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## NUMBER AND TRENDS OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

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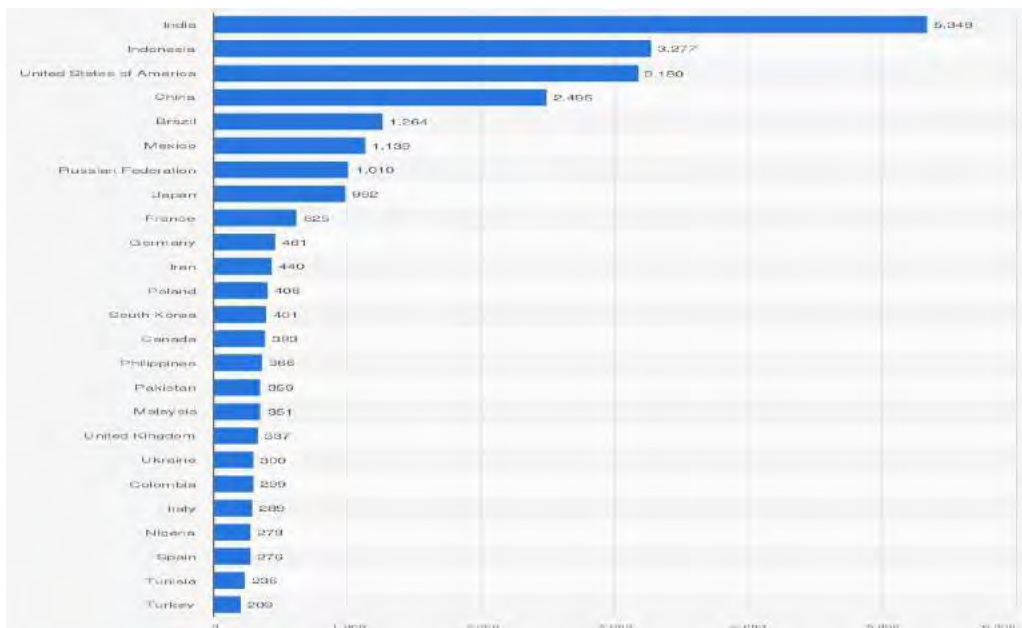
**Abstract:** Nowadays, education has become the key factor in reaching success in life. Education, science and research are very important in creation of qualitative and strong economy of every country. Every state in the world has its own education policy. Different types of strategy modify state and quality of education. Universities are the highest education, scientific and art institutions. The quality of higher education is one of the main criteria in moving borders and improving itself on the world` s market. University education has to reflect the market requirements and to break the new ground for the education in the scientific sphere. Universities support creativity of students as well as teachers.

**Key words:** globalization, social threats, education, higher education, science

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Globalization influences our daily life and we can range non-qualitative education or weak country education among the main global and social threats, as these aspects can mainly influence formation of the particular country in the economic as well as geopolitical field. We can state that globalization or geopolitics can strongly influence science, research and technological innovations [1]. Nowadays, education has become the key factor in reaching success in life. Education, science and research are very important in creation of qualitative and strong economy of every country. The quality of education and science is a very important condition for the development of not only a particular individual but also the whole society and therefore the existence of universities has non-substitutable meaning.

Every state has its own education policy and it deals with the question of the state of its educational system that has an impact on the whole society mainly in the field of economy, culture and social development of a country. Universities are the highest education, scientific and art institutions. University education is provided full time, external or distant way. A student has the possibility to choose the study program as well as the level of degree that he or she would like to study. The phenomenon where citizens and high-qualified people from European Union or USA leave the country due to the economic or technological factors and go to Arabic or Asian countries is nowadays a trend. One of the main reasons is a salary and education of these people in the particular countries [2]. Therefore higher education has to be as qualitative as possible within the scope of its present possibilities just because of the fact that a man has the right to get as qualitative education as possible, because his own future relies on him to certain extent.

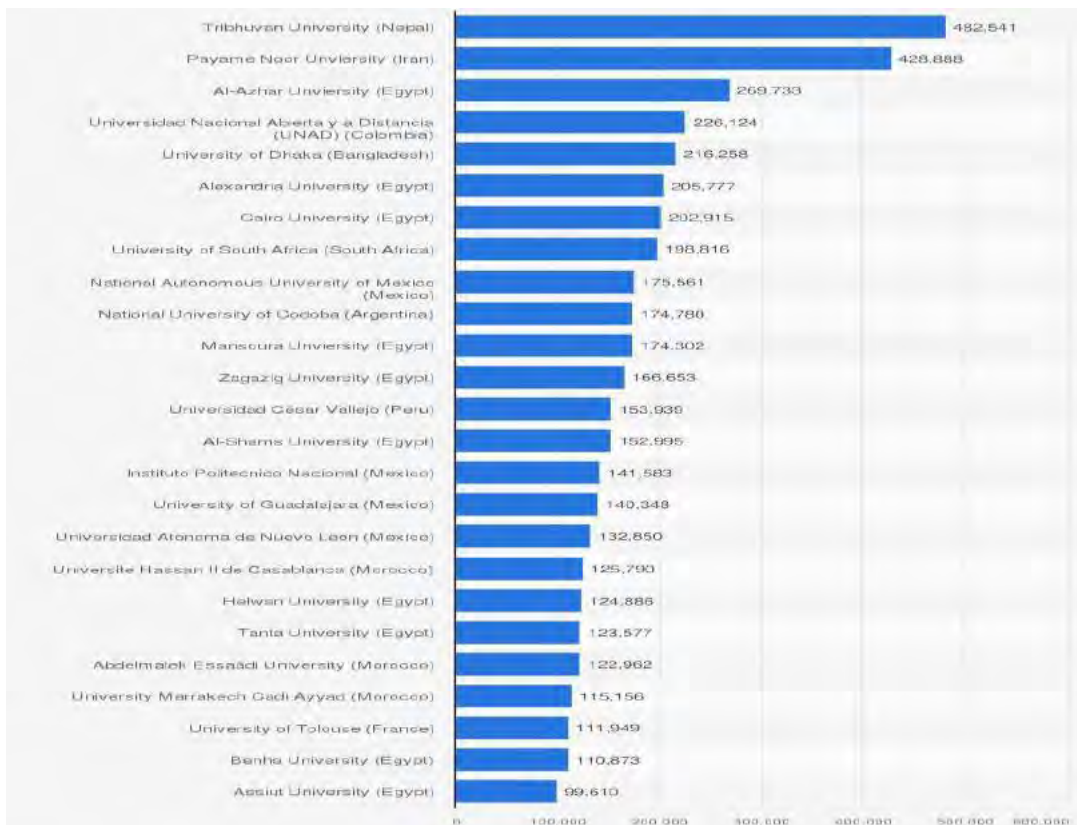


Picture 1: Estimated number of universities worldwide as of 2023, by country

As we can see in the graph, India has the most universities in the world. According to 2023 data, there were an estimated 5,350 universities in India. Indonesia had the second largest number of universities with 3,300, followed by the United States with 3,200.

## 2. UNIVERSITIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS WORLDWIDE

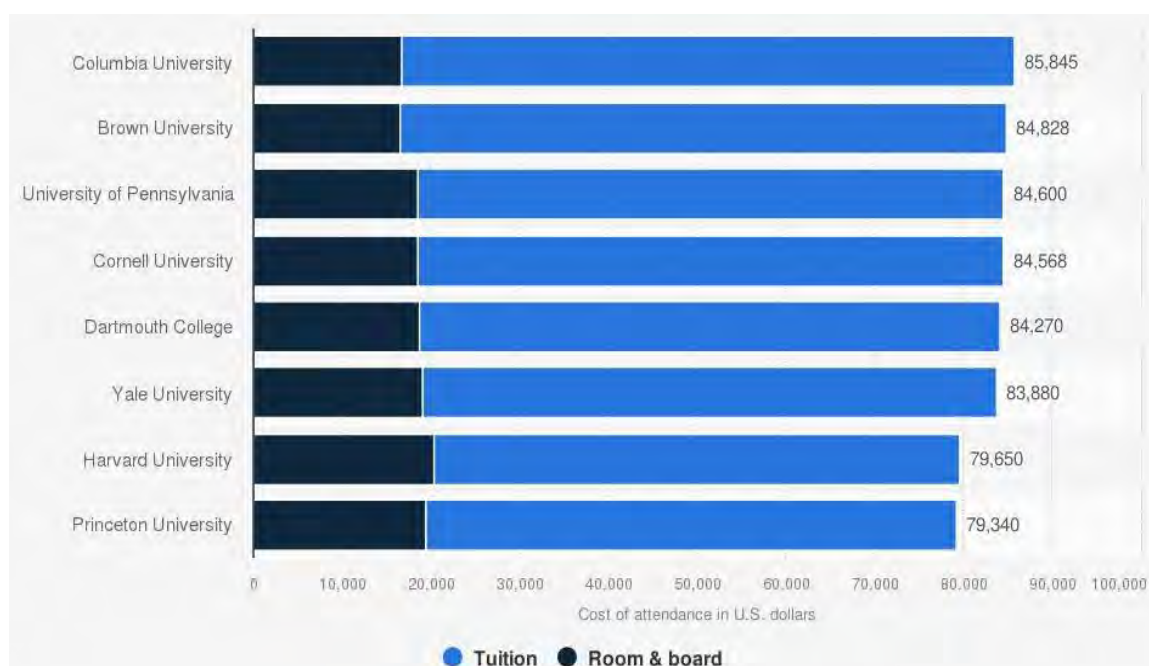
The quality of higher education is one of the key criteria in moving borders and improving itself on the world’s market. Higher education has to reflect the market requirements and specially to break the ground for education in the scientific sphere. Universities represent the highest education possible and support the creativity of students as well as teachers and create the convenient environment for their creative activity.



*Picture 2: Universities with the highest number of full-time students worldwide 2023/24, according to Times Higher Education*

As of the academic year 2023/24, the Tribhuvan University in Nepal had the highest number of registered students in terms of full-time equivalents worldwide, reaching 482,000 students. The Payame Noor University in Iran and Al-Azhar University in Egypt, who followed on the places behind, had approximately 430,000 and 270,000 registered students, respectively. A high number of the universities with the highest number of students in the world are located in Egypt.

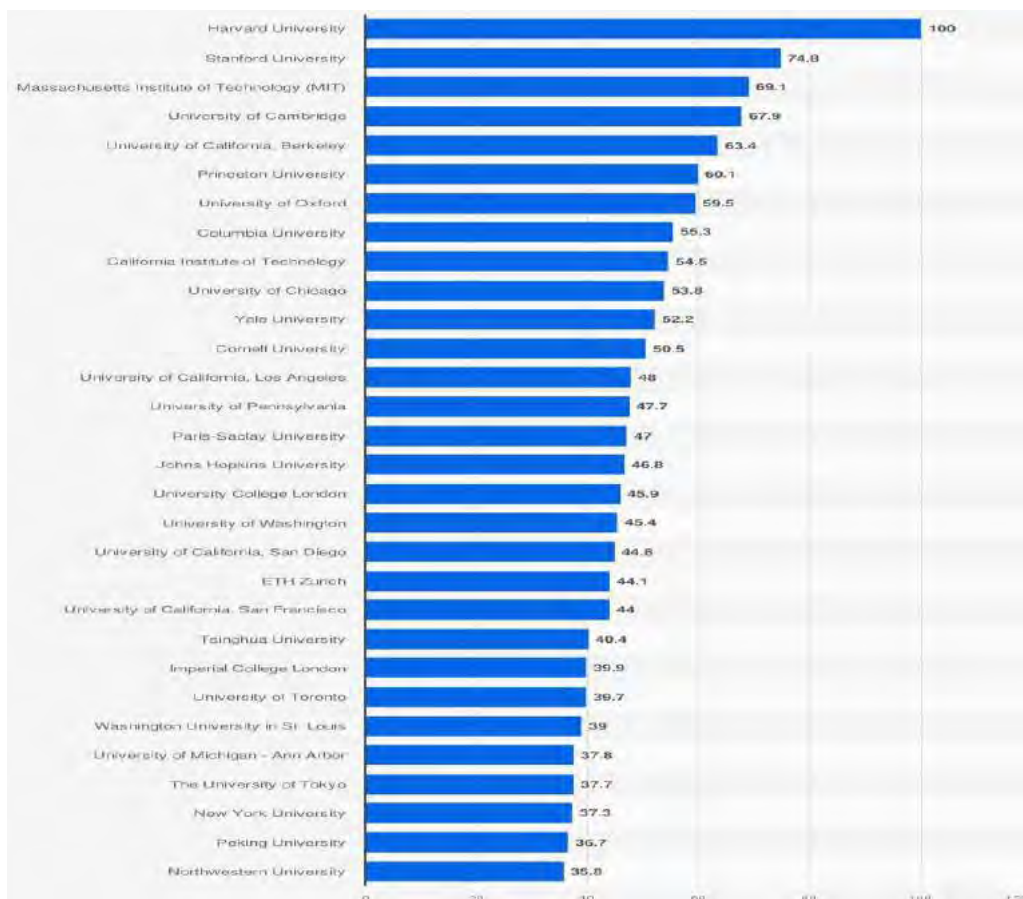
Nowadays, it is not worth in performance to count with the fact that young scientific employees will stay in the country which does not provide technical facilities or finances for higher education. Leaving of young intellectuals to the world is the biggest threat for the existence of any country. Universities that are financed by the state, the academic life is a subject to the principles of a municipality and students and teachers are the most important people. These principles were present also at the formation of first universities in USA which later became elite private universities. Financing of students now consists of the financial support from the state budget as scholarships and private financial resources by themselves.



*Picture 3: Cost of undergraduate tuition, room and board at Ivy League schools for the academic year 2023-2024(in U.S. dollars)*

In the academic year of 2023/2024, tuition at Columbia University cost 69,045 U.S. dollars, including mandatory fees, and room and board amounted to 16,800 U.S. dollars, making it the most expensive school in the Ivy League. Brown University followed closely behind, with tuition and mandatory fees of 68,230 U.S. dollars and room and board of 16,598 U.S. dollars.

Different types of criteria modify state and quality of education. The quality of universities is important not only for the school itself as it shows its defects and space for improvements but also for the public that has a decision task in the choice of the convenient education institution according to the given results that are reached, Shanghai ranking (Academic Ranking of World Universities 2010) – Chinese list of 500 world universities. The criteria include also number of Nobel Prize winners or winners of Fields medal except of quotations.



Picture 4: The 2023 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

Harvard University was the top-ranked university in the world in 2023 with a score of 100 according to the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy group. Out of the top 30 ranked universities, the United States had 20 different universities on the list. Harvard University is by far the most prestigious university in the United States. Out of thousands of higher education institutions in the United States, Harvard is even more exceptional for producing both the most presidents and the most billionaires. Attending college is typically seen as giving attendees a leg up in society, although the high cost of attendance can sometimes negate this effect.

### 3. CONCLUSION

In the whole world, universities are the highest education, scientific and art institutions. It is not possible without the strong position and scientific and research approach for the country to be able to keep the trend with the strong countries. To make the education more qualitative and to follow reaching better results in science and research, this is the only way to raise economic objectives of country. Teachers that remain to perform in education facilities will have to become leaders or models for young people who they educate.

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