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The Arab World
22 Countries:
Asia :12 Africa: 10

Arab Universities founded before 1953

COUNTRY	Name of University
Egypt	1- The Egyptian University (present Cairo University) 1908 2- University of Farouk the First in Alexandria (present Alexandria University) 1938. 3- Al Azhar University, 970 4- Ain Shams University, 1950 5- The American University, 1919
Iraq	6- Al Mustansiryah , 984
Syria	7-The Syrian University (present Damascus University),1923
Algeria	8-University of Algier, 1909
Morocco	9-Al-Qarawiyeen University, 859
Tunisia	10-Al Zaytounah University, 734.
Lebanon	11-The American University, 1866 12-Saint Joseph University, 1875 13- Lebanese University, 1951
Sudan	14- Khartoum University (Gordon Memorial College) ,1902

Statistics on Higher Education in the Arab World for the Year 2011
(Association of Arab Universities)

Country	2003			2011				
	Gov.	Priv.	Total	Gov.	Private	Total	No. of Students	No. of Faculty Staff
Tunisia	8	14	22	13	19	32	360000	21210
Iraq	14	-	14	25	8	33	397784	31990
Bahrain	2	-	2	2	8	10	35848	3100
Yemen	7	8	15	8	13	21	300000	10000
UAE	2	5	7	2	19	21	59333	1861
Morocco	13	1	14	14	4	18	419885	12085
Sudan	27	1	28	28	7	35	500000	9700
Lebanon	1	18	19	1	19	20	205000	12700
Oman	1	1	2	1	7	8	80000	4100
Kuwait	1	2	3	1	4	5	34560	1705
Saudi Arabia	8	-	8	23	8	31	667000	21320
Syria	5	-	5	5	10	15	282484	9500
Egypt	13	6	19	20	15	35	2800000	67000
Palestine	2	9	11	2	13	15	196625	5900
Jordan	8	10	18	11	18	29	336000	8898
Libya	14	-	14	9	2	11	264000	9000
Somalia	1	2	3	3	11	14	4147	195
Comoros	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Mauritania	1	-	1	1	-	1	25000	1175
Djibouti	1	-	1	1	-	1	15000	580
Qatar	1	-	1	1	6	7	15500	1100
Algeria	26	-	26	34	2	36	1149899	19500
TOTAL	**156**	**77**	**233**	**206**	**193**	**399**	**8148065**	**252619**

The Arab world today faces a host of hurdles when it comes to higher education and scientific research including a lack of clear focus in research priorities and strategies, insufficient time and funding to meet research goals, low awareness of the importance and impact of good scientific research, inadequate networking opportunities and databases, limited international collaborative efforts, and of course, the brain-drain.

Three important Challenges:

1-Quality Assurance

2-Poor Scientific Research.

3- Brain Drainage.