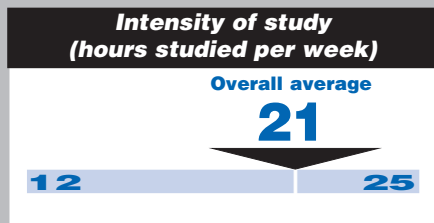
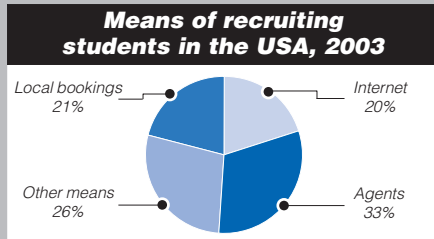


Status: USA 2003

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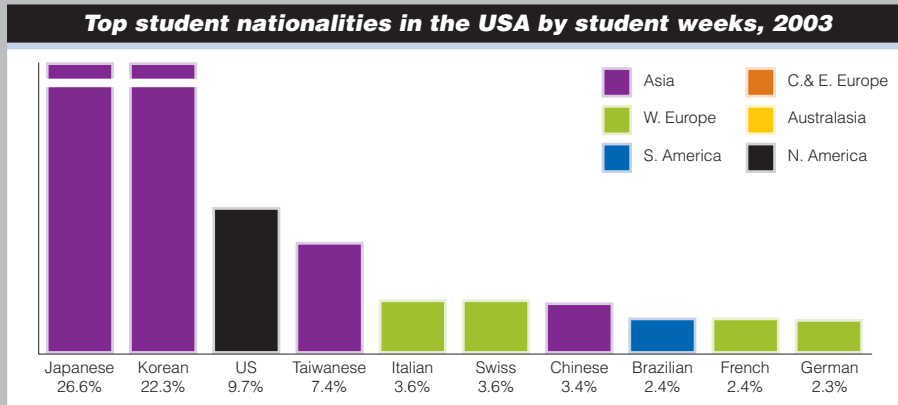
If you would like to see the complete breakdown of data, including marketing spend per region and marketing budget analysis, and you are an agent (or a school that has completed or intends to complete the Status survey), please send us an email containing "Status survey web address" in the subject heading. We will then forward the web address to you.



Key points

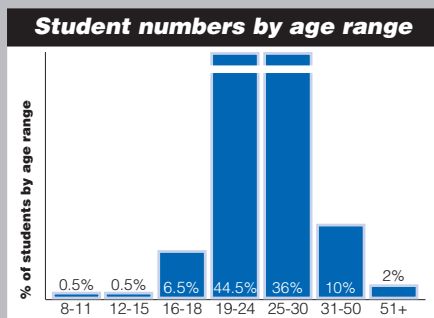
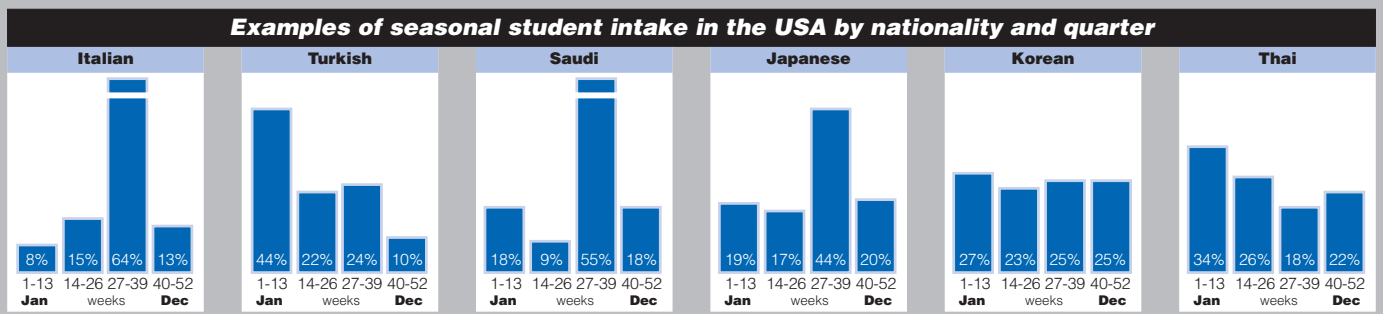
- No. of participating organisations in the US survey: **19**
- Total no. of students at the 18 organisations in 2003: **18,282**
- Total no. of student weeks in 2003, estimated: **212,071**
- Overall average length of stay in weeks: **11.6**
- Average cost of a one-month course, excluding accommodation: **US\$864**
- Average cost of residential accommodation per week: **US\$201**
- Average cost of host family accommodation per week: **US\$203**
- Average commission paid on a language course: **15 per cent** (from 0 to 25)
- **One** institution paid commission on accommodation

*For currency conversion rate, see page 6.



Observations

- Japanese and Koreans remain the two most significant nationalities studying in the USA, by quite a sizeable margin. A high number of local bookings from US-based students also figured in this survey. Italians were more prominent this year, in fifth position, up from tenth position last year (see LTM, December 2003, page 40).
- The average length of stay has decreased slightly, down to 11.8 weeks from 15 weeks last year. However, typical prices for tuition and accommodation have not changed year on year.
- Agent usage seems to have increased, with agents accounting for one-third of all bookings, which is an increase on the 22% recorded last year. This is still low when compared with some countries such as Australia, where nearly two-thirds of bookings came via agents (see LTM, June 2004, page 44).



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Next month: Italy