

*Understanding University Rankings in a  
Pandemic Era -U.S. News Best Global  
Universities Rankings*

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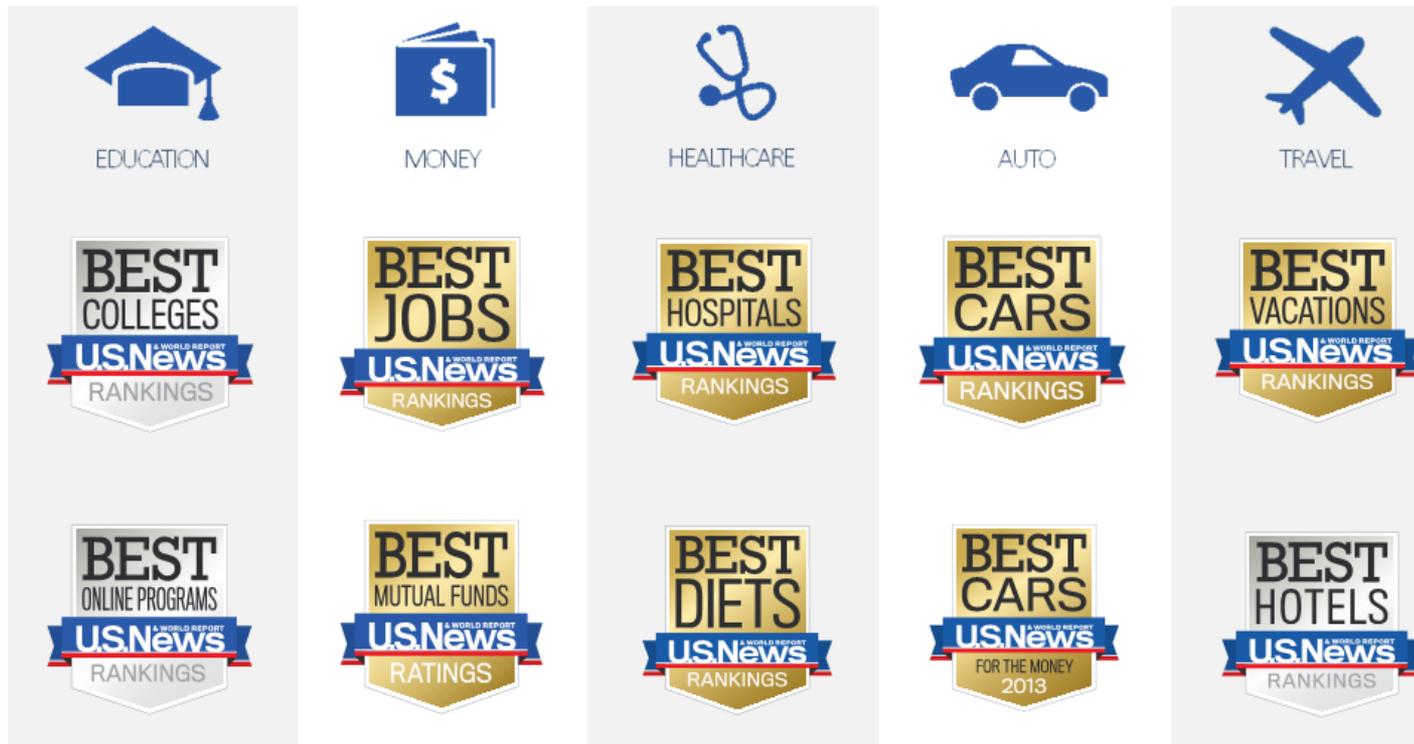
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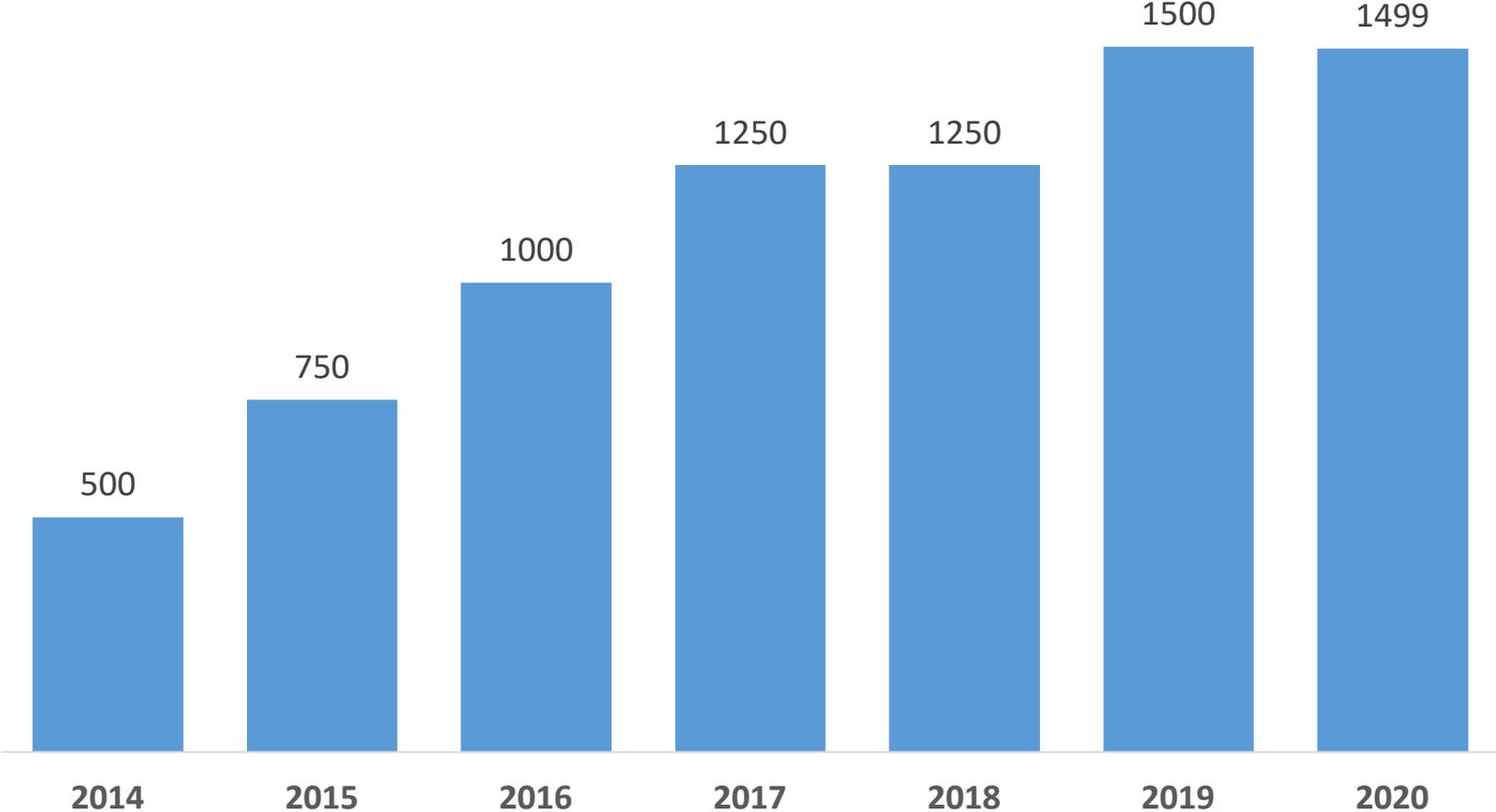
- Top 1,499 Universities worldwide in 86 countries-up from -81 last year
- Five regional rankings - Africa, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Europe and Latin America
- 45 country rankings – including top institutions in: Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom
- Top universities in 38 subjects- up from 28 last year -

# Best Global Universities -- Countries



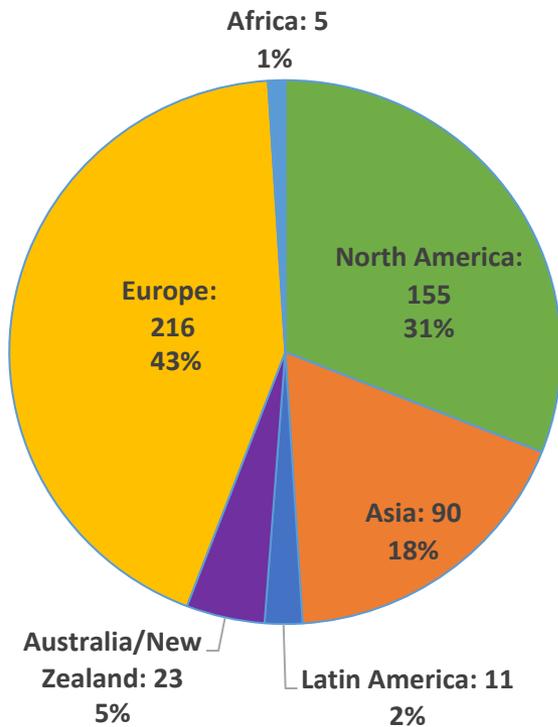
## Year to Year Growth in Overall Rankings

Number of Universities in the Overall Rankings

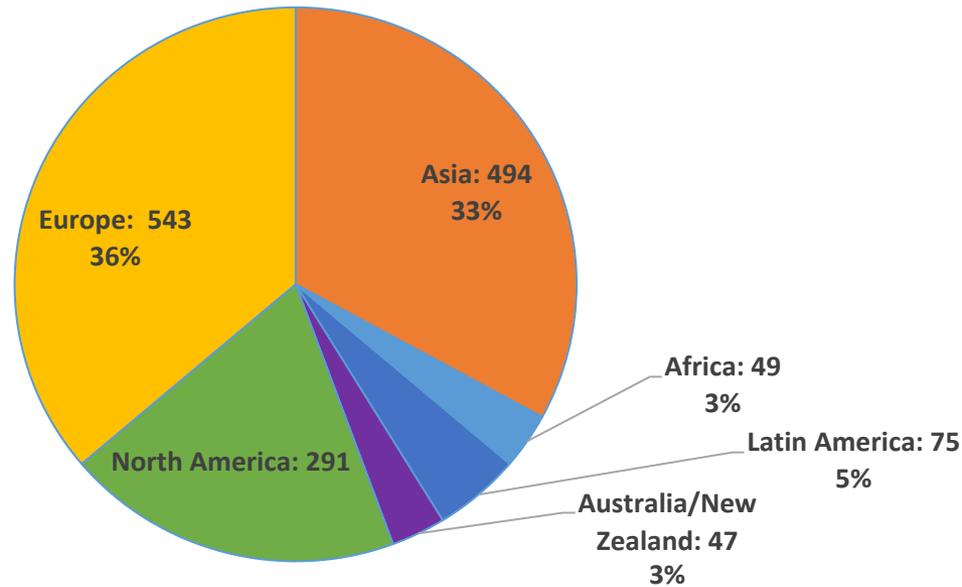


## Regional Breakdown:

### 2014



### 2020

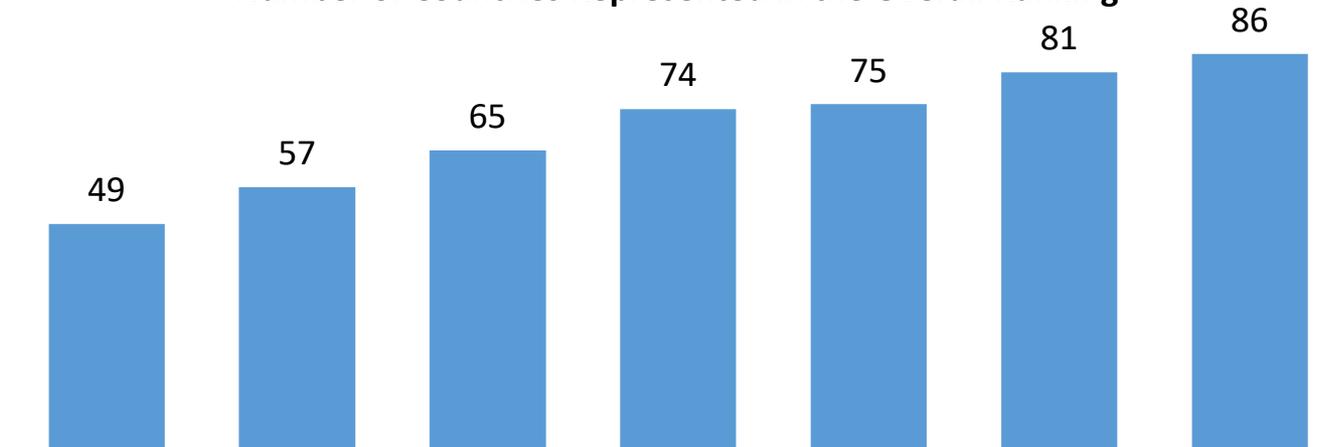


The 17 countries with 20 or more schools in the top 1,499 accounted for 1,139 schools, or 75.9 percent of the total.

Country	Universities in Top 1,499	Percentage in Top 1,499
United States	255	17.0
China	176	11.7
United Kingdom	87	5.8
France	70	4.7
Germany	68	4.5
Japan	65	4.3
Italy	58	3.9
Spain	48	3.2
India	46	3.1
South Korea	41	2.7
Australia	39	2.6
Brazil	38	2.5
Canada	36	2.4
Turkey	36	2.4
Iran	31	2.1
Poland	24	1.6
Taiwan	21	1.4

## Growth in Overall Rankings

Number of Countries Represented in the Overall Ranking



2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

**New in '15**

Bulgaria  
Colombia

Cyprus  
Iceland  
Lebanon

Lithuania

Romania

Uganda

Uruguay

**New in '16**

Ethiopia  
  
Kuwait  
Luxembourg  
Macau

Morocco

Nigeria  
Oman

Pakistan

Tunisia

**New in '17**

Belarus  
Cameroon

Georgia  
Jordan  
Latvia

Qatar

Ukraine

United Arab  
Emirates

Uruguay

**New in '18**

Ghana

**New in '19**

Bangladesh  
  
Costa Rica  
Kenya  
North  
Macedonia

Malawi

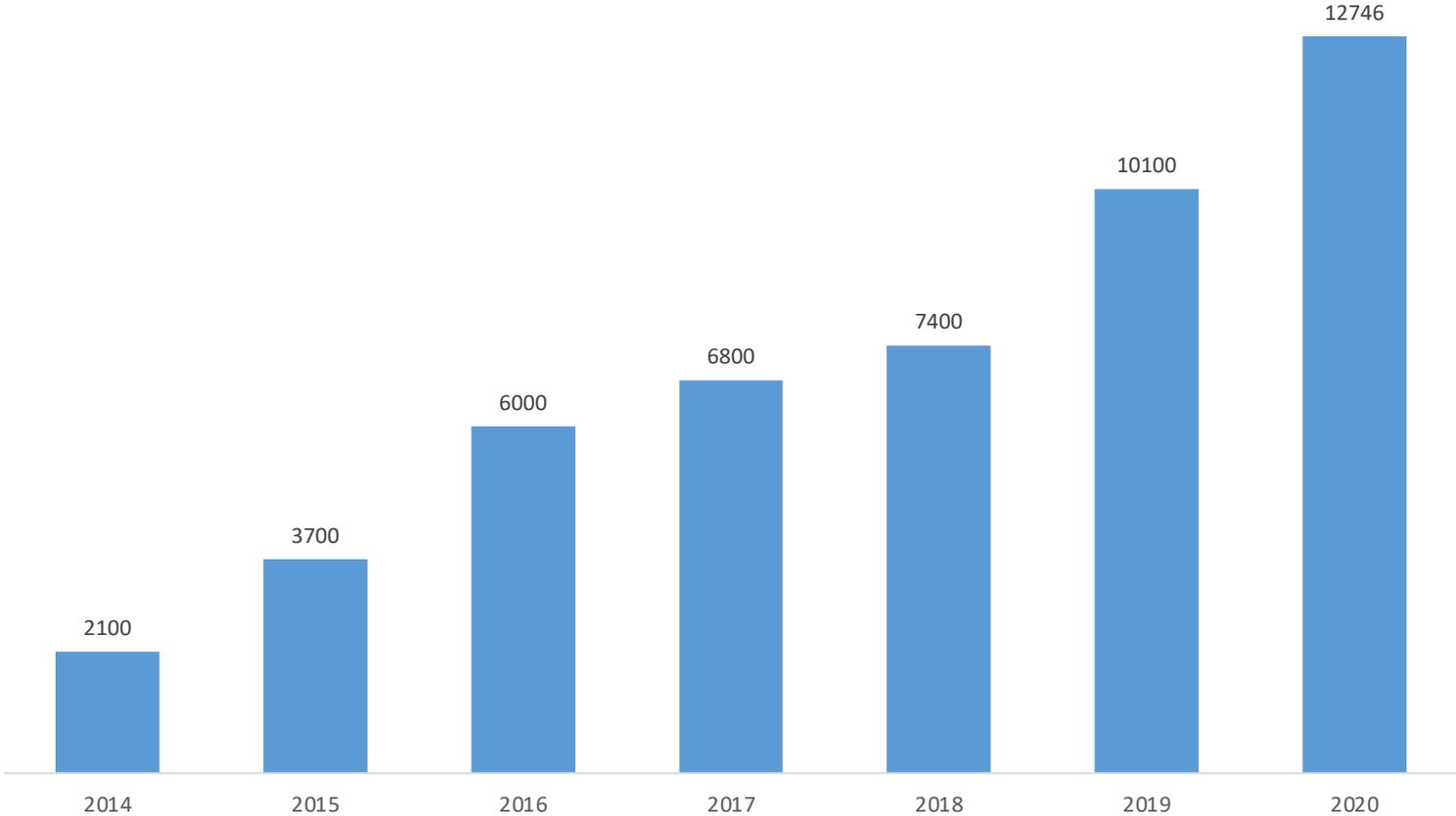
Malta  
Vietnam

**New in '20**

Algeria  
Armenia  
  
Indonesia  
Philippines

## Growth in Subject Rankings

Number of Schools ranked in each subject



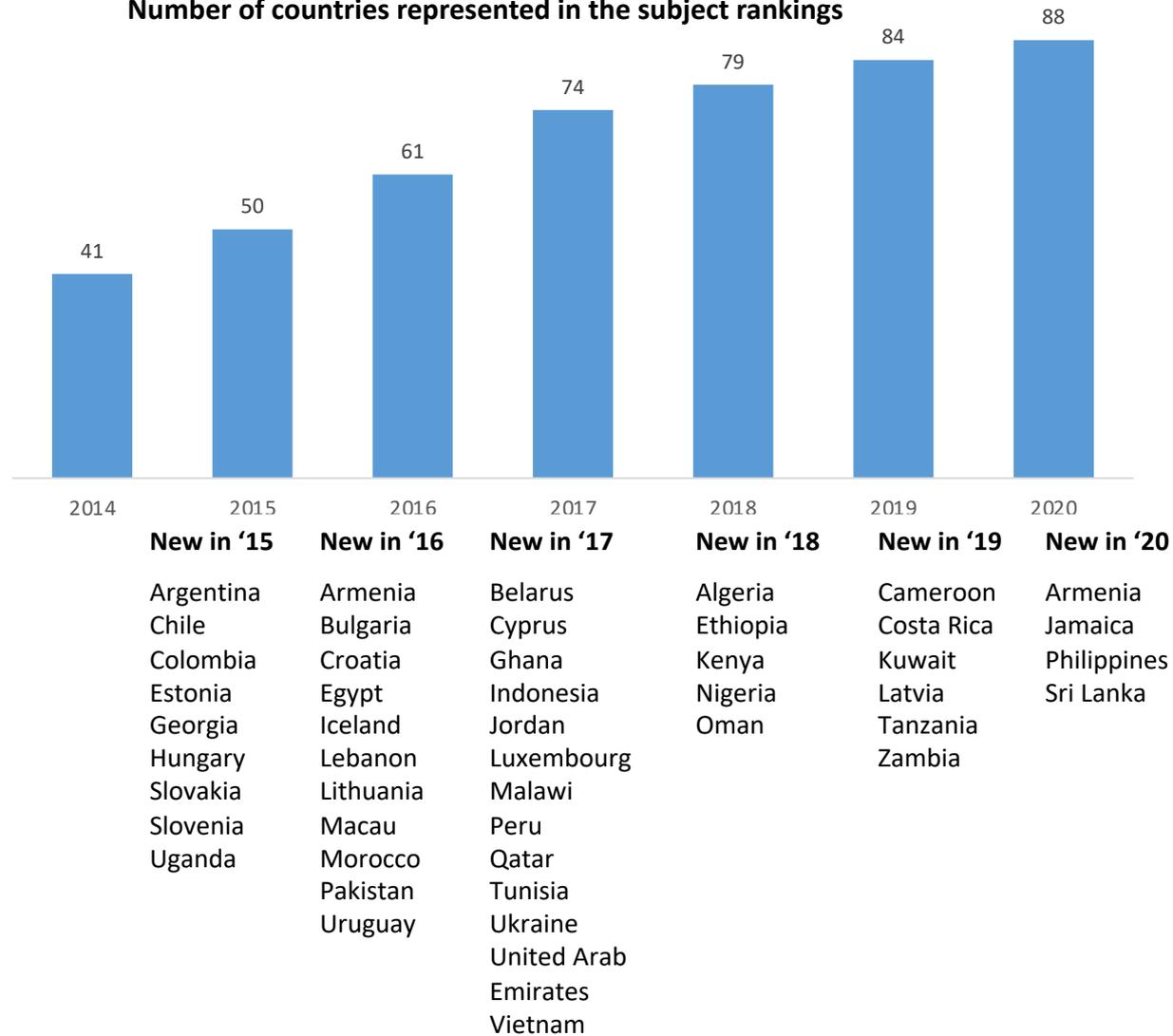
## Top Countries in 38 Subject Rankings

2020 Country Counts for Best Global Universities Subject Rankings out of 12,746 ranked schools

Country	Number of Schools Ranked in Subjects	Percentage of Schools Ranked in Subjects
United States	2965	23.3
China	1488	11.7
United Kingdom	905	7.1
Germany	760	6.0
Italy	538	4.2
Australia	521	4.1
Canada	493	3.9
France	456	3.6
Japan	355	2.8
Spain	351	2.8
South Korea	324	2.5
Netherlands	273	2.1
Brazil	231	1.8
Sweden	196	1.5
Switzerland	183	1.4
Belgium	181	1.4
Iran	170	1.3
India	149	1.2
Taiwan	126	1.0
Hong Kong	119	0.9
Israel	119	0.9
Portugal	117	0.9
Denmark	116	0.9
Finland	114	0.9

## Growth in Subject Rankings

Number of countries represented in the subject rankings

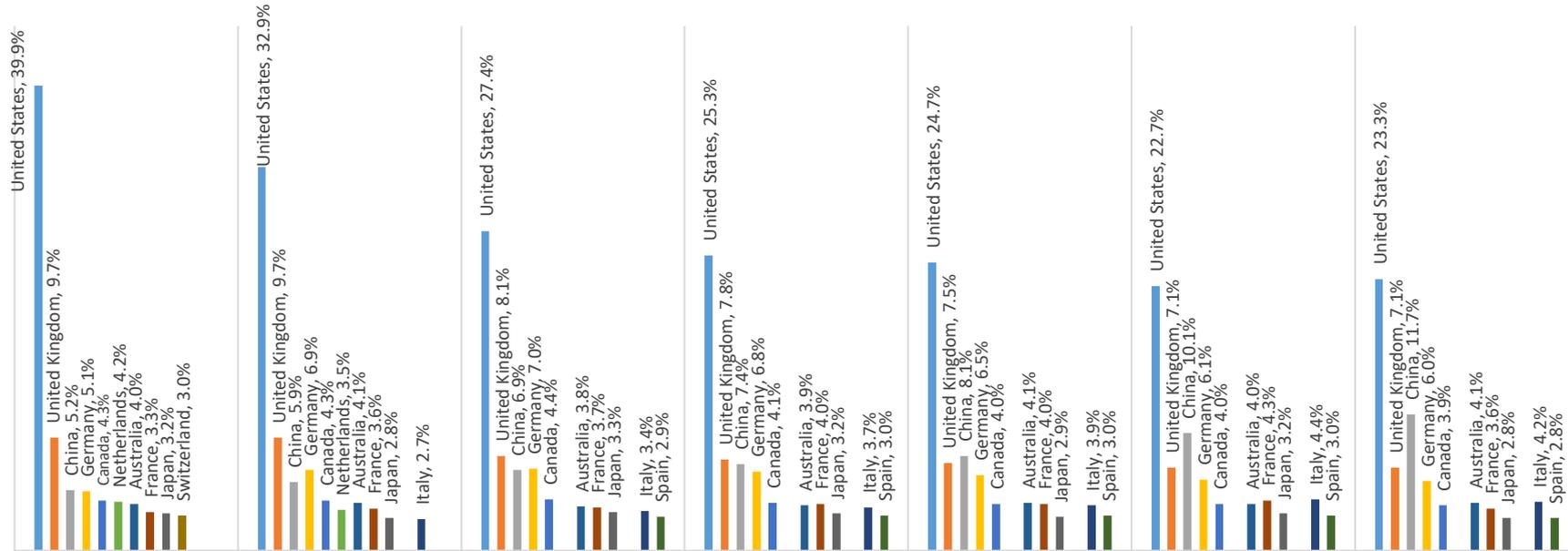


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# Best Global Universities rankings

## Top 10 Countries in Subject Rankings



United States	39.9%	32.9%	27.4%	25.3%	24.7%	22.7%	23.3%
United Kingdom	9.7%	9.7%	8.1%	7.8%	7.5%	7.1%	7.1%
China	5.2%	5.9%	6.9%	7.4%	8.1%	10.1%	11.7%
Germany	5.1%	6.9%	7.0%	6.8%	6.5%	6.1%	6.0%
Canada	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	3.9%
Netherlands	4.2%	3.5%					
Australia	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%
France	3.3%	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%
Japan	3.2%	2.8%	3.3%	3.2%	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%
Switzerland	3.0%						
Italy		2.7%	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	4.4%	4.2%
Spain			2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.8%

# Best Global Universities rankings

## 2020 Best Global: Top Schools in each of the 38 Subject Rankings

Subject	University Name	Country
Agricultural Sciences	Wageningen University & Research	Netherlands
Arts & Humanities	University of Oxford	United Kingdom
Biology & Biochemistry	Harvard University	United States
Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology	Harvard University	United States
Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems	Harvard University	United States
Cell Biology	Harvard University	United States
Chemical Engineering	Tsinghua University	China
Chemistry	University of California Berkeley	United States
Civil Engineering	Tongji University	China
Clinical Medicine	Harvard University	United States
Computer Science	Stanford University	United States
Economics & Business	Harvard University	United States
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Tsinghua University	China
Endocrinology & Metabolism	Harvard University	United States
Energy & Fuels	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
Engineering	Tsinghua University	China
Environment/Ecology	Harvard University	United States
Gastroenterology & Hepatology	University of California San Diego	United States
Geosciences	California Institute of Technology	United States
Immunology	Harvard University	United States
Infectious Diseases	Harvard University	United States
Materials Science	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
Mathematics	Sorbonne Universite	France
Mechanical Engineering	Islamic Azad University	Iran
Microbiology	Harvard University	United States
Molecular Biology & Genetics	Harvard University	United States
Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
Neuroscience & Behavior	Harvard University	United States
Oncology	Harvard University	United States
Pharmacology & Toxicology	Harvard University	United States
Physics	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	United States
Plant & Animal Science	University of California Davis	United States
Psychiatry/Psychology	Harvard University	United States
Public, Environmental & Occupational Health	Harvard University	United States
Radiology, Nuclear Medicine & Medical Imaging	Harvard University	United States
Social Sciences and Public Health	Harvard University	United States
Space Science	California Institute of Technology	United States
Surgery	Harvard University	United States

## Top Universities in 38 Subject Rankings

Name	Number of Subject Rankings
KU Leuven	38
McGill University	38
Monash University	38
University of New South Wales Sydney	38
University of Sydney	38
University of Toronto	38
Stanford University	37
University of Cambridge	37
University of Melbourne	37
University of Michigan	37
Cornell University	36
Ghent University	36
Imperial College London	36
National University of Singapore	36
Ohio State University	36
Pennsylvania State University	36
University College London	36
University of British Columbia	36
University of California Davis	36
University of Hong Kong	36
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	36
University of Oxford	36
Peking University	35
Sapienza University Rome	35
Seoul National University (SNU)	35
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	35
Sorbonne Universite	35
University of Alberta	35
University of California San Diego	35
University of Chicago	35
University of Florida	35
University of Nottingham	35
University of Queensland	35
University of Tokyo	35



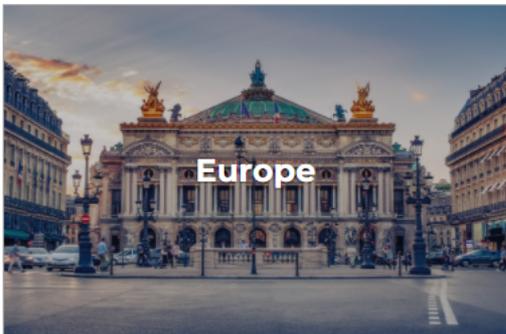
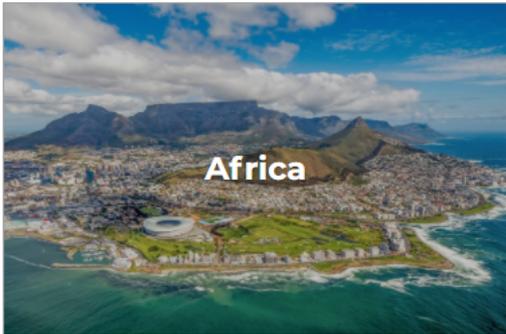
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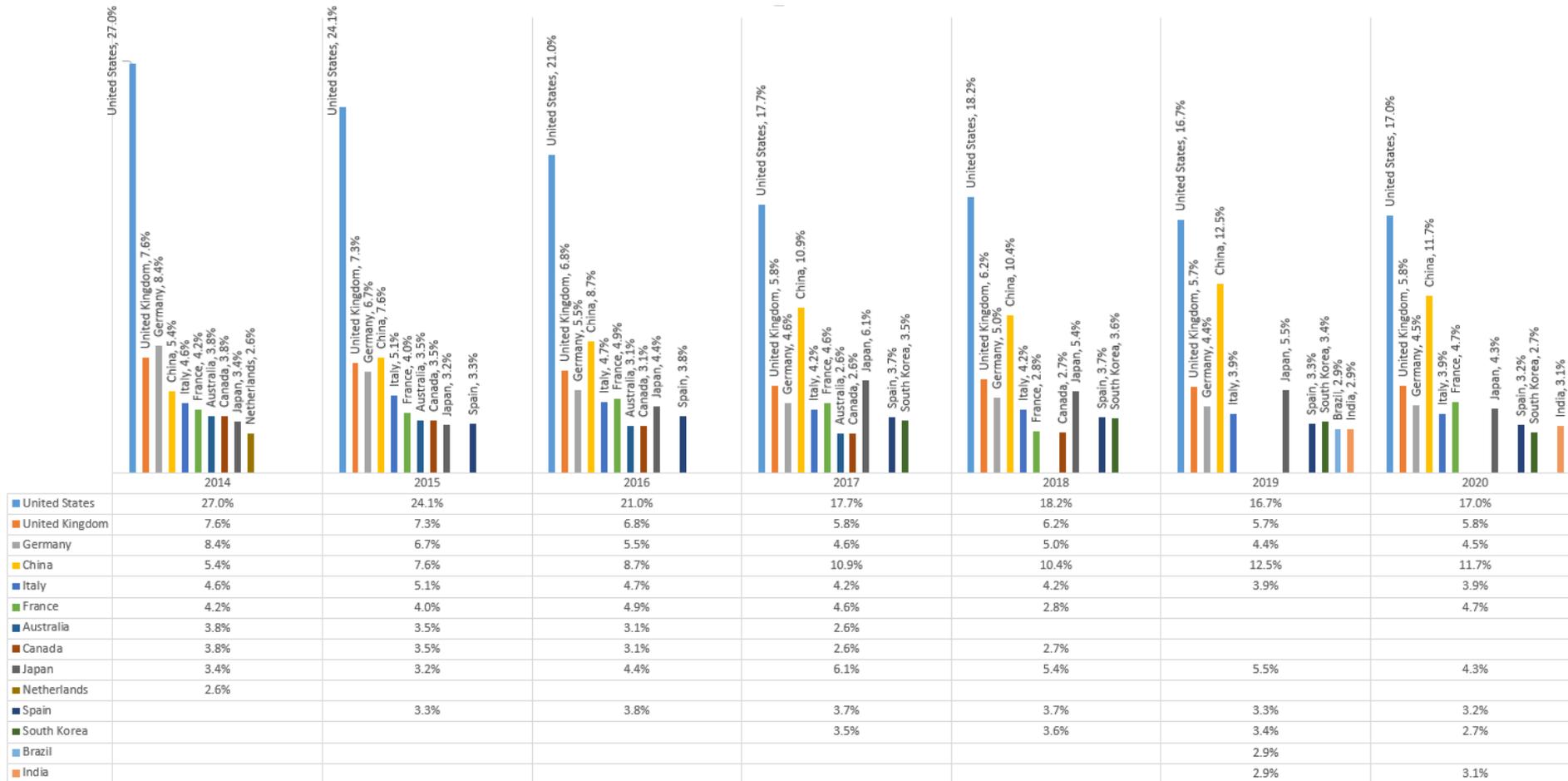
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## REGIONAL RANKINGS



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## Top 10 Countries in Overall Rankings



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Hard Sciences Major Subjects	Hard Sciences Minor subjects	Soft Sciences Major Subjects	Soft Sciences Minor Subjects	Other Subjects
Agricultural Sciences	<b>Biotechnology &amp; Applied Microbiology (new)</b>	Economics & Business	<b>Chemical Engineering (new)</b>	Computer Science
Biology & Biochemistry	Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems	Mathematics	Civil Engineering	Engineering
Chemistry	<b>Cell Biology (new)</b>	Social Sciences and Public Health	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Arts & Humanities
Clinical Medicine	<b>Endocrinology &amp; Metabolism (new)</b>		<b>Energy &amp; Fuels (new)</b>	
Environment/Ecology	<b>Gastroenterology &amp; Hepatology (new)</b>		Mechanical Engineering	
Geosciences	<b>Infectious Diseases (new)</b>		<b>Public, Environmental &amp; Occupational Health (new)</b>	
Immunology	Oncology		<b>Nanoscience &amp; Nanotechnology (new)</b>	
Materials Science	<b>Radiology, Nuclear Medicine &amp; Medical Imaging (new)</b>			
Microbiology	Surgery			
Molecular Biology & Genetics				
Neuroscience & Behavior				
Pharmacology & Toxicology				
Physics				
Plant & Animal Science				
Psychiatry/Psychology				
Space Science				