

# Preliminary Findings from the 2015 CGS International Graduate Admissions Survey

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# CGS International Graduate Admissions Survey

- Conducted annually by Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) since 2004, as a response to the sustaining interest of the graduate education community in international admissions.
- Reports final application counts, numbers of offers of admission, first-time enrollment, and total enrollment of international graduate students for each fall admission cycle.
- The 2015 survey included a new data element: institutions were asked to provide data by degree level (e.g., master's & certificates and doctoral levels).
- In addition to CGS member institutions, member institutions of CGS regional affiliates were also invited to participate in the 2015 survey.

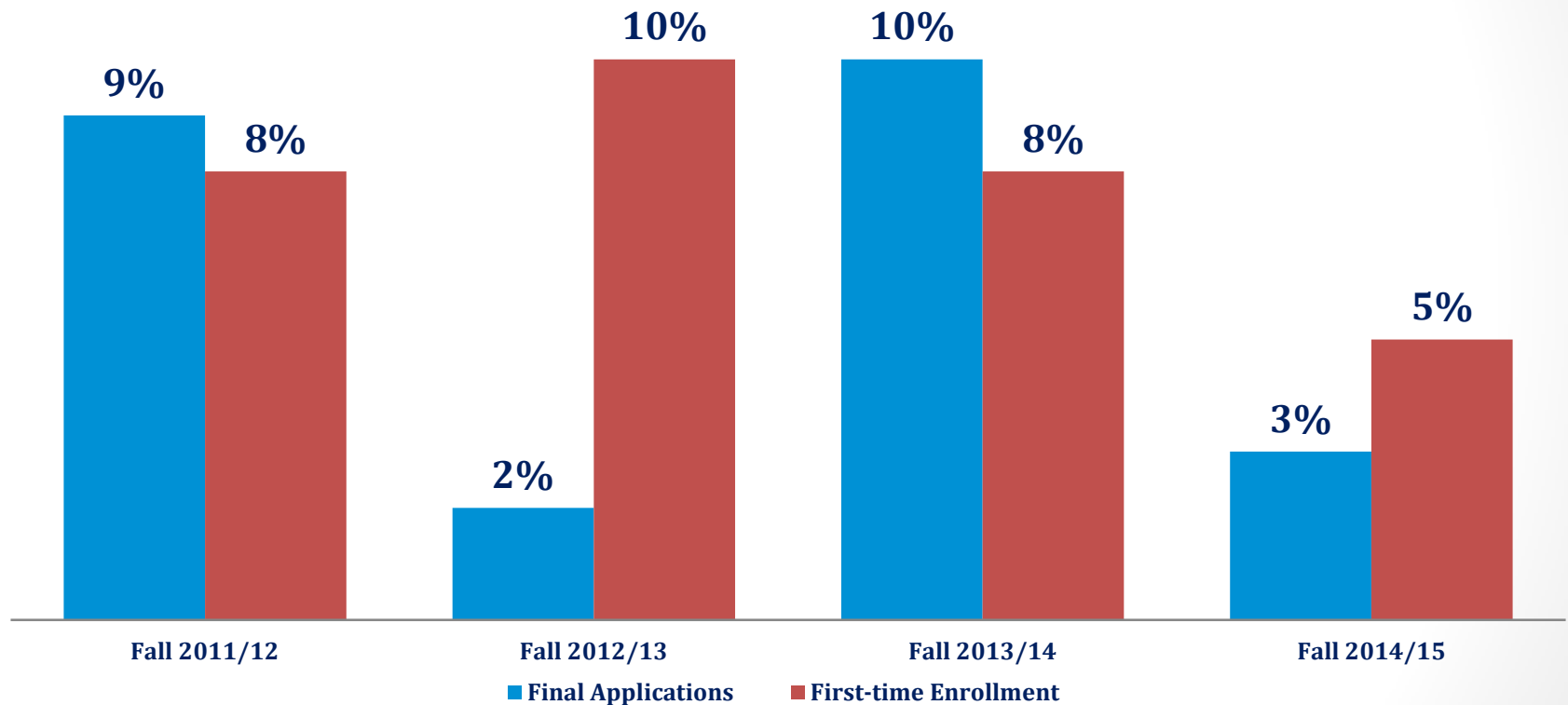
# This year's Survey

- The data collection instrument was sent to 793 U.S. colleges and universities, including:
  - 501 CGS member institutions, and
  - 292 member institutions of CGS regional affiliates.
    - Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS),
    - Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS),
    - Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools (NAGS), and
    - Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS).
- 350 institutions, or 44%, returned the data collection instruments.
  - These institutions represent 78% of the first-time international graduate enrollment comparable figures reported in the 2014 CGS/GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment and Degrees.

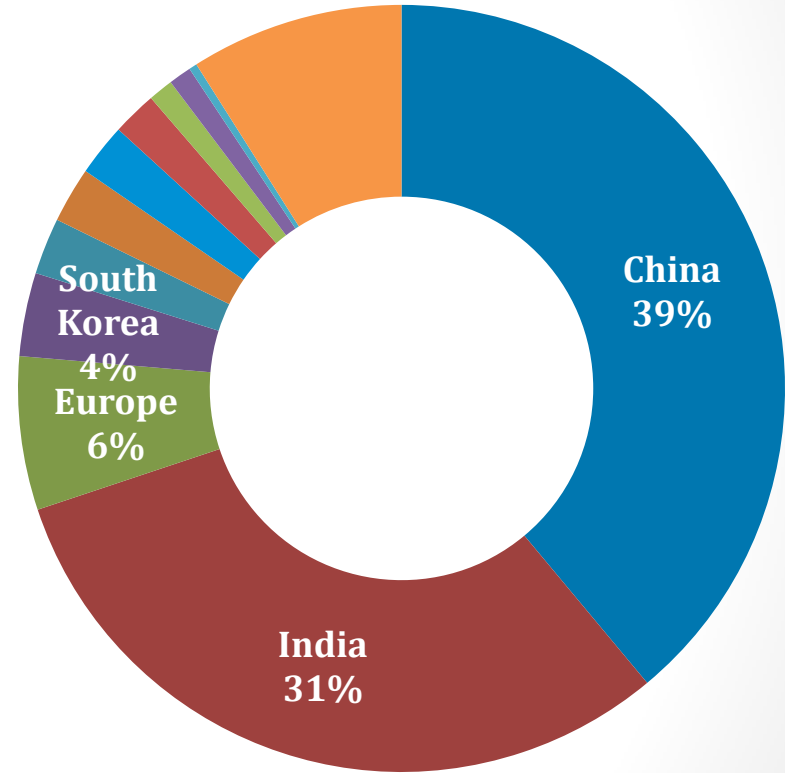
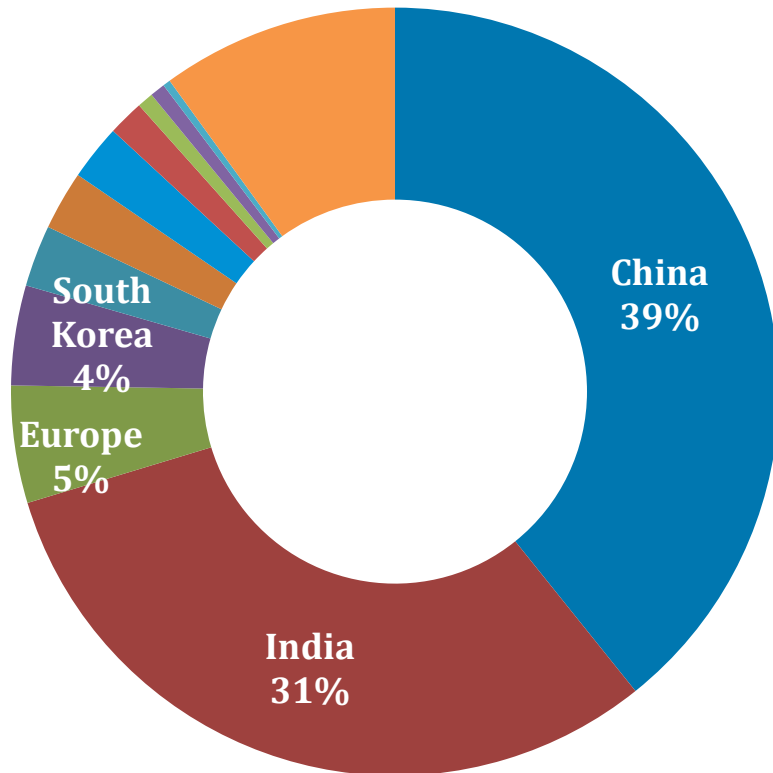
# Key Findings

- The rate of growth for international graduate admissions statistics appear to be slower this cycle.
- China and India continue to account for large shares of international graduate applications and enrollment in the United States, *but will India catch up to China?*
- Engineering fields remain the most popular fields for international graduate students, but mathematics & computer sciences fields are growing fast.
- A large majority of first-time international graduate students are master's and certificate students.

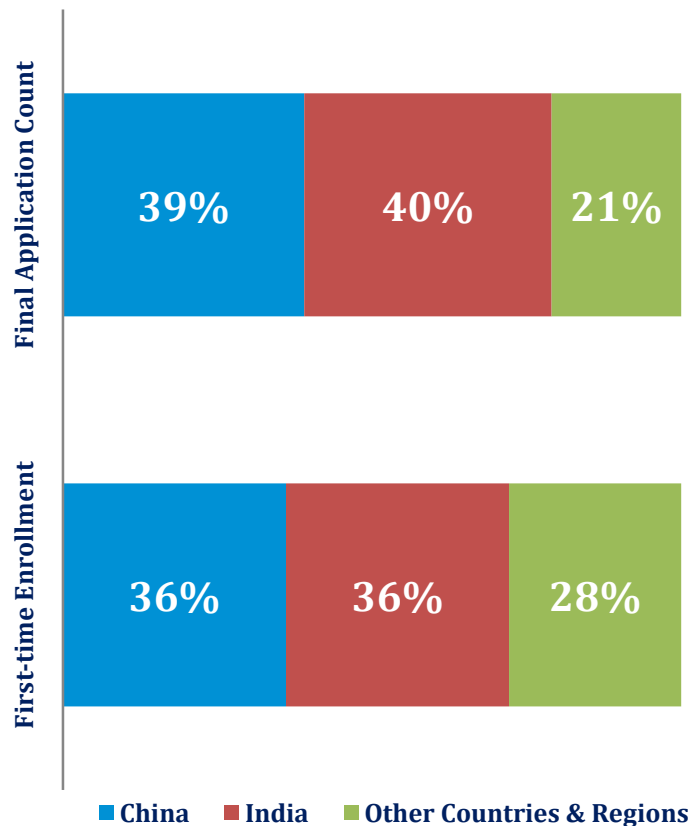
# The rate of growth for international graduate applications and first-time enrollment appear to be slower this cycle than the past four admission cycles.



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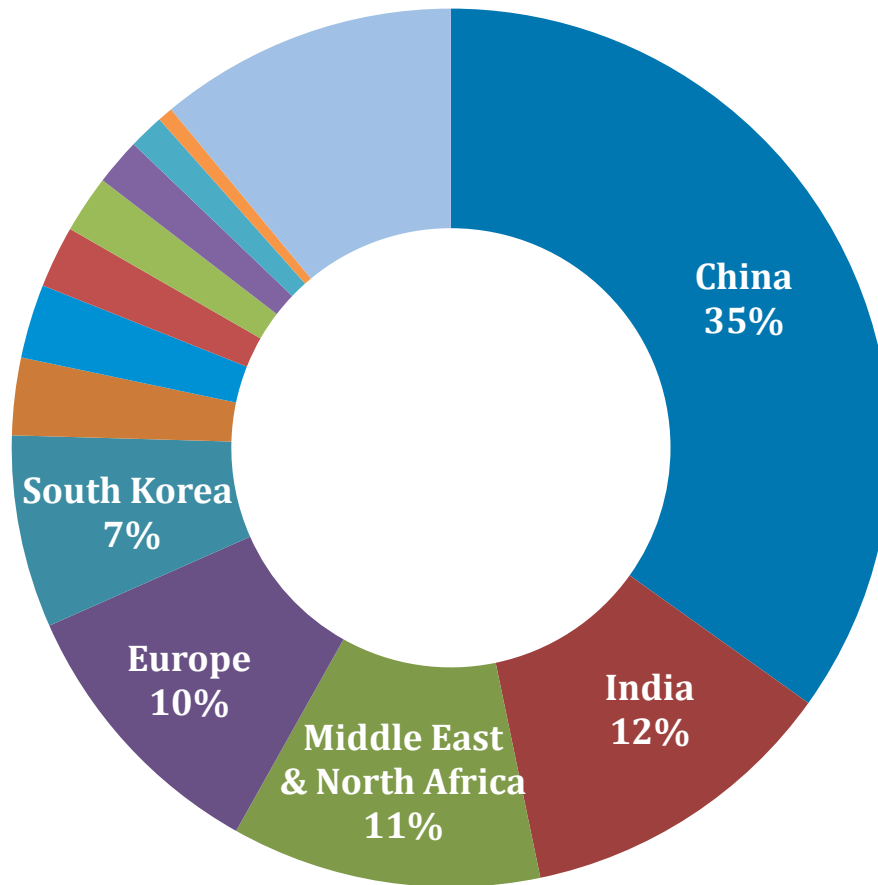


# India sent as many master's & certificate students as China did in Fall 2015.



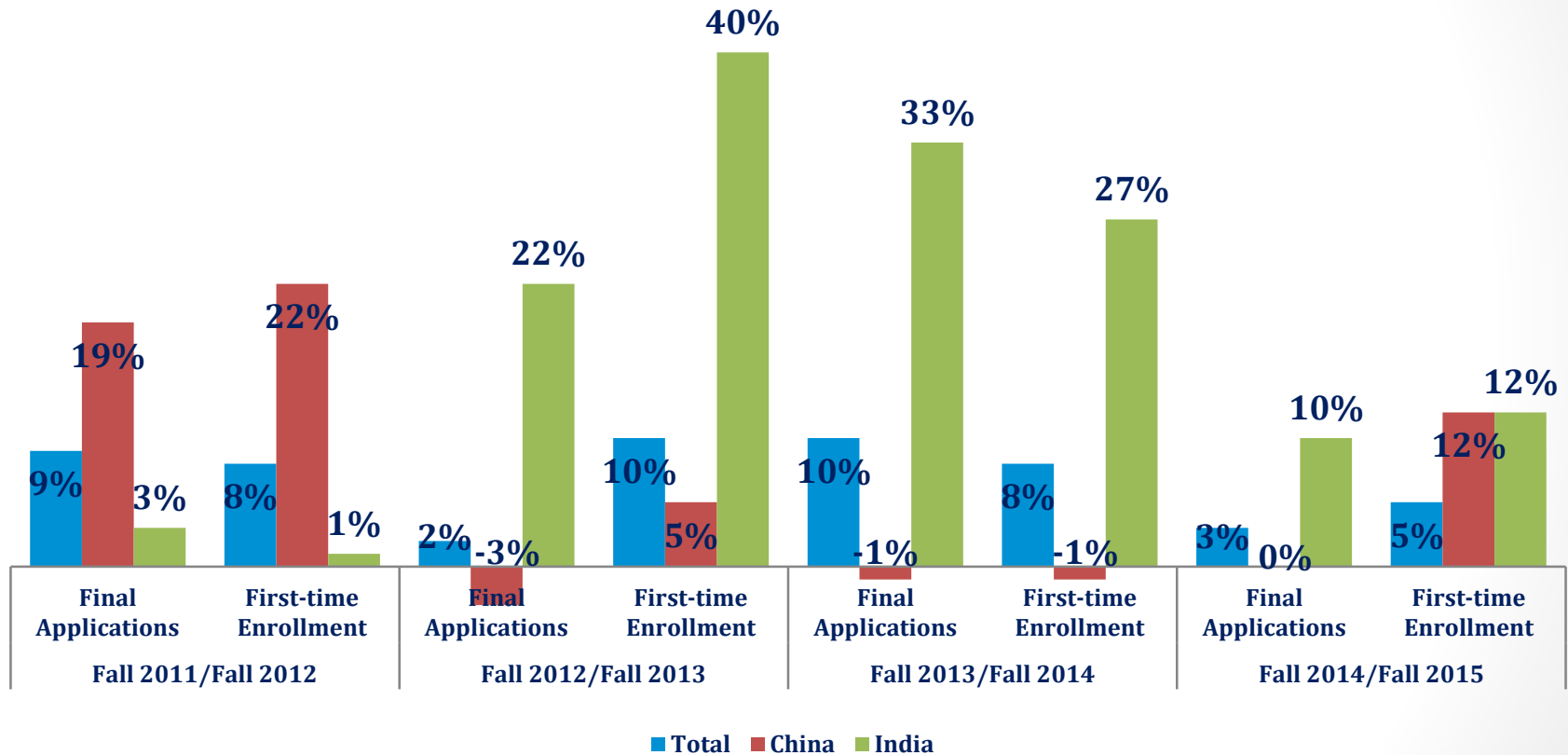
	Final Applications	First-time Enrollment
Europe	3%	5%
Saudi Arabia	3%	2%
South Korea	2%	3%
Taiwan	2%	2%
Mexico	1%	1%
Brazil	0%	1%
Sub-Saharan Africa	2%	3%
North America (Canada only)	1%	2%
Oceania	0%	1%
Other Countries & Regions	7%	8%

# Countries/Regions of Origin are far more diverse for at the doctoral level.

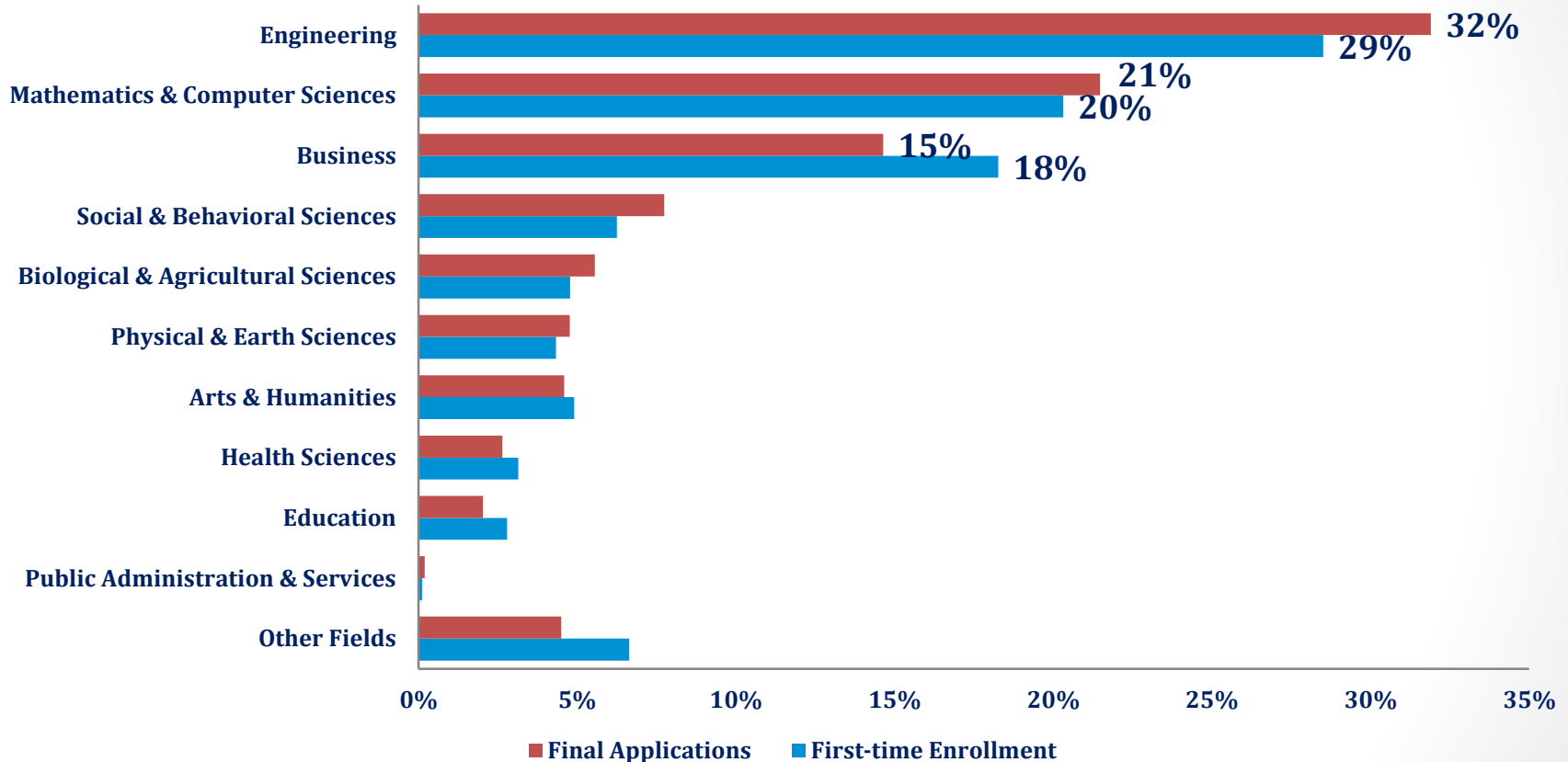




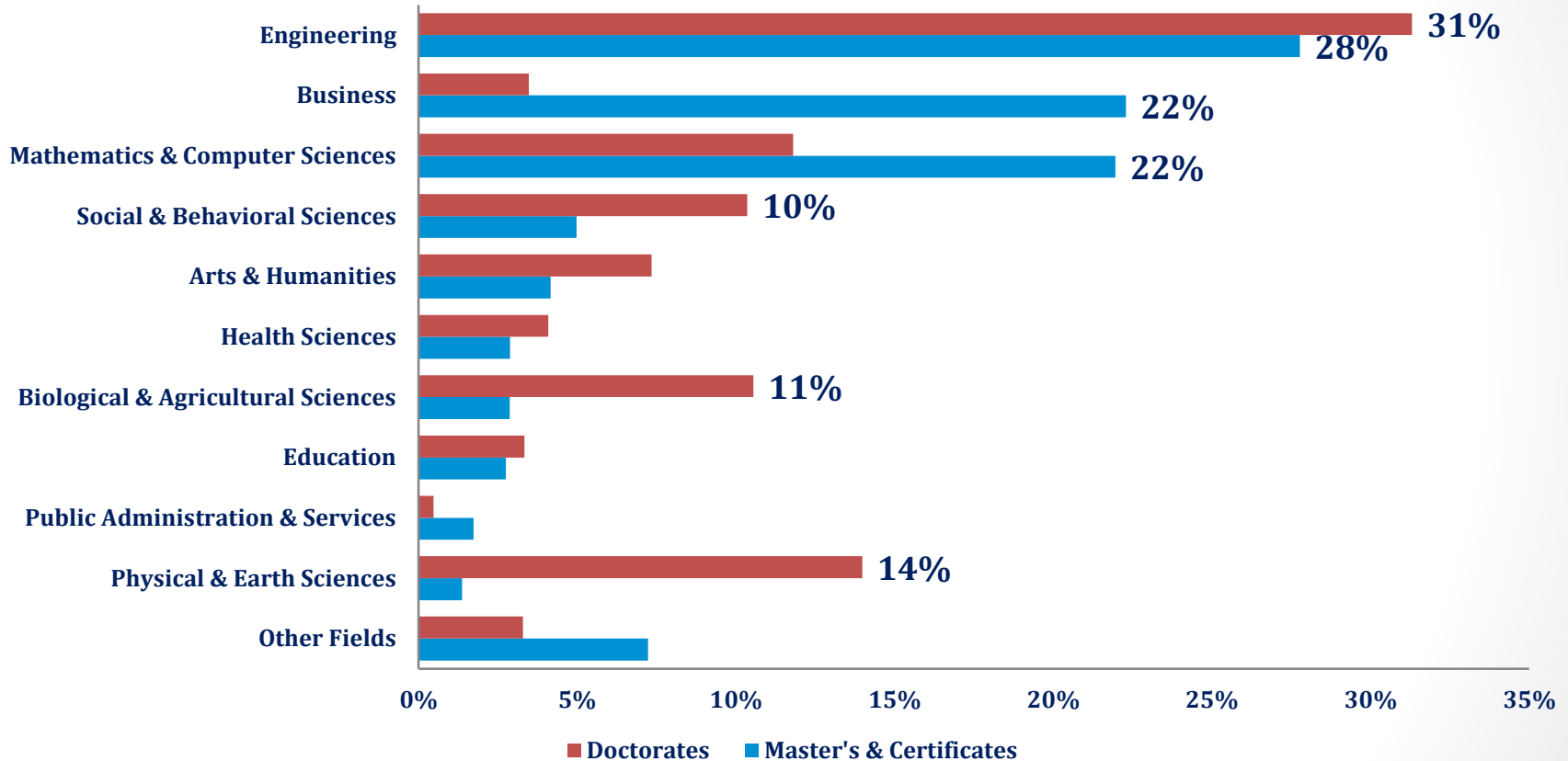
# India's international admissions growth has slowed down, but China rebounded.



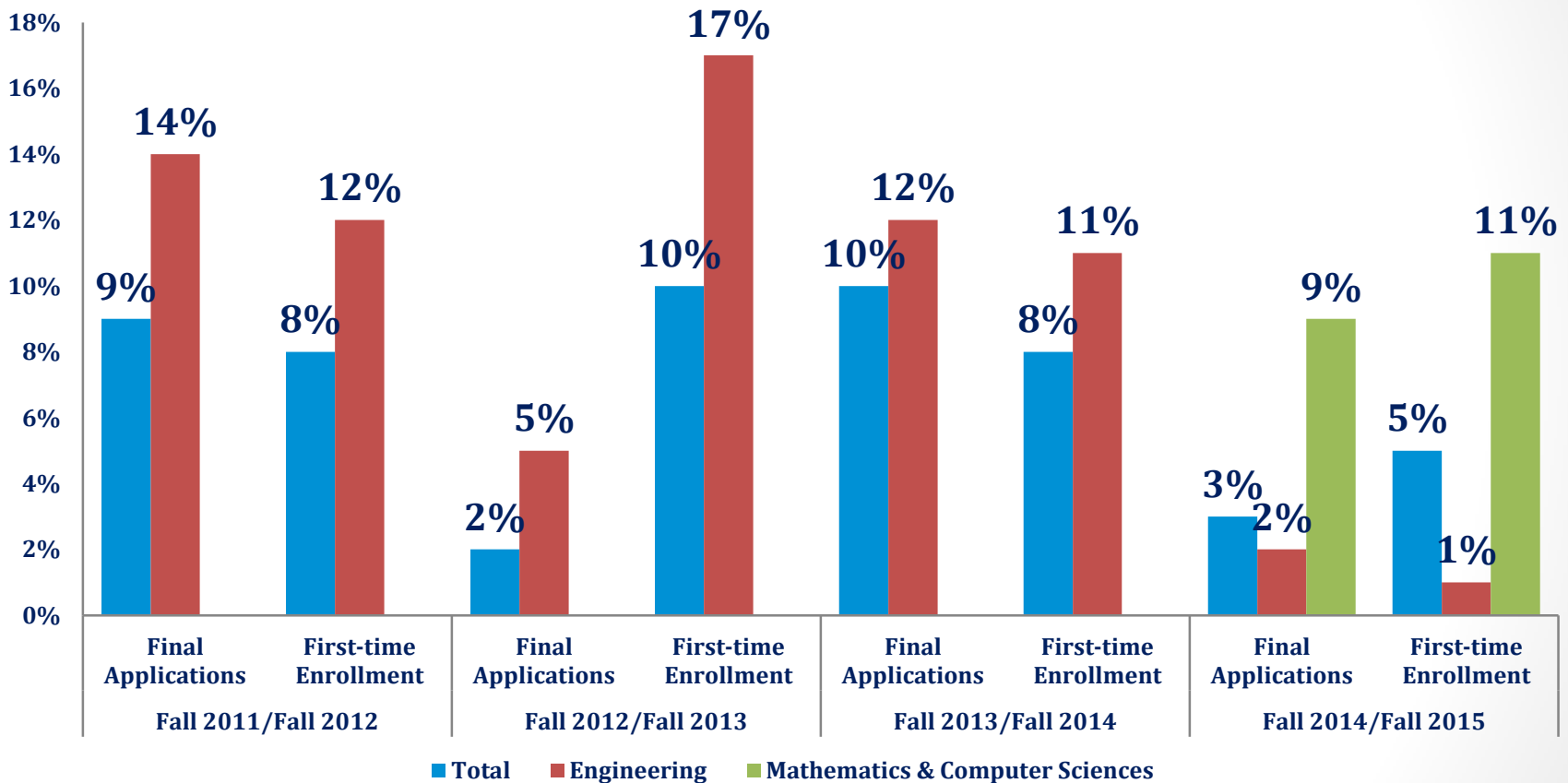
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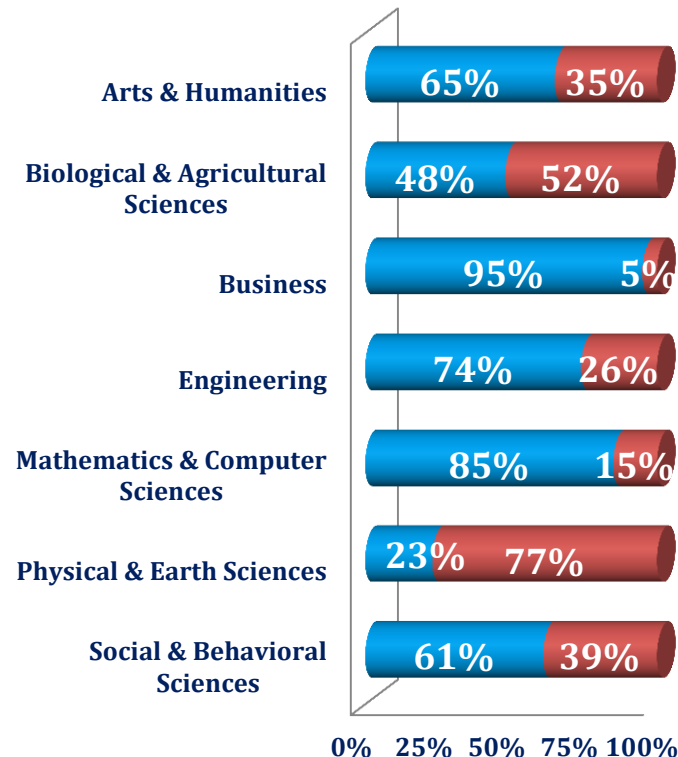
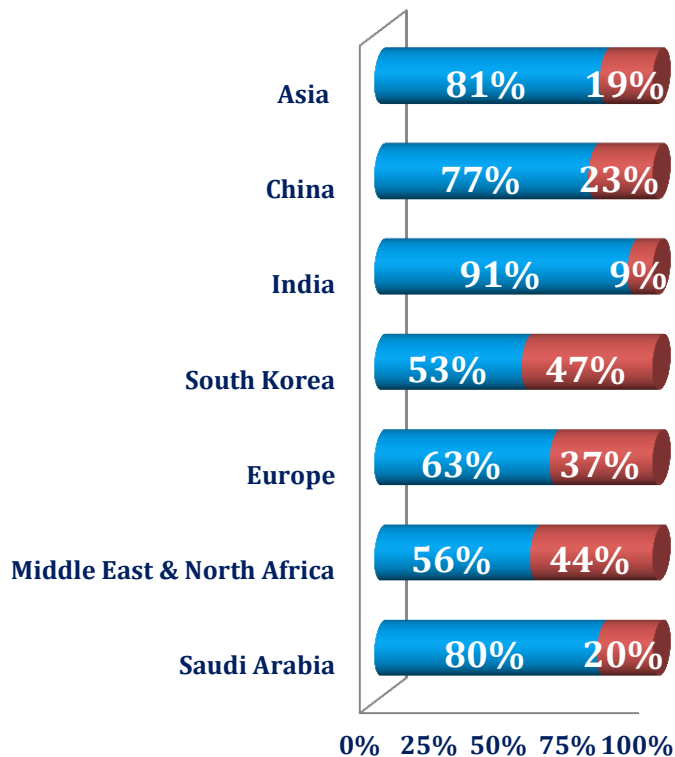
# Engineering fields lead first-time international graduate enrollment in both master's & certificate and doctoral levels.



# International graduate admissions growth for engineering fields declined substantially since last admissions cycle.



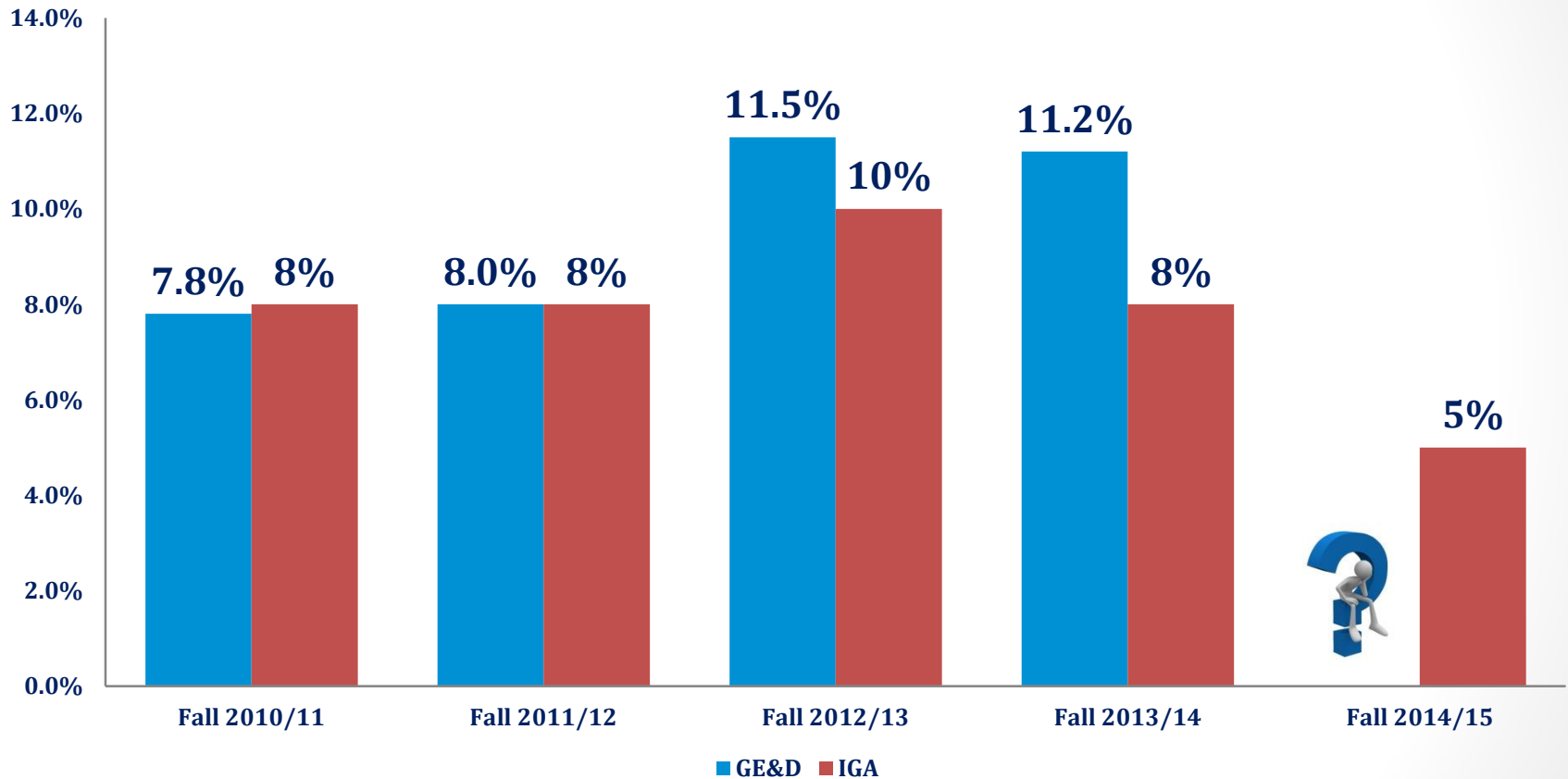
# A large majority of first-time international graduate students are master's & certificate students.



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# Is international graduate admissions slowing down?



# International graduate admissions trends to watch out for:

- Decline of first-time graduate enrollment from Europe (-4%)
- Slow down international graduate admissions growth for engineering fields (1%) and India (12%)
- China (12%) & South Korea (5%) rebounded, and also mathematics & computer sciences fields grew rapidly

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