

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NUMBERS



19%

International students (EU and non-EU) make up a significant proportion of the UK university student population. In 2014–15 they accounted for **19%** of all students registered at UK universities, some **437,000**.

UK EXPORT EARNINGS



£10.8bn

International students are good for the British economy. In 2014–15 they were responsible for **£10.8 billion** of UK export earnings.

TAX CONTRIBUTION

The economic activity and employment sustained by international students' subsistence spending generated **£1 billion** in tax revenues in 2014–15 – equivalent to the salaries of **31,700 nurses** or **25,000 police officers**.

OFF-CAMPUS EXPENDITURE



£5.4bn

Spending by international students benefits businesses all over Britain. As well as what they spend on university fees and accommodation, in 2014–15 international students spent **£5.4 billion** off-campus on goods and services.



JOBS GENERATED

206,600



Spending by international students supports jobs all over Britain. In 2014–15 they supported **206,600** jobs nationally.

OUTPUT GENERATED

£25.8bn

On- and off-campus spending by international students and their visitors generated **£25.8 billion** in gross output in the UK in 2014–15 – equivalent to a **£13.8 billion** contribution to GDP.



BOOSTING OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY



International students are not just an economic asset to the higher education sector: they also boost other British industries. For example, in 2014–15 their off-campus spending added **£750 million** to the UK transport industry and **£690 million** to the retail industry.

