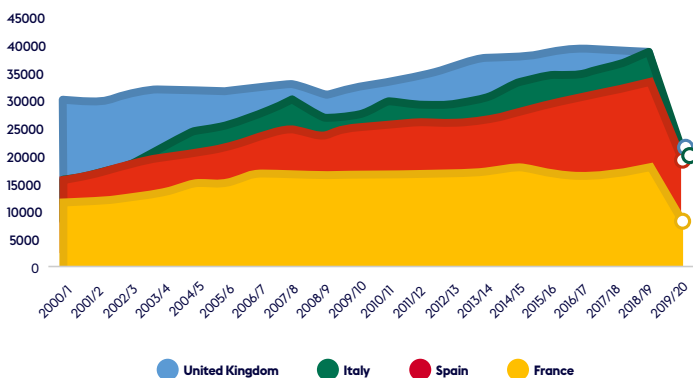


Overview of Higher Education in the US

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For years, the UK has been the most-popular study destination for American students, followed by Italy and Spain. The UK fell below Italy and Spain due to the impact of the pandemic, but levels between the three countries are relatively similar.

Top Destination Countries for US Students

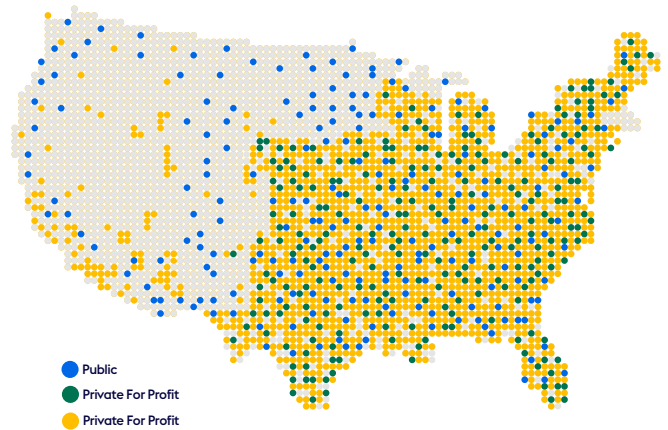


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This article provides an overview into a country that has proven to be a source of high-quality students whose cultural familiarity with the UK earmark them for potential success.

- In the 2020-21 academic year, there were 3,567 degree-granting institutions in the US. Of these, 2,278 were four-year institutions offering programmes at the bachelor's or higher degree level and 1,289 were two-year institutions offering associate's degrees and other certificates.
- The US population is estimated to be 337 million in 2021, with the number of high school graduates expected to peak at around 3.6 million students in 2026. In Fall 2020, there were 15.9 million undergraduates enrolled in the US and a further 3.1 million postbaccalaureate students.
- In the 2019-20 academic year, the average net price of attendance for first-time, full-time undergraduate students attending four-year institutions was \$14,200 USD at public institutions, \$28,100 USD at private non-profit institutions and \$23,200 USD at private for-profit institutions.

Private US universities are located



National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) College Map for Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

- After a period of significant growth in enrolments in degree-granting postsecondary institutions between 2003 and 2017, the pace of growth has slowed due to a slowing of the college-age population has slowed considerably and total enrolment is projected by the US National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to increase by just three per cent over the decade to 2028.
- While the rate of growth in enrolments to 2028 among males and females is projected at three per cent, females will continue to outnumber males given their existing higher rate of enrolment.
- Numbers of part-time students will rise faster than full-time students, numbers of postbaccalaureate students will rise at a slightly faster rate than numbers of undergraduate students, and growth among minority groups is predicted to be fastest among the Hispanic (14%) and Black (8%) populations.

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