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FRANCE SEES A RECORD RISE IN FOREIGN STUDENTS

In 2021-22, the number of foreign students enrolled in France rose by 8%, and now stands at more than 400,000. This increase, which is the largest in over 15 years, was mainly driven by an influx of new students coming from other countries in Europe. This upward trend has been confirmed by the recruitment forecast for 2022-23, with applications already up 18% compared to the pre-pandemic period.

More than 400,000 foreign students in France, up 8% from the previous year

After the stagnation of 2020-21 resulting from the pandemic (-1%), the number of foreign students in France in 2021-2022 rose by a level that has not been seen since 2005: +8% (source: MESR/SIES). As a result, the bar of 400,000 students has now been reached (400,026, including apprentices).

TOP 10: Significant rise in students from neighboring countries in Europe

Among the **top 10 countries** representing students in France, the biggest increases came from **Italy** (4th, +16%), **Spain** (7th, +25%), and **Lebanon** (9th, +30%).

Some countries of origin which had previously been on the decline once again witnessed an upswing last year, including Germany (+17%) and the United States (+50%). The only decreases were seen in students coming from China (-2%) and Vietnam (-4%).

Greatest increase from Europe and the Americas

In terms of geographic areas, the numbers from the past year show a stark rebound in students from **Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)**:

- **Americas:** with **15% more students**, this area experienced the biggest increase, in particular thanks to North America (+43%). Meanwhile, the number of students from Latin America and the Caribbean rose by 14%, and from South America by 4%.
- **Europe:** just behind the Americas, Europe sent **13%** more students to France last year, reaching a level that was 10% higher than before the pandemic. Non-EU countries (which now include the United Kingdom) were up by 25%, and EU countries by 9%.
- **The Middle East and North Africa**, which places more foreign students in France than any other region, witnessed **an increase of 10%** last year and 32% over the past five years. This increase was particularly significant for students coming from the Middle East (+17%).
- **Sub-Saharan Africa:** the number of students increased by **5%** (below the average of 8%), while the overall number of students from Africa continued its upward trend in 2020-21 (+6%).

Over the past five years, this number has continued to increase (+40%) and lies above the average (+21%).

- **Asia and Oceania**, which are the **areas most affected by mobility restrictions** due to the pandemic, only sent 1% more students to France over the past year. However, after a 9% drop in 2020-21, the situation is now stabilizing. Although fewer students are coming from China, Vietnam, and Australia, we're seeing a rebound in India (+9.5%), Japan (+12%), and Sri Lanka (+17%).

More and more business school students

Although the numbers are up in all institutions, **the biggest increases were seen in business schools (+18%)**. The number of foreign students rose **7%** in high schools, **6%** in universities, **5%** in art and architecture schools, **3%** in engineering schools, and **7%** in other institutions.

Record number of applications for 2022/2023

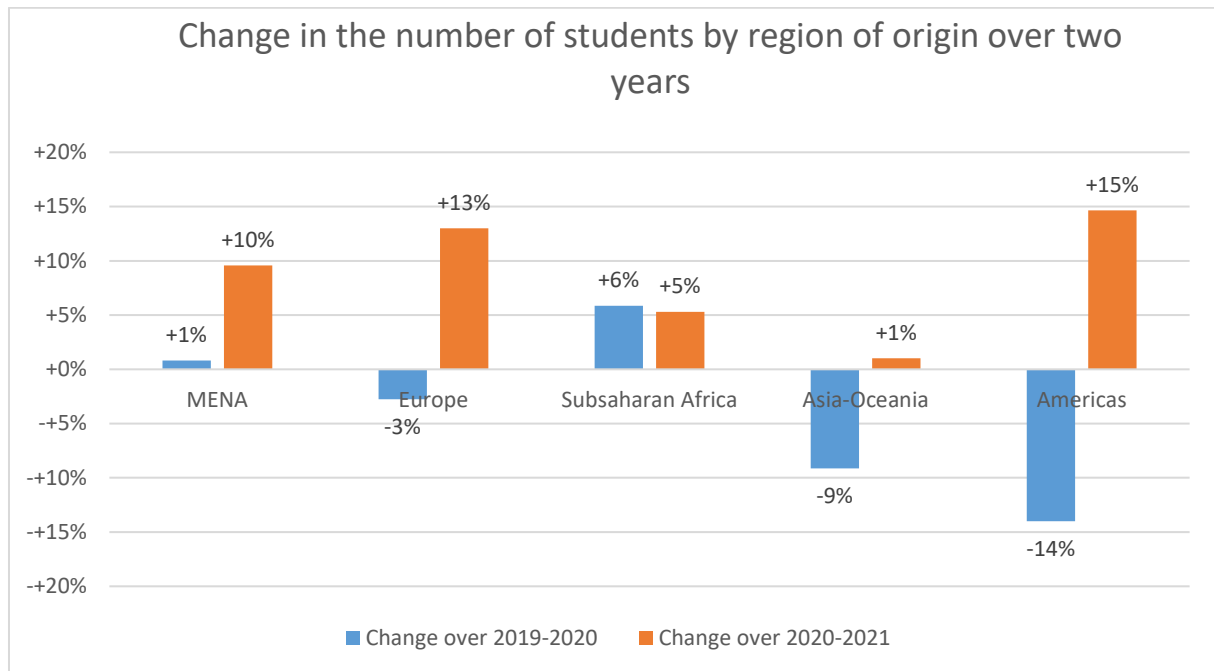
The upward swing recorded during the 2021/22 academic year seems to be continuing in 2022/23: by the end of August 2022, **more than 140,000 students from 70 countries submitted an application via the “Etudes en France” (“Studying in France”) procedure**. This is a record, **up 18%** compared to the pre-pandemic period¹.

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¹ Increase calculated using the same variables in countries where the “Etudes en France” procedure was offered in 2018/19, the pre-pandemic reference year.

Foreign students enrolled in higher education in France in 2021-2022

Rank	Country of origin	Numbers of students	Change over 5 years (2016-2021)	Change over 1 year (2020-2021)
1	Morocco	46 371	+22%	+3%
2	Algeria	31 032	+19%	+6%
3	China	27 479	-4%	-2%
4	Italy	19 185	+57%	+16%
5	Senegal	15 264	+62%	+5%
6	Tunisia	13 661	+10%	+4%
7	Spain	11 256	+51%	+25%
8	Côte d'Ivoire	10 725	+50%	+4%
9	Lebanon	10 469	+94%	+30%
10	Cameroun	9 037	+30%	+9%
11	Germany	8 186	-3%	+17%
12	Portugal	7 835	+48%	+6%
13	Congo	6 864	+56%	+7%
14	India	6 321	+92%	+9%
15	USA	6 179	+5%	+50%
16	Gabon	5 687	+35%	-0,2%
17	Russia	5 442	+4%	+6%
18	Brazil	5 434	+4%	+7%
19	Vietnam	5 259	-7%	-4%
20	Benin	5 072	+73%	+19%
21	Belgium	5 054	+10%	+8%
22	Türkiye	4 734	+27%	+6%
23	Madagascar	4 667	+13%	+1%
24	Haiti	4 440	+111%	+14%
25	Rumania	4 279	+6%	+12%
	<i>Other countries</i>	<i>112 698</i>	-	-
	Total	392 630	+21%	+8%



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