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The state of international student enrolment in the US

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Last summer, financial analysts predicted that the Trump administration's restrictions on international enrolment and increased scrutiny of foreign students would create financial risk for colleges in the United States, reports Laura Spitalniak for *Higher Ed Dive*.

They argued that those policies tarnish the reputational shine of US higher education and could have an outsized impact on tuition revenue, as international students often pay full price. Enrolment data has done little to assuage those concerns. Even before President Donald Trump retook office last year, growth in international enrolment in the US had slowed after rebounding following the pandemic.

College officials are now concerned that loss of momentum will deteriorate further under Trump. In the year following his return to the White House, the US Department of State revoked some 8,000 student visas as part of a broader federal crackdown on immigration. Rapidly changing student visa policies and conflicting messaging from the Trump administration have bred uncertainty for foreign students, potentially constricting the international pipeline further.

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