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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRENDS <br> In 2018/19, the total number of international students in the United States increased by 0.05\% to $1,095,299$ students.



|  | Total int'l <br> students | \% <br> change | Total U.S. higher <br> education | \% <br> int'l |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2008/09 | 671,616 | 7.7 | $19,103,000$ | 3.5 |
| $2009 / 10$ | 690,923 | 2.9 | $20,428,000$ | 3.4 |
| $2010 / 11$ | 723,277 | 4.7 | $20,550,000$ | 3.5 |
| $2011 / 12$ | 764,495 | 5.7 | $20,625,000$ | 3.7 |
| $2012 / 13$ | 819,644 | 7.2 | $21,253,000$ | 3.9 |
| $2013 / 14$ | 886,052 | 8.1 | $21,216,000$ | 4.2 |
| $2014 / 15$ | 974,926 | 10.0 | $20,300,000$ | 4.8 |
| $2015 / 16$ | $1,043,839$ | 7.1 | $20,264,000$ | 5.2 |
| $2016 / 17$ | $1,078,822$ | 3.4 | $20,185,000$ | 5.3 |
| $2017 / 18$ | $1,094,792$ | 1.5 | $19,831,000$ | 5.5 |
| $2018 / 19$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 5 , 2 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 , 8 2 8 , 0 0 0}$ | 5.5 |

U.S. Higher Education Data Source: National Center of Education Statistics, 2018

## NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

| 2013/14 | 270,128 | New international student enrollment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2014/15 | 293,766 | in 2018/19 - students enrolling for the first |
| 2015/16 | 300,743 | time at a U.S. institution in fall 2018- |
| 2016/17 | 290,836 | decreased by 0.9\%. In 2017/18 new |
| 2017/18 | 271,738 | international student enrollment fell |
| 2018/19 | 269,383 | by 7 percent. |

TOP U.S. STATES HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

|  | 2017/18 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 / 1 9}$ | \% change |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | California | 161,942 | 161,693 | -0.2 |
| 2 | New York | 121,260 | 124,277 | 2.5 |
| 3 | Texas | 84,348 | 81,893 | -2.9 |
| 4 | Massachusetts | 68,192 | 71,098 | 4.3 |
| 5 | Illinois | 53,362 | 53,724 | 0.7 |
| 6 | Pennsylvania | 51,817 | 51,818 | 0.0 |
| 7 | Florida | 46,516 | 45,957 | -1.2 |
| 8 | Ohio | 37,583 | 37,314 | -0.7 |
| 9 | Michigan | 34,049 | 33,236 | -2.4 |
| 10 | Indiana | 29,994 | 29,083 | -3.0 |

[^0]top places of origin of international students

|  | 2017/18 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 / 1 9}$ | \% of total | \% change |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | WORLDTOTAL | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 4 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 5 , 2 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 5}$ |
| 1 | China | 363,341 | 369,548 | 33.7 | 1.7 |
| 2 | India | 196,271 | 202,014 | 18.4 | 2.9 |
| 3 | South Korea | 54,555 | 52,250 | 4.8 | -4.2 |
| 4 | Saudi Arabia | 44,432 | 37,080 | 3.4 | -46.5 |
| 5 | Canada | 25,909 | 26,122 | 2.4 | 0.8 |
| 6 | Vietnam | 24,325 | 24,392 | 2.2 | 0.3 |
| 7 | Taiwan | 22,454 | 23,369 | 2.1 | 4.1 |
| 8 | Japan | 18,753 | 18,105 | 1.7 | -3.5 |
| 9 | Brazil | 14,620 | 16,059 | 1.5 | 9.8 |
| 10 | Mexico | 15,468 | 15,229 | 1.4 | -1.5 |
| 11 | Nigeria | 12,693 | 13,423 | 1.2 | 5.8 |
| 12 | Nepal | 13,270 | 13,229 | 1.2 | -0.3 |
| 13 | Iran | 12,783 | 12,142 | 1.1 | -5.0 |
| 14 | United Kingdom | 11,460 | 11,146 | 1.0 | -2.7 |
| 15 | Turkey | 10,520 | 10,159 | 0.9 | -3.4 |
| 16 | Kuwait | 10,190 | 9,195 | 0.8 | -9.8 |
| 17 | Germany | 10,042 | 9,191 | 0.8 | -8.5 |
| 18 | France | 8,802 | 8,716 | 0.8 | -1.0 |
| 19 | Indonesia | 8,650 | 8,356 | 0.8 | -3.4 |
| 20 | Bangladesh | 7,496 | 8,249 | 0.8 | 10.0 |
| 21 | Colombia | 7,976 | 8,060 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| 22 | Pakistan | 7,537 | 7,957 | 0.7 | 5.6 |
| 23 | Venezuela | 8,371 | 7,760 | 0.7 | -7.3 |
| 24 | Malaysia | 8,271 | 7,709 | 0.7 | -6.8 |
| 25 | Spain | 7,489 | 7,262 | 0.7 | -3.0 |

TOP U.S. INSTITUTIONS HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2018/19

| 1 | New York University | New York | NY | 19,605 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | University of Southern California | Los Angeles | CA | 16,340 |
| 3 | Northeastern University - Boston | Boston | MA | 16,075 |
| 4 | Columbia University | New York | NY | 15,897 |
| 5 | University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign | Champaign | IL | 13,497 |
| 6 | Arizona State University - Tempe | Tempe | AZ | 13,324 |
| 7 | University of California - Los Angeles | Los Angeles | CA | 11,942 |
| 8 | Purdue University - West Lafayette | West Lafayette | IN | 10,943 |
| 9 | University of California - San Diego | La Jolla | CA | 10,652 |
| 10 | Boston University | Boston | MA | 10,598 |
| 11 | University of California - Berkeley | Berkeley | CA | 10,063 |
| 12 | University of Texas - Dallas | Richardson | TX | 9,401 |
| 13 | Pennsylvania State University - University Park | University Park | PA | 9,396 |
| 14 | University of Washington | Seattle | WA | 9,311 |
| 15 | University of Michigan - Ann Arbor | Ann Arbor | MI | 8,726 |
| 16 | Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh | PA | 8,669 |
| 17 | University of California - Irvine | Irvine | CA | 8,064 |
| 18 | University of California - Davis | Davis | CA | 8,048 |
| 19 | Ohio State University - Columbus | Columbus | OH | 8,020 |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | Cornell University | Ithaca | NY | 7,214 |

## aCADEmic level trends of international students

|  | Under- <br> graduate | change | Graduate | change | Non- <br> degree | $\%$ <br> change | OPT | change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. (CONT'D)

| PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 / 1 9}$ | \% of total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Personal and Family | 623,901 | 57.0 |
| Current Employment | 225,378 | 20.6 |
| U.S. College or University | 183,647 | 16.8 |
| Foreign Government or University | 46,937 | 4.3 |
| Foreign Private Sponsor | 6,196 | 0.6 |
| U.S. Private Sponsor | 2,632 | 0.2 |
| U.S. Government | 1,935 | 0.2 |
| International Organization | 908 | 0.1 |
| Other Source | 3,765 | 0.3 |
|  |  |  |
| TOTAL INT'L STUDENTS | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 5 , 2 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |


| SELECTED FIELDS OF STUDY | 2017/18 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 / 1 9}$ | \% of total | \%change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Engineering | 232,710 | 230,780 | 21.1 | -0.8 |
| Math and Computer Science | 186,003 | 203,461 | 18.6 | 9.4 |
| Business and Management | 196,054 | 182,170 | 16.6 | -7.1 |
| Social Sciences | 83,708 | 84,320 | 7.7 | 0.7 |
| Physical and Life Sciences | 78,700 | 81,580 | 7.4 | 3.7 |
| Fine and Applied Arts | 63,795 | 63,097 | 5.8 | -1.1 |
| Health Professions | 35,169 | 35,446 | 3.2 | 0.8 |
| Communications and Journalism | 22,824 | 24,017 | 2.2 | 5.2 |
| Intensive English | 25,845 | 22,026 | 2.0 | -14.8 |
| Humanities | 17,040 | 17,013 | 1.6 | -0.2 |
| Education | 17,615 | 16,786 | 1.5 | -4.7 |
| Legal Studies and Law Enforcement | 16,894 | 16,483 | 1.5 | -2.4 |
| Agriculture | 12,473 | 13,754 | 1.3 | 10.3 |

## U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD



|  | 2016/17 |  | 2017/18 |  | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HOST REGIONS* | Total | \% of total | Total | \% of total | change |
| Europe | 181,145 | 54.4 | 187,534 | 54.9 | 3.5 |
| Latin America \& Caribbean | 51,513 | 15.5 | 50,807 | 14.9 | -1.4 |
| Asia | 38,621 | 11.6 | 38,408 | 11.2 | -0.6 |
| Oceania | 14,639 | 4.4 | 14,692 | 4.3 | 0.4 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 13,433 | 4.0 | 14,416 | 4.2 | 7.3 |
| Middle East \& North Africa | 6,901 | 2.1 | 7,207 | 2.1 | 4.4 |
| North America | 1,639 | 0.5 | 1,786 | 0.5 | 9.0 |
| Antarctica | 46 | 0.0 | 10 | 0.0 | -78.3 |
| Multiple | 24,790 | 7.5 | 26,891 | 7.9 | 8.5 |
| WORLD TOTAL | 332,727 | 100.0 | 341,751 | 100.0 | 2.7 |
| *Cyprus and Turkey are included in Europe; Mexico is included in Latin America |  |  |  |  |  |
| OTHER FORMS OF EDUCATION ABROAD |  |  |  |  |  |
| In addition to the 341,751 U.S. students who received academic credit for study abroad in 2017/18, 44 institutions reported that an additional 38,401 U.S. students participated in non-credit work, internships, volunteering, and research abroad. |  |  |  |  |  |


| DESTINATIONS | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 / 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 / 1 8}$ | \% of total | \% change |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | United Kingdom | 39,851 | 39,403 | 11.5 | -1.1 |
| 2 | Italy | 35,366 | 36,945 | 10.8 | 4.5 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Spain | 31,230 | 32,411 | 9.5 | 3.8 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | France | 16,462 | 17,185 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| 5 | Germany | 12,585 | 12,250 | 3.6 | -2.7 |
| 6 | Ireland | 11,492 | 11,965 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| 7 | China | 11,910 | 11,613 | 3.4 | -2.5 |
| 8 | Australia | 10,400 | 10,332 | 3.0 | -0.7 |
| 9 | Costa Rica | 8,322 | 8,681 | 2.5 | 4.3 |
| 10 | Japan | 7,531 | 8,467 | 2.5 | 12.4 |
| 11 | South Africa | 6,042 | 6,001 | 1.8 | -0.7 |
| 12 | Mexico | 5,736 | 5,963 | 1.7 | 4.0 |
| 13 | Czech Republic | 4,777 | 5,248 | 1.5 | 9.9 |
| 14 | Greece | 4,351 | 5,223 | 1.5 | 20.0 |
| 15 | Denmark | 4,457 | 4,637 | 1.4 | 4.0 |
| 16 | Ecuador | 4,021 | 4,055 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| 17 | India | 4,704 | 3,986 | 1.2 | -15.3 |
| 18 | Netherlands | 3,437 | 3,966 | 1.2 | 15.4 |
| 19 | Peru | 3,695 | 3,939 | 1.2 | 6.6 |
| 20 | South Korea | 3,770 | 3,929 | 1.1 | 4.2 |
| 21 | New Zealand | 3,777 | 3,885 | 1.1 | 2.9 |
| 22 | Argentina | 3,422 | 3,805 | 1.1 | 11.2 |
| 23 | Israel | 2,999 | 3,355 | 1.0 | 11.9 |
| 24 | Austria | 3,308 | 3,161 | 0.9 | -4.4 |
| 25 | Chile | 3,073 | 3,020 | 0.9 | -1.7 |
|  | WORLD TOTAL | 332,727 | 341,751 | 100.0 | 2.7 |


| PARTICIPATION | Total U.S. study abroad | Total U.S. higher education |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All U.S. undergrads studying abroad in academic year 2017/18 | 300,056 | 16,185,288* 1.9 |  |
| All U.S. undergraduate who study abroad during their degree program | 300,056 | 2,760,796 ** 10.9 |  |
| U.S. Bachelor's students who study abroad during their undergraduate program | 293,904 | 1,835,046 *** 16.0 |  |
| *Total undergraduate enrollment in the UnitedStates <br> ** U.S. students receiving Associate and Bachelor's degrees <br> ***U.S. students receiving Bachelor's degrees |  |  |  |
| Note: The numbers above do not include international students enrolled at U.S. higher education institutions studying abroad for academic credit. <br> U.S. Higher Education Data Source: National Center of Education Statistics, 2018 |  |  |  |
| DURATION |  | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Short-term (summer, or eight weeks or less) |  | 64.6 | 64.6 |
| Mid-length (one semester, or one or two quarters) |  | 33.1 | 33.1 |
| Long-term (academic or calendar year) |  | 2.3 | 2.3 |


[^0]:    Note: Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding Note: Numbers include both enrolled international students and international students on Optional Practical Training for all tables except new enrollments.

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