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Indians In The Middle East

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Hello!

First Time In Oman

Admissions Vs. High School & Others

Geographies

Are Indians a sizable number of your app pool from the Middle East?

Which are the key geographies where you see Indian apps from in the region?

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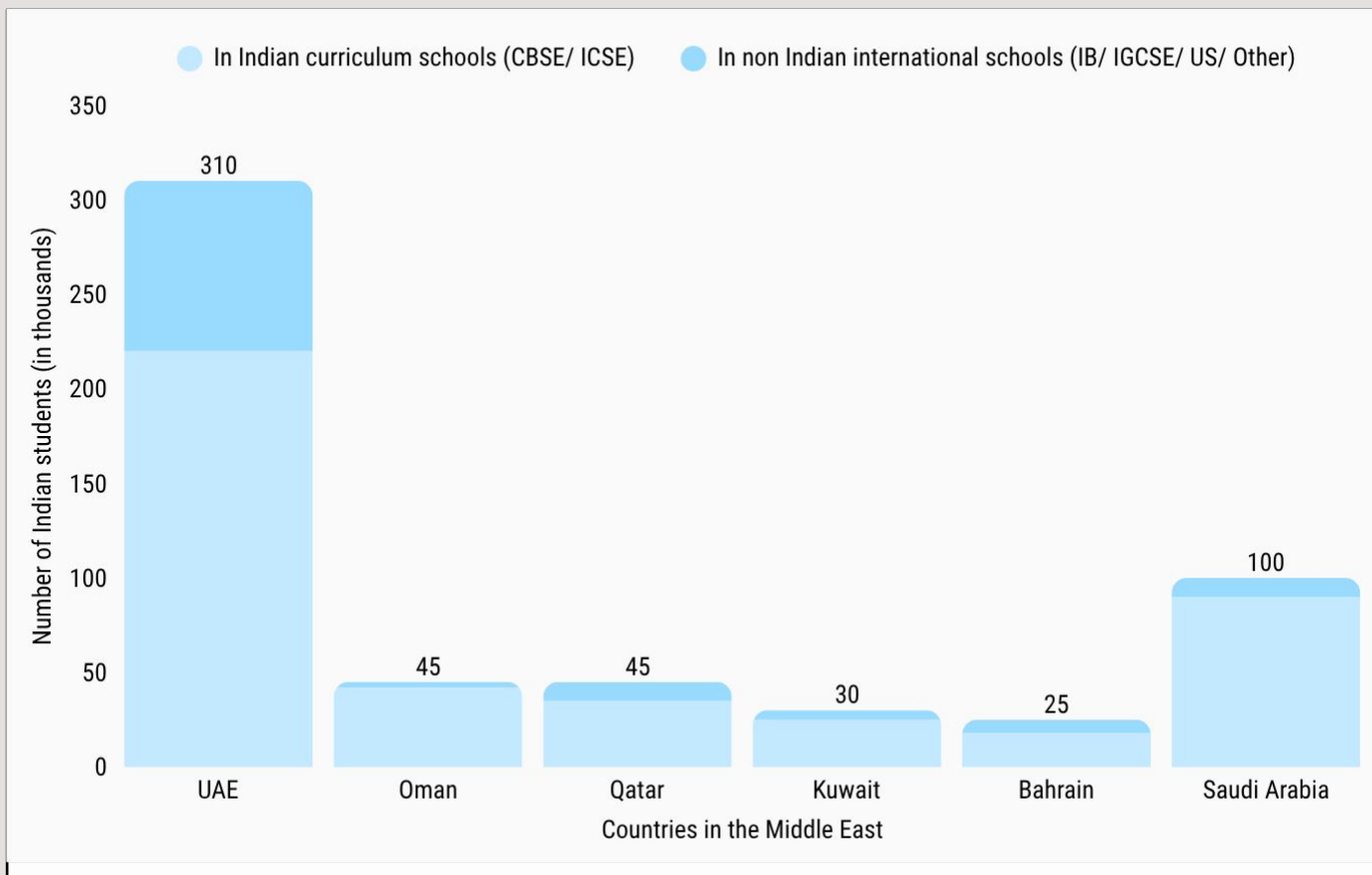
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Part A: Introduction

Indians In The Middle East: The Geography

UAE
Qatar
Oman
Saudi
Bahrain
Kuwait

Overview of the Indian student population in the Middle East



Indians In The Middle East:

The History: The Waves of Migration

Ancient Times, Trading Routes

Indian Partition

Work (Construction, Professionals, Healthcare)

Business & Golden Visas

Indians In The Middle East: The Schools

Indian Schools (CBSE, ICSE)

Middle Income Heavy, Cost Conscious, East Bound (Professional, Healthcare)

International Schools (British, American, IBDP)

High Net Worth Families, Double Income, West Bound (Business, Professionals)

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Part B: The Take Aways

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Primed Study Abroad Population

90% - West Bound Vs. East Bound

10% - Local Colleges

Learnings For School/IECs

Which destinations do your Indian students like to apply to?

1. West Bound: US & UK (depends on the school), Europe Increasing (Dutch, Germany)
2. East Bound: Indian Curriculum – > India (then PG in the West)
3. Medicine/Law —> India
4. Rare to look Far East

Most popular majors?

1. Engineering/CS
2. Business/Economics
3. Medicine/Law

Who makes decisions - parents/students/together?

1. Highly involved parents* - 80/20 (liberal vs. conservative?)
 2. India Influence Strong (IEC, Tutoring, Profile Builders, Test Prep)
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Emerging Trends

Policy and Business Shifts

1. Golden Visas & Entrepreneurial Growth
2. School Enrolment Pressure
3. Indian Institutions Expanding

The 'Not-Quite-Home' Mindset

1. No Guaranteed Path to Citizenship
2. Workforce Nationalization
3. Limited State Support
4. Education as a Launchpad

Decision Drivers for Higher Education

1. Global Rankings & ROI
 2. Curriculum alignment
 3. Visa & Post-Study Work Policies
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Emerging Trends

Next Genius Scholarship Perspective

1. ~5% of Indian School Grade 12 Apps
2. No one comes to talk to them about Study Abroad

Fun Fact: “Study Hard or we send you to India!”

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Q&A
