

Did You Know?



The rate of global document forgery according to DataFlow Group statistics stands at **3.35%** as of October 2017 - Imagine how many local and international students and education professionals hold fake credentials! 'DataFlow Group Stats'

200,000 bogus degrees are awarded to students around the world on an annual basis 'Degree.net, 2010'



USD 399 was the average cost for a fake online diploma in 2010, while **USD 80,000** is the average cost for obtaining a false college degree 'Accredited Online Colleges'

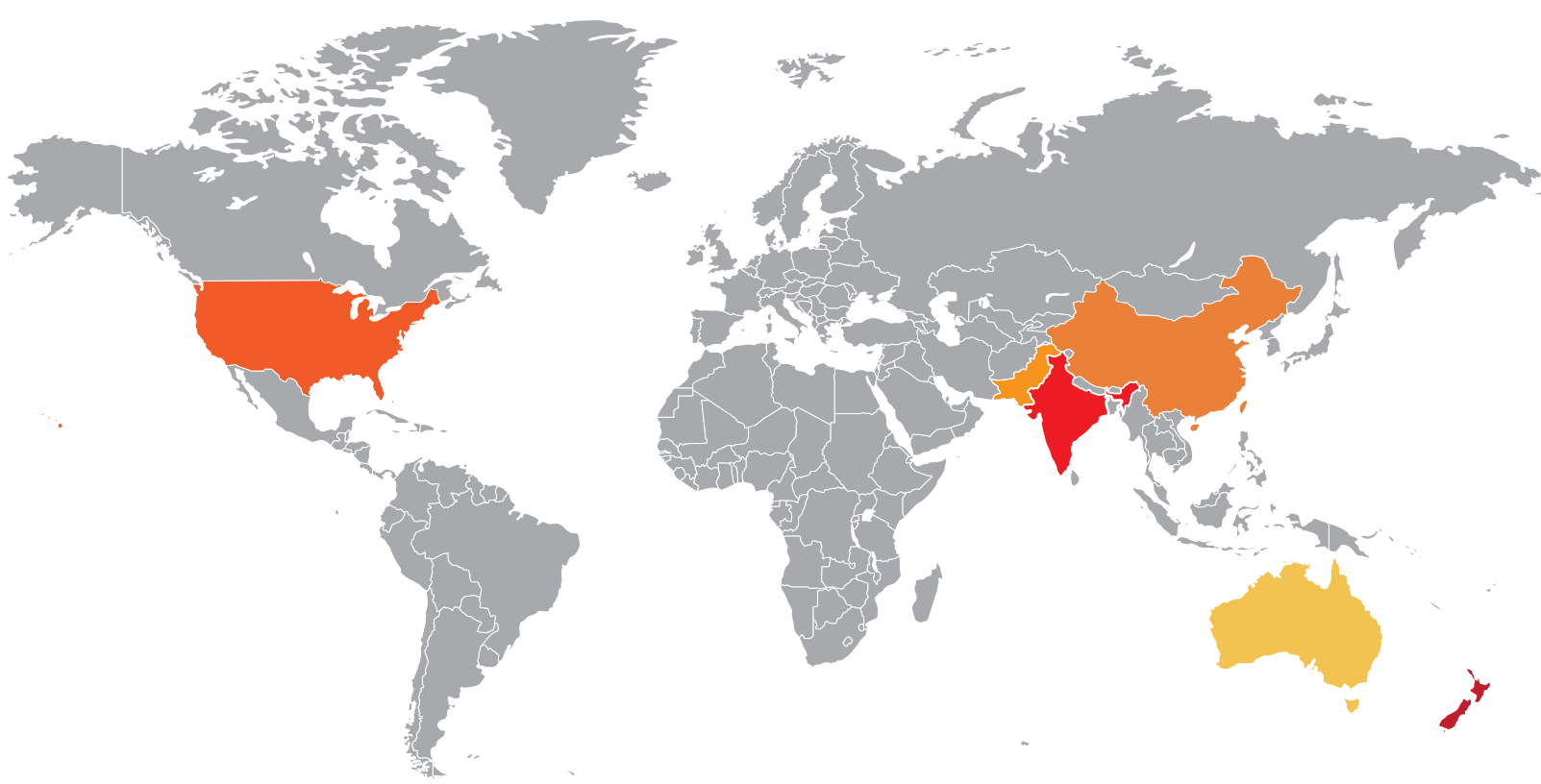
There are more than **3,300 unrecognized universities** worldwide that sell fake university degrees 'AlterNet, 2012'



USD 500 million is the estimated amount spent on fake diplomas each year 'Accredited Online Colleges'

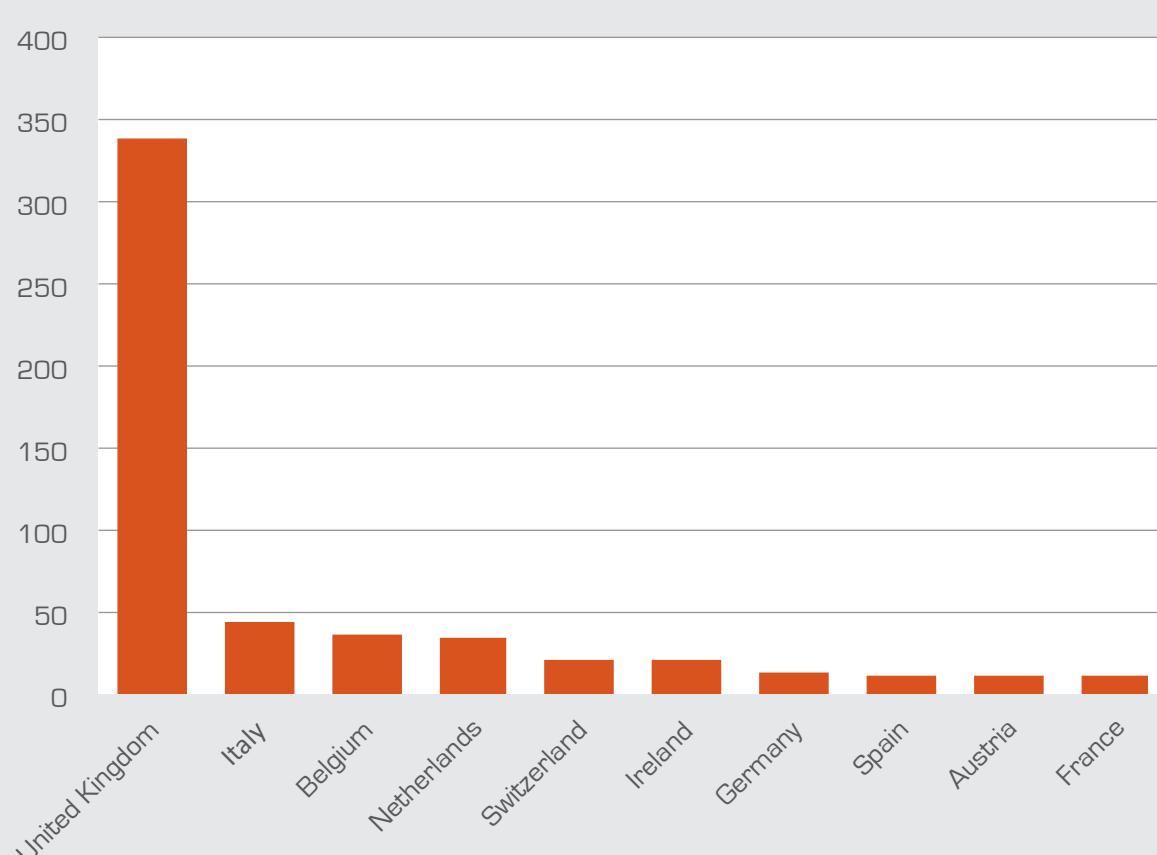
Reported Fraud within the Education Industry

Fraud in education is a global issue and these are some of the well documented country hotspots

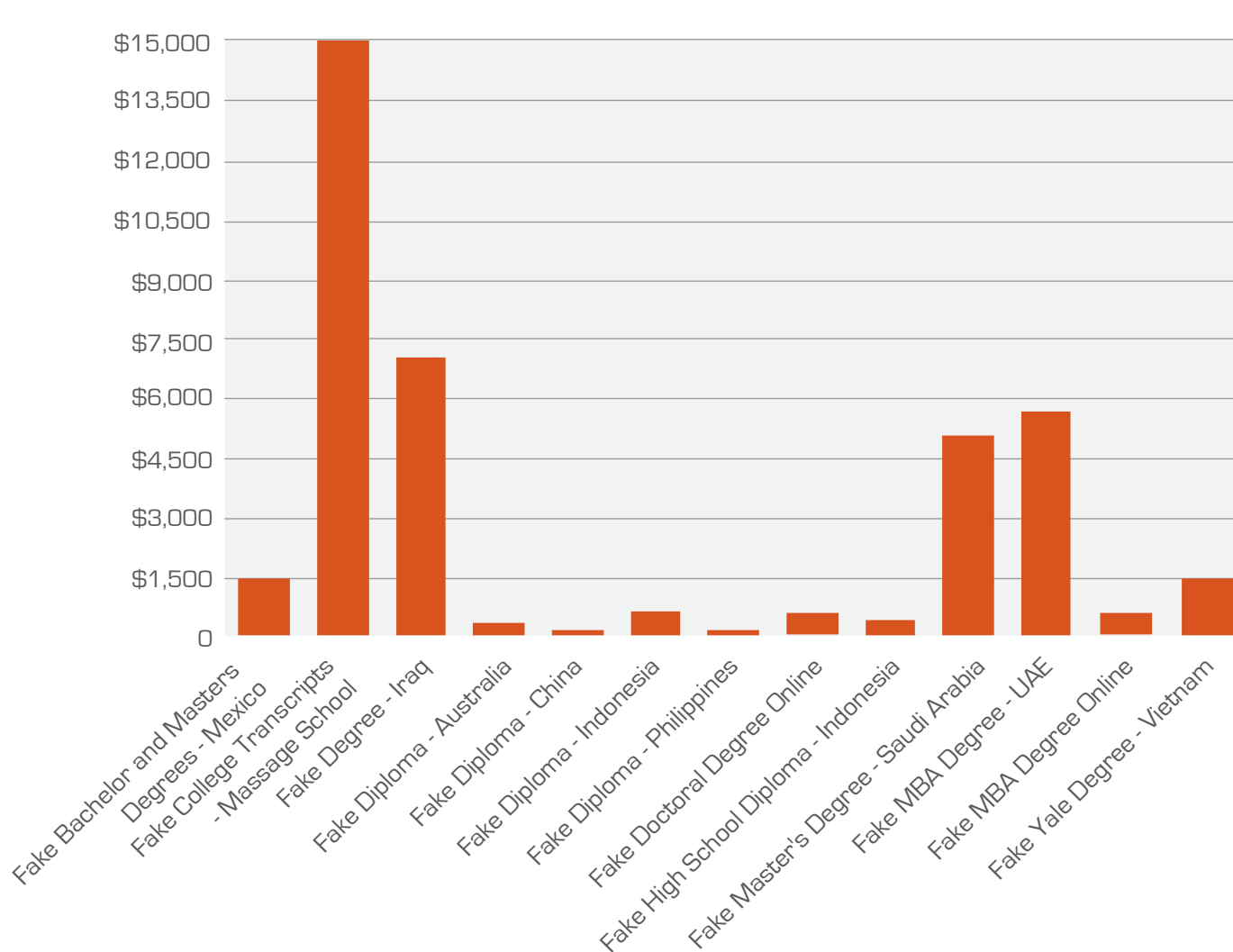


- More than 500 international students were deported from New Zealand since 2010 due to criminal convictions, illegal work and expulsion by an education provider (Stuff, 2016)
- A total of 13,969 fake education credentials were detected in Australia between 2012 and 2014 (CEF Monitor, 2015)
- About 3,000 teachers in Bihar, India, have resigned for using fake degrees in 2015 (Times of India, 2015)
- The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) launched an inquiry against more than 600 teachers working in primary, middle and high schools for holding fake credentials (Dawn, 2015)
- The number of earned PhD degrees in the United States is 45,000 - 40,000 each year. The number of fake PhDs bought annually from diploma mills exceeds 50,000. In other words, more than half of all people claiming a new PhD hold a false degree (AlterNet, 2012)
- The United States has the largest number of diploma mills, with more than 1,000 known operations in 2011 (University World News, 2016)
- More than 100 fake Chinese universities offer diplomas for sale, many of which have websites and use names similar to those of real colleges (The Economist, 2011)

Top 10 European Locations of Diploma Mills Country Breakdown - 2011
(Response Source, 2011)



Cost of Fake Education Documents - Country Breakdown - 2011
(Response Source, 2011)



Benefits of Applying Primary Source Verification



Protect your education community



Uphold your institution's reputation



Avoid admitting and hiring fraudulent students and academic staff



Reduce admission and recruitment time



Enhance organizational productivity