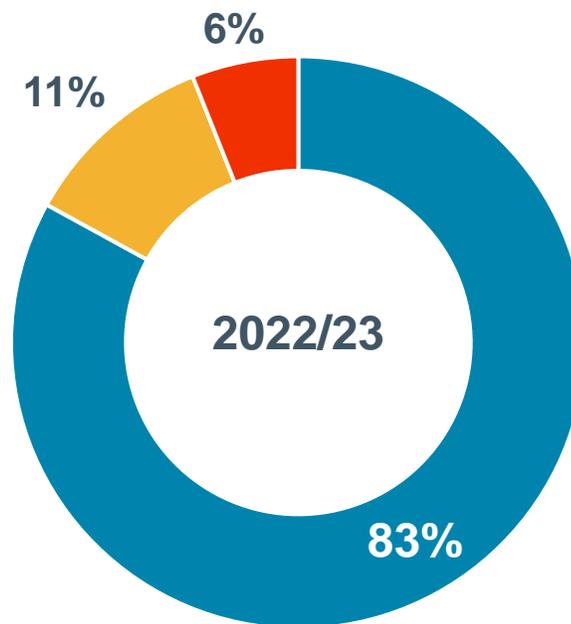
Institutions Anticipate Growth in Study Abroad Numbers

1.



More than
80%
of institutions
anticipate study
abroad growth
over the next two
academic years

■ Increase ■ Stay the Same ■ Decrease





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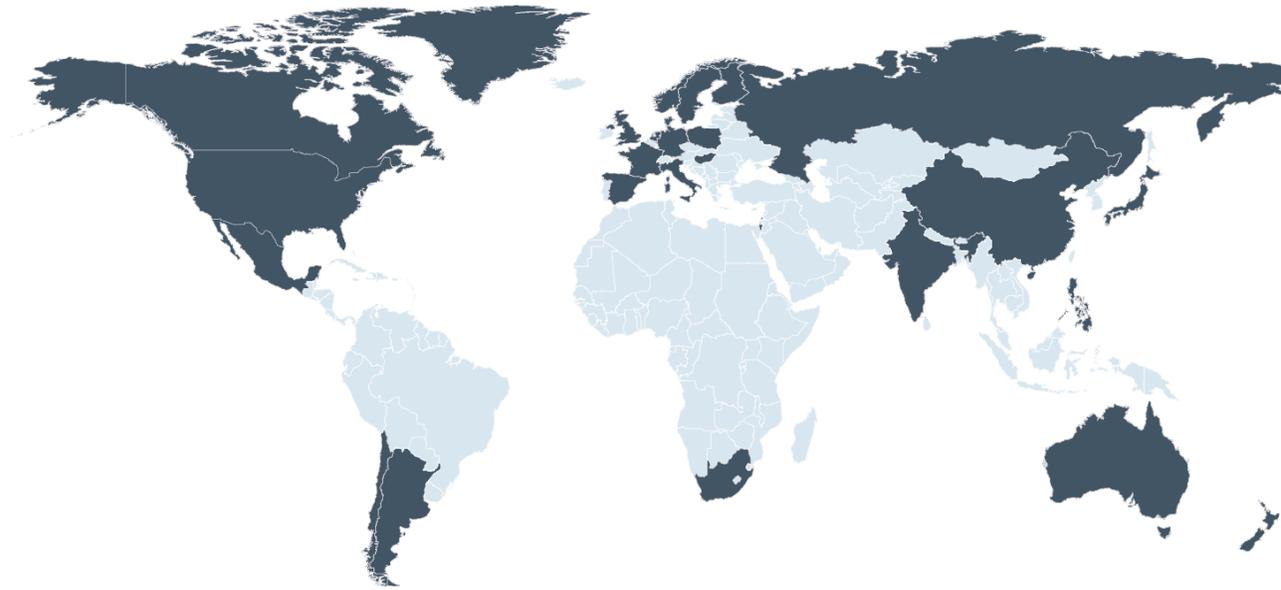
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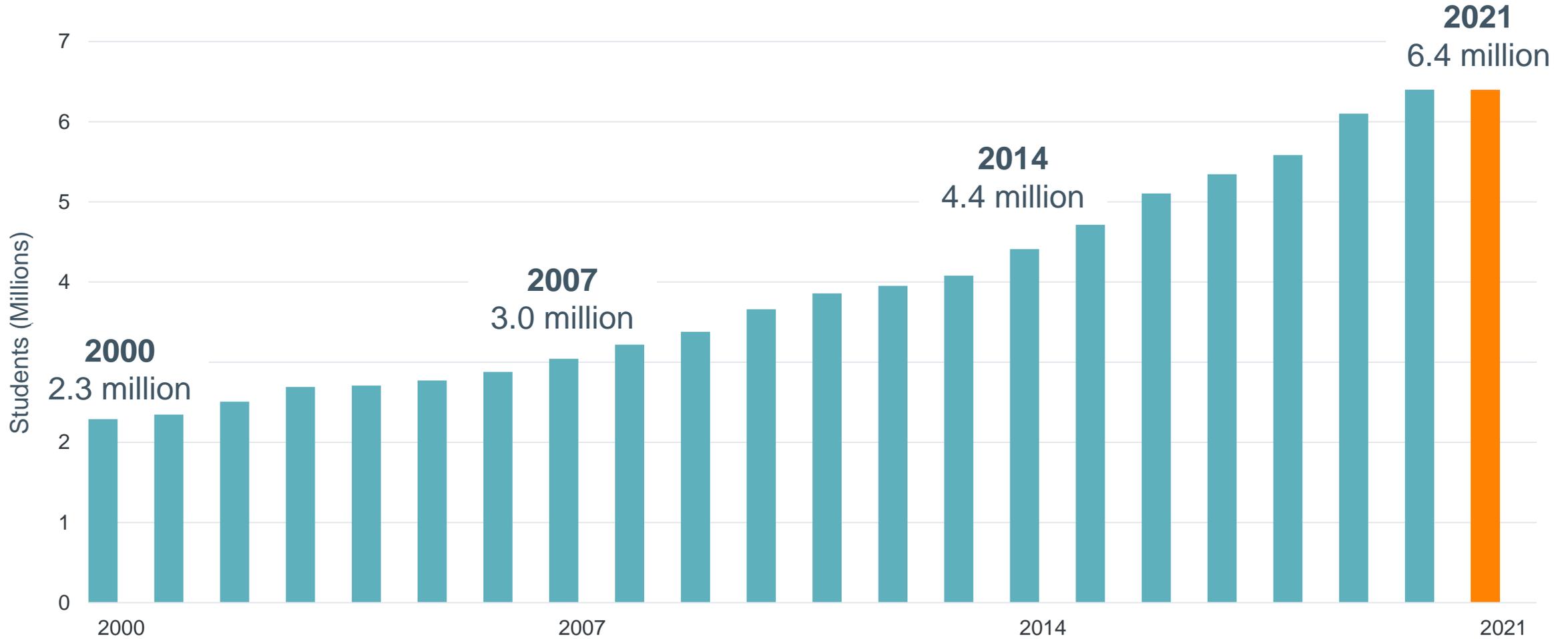
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Global Student Mobility Trends

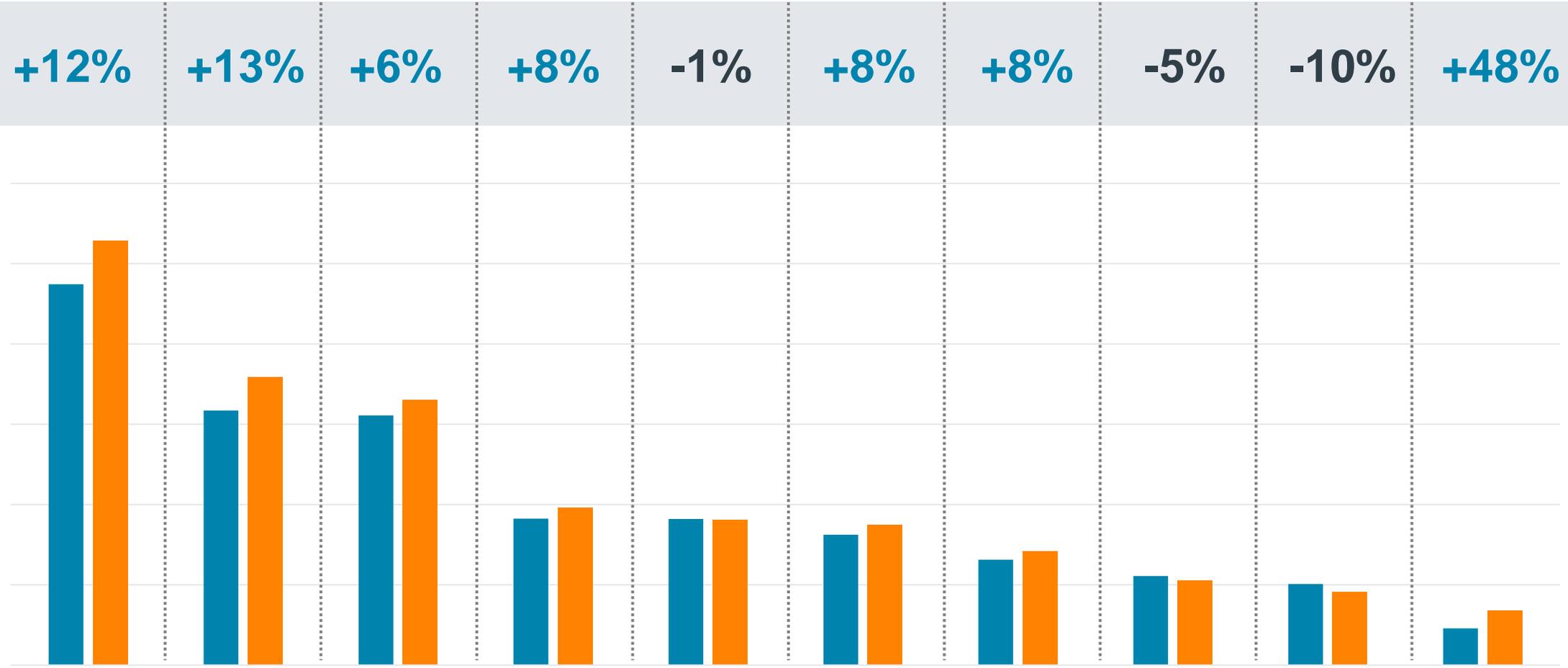


UNESCO, 2023



Leading Host Destination Trends

% change reporting year 2022-2023



United States United Kingdom Canada France Australia Germany Russia* China* Japan Spain

*UNESCO, 2023



Leading Host Destinations

United States	17%
United Kingdom	11%
Canada	10%
France	6%
Australia	6%
Germany	6%
Russia*	4%
China*	3%
Japan	3%
Spain	2%
Italy	2%
Netherlands	2%
All others	28%



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Leading Sending Countries





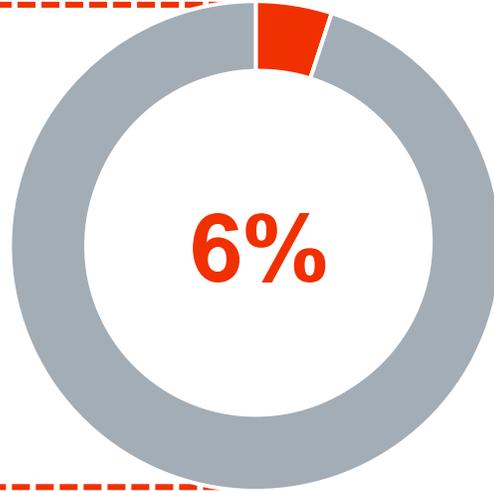
International Students: Proportion of Total Enrollment



United States

International Students:
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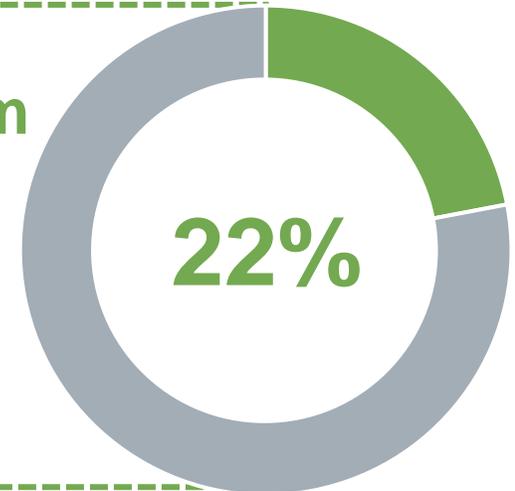
Total # of Institutions:
3,834



United Kingdom

International Students:
633,910

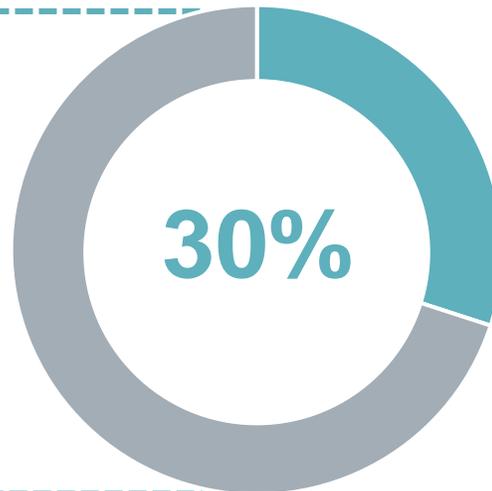
Total # of Institutions:
169



Canada

International Students:
660,230

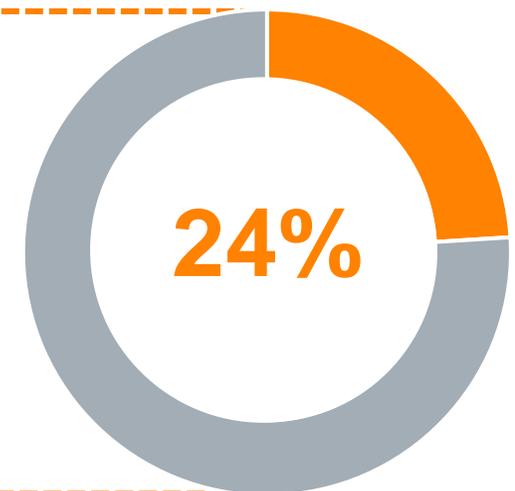
Total # of Institutions:
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Australia

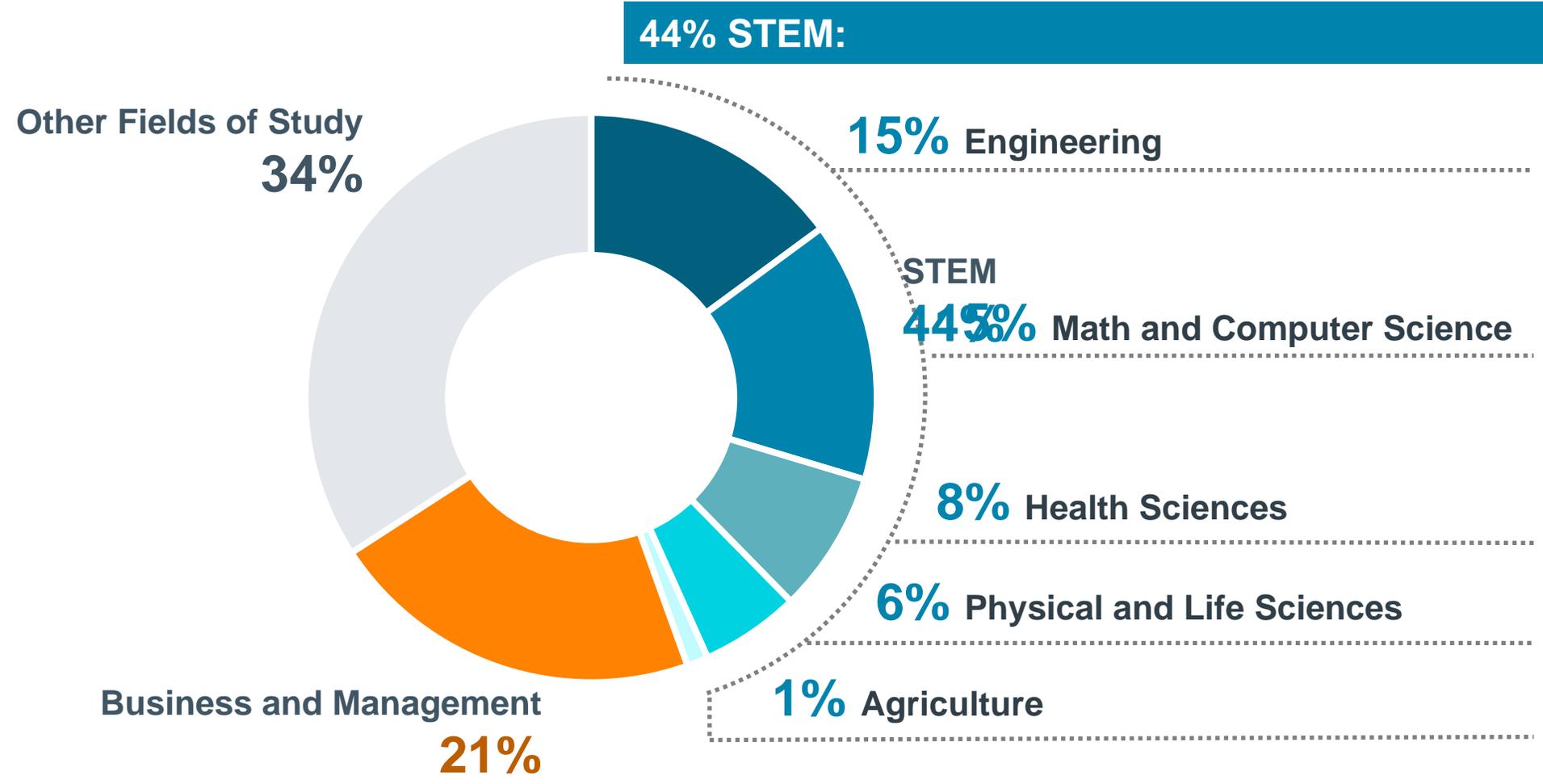
International Students:
361,247

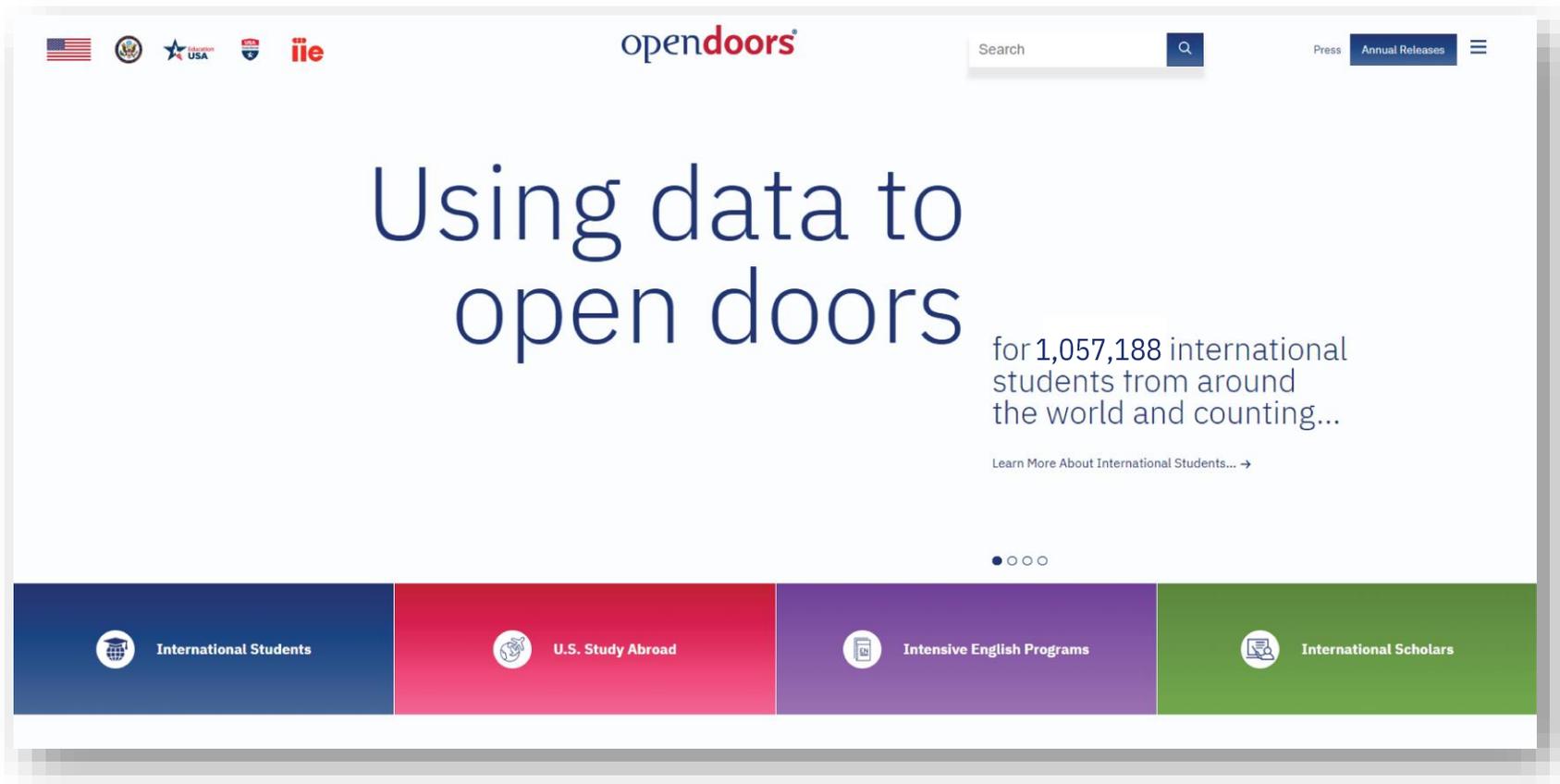
Total # of Institutions:
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Global Fields of Study

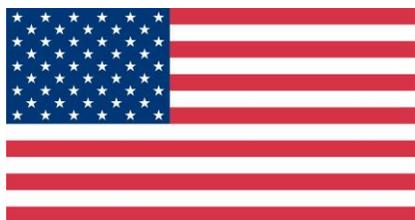




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