

# International Students In The US (2012)

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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S.

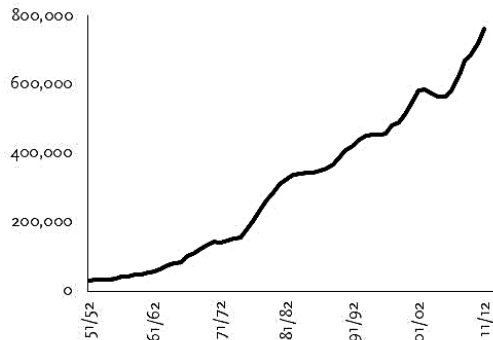
#### A. NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

	Year	Total	% Change
New international student enrollment – students	2006/07	157,178	10.0
enrolling for the first time at a U.S. institution in fall	2007/08	173,121	10.1
2008/09	200,460	15.8	
2009/10	202,970	1.3	
2010/11	214,490	5.7	
2011/12	<b>228,467</b>	<b>6.5</b>	

2011 – increased 6.5% over the previous year.

#### B. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRENDS

In 2011/12, the number of international students in the U.S. increased 5.7% to a record high of 764,495 students.



Year	Total Int'l	% Change	U.S. Higher Ed Total*	% Int'l
2000/01	547,867	6.4	15,312,000	3.6
2001/02	582,996	6.4	15,928,000	3.7
2002/03	586,323	0.6	16,612,000	3.5
2003/04	572,509	-2.4	16,911,000	3.4
2004/05	565,039	-1.3	17,272,000	3.3
2005/06	564,766	-0.05	17,487,000	3.2
2006/07	582,984	3.2	17,672,000	3.3
2007/08	623,805	7.0	17,958,000	3.5
2008/09	671,616	7.7	18,264,000	3.7
2009/10	690,923	2.9	20,428,000	3.4
2010/11	723,277	4.7	20,550,000	3.5
2011/12	<b>764,495</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>20,625,000</b>	<b>3.7</b>

\* Data from the National Center for Education Statistics

#### C. TOP PLACES OF ORIGIN of International Students

Rank	Place of Origin	2010/11	2011/12	% of Total	% Change
	<b>WORLD TOTAL</b>	<b>723,277</b>	<b>764,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>
1	China	157,558	194,029	25.4	23.1
2	India	103,895	100,270	13.1	-3.5
3	South Korea	73,351	72,295	9.5	-1.4
4	Saudi Arabia	22,704	34,139	4.5	50.4
5	Canada	27,546	26,821	3.5	-2.6
6	Taiwan	24,818	23,250	3.0	-6.3
7	Japan	21,290	19,966	2.6	-6.2
8	Vietnam	14,888	15,572	2.0	4.6
9	Mexico	13,713	13,893	1.8	1.3
10	Turkey	12,184	11,973	1.6	-1.7
11	Nepal	10,301	9,621	1.3	-6.6
12	Germany	9,458	9,347	1.2	-1.2
13	United Kingdom	8,947	9,186	1.2	2.7
14	Brazil	8,777	9,029	1.2	2.9
15	France	8,098	8,232	1.1	1.7
16	Hong Kong	8,136	8,032	1.1	-1.3
17	Thailand	8,236	7,626	1.0	-7.4
18	Indonesia	6,942	7,131	0.9	2.7
19	Nigeria	7,148	7,028	0.9	-1.7
20	Iran	5,626	6,982	0.9	24.1
21	Malaysia	6,735	6,743	0.9	0.1
22	Colombia	6,456	6,295	0.8	-2.5
23	Venezuela	5,491	6,281	0.8	14.4
24	Spain	4,330	4,924	0.6	13.7
25	Russia	4,692	4,805	0.6	2.4

#### D. ACADEMIC LEVEL TRENDS of International Students

Year	Undergrad	% Change	Graduate	% Change	Non-degree	% Change
2000/01	254,429	7.3	238,497	9.3	33,883	-1.6
2001/02	261,079	2.6	264,749	11.0	34,423	1.6
2002/03	260,103	-0.4	267,876	1.2	30,551	-11.2
2003/04	248,200	-4.6	274,310	2.4	20,659	-32.4
2004/05	239,212	-3.6	264,410	-3.6	28,418	37.6
2005/06	236,342	-1.2	259,717	-1.8	30,611	7.7
2006/07	238,050	0.7	264,288	1.8	38,986	27.4
2007/08	243,360	2.2	276,842	4.8	46,837	20.1
2008/09	269,874	10.9	283,329	2.3	51,812	10.6
2009/10	274,431	1.7	293,885	3.7	54,803	5.8
2010/11	291,439	6.2	296,574	0.9	59,233	8.1
2011/12	<b>309,342</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>300,430</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>69,566</b>	<b>17.4</b>

#### E. TOP U.S. INSTITUTIONS Hosting International Students, 2011/12

Rank	Institution	City	State	Total Int'l Students
1	University of Southern California	Los Angeles	CA	9,269
2	University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	Champaign	IL	8,997
3	New York University	New York	NY	8,660
4	Purdue University - Main Campus	West Lafayette	IN	8,563
5	Columbia University	New York	NY	8,024
6	University of California - Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	6,703
7	Northeastern University	Boston	MA	6,486
8	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	MI	6,382
9	Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI	6,209
10	Ohio State University - Main Campus	Columbus	OH	6,142
11	Indiana University - Bloomington	Bloomington	IN	6,123
12	Penn State University - University Park	University Park	PA	6,075
13	Boston University	Boston	MA	6,041
14	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities	Minneapolis	MN	5,661
15	Arizona State University	Tempe	AZ	5,616
16	University of Florida	Gainesville	FL	5,588
17	Harvard University	Cambridge	MA	5,453
18	University of Washington	Seattle	WA	5,372
19	SUNY University at Buffalo	Buffalo	NY	5,357
20	University of Texas - Austin	Austin	TX	5,324

#### F. TOP U.S. STATES Hosting International Students

Rank	State	2010/11	2011/12	% Change
1	California	96,535	102,789	6.5
2	New York	78,888	82,436	4.5
3	Texas	61,636	61,511	-0.2
4	Massachusetts	38,698	41,258	6.6
5	Illinois	33,766	35,920	6.4
6	Pennsylvania	30,507	33,398	9.5
7	Florida	29,719	32,567	9.6
8	Ohio	24,709	26,427	7.0
9	Michigan	24,668	25,551	3.6
10	Indiana	20,112	22,194	10.4

The Institute of International Education (IIE) has conducted an annual census of international students in the U.S. since its founding in 1919. Known as the *Open Doors Report* since 1954, and supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State since 1972, the report provides detailed data on student flows into and out of the U.S. Visit us online at: <http://www.iie.org/opendoors>.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. (CONTINUED)

### G. TOP FIELDS OF STUDY of International Students

Field of Study	2010/11	2011/12	% of Total	% Change
Business and Management	155,769	166,733	21.8	7.0
Engineering	135,592	141,285	18.5	4.2
Math and Computer Science	64,588	71,364	9.3	10.5
Social Sciences	63,347	66,163	8.7	4.4
Physical and Life Sciences	63,471	66,007	8.6	4.0
Fine and Applied Arts	37,237	41,710	5.5	12.0
Intensive English	32,306	38,887	5.1	20.4
Health Professions	32,526	29,535	3.9	-9.2
Education	16,933	17,200	2.2	1.6
Humanities	16,263	16,294	2.1	0.2
Agriculture	9,888	9,750	1.3	-1.4
Other Fields of Study	75,459	77,252	10.1	2.4
Undeclared	19,898	22,315	2.9	12.1

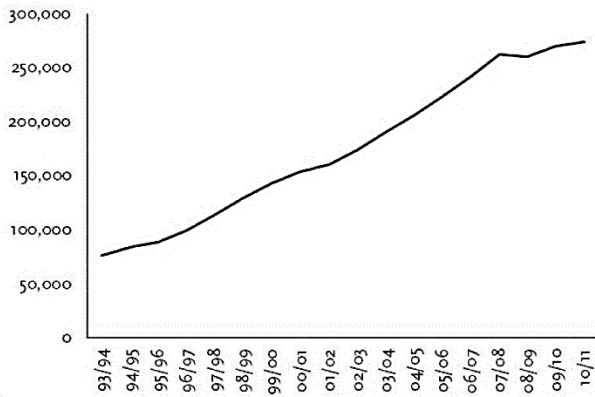
### H. PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING of International Students

Primary Source of Funds	2010/11	2011/12	% of Total	% Change
Personal and Family	458,667	486,524	63.6	6.1
U.S. College or University	165,544	164,394	21.5	-0.7
Foreign Gov't or University	41,589	44,344	5.8	6.6
Current Employment	33,625	40,494	5.3	20.4
Foreign Private Sponsor	7,063	9,670	1.3	36.9
U.S. Private Sponsor	5,827	5,871	0.8	0.8
U.S. Government	4,219	4,746	0.6	12.5
International Organization	1,549	1,869	0.2	20.7
Other Sources	5,194	6,583	0.9	26.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>723,277</b>	<b>764,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>

## U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

### I. U.S. STUDY ABROAD TRENDS

273,996 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in 2010/11, an increase of 1.3% over the previous year. U.S. student participation in study abroad has more than tripled over the past two decades.



### J. LEADING DESTINATIONS of U.S. Study Abroad Students

- 14 of the top 25 destinations are outside Europe.

Rank	Place of Origin	2009/10	2010/11	% of Total	% Change
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>270,604</b>	<b>273,996</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
1	United Kingdom	32,683	33,182	12.1	1.5
2	Italy	27,940	30,361	11.1	8.7
3	Spain	25,411	25,965	9.5	2.2
4	France	17,161	17,019	6.2	-0.8
5	China	13,910	14,596	5.3	4.9
6	Australia	9,962	9,736	3.6	-2.3
7	Germany	8,551	9,018	3.3	5.5
8	Costa Rica	6,262	7,230	2.6	15.5
9	Ireland	6,798	7,007	2.6	3.1
10	Argentina	4,835	4,589	1.7	-5.1
11	India	3,884	4,345	1.6	11.9
12	South Africa	4,313	4,337	1.6	0.6
13	Mexico	7,157	4,167	1.5	-41.8
14	Japan	6,166	4,134	1.5	-33.0
15	Brazil	3,099	3,485	1.3	12.5
16	Israel	3,146	3,441	1.3	9.4
17	Greece	3,700	3,428	1.3	-7.4
18	Czech Republic	3,409	3,291	1.2	-3.5
19	Chile	3,115	3,280	1.2	5.3
20	Ecuador	2,960	3,107	1.1	5.0
21	New Zealand	3,113	2,900	1.1	-6.8
22	Austria	2,701	2,736	1.0	1.3
23	South Korea	2,137	2,487	0.9	16.4
24	Denmark	2,228	2,478	0.9	11.2
25	Netherlands	2,369	2,467	0.9	4.1

### K. TOP FIELDS OF STUDY of U.S. Study Abroad Students

Field of Study	2009/10		2010/11		% Change
	Total	%	Total	%	
Social Sciences	60,345	22.3	62,745	22.9	4.0
Business/Management	56,286	20.8	56,169	20.5	-0.2
Humanities	32,743	12.1	30,962	11.3	-5.4
Fine or Applied Arts	22,460	8.3	22,468	8.2	0.0
Physical/Life Sciences	20,295	7.5	21,646	7.9	6.7
Foreign Languages	15,695	5.8	15,344	5.6	-2.2
Health Professions	12,718	4.7	14,522	5.3	14.2
Education	11,095	4.1	11,508	4.2	3.7
Engineering	10,554	3.9	9,590	3.5	-9.1
Math/Computer Science	4,059	1.5	4,932	1.8	21.5
Agriculture	3,518	1.3	3,562	1.3	1.3
Other Fields of Study	12,177	4.5	13,150	4.8	8.0
Undeclared	8,659	3.2	7,398	2.7	-14.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,604</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>273,996</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>

### M. PARTICIPATION RATE of U.S. Students in Study Abroad, 2010/11

	U.S. Study Abroad Total	U.S. Higher Education Total	%
U.S. higher education system	273,996	19,903,000*	1.4
U.S. undergraduates	236,470	2,613,256**	9.1
U.S. undergraduates pursuing bachelor's degrees	233,984	1,698,854**	13.8

\*Total enrollment of U.S. students (excluding international students) in higher education.  
 \*\*Total undergraduate degrees awarded.

### L. HOST REGIONS of U.S. Study Abroad Students

Host Region*	2009/10		2010/11		% Change
	Total	%	Total	%	
Africa	14,738	5.5	14,087	5.1	-4.4
Asia	32,340	12.0	32,081	11.7	-0.8
Europe	144,840	53.5	149,663	54.6	3.3
Latin America	40,649	15.0	39,871	14.6	-1.9
Middle East	4,959	1.8	4,997	1.8	0.8
North America	1,899	0.7	1,555	0.6	-18.1
Oceania	13,566	5.0	13,156	4.8	-3.0
Antarctica	65	0.0	37	0.0	-43.1
Multiple	17,548	6.5	18,549	6.8	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,604</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>273,996</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>

\* Cyprus and Turkey are included in Europe; Mexico is included in Latin America

### N. DURATION of U.S. Study Abroad

	2009/10 %	2010/11 %
Short-term (summer or eight weeks or less)	56.6	58.1
Mid-length (one or two quarters or one semester)	39.4	38.0
Long-term (academic or calendar year)	3.9	3.9