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- The Department of State wishes to thank the Rotary organizations for your commitment to international exchange and commend your continued fine work in providing exchange opportunities to so many students from around the world. Through your commitment to exchange you change the lives of students, as well as the lives of their families and of the American families who so generously support the program.

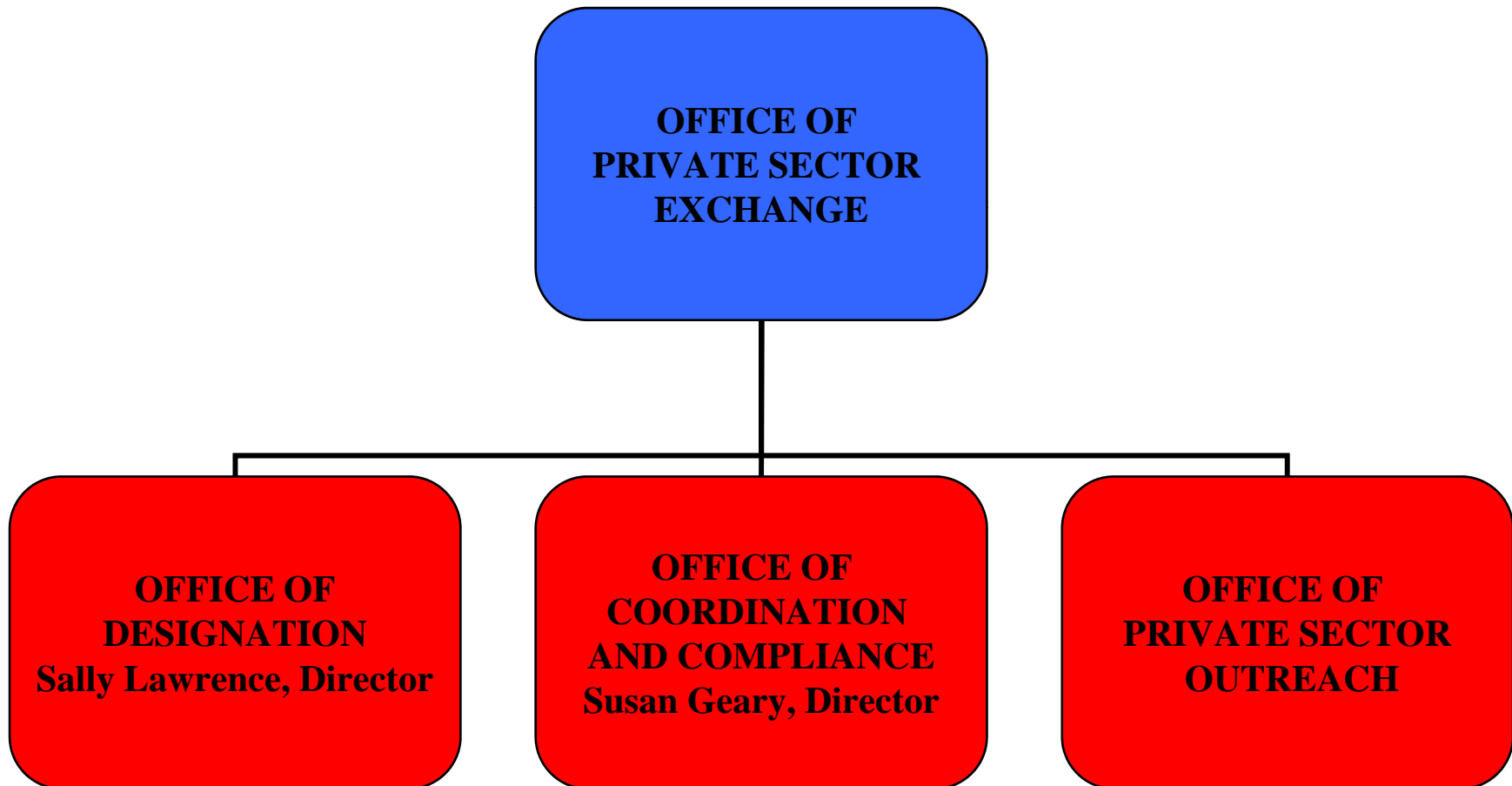


OFFICE REORGANIZATION

- Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation has been renamed and given expanded responsibilities
- The new Office of Private Sector Exchange operates under the leadership of Deputy Assistant Secretary Stanley Colvin.

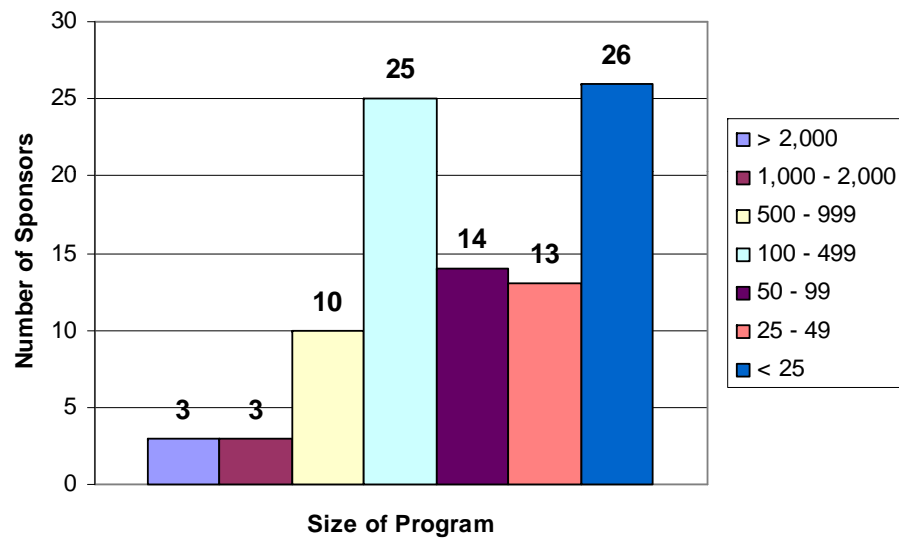


Stanley Colvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary

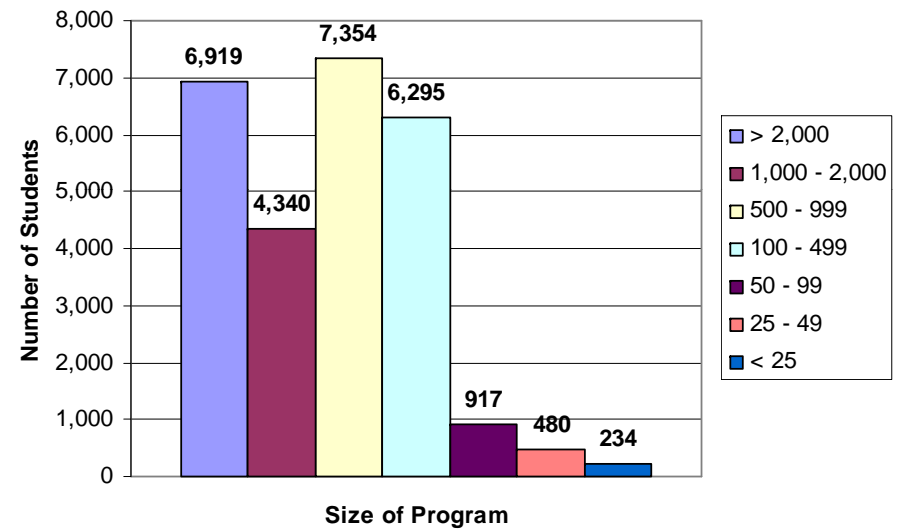




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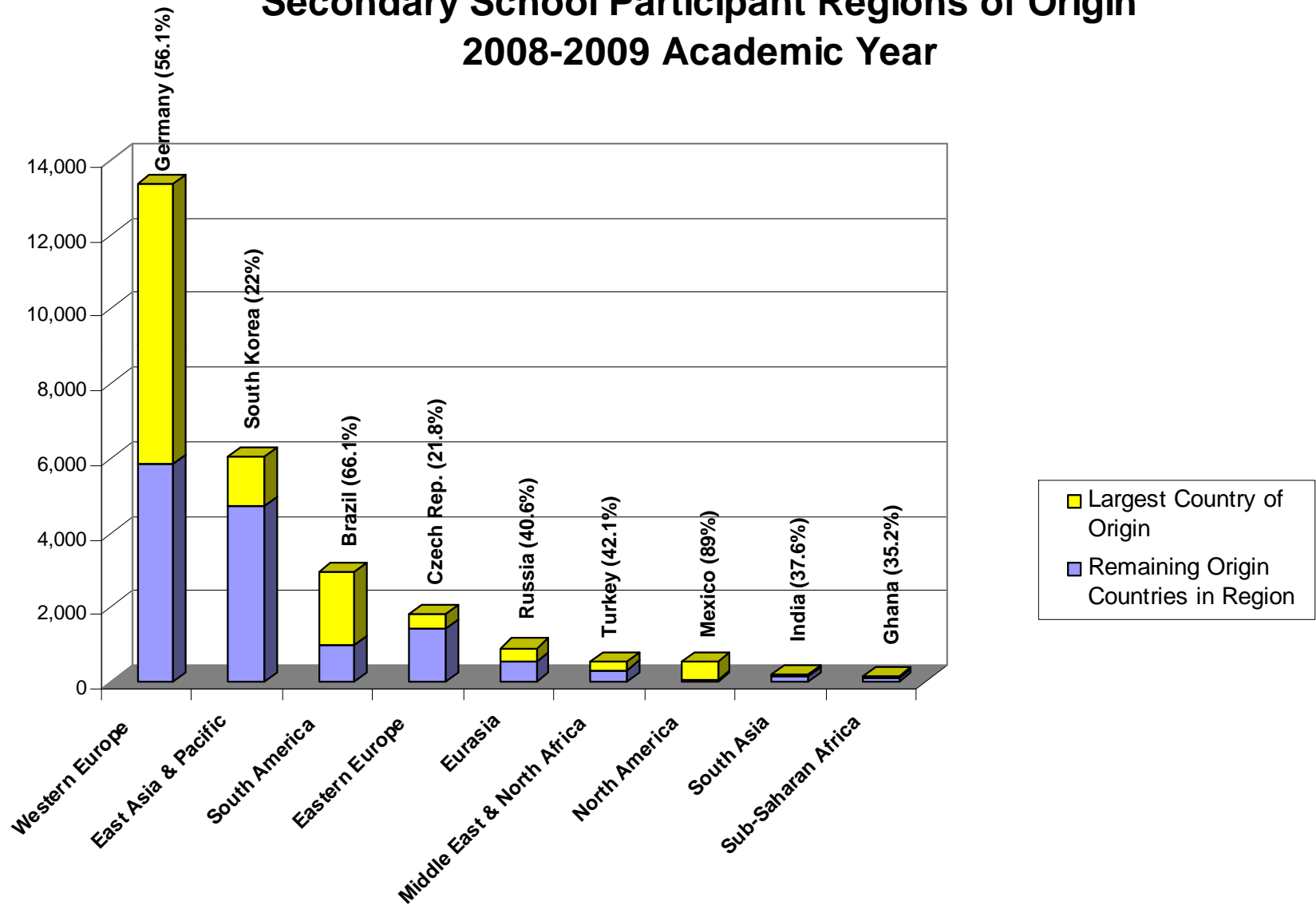


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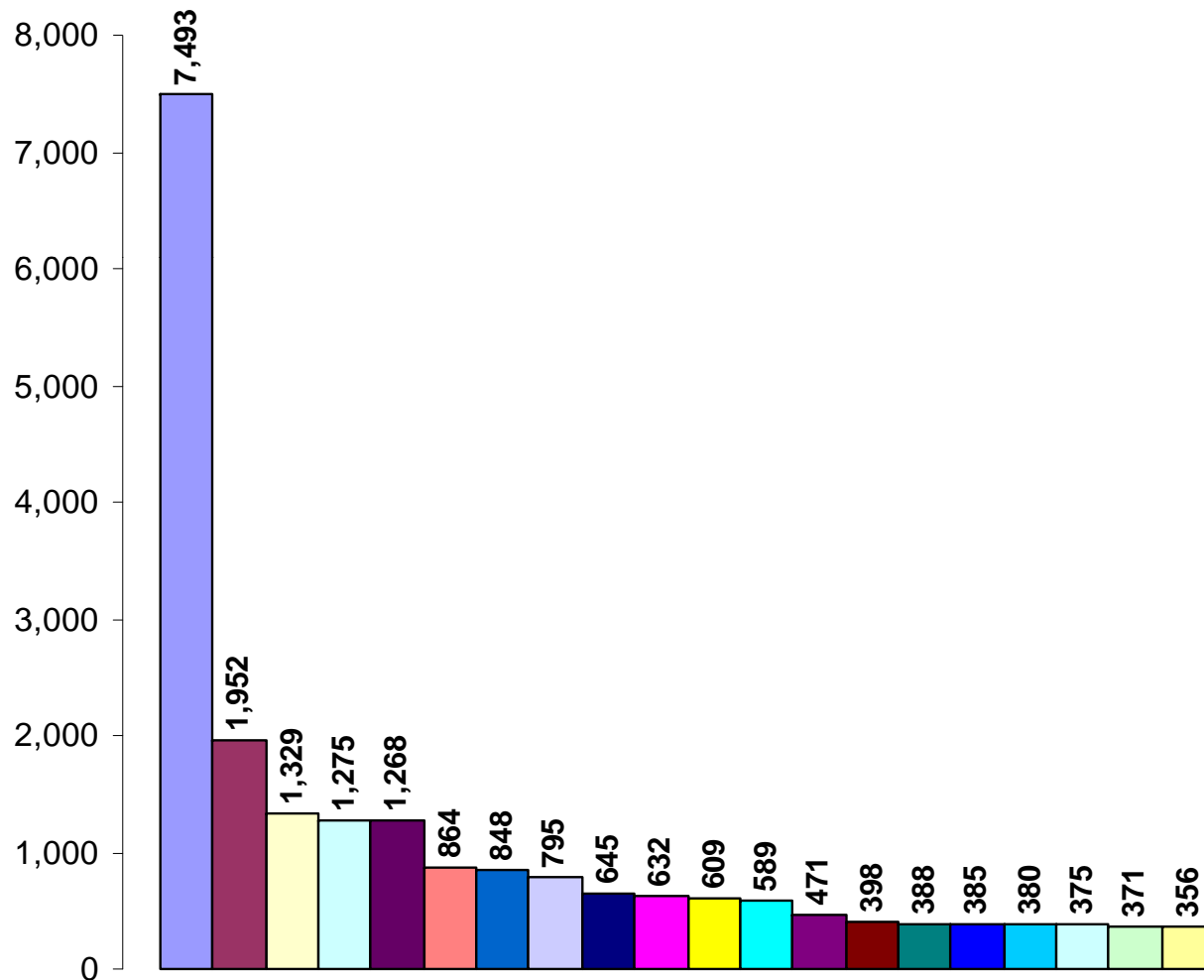


Secondary School Participant Regions of Origin 2008-2009 Academic Year

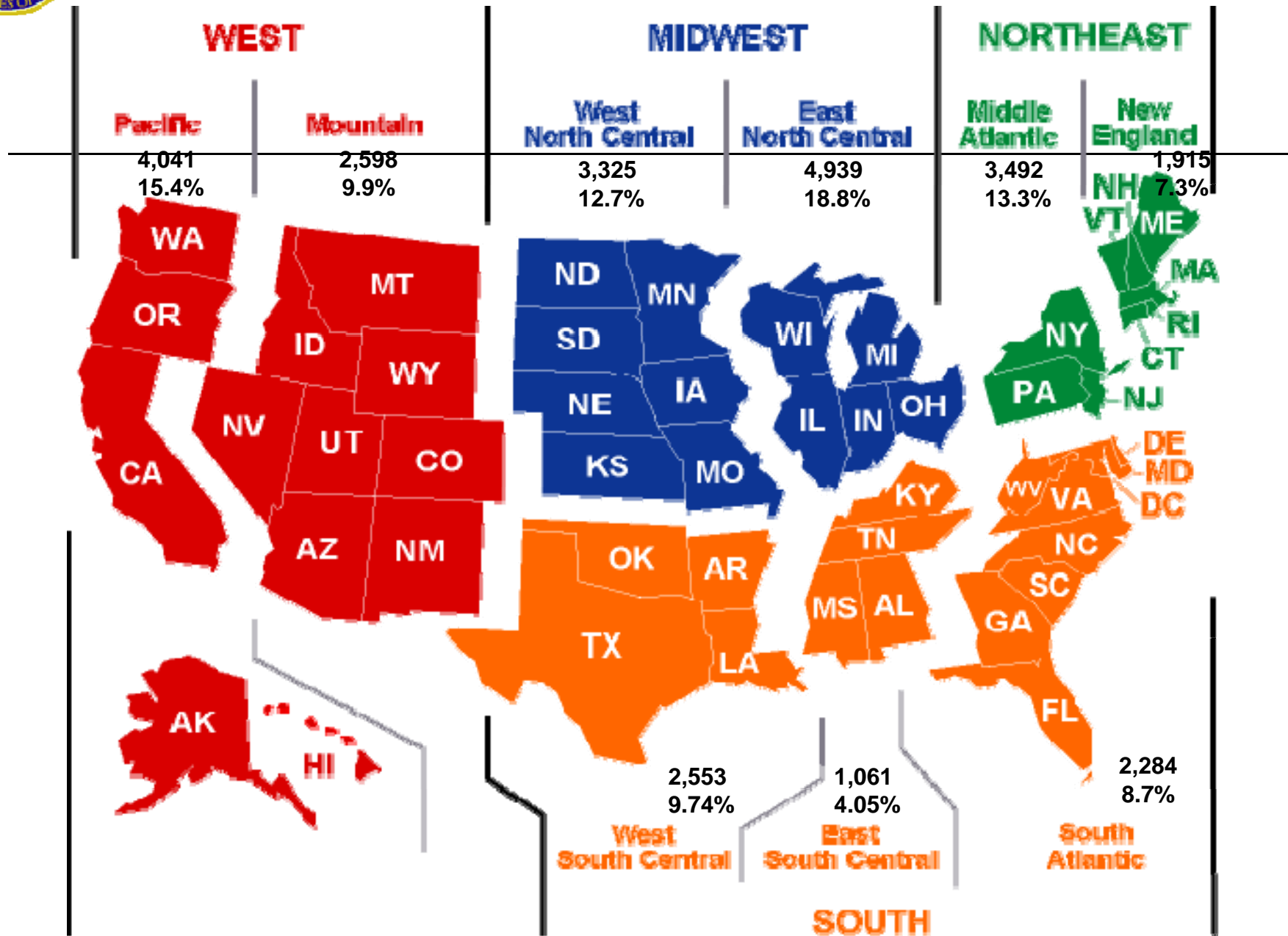




Top 20 Countries of Origin of Secondary School Participants 2008-2009 Academic Year



- Germany (28.2%)
- Brazil (7.4%)
- South Korea (5%)
- Thailand (4.8%)
- China (4.78%)
- Japan (3.3%)
- Norway (3.2%)
- Italy (3%)
- France (2.43%)
- Denmark (2.38%)
- Sweden (2.3%)
- Spain (2.2%)
- Mexico (1.8%)
- Czech Republic (1.5%)
- Taiwan (1.46%)
- Vietnam (1.45%)
- Switzerland (1.43%)
- Finland (1.41%)
- Russia (1.4%)
- Belgium (1.34%)





2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

- Better placement year than 2007-2008
 - Fewer complaints
- Global economic crisis creates new challenges
- Department's focus: working with sponsors to identify problems and find solutions



ANNUAL ALLOTMENT PROCESS

FORM DS-2019

Based on sponsor input we developed a new process to assist in your resource planning.

- DoS will review allotment requests a year in advance
 - Sponsors submit requests in June
 - DoS evaluates and responds in July/August
 - DoS releases forms in January – contingent on successful placements in the fall



ROLE OF FIELD STAFF

- To the exchange visitors, field staff represents the U.S. government
- Critical screening and selection occurs in the field
- Field staff selection, training, and oversight is key

We must not lose sight of the public diplomacy mission of the program.



IMPORTANCE OF FIELD STAFF

Local field representatives are the keystone of the secondary school student Exchange Visitor Program. They play a major role in the screening and selection of host families and are critical to the success of each exchange.

Sponsors' responsibility:

- ❑ Define an “appropriate” host family
- ❑ Adopt standard selection procedures
- ❑ Hire, train and monitor field staff



CHARACTERISTICS OF AN APPROPRIATE FAMILY

- ❑ **Suitability of home** – cleanliness, privacy, animals?
- ❑ **Family availability** – support, care for student, transportation?
- ❑ **Age of host parents** – too old or too young?
- ❑ **Single adults** – are single placements appropriate?
- ❑ **Consider motivation** – is family seeking help with child care, elder care, family business?
- ❑ Is **English** spoken in the home?



REQUIRED REPORTING

- ❑ Annual reports 62.15
- ❑ Placement reports 62.25(m)(3)
- ❑ Placement change reports 62.25(1)(3) and 62.25(m)(2)
- ❑ Reporting incidents or allegations of actual/alleged sexual exploitation or abuse 62.25(m)(1)
- ❑ Reporting serious problem or controversy which could bring notoriety or disrepute 62.13(9)(b)



ANNUAL REPORTS

- Annual report due by end of July
- Annual reporting cycle: academic year
 - July 1st through June 30th
- Complete annual report in SEVIS and then fax/mail to DoS.
- Fax: 202-203-5087



PLACEMENT REPORTS

- Due dates
 - August 31st for fall semester
 - January 15th for spring semester
- If an exchange visitor is not on the placement report, the exchange visitor may not start the program that semester.
- Use Excel 2003 template provided by DoS
- Email reports to PlacementReports@state.gov
- Submit report even if no students that semester



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- As per Regulations 22 CFR 62.13 and 22 CFR 62.25 (m) (1), sponsors must report as soon as serious incident/allegation or problem/controversy becomes known – do not wait!
 - Leave voice message: 202-453-8578
 - Send email: melofchikbx@state.gov, fax: 202-203-5087
- Update as facts evolve
- Use Incident report template for faster reporting, now on website:
<http://exchanges.state.gov/jexchanges/programs/hsstudent.html>



SEVIS II

- Target date for implementation: October 2009
- Retains all functions of current system with better interfaces
- Adds flexible searching and reporting for all users
- Extracts SEVIS data from reports into a spreadsheet for ease of use



SEVIS II

- ❑ Establishes “one person-one record”: each nonimmigrant exchange visitor assigned unique Immigration Identification Number (IIN)
- ❑ Upon entry of IIN, SEVIS will automatically populate Form DS-2019 with biographic information stored in system
- ❑ Paperless environment – no printing, signing, mailing forms to potential EVs
- ❑ Information electronically available to DoS and DHS
- ❑ “Admissibility” indicator alerts officials at port of entry when record has been cancelled in SEVIS

Stay informed: www.ice.gov.sevis.outreach



What About the DOS Audit?

- The audit is in development. When completed it will be published in the *Federal Register*.
- Opportunity for comments



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