Education Destinations - Student's Perspectives from the UAE and Bahrain

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• UAE and the Increased number of universities and language schools and schools
• Increased monitoring and quality assurance for old and new comers institutions
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UAE Education market

- The education market in UAE is large, we have over a 1000 government schools and over 400 private schools. New schools are being established as we speak especially by GEMS and Taaleem. See link.
- The government is embarking on new strategies for secondary education and all teachers have to be certified and KHDA (the main authority for schools in Dubai has its own test also provides a report on all the schools see the link).
- Abu Dhabi is also making a lot of changes and so far it seems that they are linked with Ireland and using its teaching methodologies (I heard this when I visited Ireland but I cannot find the report for it, could be a secret).
- UAE population had increased to almost 10 million people, and Education is the main industry that needs to cater for this increase.
Bahrain Education market

- Three main bodies control the education system in Bahrain. Mainly the ministry of education (MOE), the education and training quality authority (QQA), and the council for higher education (CHE)
- There are over 200 public schools and 60-70 private schools. There are also about 30 universities and hundreds of training institutes
- The education system is tightly regulated by the ministry
- There is full support from the government to provide funding for establishing new institutions.
- The population in Bahrain is 1.5 million and mostly young population.
Main difference between UAE and Bahrain

• In UAE 9% of the population are local Emirati who depend on the government for their education. However the government doesn’t pay for English language programmes and have limited number of students to UK. Other languages are paid by the government (Chinese, French, Korean, Japanese). Number of scholars are not limited.

• In Bahrain, half the population are Bahraini citizens, and the government has few scholarships mainly to Gulf countries. The people in Bahrain send their children to study abroad and make sure that they have the funding either by savings or by private donor.

• Both countries’ encourage education abroad.

• The students in both countries have English as a second language.

• Most families send their students on summer programmes.
Statistics

• The statistics that will follow are obtained from our own database since 2015
• The students are gained from visits to schools, exhibitions, telephone calls, website enquiries, office walk-ins, referrals, etc.
• We only counsel students that contact us direct, and refrain from using databases provided by other organizations
• The total number of students on these stats are 12000.
• Some students can be from year 9 or 10.
GENDER

MALE - 65%

FEMALE - 35%
NATIONALITY

*Others include Afghanistan, Canada, Libya, Australia, Albania, Algeria, UK, Azerbaijan, Somalia, Kazakhstan, etc.
COUNTRY OF STUDY

- UK - 24%
- USA - 14%
- Australia - 6%
- Canada - 11%
- Europe - 9%
- France - 1%
- Germany - 5%
- Hungary - 1%
- Ireland - 2%
- Malaysia - 2%
- New Zealand - 9%
- Oman - 0%
- Russia - 1%
- Turkey - 2%
- Others - 5%
- UAE - 7%
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LEVEL OF STUDY

- Bachelor's: 41%
- Diploma: 3%
- Foundation: 3%
- Language: 2%
- Master's: 15%
- Other: 29%
- PhD: 2%
- School: 0%
- Short Course: 4%
SPECIALISATION

SCIENCE - 4%
ACCOUNTING / FINANCE - 4%
ARCHITECTURE - 2%
ART / DESIGN - 2%
AVIATION - 6%
BUSINESS / MANAGEMENT / ECONOMICS / MARKETING - 16%
ENGINEERING - 20%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE - 6%
FRENCH / GERMAN / JAPANESE / SPANISH (LANGUAGE) - 1%
IT / COMPUTER SCIENCE - 3%
LAW - 2%
MEDIA / FILM - 2%
MEDICINE / DENTISTRY - 18%
OTHERS* - 17%

*Others include Psychometric Testing, Education, Culinary Arts, Hospitality & Tourism.