Eleven countries devote more than 1% of GDP to higher education

Expenditure on higher education as a share of GDP, 2013 or closest year (%)

The great majority of first-degree graduates in Latin America study social sciences

Distribution of bachelor’s degrees by field of study, 1996–2012 (%)
Brazil has the most PhD graduates per million inhabitants in Latin America

PhD graduates per million inhabitants, 2012
Countries outside Latin America are given for comparison

The share of PhD graduates in natural sciences has not recovered since this indicator plunged a decade ago

Distribution of PhDs in Latin America by field of study, 1996–2012 (%)

Students head for Western Europe and North America more than other Latin American countries, with the exception of those from Bolivia, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Uruguay

Number of Latin American university students living abroad, 2013

Number of Latin American university students heading to Western Europe or North America in 2013

Source: For higher education spending and students living abroad: UNESCO Institute for Statistics; for graduates; RICYT database, July 2015; for PhD students per million inhabitants, estimations based on data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and United Nations Statistics Division