

# ***Open Doors***<sup>®</sup> **Intensive English Programs (IEP) Data Release**

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# Intensive English Program (IEP) Survey



## Who is Surveyed?

Over 600 U.S. intensive English programs that enrolled international students



## Who is Counted?

International students enrolled in a U.S. intensive English program



## What Timeframe?

2025 Calendar Year  
(January – December)

# Intensive English Program (IEP) Survey



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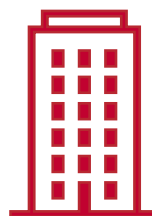
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Colleges and Universities

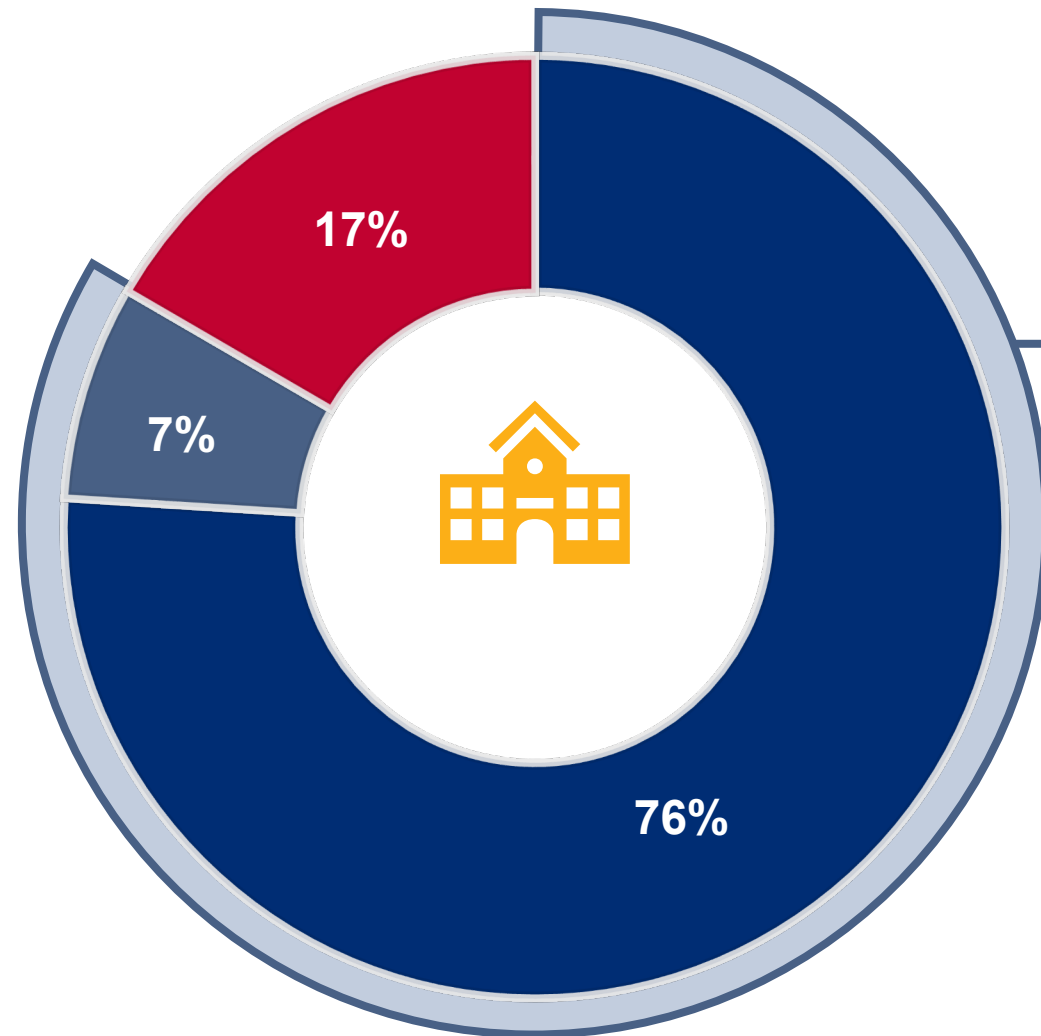


Independent Providers  
Affiliated with  
Higher Education  
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# IEPs: Number of Institutions by Program Type



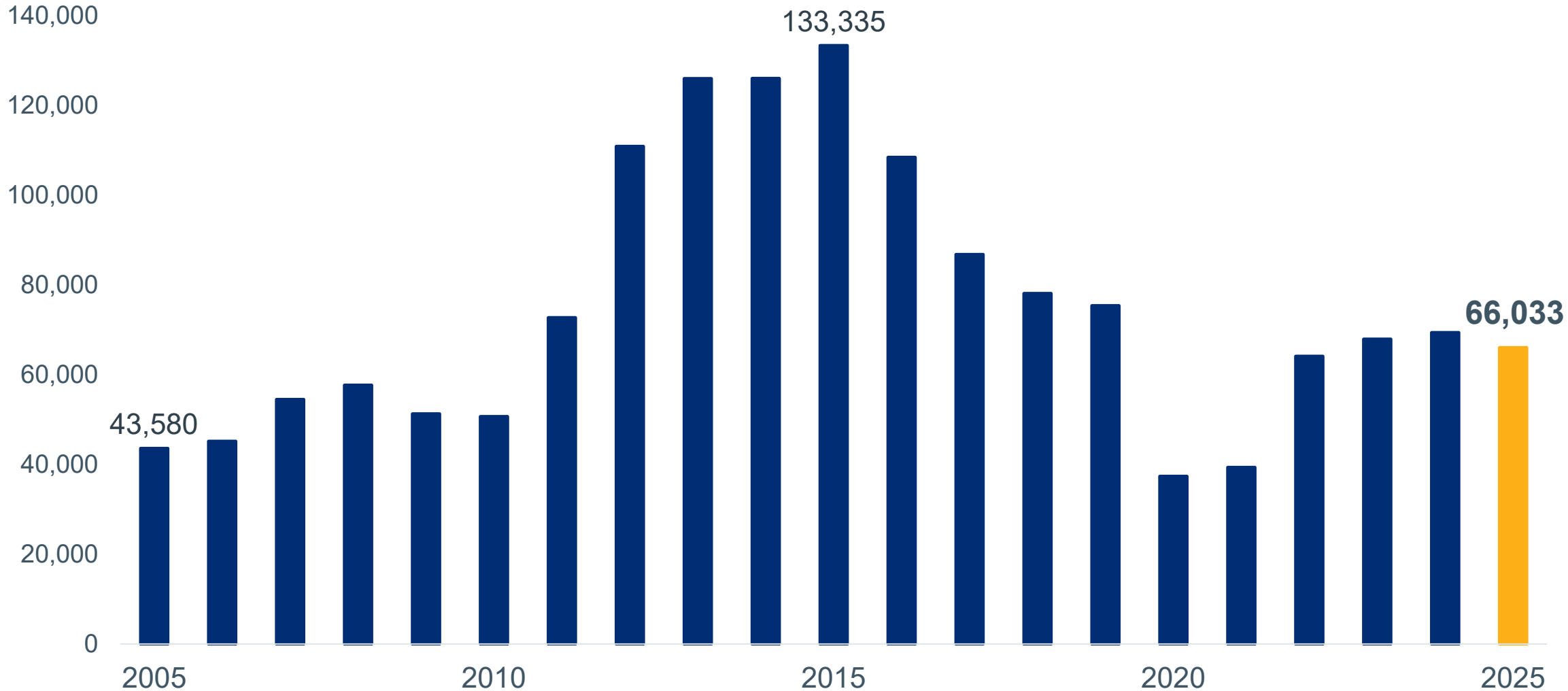
**83% affiliated with a higher education institution (HEI)**

-   Governed by college or university
-   Independent provider affiliated with HEI
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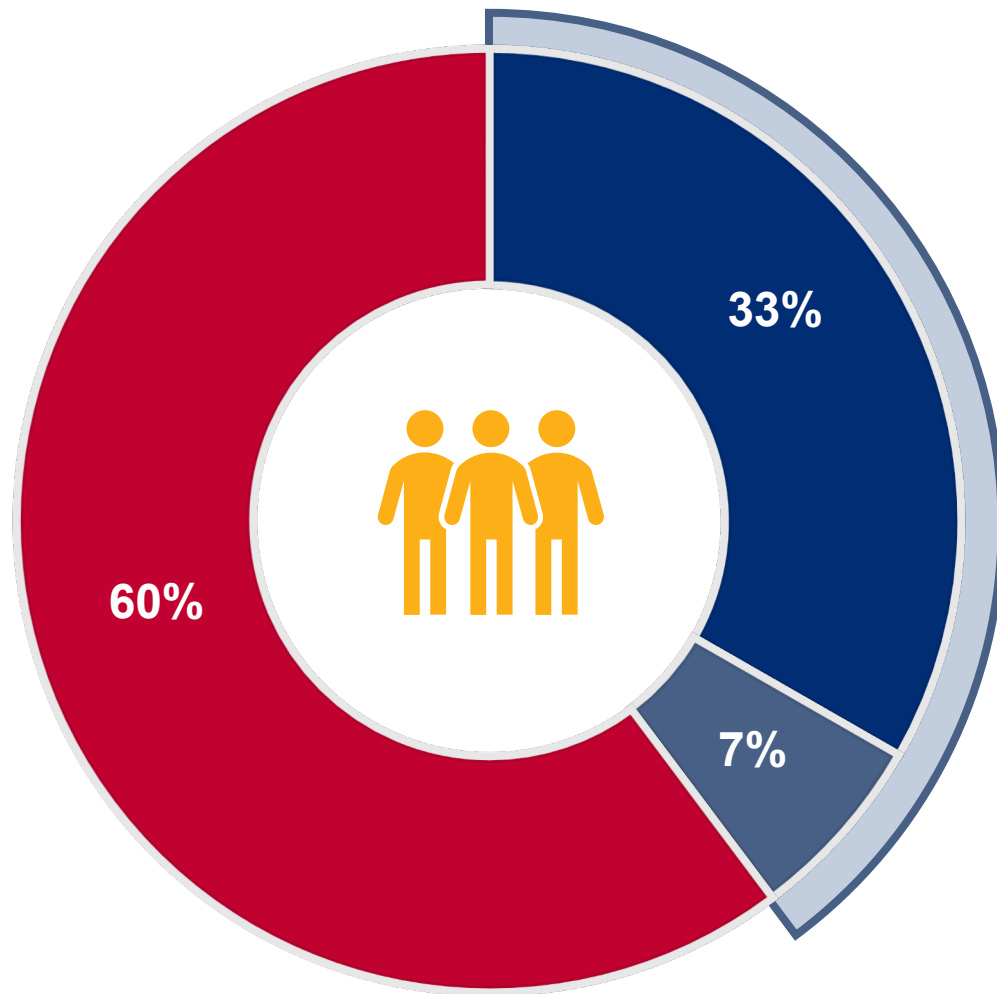


**66,033** international students at 325 IEPs studied intensive English in calendar year 2025, which reflects a **5%** decrease.




# International IEP Student Enrollment



# IEPs: Student Enrollment by Program Type



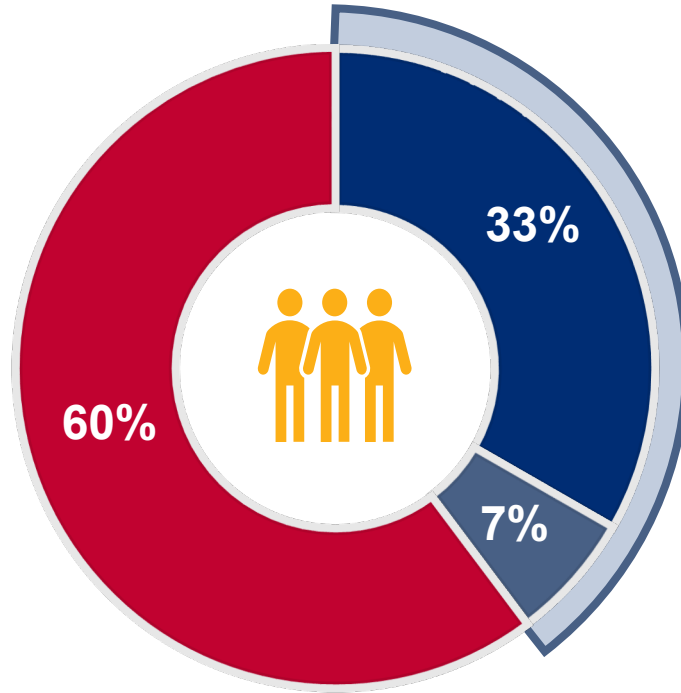
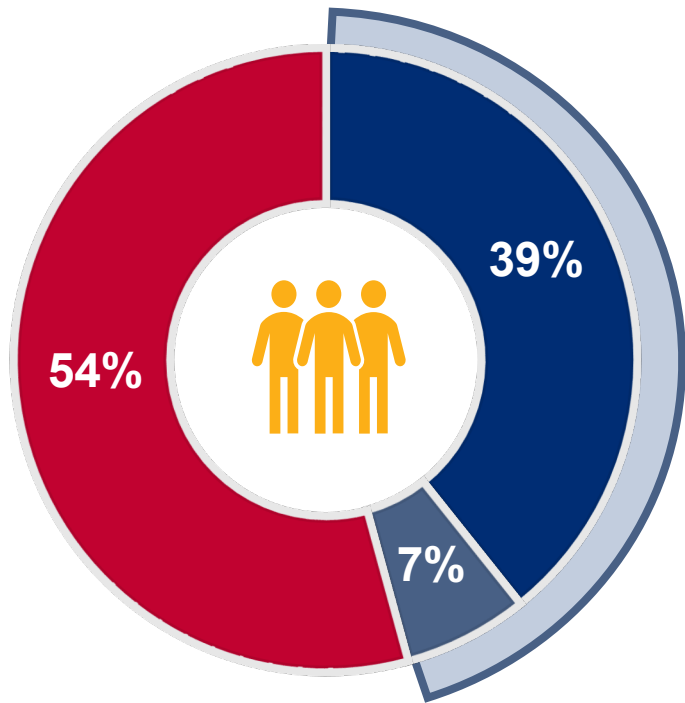
**40% of students are at an IEP affiliated with a higher education institution (HEI)**

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# IEPs: Student Enrollment, 2024 & 2025

2024

2025



Affiliated with a higher education institution (HEI)

**-17%**



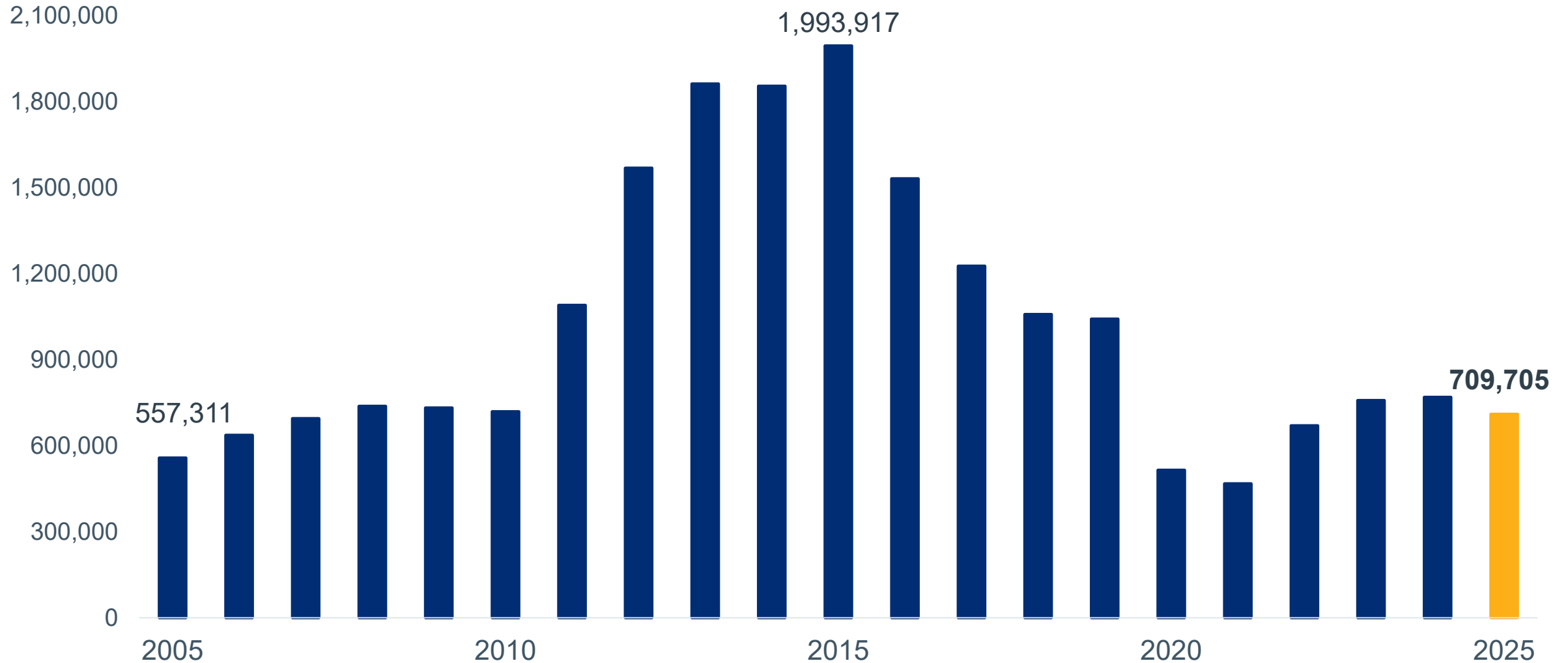
Not affiliated with a higher education institution (HEI)

**+6%**



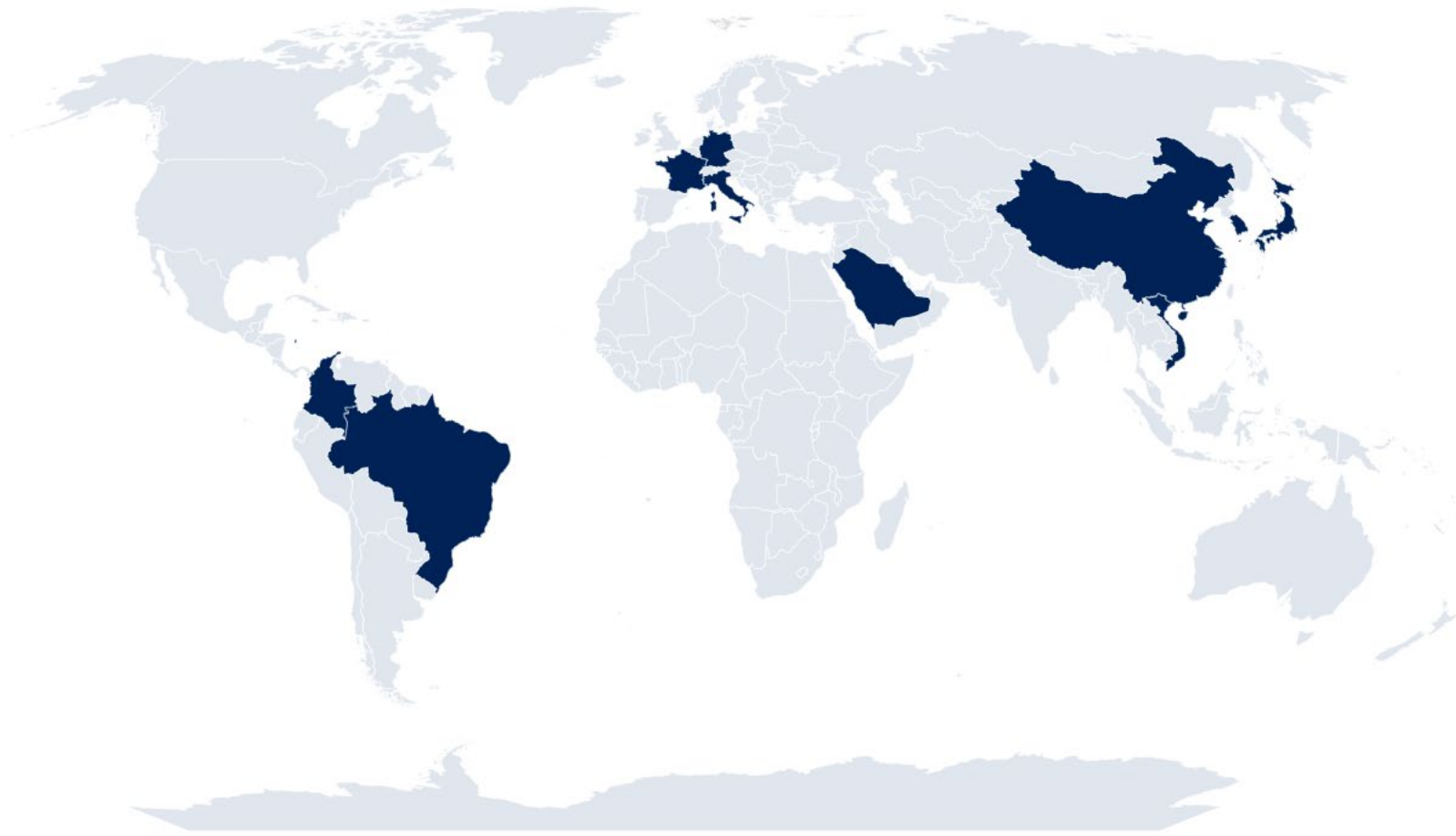
International students  
at IEPs studied  
intensive English for  
**709,705** student-weeks  
in calendar year 2025.

# International IEP Student-Week Enrollment



# IEP Top Places of Origin in 2025

	<u>% of Total</u>
1 Japan	13%
2 France	10%
3 Italy	8%
4 China	7%
5 Brazil	7%
6 South Korea	5%
7 Colombia	4%
8 Saudi Arabia	3%
9 Germany	3%
10 Vietnam	3%



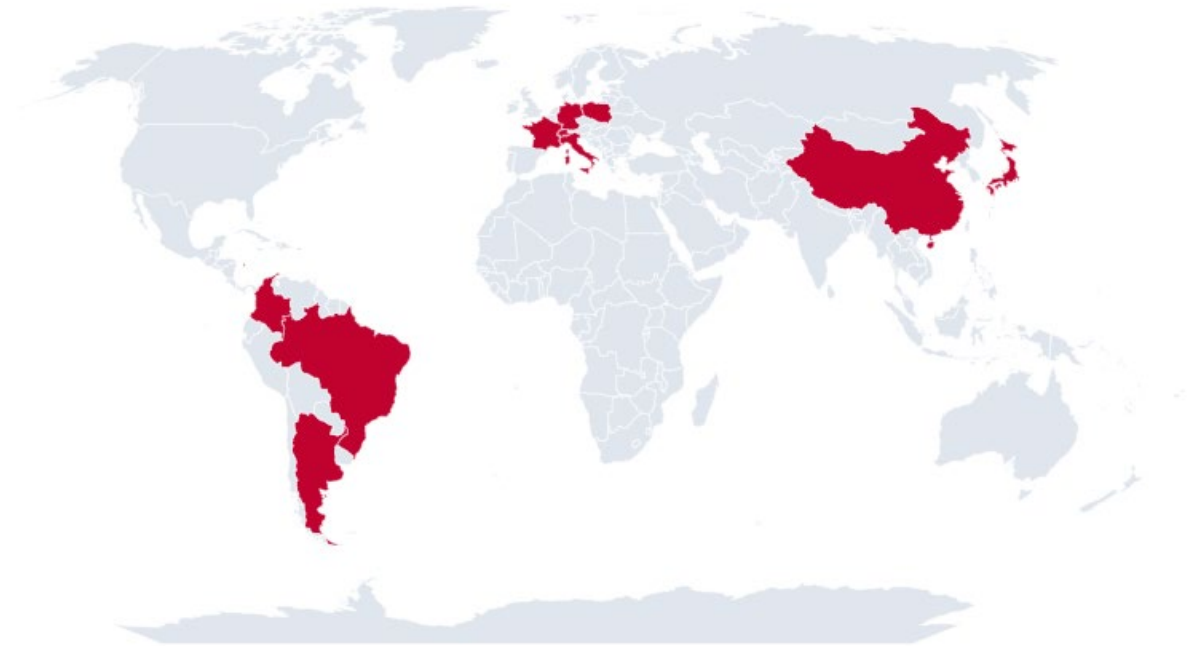
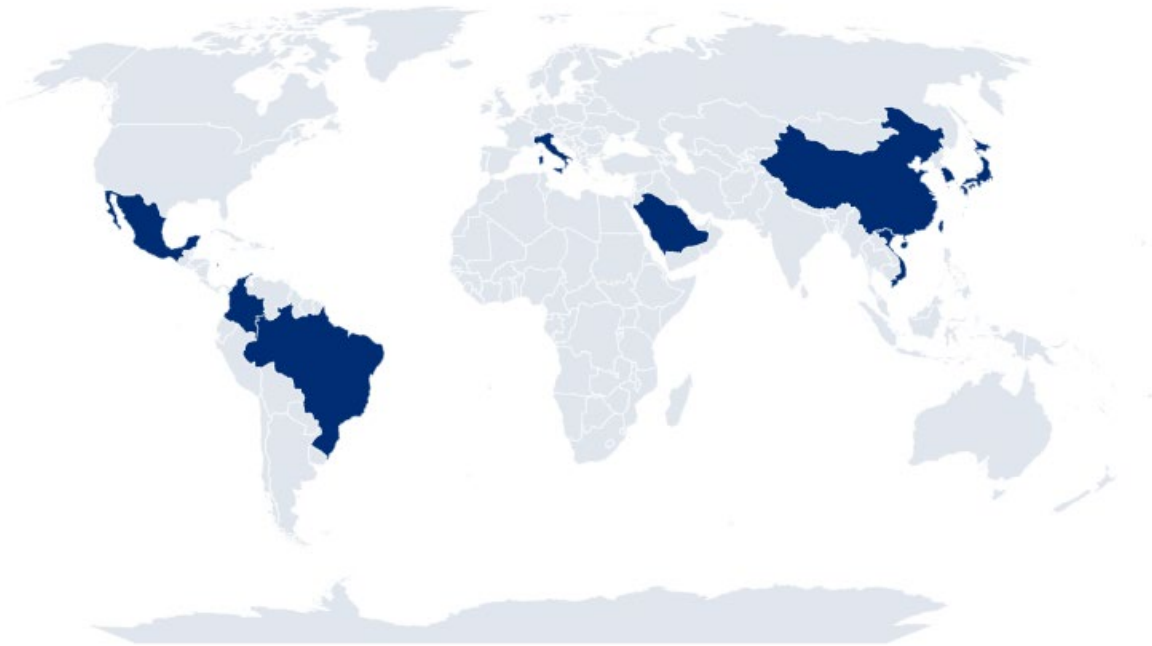
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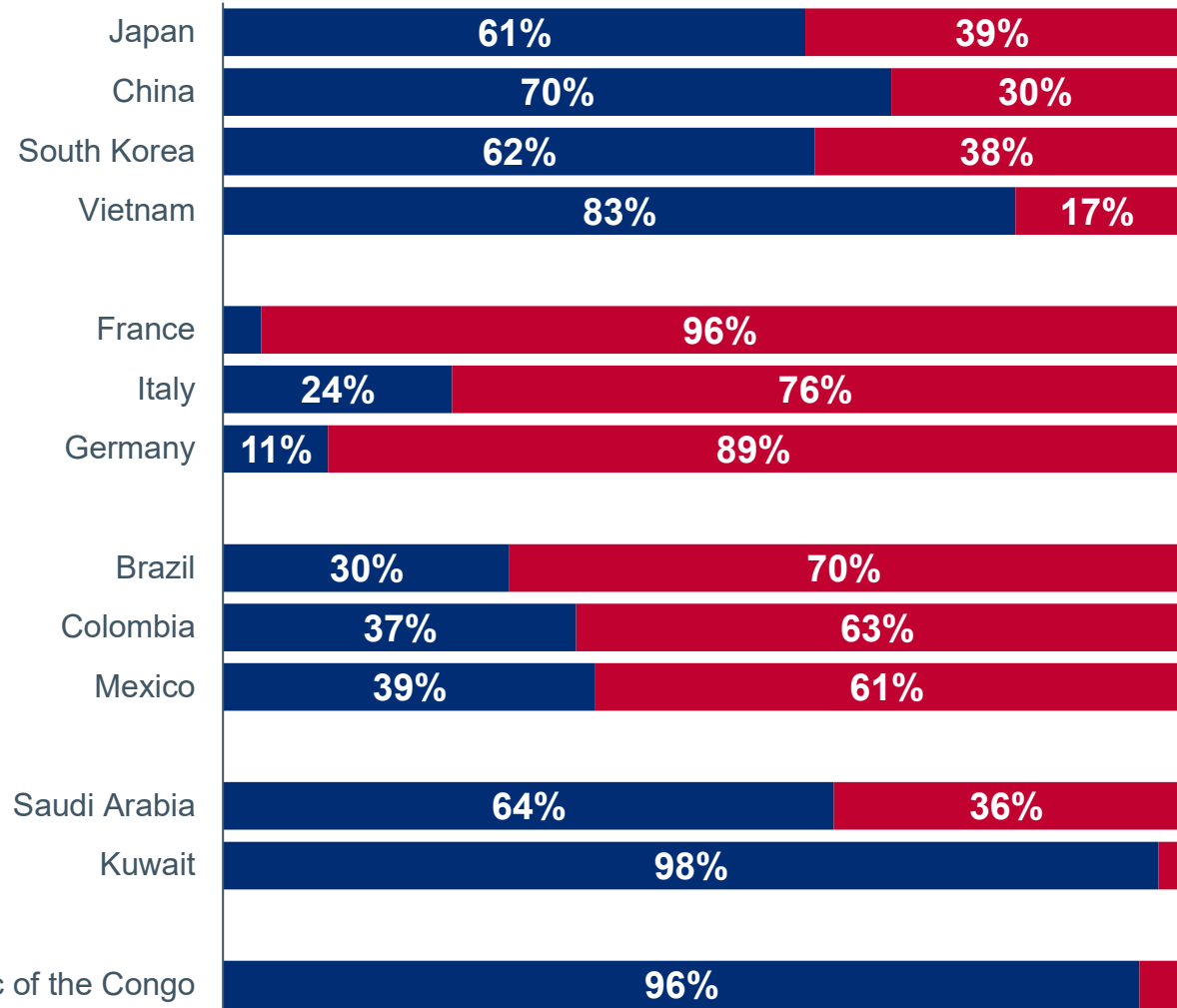
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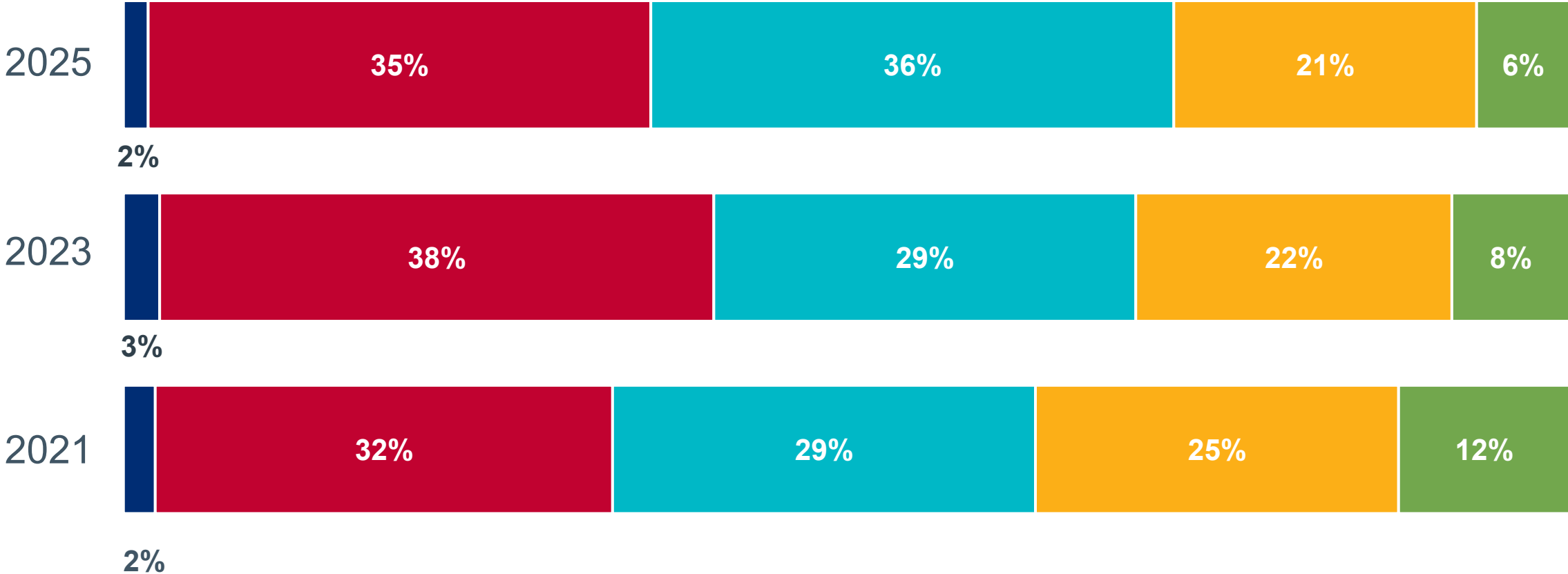
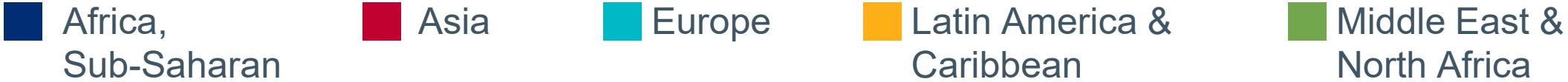
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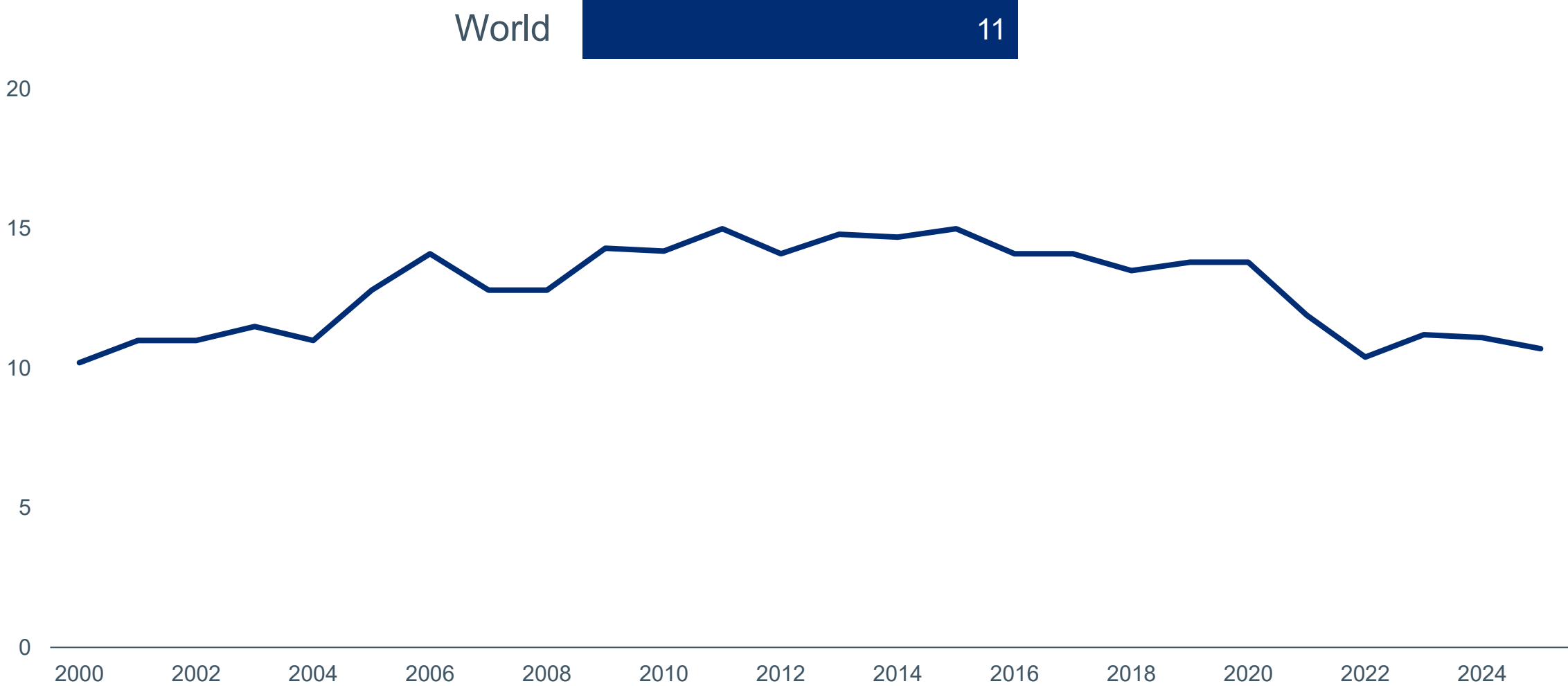
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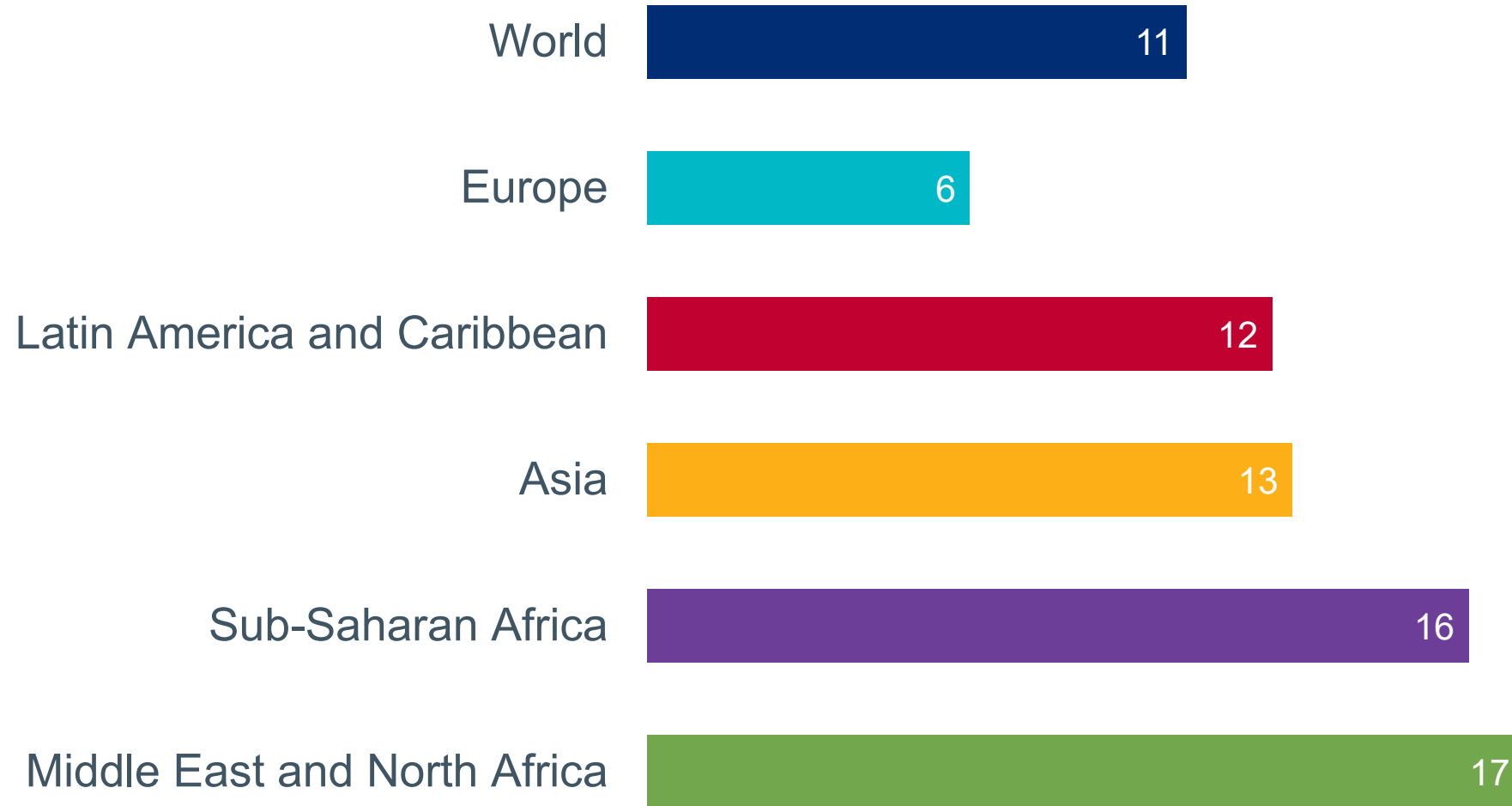
# Students by World Region



# Average IEP Weeks per Student



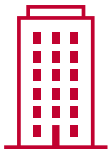
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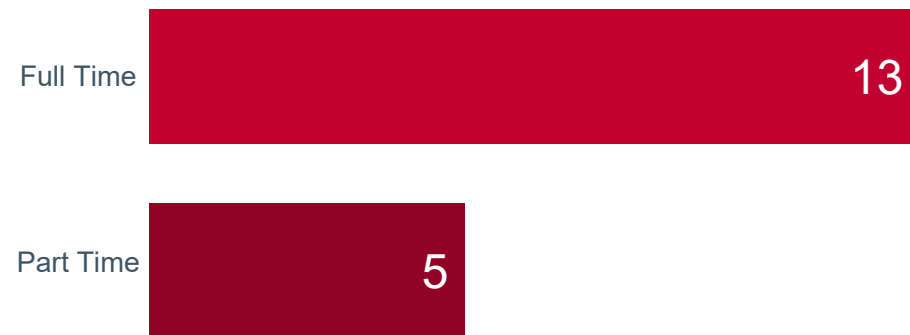
# Average IEP Weeks by Program Type



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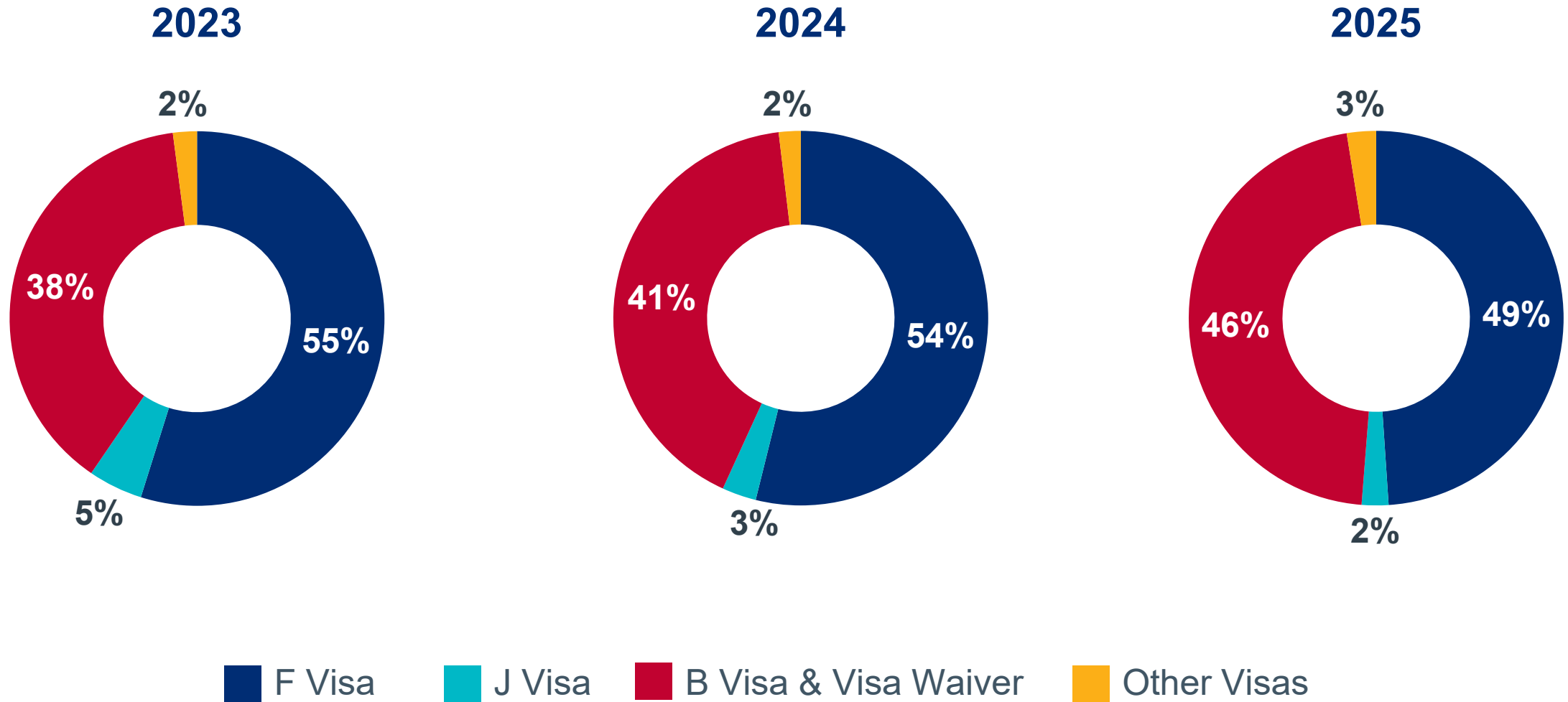


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# Students by Visa Status, 2023 - 2025



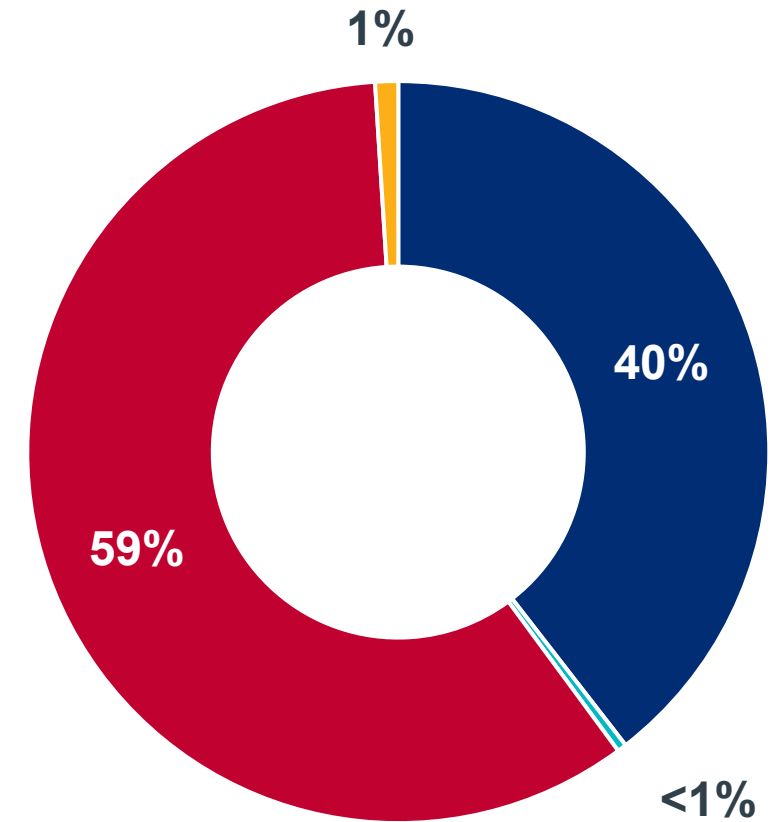
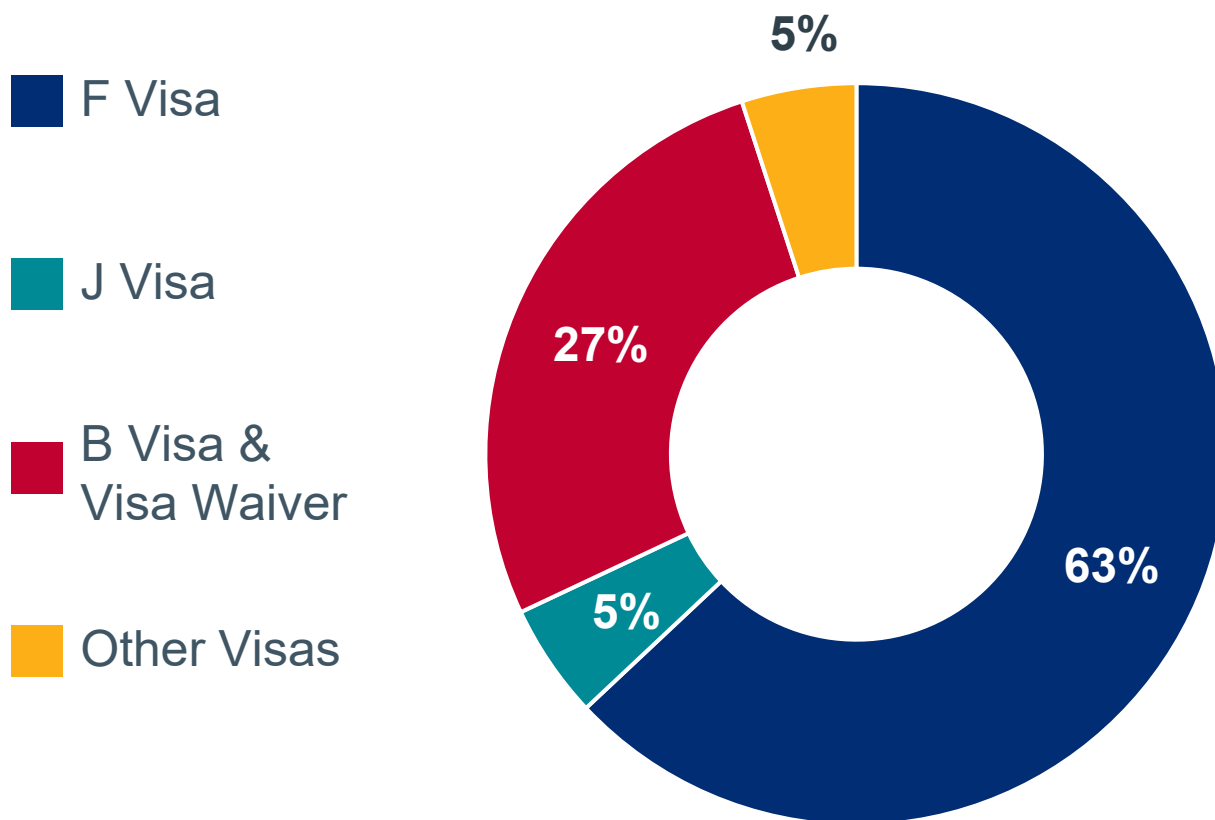
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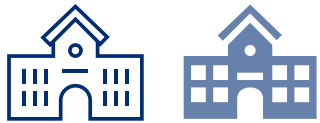
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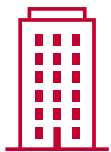
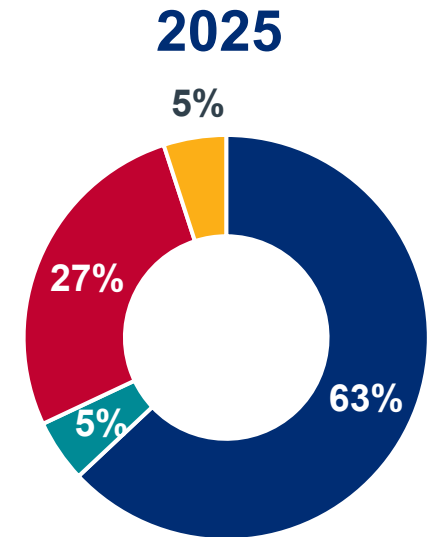
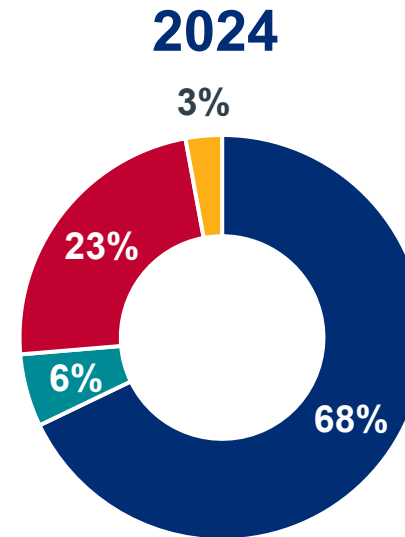
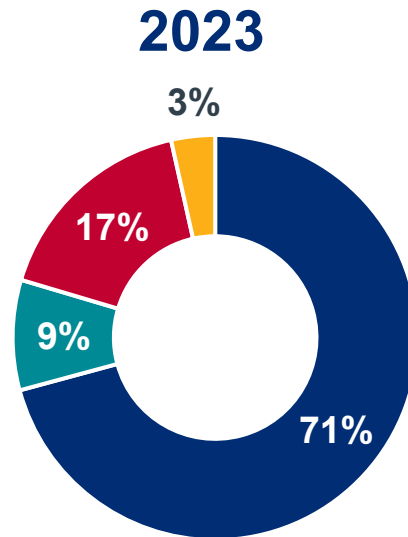
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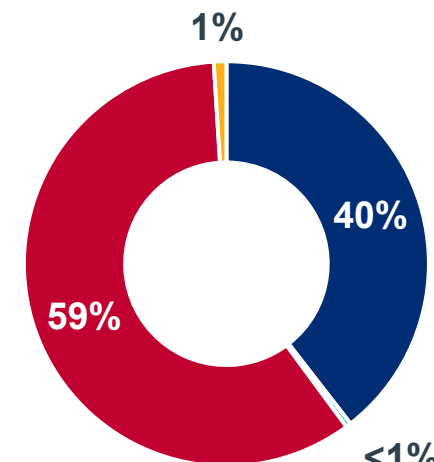
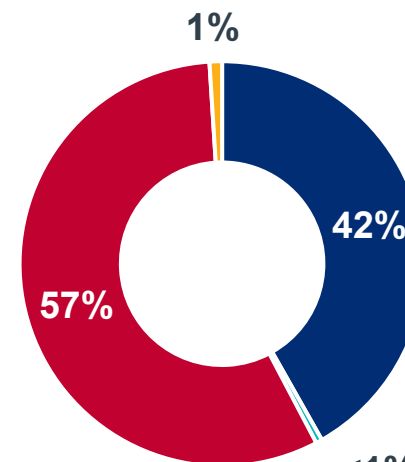
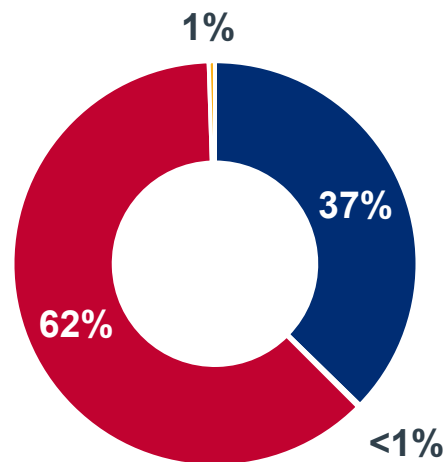
# IEP Students by Visa Status by Program Type, 2023 - 2025



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F Visa

J Visa

B Visa & Visa Waiver

Other Visas



In 2025, **26%** of IEP students intended to continue further (non-IEP) study in the United States.

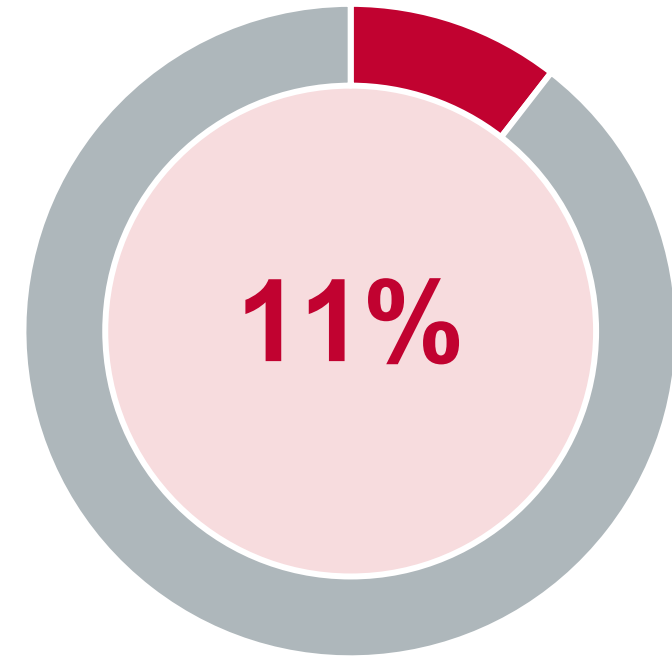
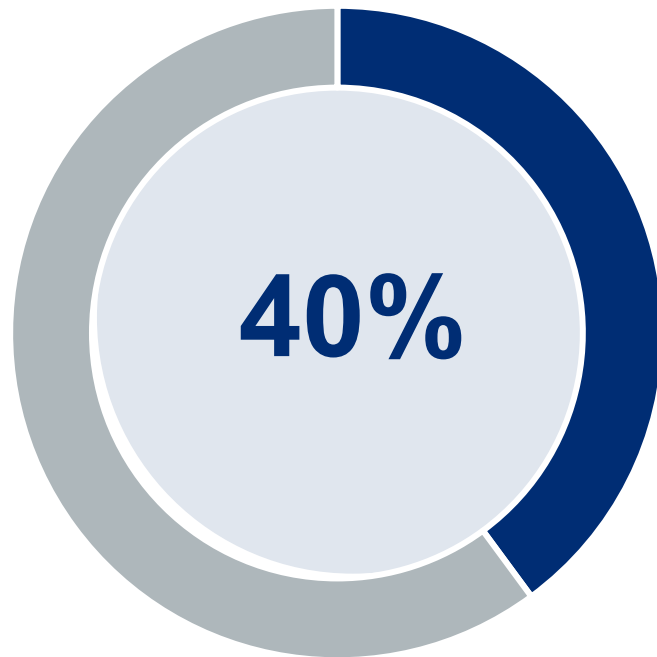
# Percent of IEP Students Intending to Pursue Further non-IEP Study at U.S. Institutions



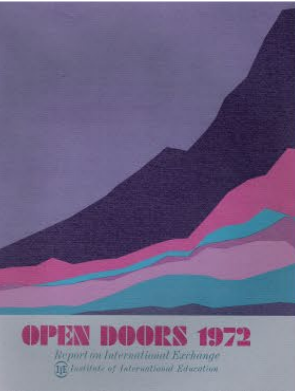
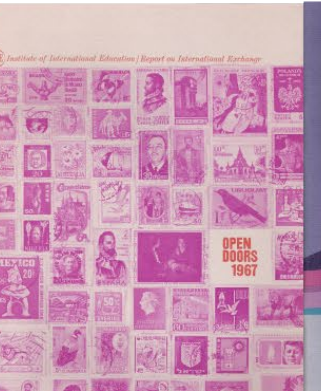
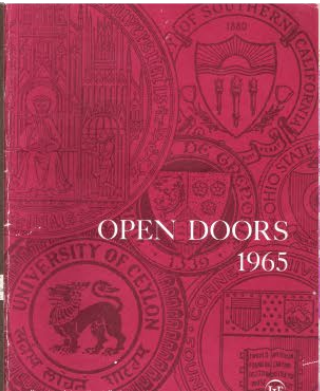
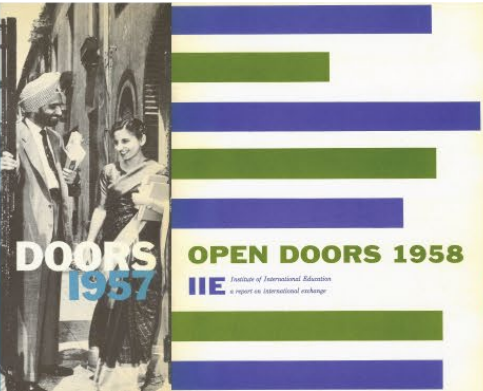
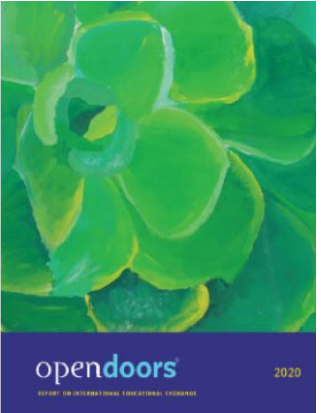
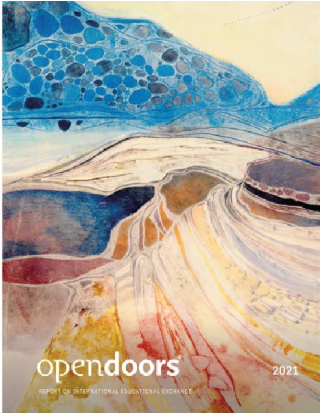
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# IEP Data and the International Student Census





**International  
Student Census**

**Intensive English  
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## International Student Census

Only accredited higher education institutions

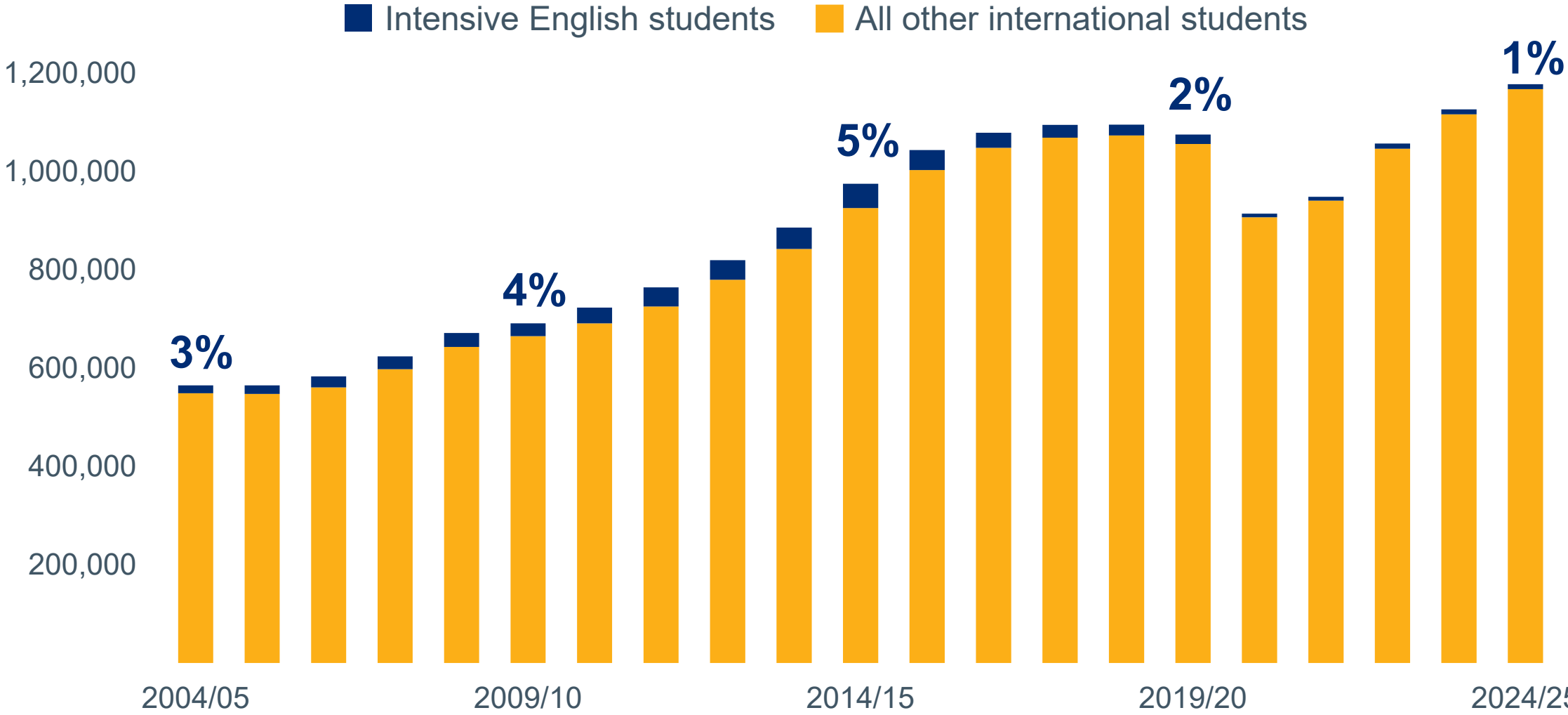
2024/25 academic year

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IEPs in higher education and independent providers

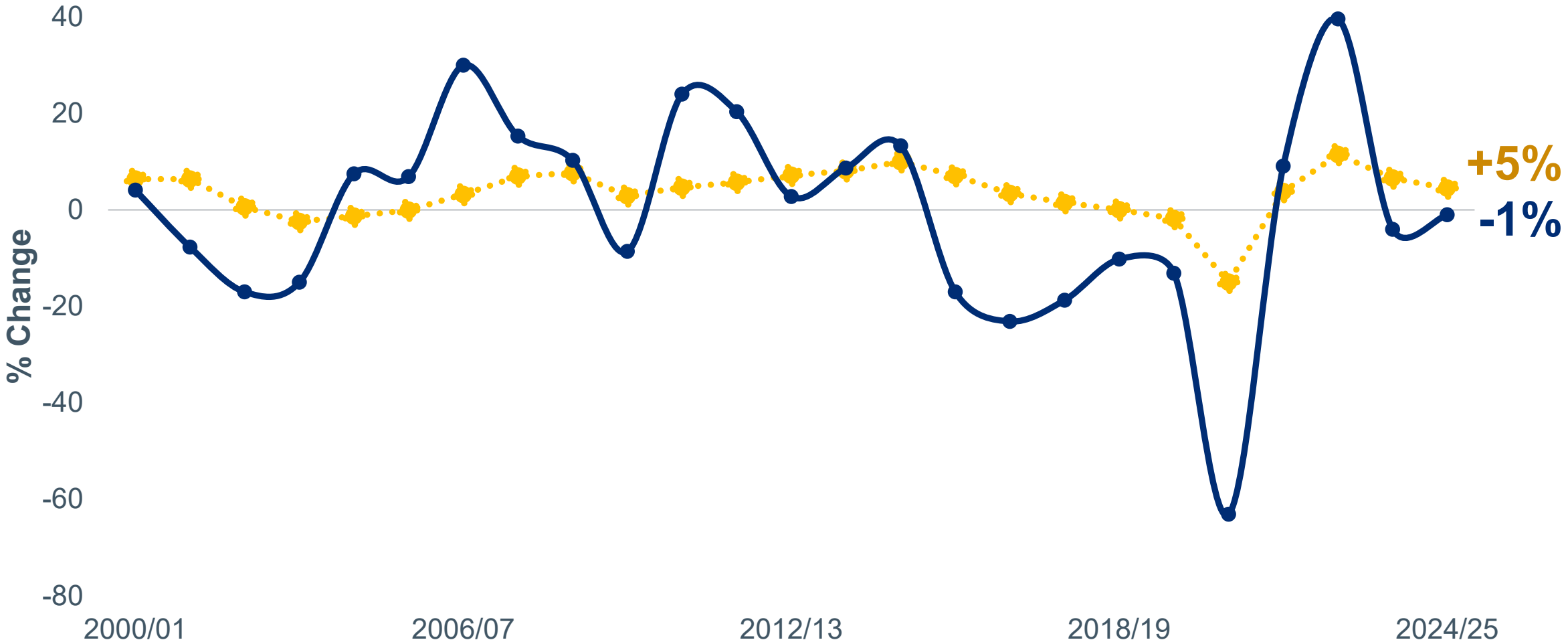
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# IEP Enrollment as a Percent of All International Students



# Enrollment Trends by Percent Change

**% Change - IEP**  
**% Change – All Int'l Students**



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