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Boston's college students: coming and going

Which countries send students to Boston, and where US students go.

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Was that a conversation in Urdu you overheard at Market Basket? German or *plattdeutsch* on the T near Kendall Square? Between 2008 and 2012, 53,486 students from around the world came to the Boston area to study, spending \$1.7 billion on tuition and more than \$900 million on living costs. By contrast, the state exports less than half that number — fewer than 3 percent of its student population — to study overseas each year. Here's more:

TOP DESTINATION INSTITUTIONS

1. Boston University

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- 2. Harvard
- 3. MIT
- 4. Northeastern
- 5. Suffolk University

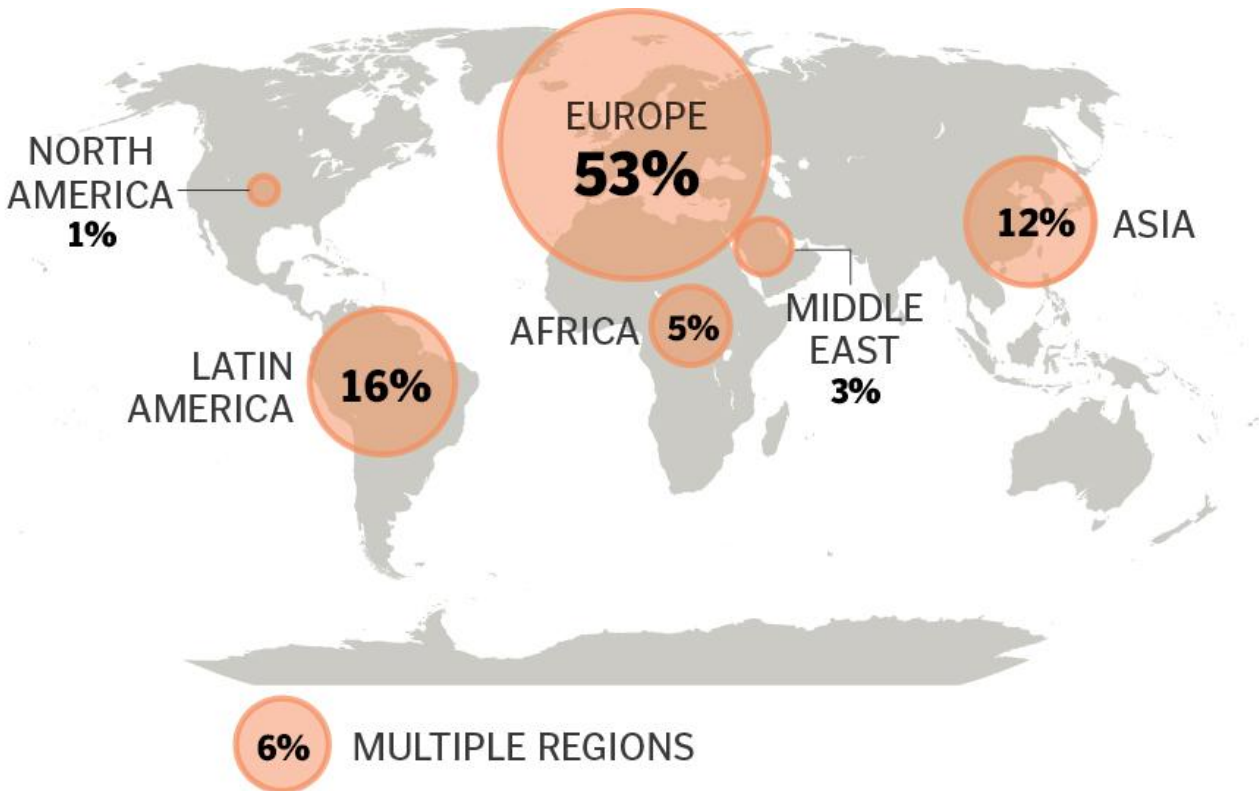
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Number of US students abroad who are women

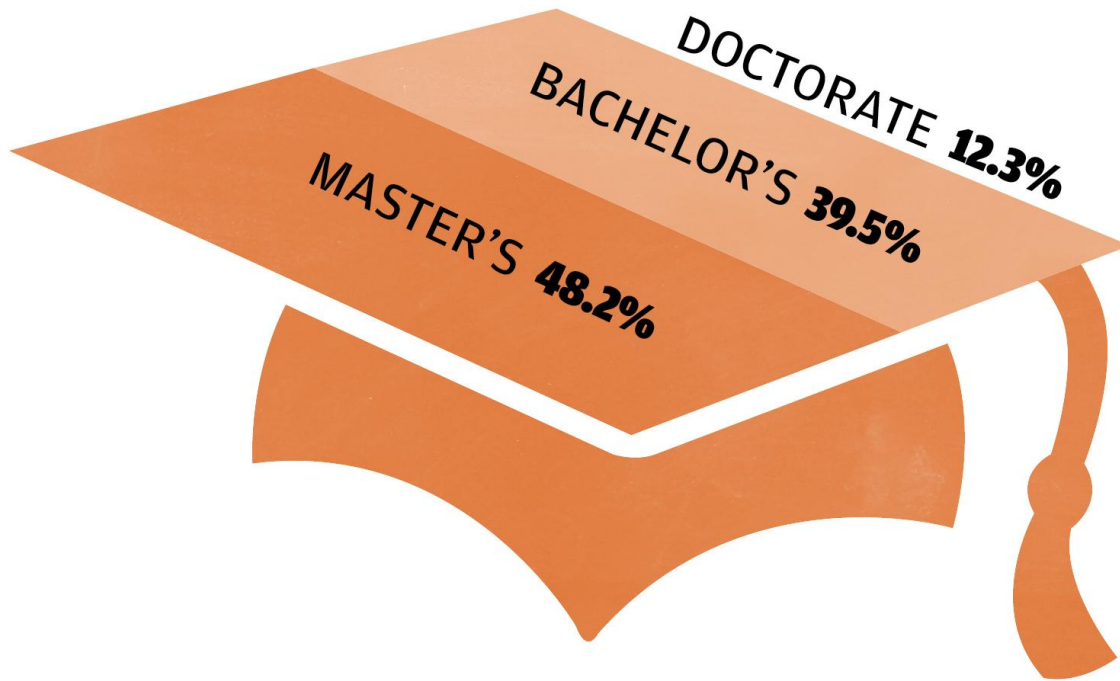
65.3 per 1,000

Number of foreign students among all Boston-area students

Where US students go ...



Level of degree pursued by foreign students at Boston-area schools from 2008 to 2012:



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26.6%

Percentage enrolled in STEM studies

52.6%

Percentage of foreign graduates who stayed to work in the metropolitan area

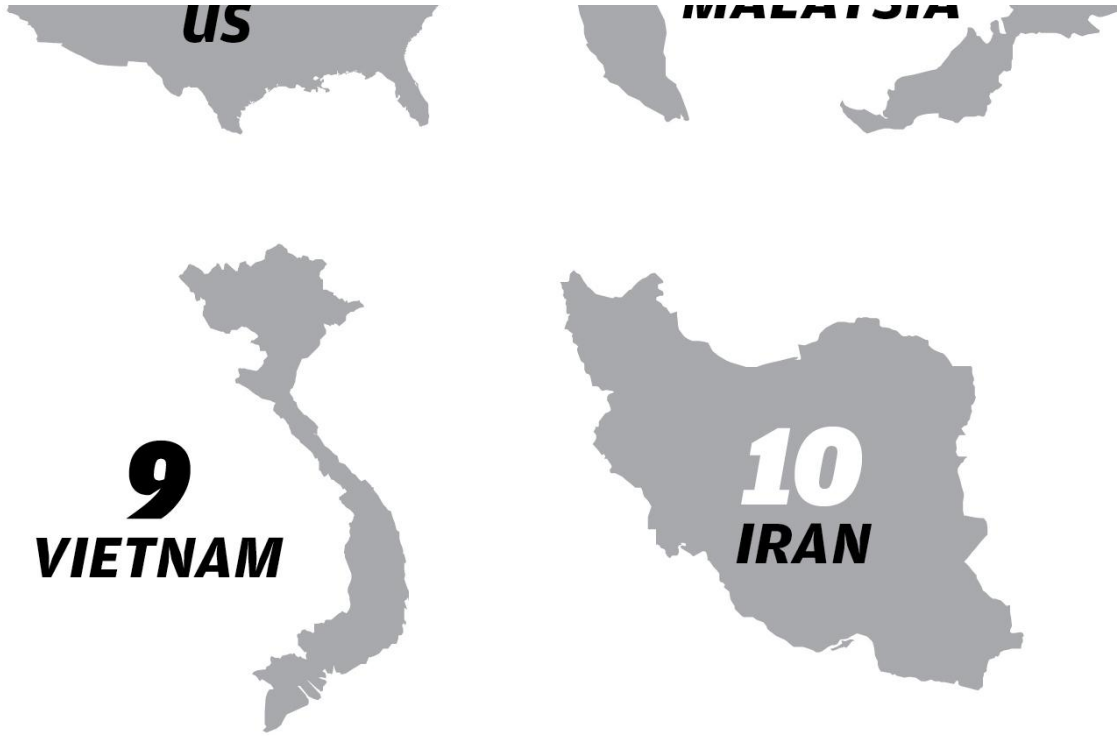
13,790

Number of Massachusetts post-secondary students who studied abroad in academic year 2009-10 (out of a total 497,290 in the state)

Worldwide, the top 10 countries of origin for students away from their home countries:







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Top five US metropolitan areas attracting foreign students:



NEW YORK



LOS ANGELES



BOSTON



SAN FRANCISCO



WASHINGTON, D.C.

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