Spotlight on top Cambridge source countries
Cambridge students from China taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 3 destination countries

1. UK
2. USA
3. Canada

Top 5 subjects

1. Economics
2. Business & Management/Mathematics
3. Engineering
4. Accountancy & Finance

Top 5 universities*

1. UCL (University College London)
2. The University of Manchester
3. Imperial College London
4. King’s College London (KCL)
5. The University of Warwick

Comments and trends

Students more likely to choose UK over US due to Covid rates
Increased numbers taking a gap year
Increased interest in Asian universities

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Cambridge students from Indonesia taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 3 destination countries
1. Indonesia
2. USA
3. Singapore

Top 5 subjects
1. Business & Management
2. Computer Science / ICT
3. Engineering
4. Accounting & Finance
5. Medicine

Top 5 universities*
1. Binus University
2. University of Melbourne
3. University of Indonesia
4. Universitas Gadjah Maja
5. Monash University

Comments and trends
Some students more likely to stay at home, others have more interest in overseas universities

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Cambridge students from India taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

**Top 3 destination countries**
1. India
2. USA
3. UK

**Top 5 subjects**
1. Business & Management / Engineering
2. Computer Science / ICT
3. Economics
4. Liberal Arts / Studies

**Top 5 universities***
1. Ashoka University
2. Flame University
3. NMIMS University
4. Christ University
5. Amity University

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Comments and trends
- Rise in interest in Canada and Australia
- Broader range of subjects being studied

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The chart shows the number of schools who indicated the percentage of their students who went to study STEM or Medicine subjects in India.

Approximate percentage of Cambridge students that went on to study STEM or Medicine in India:

- **NONE**: 4
- **LESS THAN 10%**: 11
- **10% - 25%**: 12
- **25% - 50%**: 6
- **50% - 75%**: 9
- **MORE THAN 75%**: 3

**MEDICINE**

- 21

**STEM**

- 4
- 11
- 12
- 6
- 9
- 3
Cambridge students from Malaysia taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 3 destination countries
1. Malaysia
2. UK
3. Australia

Top 5 subjects
1. Engineering
2. Medicine
3. Economics
4. Law
5. Accounting & Finance / Mathematics / Psychology

Top 5 universities*
1. Taylor’s University
2. Imperial College London
3. London School of Economics (LSE)
4. The University of Manchester
5. King’s College London

Students prefer to stay in Asia due to worldwide Covid situation and impact
Students avoid US universities due to high Covid rates

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Cambridge students from Pakistan taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

**Top 3 destination countries**
1. Pakistan
2. UK
3. USA

**Top 5 subjects**
1. Engineering
2. Business & Management
3. Computer Science / ICT
4. Accounting & Finance
5. Medicine

**Top 5 universities***
1. Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
2. National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) Islamabad
3. Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi
4. Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology
5. Aga Khan University

**Comments and trends**
- More likely to stay in Pakistan due to Covid pandemic
- More cost conscious and looking for scholarships – partly as a result of the pandemic

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September 2021
STEM in Pakistan

The chart shows the number of schools who indicated the percentage of their students who went to study STEM in Pakistan.

Approximate percentage of Cambridge students that went on to study STEM in Pakistan:

- None: 1
- Less than 10%: 8
- 10% - 25%: 10
- 25% - 50%: 17
- 50% - 75%: 10
- More than 75%: 4

Most schools said they had between 25–50% of students going on to study STEM.
Cambridge students from South Africa taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 3 destination countries
1. South Africa
2. USA
3. UK

Top 5 subjects
1. Engineering
2. Business & Management
3. Accounting & Finance
4. Law
5. Medicine

Top 5 universities*
1. Stellenbosch University
2. University of Cape Town
3. University of Pretoria
4. University of the Witwatersrand
5. University of the Western Cape

Comments and trends
Increase in students applying for biological science degrees due to Covid pandemic

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Cambridge students from USA taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 2 destination countries
1. USA
2. Canada

Top 5 subjects
1. Engineering
2. Business & Management
3. Medicine
4. Nursing & Social Work
5. Biological Sciences

Top 5 universities*
1. University of Florida
2. Florida State University
3. Florida International University
4. University of Central Florida
5. Florida Gulf Coast University

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Comments and trends
Increase in number of universities being applied to
More students staying in state and closer to home

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Cambridge students from UAE taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 3 destination countries
1. UAE
2. UK
3. Canada

Top 5 subjects
1. Engineering
2. Medicine
3. Accounting & Finance
4. Business & Management
5. Computer Science / ICT

Top 5 universities*
1. Middlesex University (UAE)
2. American University of Sharjah
3. Abu Dhabi University
4. Canadian University of Dubai
5. American University in Dubai

Comments and trends
Canada increasing in popularity as a student destination
Student likely to choose UAE or home country for university studies

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Cambridge students from the UK taking Cambridge Advanced qualifications

Top 3 destination countries
1. UK
2. USA
3. Canada

Top 5 subjects
1. Business & Management
2. Economics
3. Psychology
4. Medicine
5. Engineering

Top 5 universities*
1. University of Exeter
2. University of Bristol / Cardiff University
3. University of Birmingham / University of Nottingham

Comments and trends
- Increase in students applying to Canadian universities
- Existing links related to family relationships influence students' choice of overseas destinations

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