

UZBEKISTAN

GEOPOLITICAL BACKGROUND

At this stage, Uzbekistan is experiencing the transition period, the priority is to ensure macroeconomic stability in the society to accelerate market reforms, further economic growth, is the foundation of the prosperity of the country state. I believe that Uzbekistan is designed to be an engine of regional cooperation in Central Asia. This is a critical state, which depends critically on the geopolitical situation in the region. Uzbekistan is occupying not only a strategic location in the region but also has high economic potential and growing population. Today Central Asia is covered by large-scale economic reforms. Uzbekistan as of 1 January 2015 amounted to 31 million 25.5 thousand, an increase of 532.7 thousand people or 1.7% from the previous year 2014. The majority of the population is between 25-54 years: 43%; and 1-14 years: 24.9%.

The enormous demand for higher education has been the topic of discussions for many years. Local demand for higher education outnumbers supply capabilities in Uzbekistan. Unprecedented steps have been implemented to meet the application request, but as the population is on the rise, those steps are not sufficient.

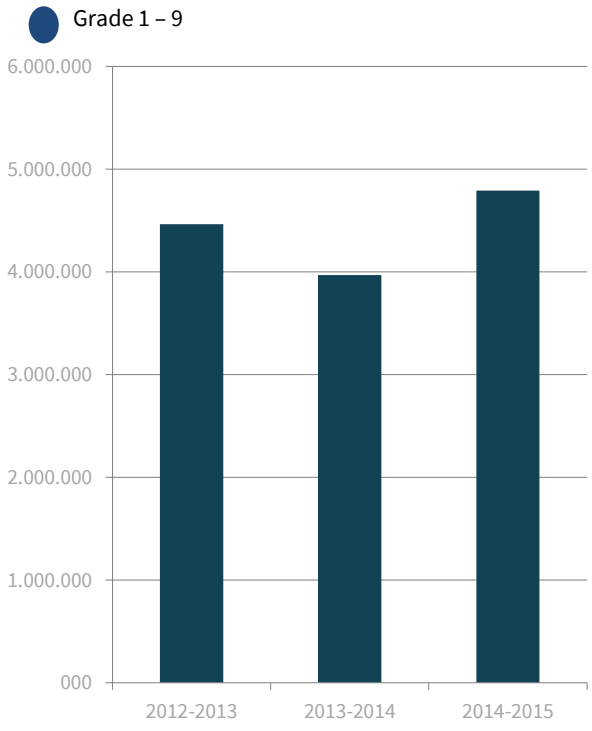
There are more than 84 universities in Uzbekistan. The courses are taught in Russian and Uzbek languages. Just a few providers offer courses entirely in English. At this moment, we see the highest demand for higher education: 483,000 in 2013, 543,100 in 2014 and 605,800 in 2015 respectively.

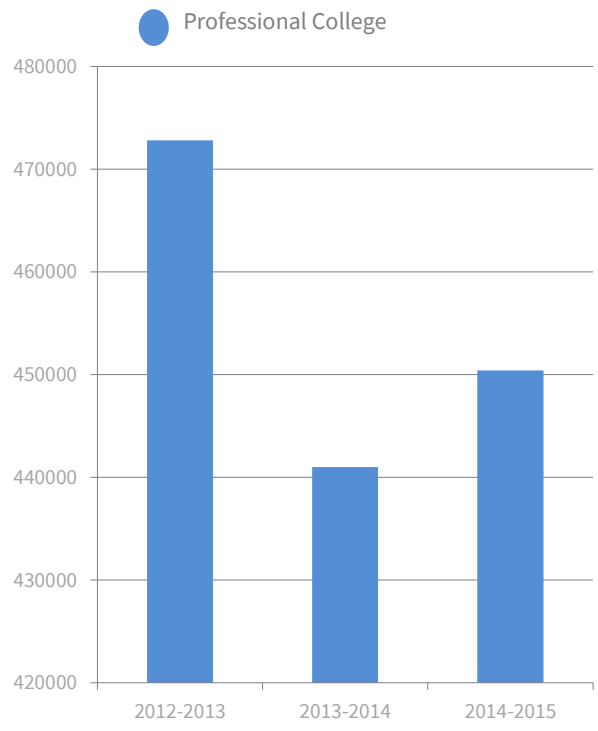
The state and private educators cannot supply this massive demand. In Uzbekistan, only 10% of applicants are admitted to the higher education sector.
Nearly 35,000 students studying abroad and enrolled in various programs full-time. This number is relatively small and leaves the enormous possibilities for international study recruitment.

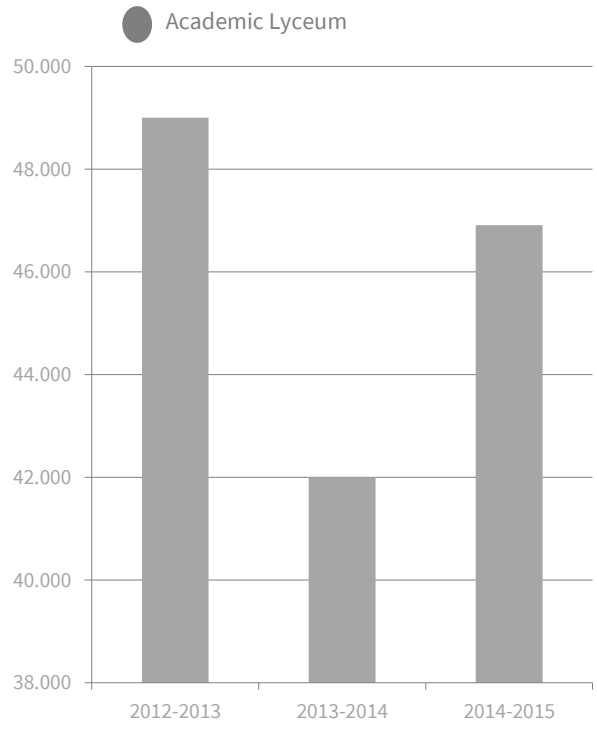
2014 and 2015 saw the rise of application pools to Baltic Region Universities. Students from Uzbekistan quickly became the third largest group by region after Germany and Norway. The Uzbek market is open to all possibilities.

Educational Market Size

Comparison chart of students enrolled full-time at various levels of the education system in Uzbekistan. The top three tiers include Primary School, Secondary School and Vocational Education System.



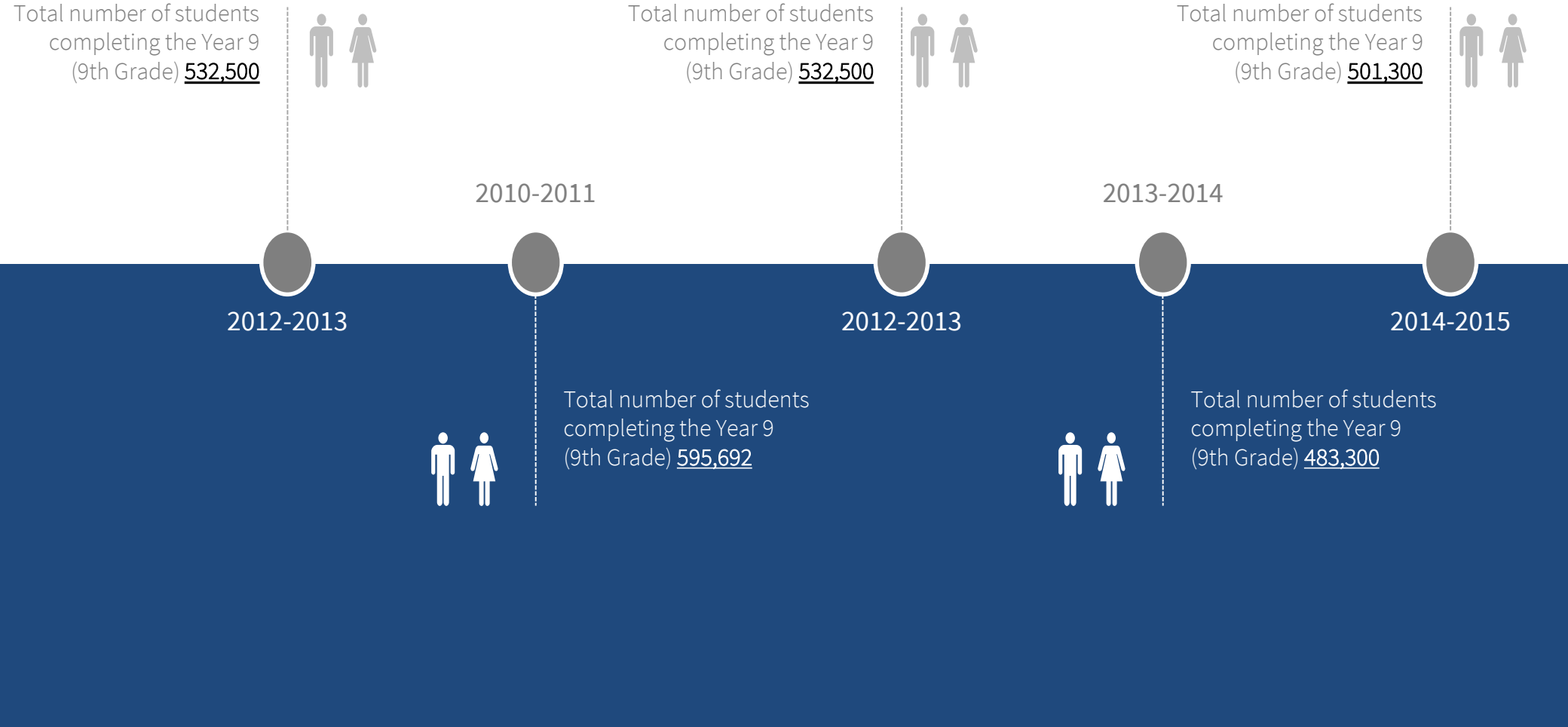




The record number of applicants have been registered to enter local universities in 2015 - > 600,000 students.

Total number of students completing Grade 9

Year-by-year chart.



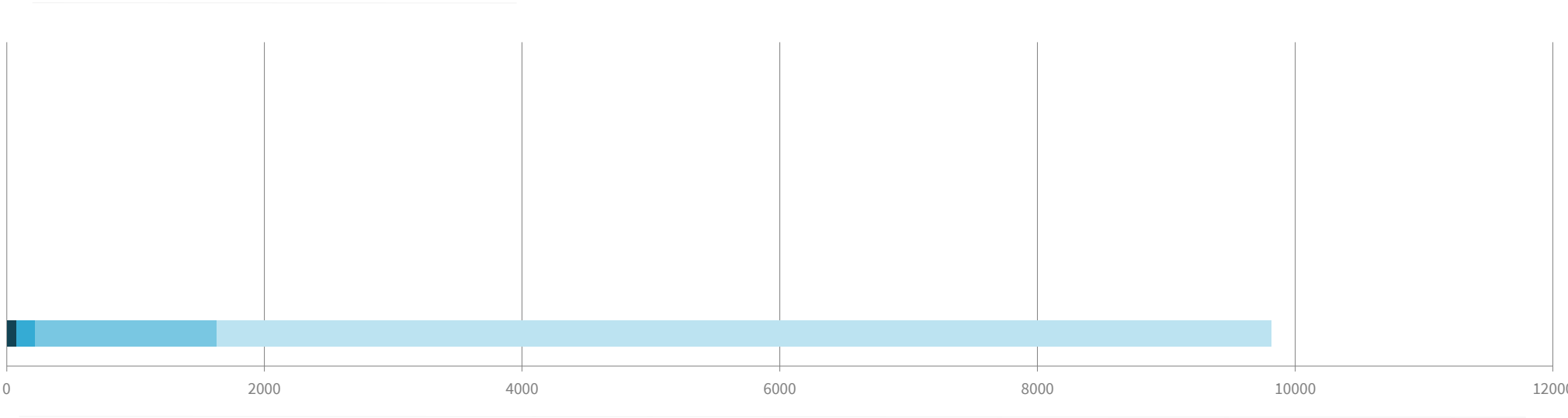
The outline of education providers in Uzbekistan

Higher Education Providers
84

Academic Lyceums
143

Professional Colleges
1412

High Schools
8184



Above is a number of educational institutions in various levels of education in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Most of them are administered by the state.

Education System in Uzbekistan

The Academic Lyceum	→	Associate Degree (USA) Undergraduate Degree (USA, Canada) Foundation before UG (UK) Foundation before UG (Australia)
Professional College	→	Associate Degree (USA) Undergraduate Degree (USA, Canada) Foundation before UG (UK) Foundation before UG (Australia)
British School	→	Undergraduate Degree (USA, Canada, Australia, UK, Europe)
Tashkent International School	→	

Education system in Uzbekistan

Comparison structure

British Schools

In Secondary School, pupils work towards the IGCSE's and A Level examinations. Students in Years 10 and 11 take IGCSEs, a two-year program that is academically rigorous and recognized to be amongst the best in the world for this age group. In Sixth Form, students will work towards obtaining AS and A Level qualifications. A Level is one of the world's most widespread and highly regarded university entrance qualifications.
Academic Year: September – June

American School

Students, who study for the high school diploma, do a foundation prior to their formal courses. Students, who have done the advanced placement test and SAT 1 and II, can gain admission to undergraduate programs. Those opting for the IB Diploma however are eligible to go to the university.
Academic Year: September – June

Local Schools | Government Schools

These schools follow the Uzbekistan Education system. The student does 12 years of school and has external exams in year 9 and 12. Students start with Primary School (Grades 1-4), followed by Secondary School (Grades 5-9) and then either Vocational College or Academic Lyceum (Grades 9-12). The medium of instruction is essentially Uzbek or Russian and the standards fairly high. Students can apply direct to some Universities after year 12, based on their results. In most of the cases, a foundation is needed before the student can enroll for a Bachelor course. Majority of GCC. Nationals study in this Education System.
Academic Year: September – June

Students from above schools have to go through Foundation before they become eligible for Bachelor, after they complete their grade 12 exams. There are some universities in USA, Canada, UK, Australia and Europe that give direct entry to some schools in Uzbekistan. Students need to do twelve years of schooling. After completion of school, these students need to do ENGLISH COURSE or provide their TOEFL/IELTS scores and are usually eligible to apply to the foundations courses.

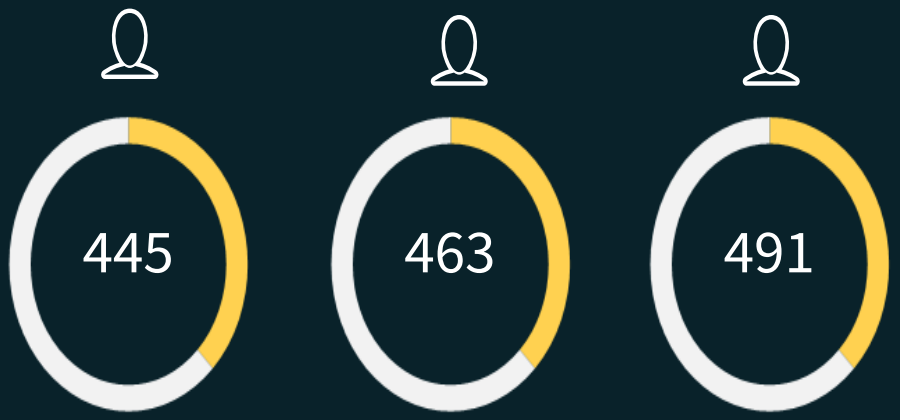
Worldwide distribution of Uzbek students

The number of Uzbek students throughout the world pursuing education outside of their home country.

United States of America

The number of Uzbek students enrolled directly in U.S. programs

The US states that host large numbers of Uzbek students at all levels include Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and California.



2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015

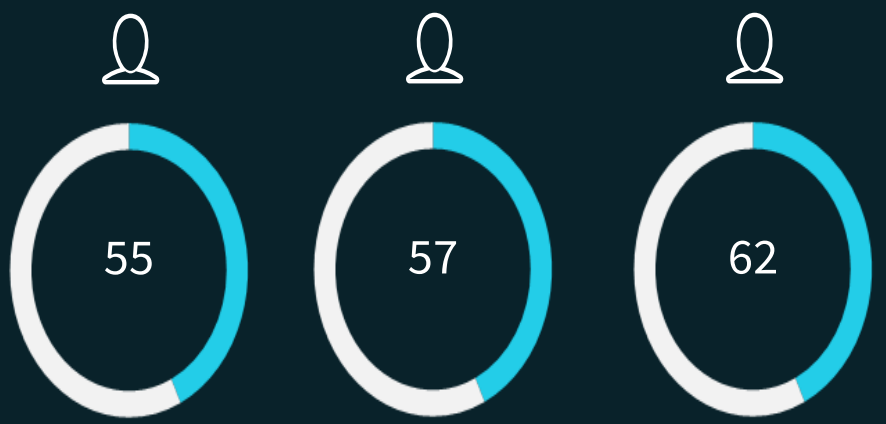
6,5% Increase in student enrollment in the USA

4% Increase in student enrollment in the USA

6% Increase in student enrollment in the USA

Australia

The data below only includes the number of student visas granted.



2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015

Student expectations

Top Ranked Education Providers

13%

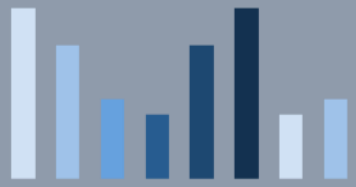
Of respondents are looking to get accepted into Top-Ranked Institutions.



Cost effective study options

58%

Of respondents are likely to apply for alternative options with the small investment. Tuition below 15,000USD.



Graduate Employment Opportunities

29%

Of respondents are definitely will look first at employment rate of university graduates.



The provided data is based on the survey that has been conducted between 2013 – 2015 on a major Education Expo in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The total number of 4,200 qualified respondents submitted their answers. The outline of it is distributed above.

Future Trends

Popular Courses:

Economics, Finance, Business Administration, Humanities, Engineering, Transportation, IT, Medical and Pharmaceutical courses.

Sectors that students enter:

Undergraduate programs are typically the entry points for Uzbek students. 55% typically applies for undergraduate (55%), postgraduate (25%), Ph.D. (5%) and other (15%) courses. Students can choose their program based on their IELTS score and secondary school grades.

Student Profile:

Over 85% of the total students are self-sponsored students, and the remaining percentage are the Scholarship Students (25%).

FORECAST

-  40% Increase

  In enrollmetns to the English Language Courses.

-  70% Increase

  In Undergraduate program enrollment growth

-  30% Increase

  In Postgraduate program enrollment growth