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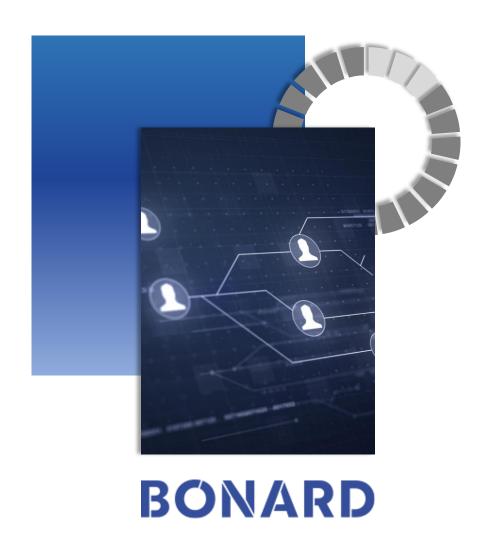
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## **2022 CHINA MARKET TRENDS**

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**ABOUT US BONARD** 

Established in 2007, BONARD is a market intelligence and strategic development firm specialising in international education. We leverage our global knowledge and connections to help our clients grow in the vibrant global market.

## **OUR** TEAM







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Offices

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#### **MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS**







#### **DESTINATIONS**































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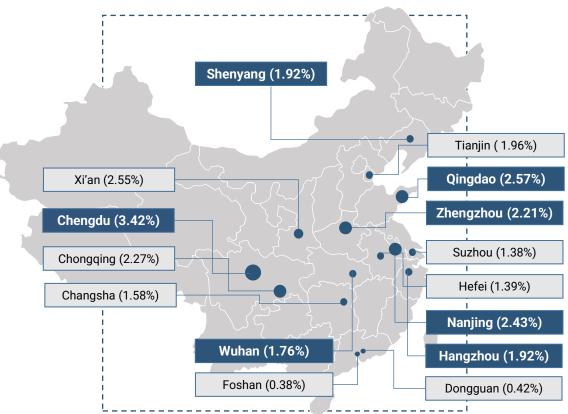


## METHODOLOGY | GEOLOCATION

**Business entities** 

with permission to do study abroad-related business:

**126,889** in New Tier 1 cities\*



#### **IN-HOUSE DATA INTEGRATION**

- Source of agency information collected since 2008
- Organic BONARD in-house agency database since 2012
- Evaluation of agency activity by website screening and calling

#### **RESEARCH**

- December 2020 January 2022
- Screening of governmental and non-governmental resources
- Screening of social media, search engines & company registers
- Geolocation: 7 cities (new tier 1)
- Active sample: 3,200+ agencies (verified & updated)
- Total calls made: 5,500+

#### **RESEARCH TEAM**

- 7 native Chinese researchers (database update, survey design, interviews)
- Information supplemented from local media & mystery shopping

Source: First Financial Weekly, 2021; BONARD, 2021

<sup>\*</sup> New Tier 1 cities: Each year, First Financial Weekly evaluates cities in China according to 5 criteria.

## **MARKET UPDATE**

DOUBLE REDUCTION & COVID - 19

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## **Double Reduction**

Date: 24 July 2021

**Document**: Opinions on Further Reducing the Burden of Homework and After-school

Training of Students in The Stage of Compulsory Education

Cities listed in the document:

Tier 1 cities: Beijing Shanghai Guangzhou

New Tier 1 cities: Chengdu Shenyang Zhengzhou

Tier 2-4 cities: Nantong Weihai Changzhi

Other provinces shall select at least one city to carry out the policy.

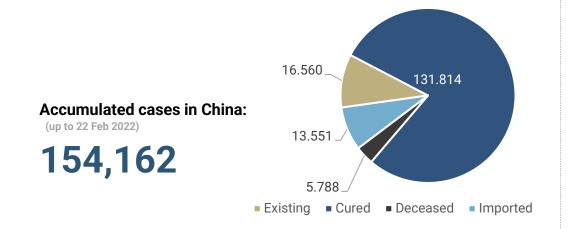
## Agencies' Situation

Study abroad agencies which have no tutoring business are not affected. However, agencies or institutions dominated by the K12 tutoring business have been hit hard. A small number of institutions have tinkered with the form of tutoring, now offering 'tea rooms' or 'a library', and conducting tutoring and teaching. However, most institutions responded positively to the policy.

#### New Oriental's Reaction

- 1. Refund fees immediately, donate tables and chairs to poor areas, and immediately consider transformation.
- 2. Adjust traditional business, such as increasing the proportion of courses such as Chinese as foreign language tutoring.
- 3. Plan to build a large-scale agricultural platform to help sell agricultural products and revitalize the rural economy through live broadcasting.

## COVID-19



City	# of Existing Cases			
Nanjing	0 4 3			
Wuhan				
Shenyang				
Hangzhou	143			
Qingdao	0 41 n/a			
Chengdu				
Zhengzhou				

#### Xi'an

9 Dec 2021 - 3 Feb 2022

Total cases of infection: 2,053 cases of infection

Duration: 42 days

## **Shenzhen**

7 Jan 2022 – 29 Jan 2022 Total cases of infection:18 cases of infection Duration: 12 days

## Hangzhou

25 Jan 2022 - 3 Feb 2022

Total cases of infection: 141 cases of infection

Duration: 10 days

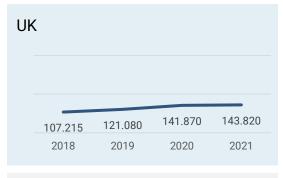
Source: China National Health Commission, 2021; Sina News, 2021; DX Doctor, 2022

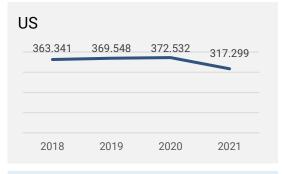
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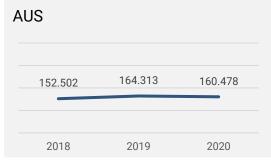
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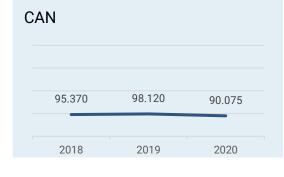
- Content in reports in the Chinese media about studying abroad has largely returned to what
  it was pre-pandemic, and there is scarcely any mention of doubt about the safety and
  necessity of going abroad.
- There are positive reports on the visa policies of the UK and Canada. On the whole, the reports on Australia tend to be negative, and there are no relevant reports on the recent policies of the United States.

## Number of Chinese Higher Education Students Abroad by Destination









## **Travel & Visa Related News**

#### UK

UK educators are welcoming the news that **COVID-19-related travel restrictions will be greatly reduced beginning 11 February 2022**, opening the door for international students to come more easily and affordably to the country. English UK calls the development "extremely welcome news for UK ELT and our colleagues in the travel industry."

#### US

International students with plans to study in the US will likely soon have to pay higher visa processing fees.

US consular officers evaluating students' visa applications are being asked to keep in mind students' relatively lower ability to prove they intend to return to their home country after their visa expires.

The in-person interview for many international student applicants will be waived through 2022.

#### **AUS**

Australia is offering a visa fee refund to lure international workers and students as Morrison defends his handling of pandemic.

Prime minister is telling backpackers and students to 'come on down' as critical workforce shortages bite.

#### CAN

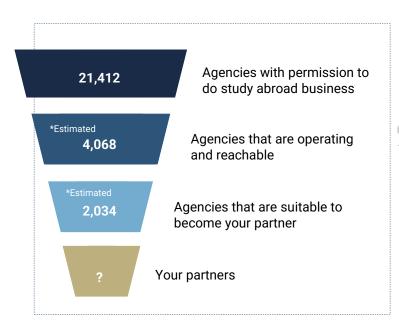
Fully vaccinated travelers will be able to enter Canada with a pre-arrival antigen test, unvaccinated children travelers will no longer have to isolate for 14 days, and international flights to all Canadian airports will resume starting February 28.

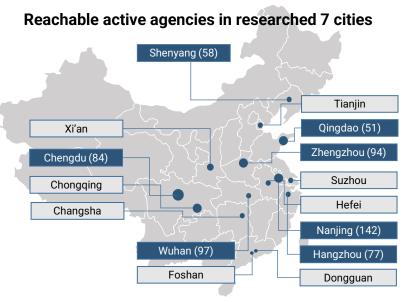
Source: Australian Government, 2021; Open Doors, 2021, HESA, 2021; Government of Canada, 2021; ICEF 2021, The Guardian 2021; CIC NEWS, 2021.

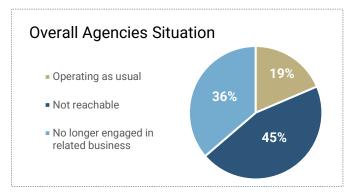
## **AGENT MARKET IN SELECTED NEW TIER 1 CITIES**

Nanjing Zhengzhou Wuhan Chengdu Hangzhou Shenyang Qingdao

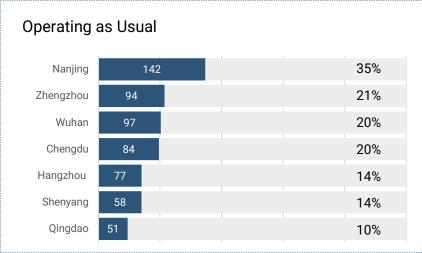
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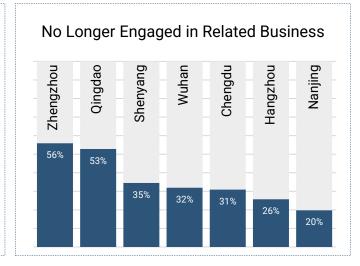


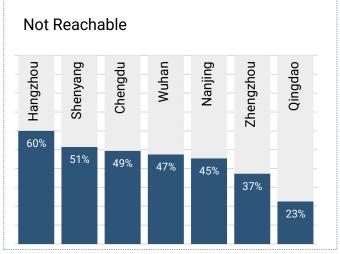




Total Agencies
Operating as Usual: 603

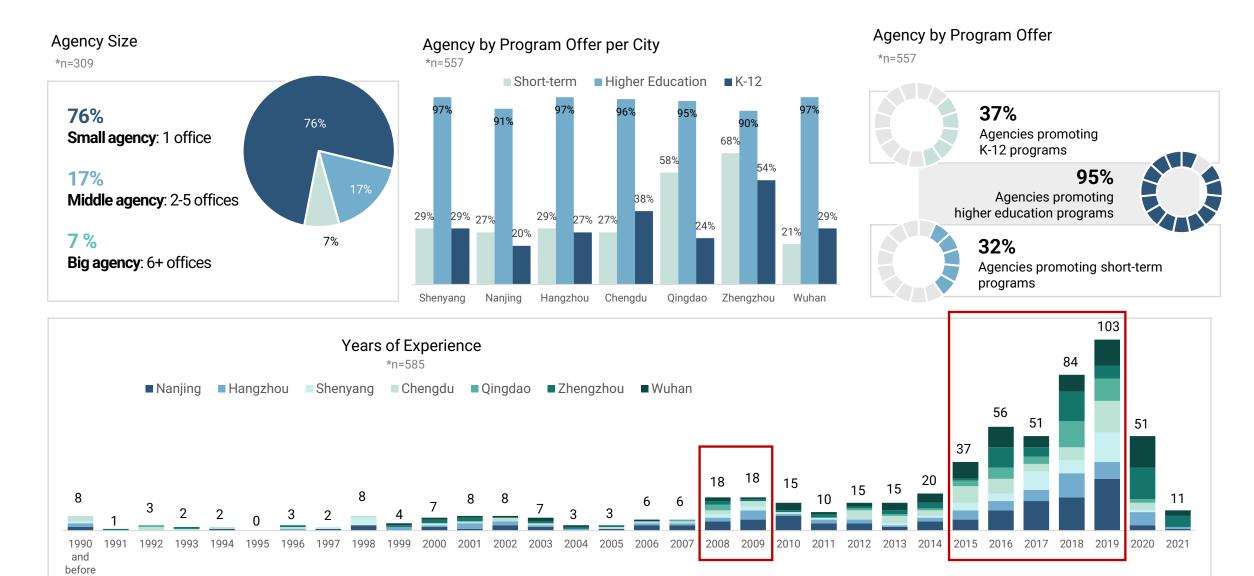




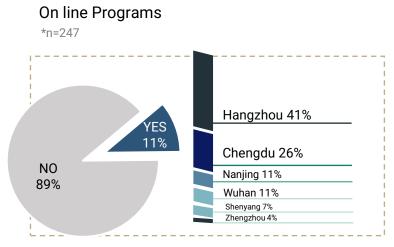


Source: China Administration for Industry and Commerce, 2021; BONARD, 2021

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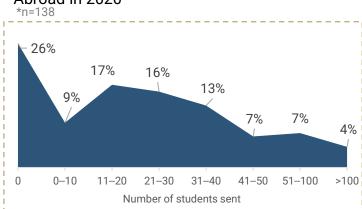


## Agencies Promoting Only One Destination

\*n=141

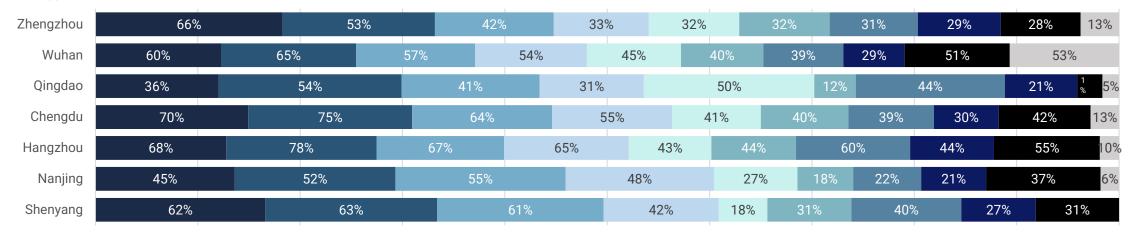


## Agencies by the Number of Students Sent Abroad in 2020



#### **Destinations**

\*n=331



■UK ■USA ■AUS ■CAN ■NZ ■SGP ■JP ■KR ■EU ■Other

## **AGENT MARKET IN KEY NEW TIER 1 CITIES**

2021 vs. 2019

## AGENT MARKET IN KEY NEW TIER 1 CITIES | 2019 VS. 2021 COMPARISON



## Bigger Agent Pool

Back in 2019, BONARD recorded 265 active agencies in the 7 selected cities. In 2 years,

BONARD has hugely expanded its database.

By the end of 2021,

the total number of active agencies in selected 7 cities is 603



## Stronger Connection

In the past two years, BONARD has delivered more excellent projects to the new tier 1 and tier 2 cities, and established strong links with high-quality agencies there too.



## Better Intelligence

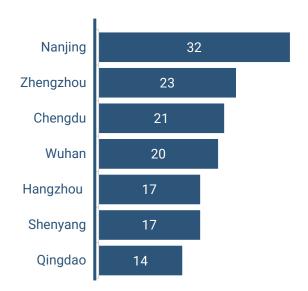
Based on the long-term observation and in-depth understanding of the market, BONARD compares the data from 2019 to 2021 and observes the changes in the agent market of the new tier 1 cities.

## Number of Agencies per City

City	Nanjing	Wuhan	Shenyang	Hangzhou	Qingdao	Chengdu	Zhengzhou
2019	47	36	34	42	36	49	29
2021	142	97	58	77	51	84	94

<sup>\*</sup> As of the number of agencies in BONARD database

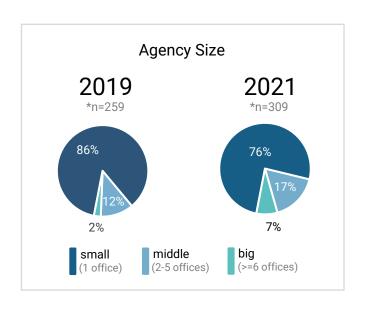
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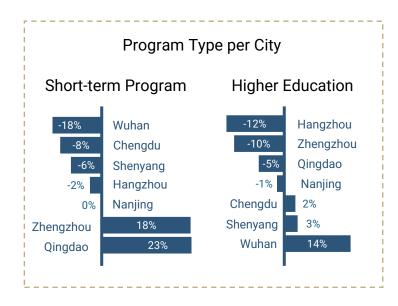
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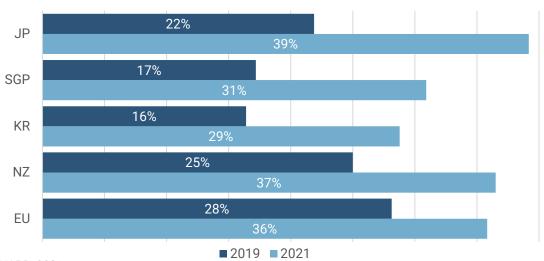
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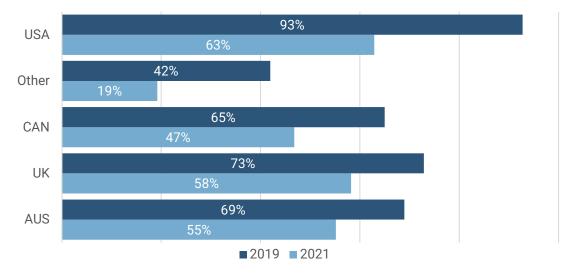




### **Destinations Becoming More Popular**



## **Destinations Becoming Less Popular**



## **MARKET TRENDS**

**INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD** 

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## **Regarding Student Mobility**

## US university Int. Recruitment Director Interview

Visa applications are no longer affected by the COVID-19 and some processes are even optimized.

The number of applications from Chinese students has not only returned to prepandemic level and even increased a little bit.

As for this academic year, most of the Chinese students are back to the on-campus format.

#### **Summer Program Situation**

Most of the agencies that we interviewed are not promoting overseas short-term programs in 2022, and many are already looking at 2023 or "after the pandemic".

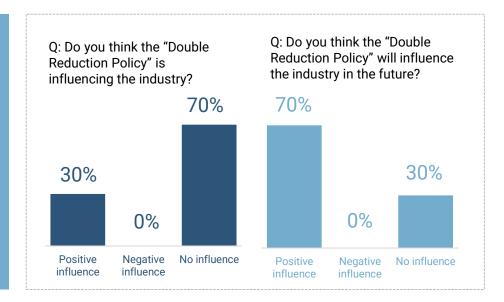
Many agencies are turning to domestic short-term programs, but such programs are only considered as an alternative. With the recent "Double Reduction Policy", agencies are worried that there will be new policies to limit domestic short-term programs. So they have no long-term plan for domestic programs.

### Agencies' Mood

In general, the agencies we interviewed are confident and positive about future outlook.

Most of the agencies noted that their sending numbers have returned back to 'the usual' and some said they have been able to maintain the sending numbers during the pandemic.

#### Regarding Double Reduction



"The Double Reduction Policy limits domestic K12 academic education. At present, it has little impact on studying abroad."

"The Double Reduction Policy has a great impact on out-ofschool academic education and has caused a wave of layoffs." "With less domestic out-ofschool education, students will seek overseas education."

"In combination with other policies from recent years, it has also be given a signal that the state is more and more strict in the examination of academic qualifications."

Source: BONARD, 2021

## **BONARD EVENT | COMING SOON**

## BONARD CHINA TRADE MISSION

November 2022

November 15-16, 2022 - Higher Education Sector

November 21-22, 2022 - K-12 Sector



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