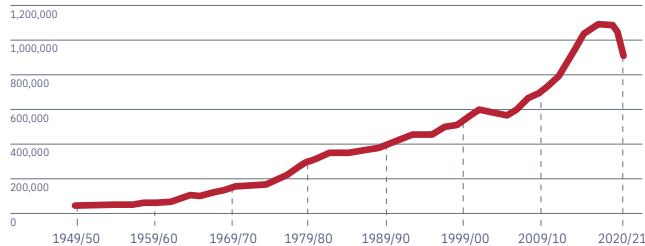


International Students

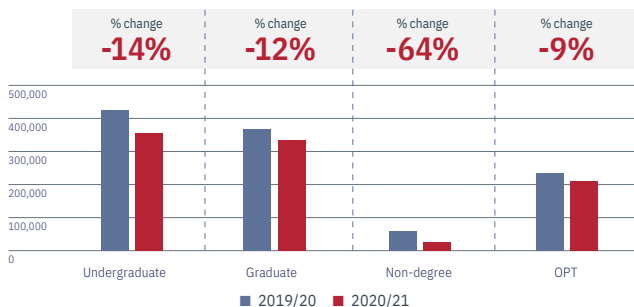
914,095 international students enrolled at U.S. higher education institutions and were on Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the 2020/21 academic year.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 1949/50–2020/21



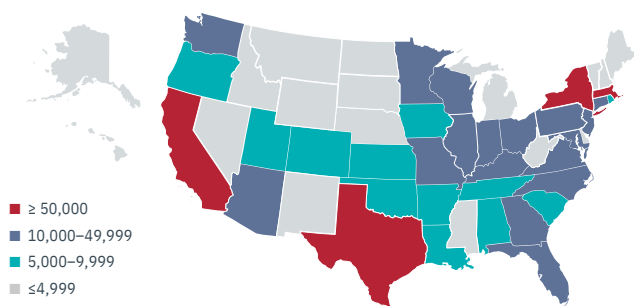
In 2020/21, the total number of international students **declined by 15%** from the prior academic year. This decrease was primarily due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACADEMIC LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



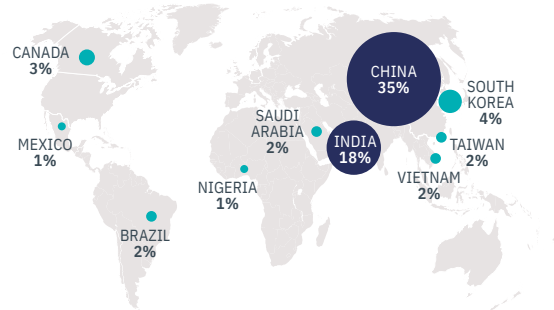
Undergraduates made up **39%** of all international students in 2020/21.

U.S. STATES HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2020/21



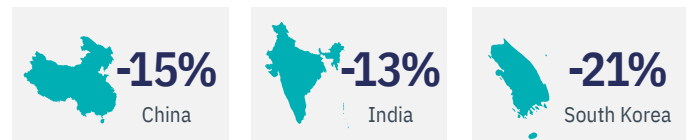
1 out of 3 international students studied at an institution in California, New York, or Texas.

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2020/21

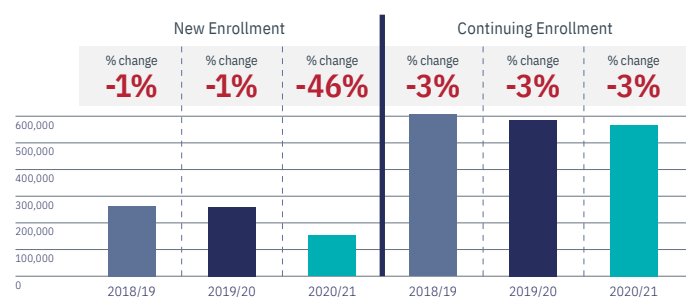


Students from China and India accounted for **53%** of international students.

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2019/20 - 2020/21



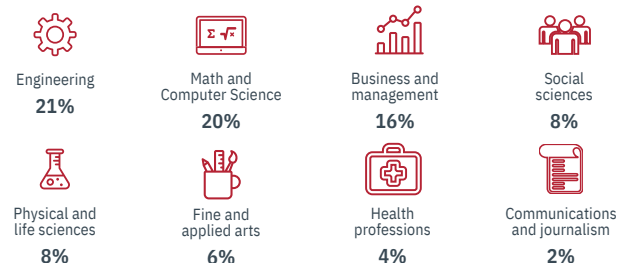
NEW AND CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS*



*New international students enrolled for the first time at their U.S. higher education institution.

145,528 international students studied at their U.S. university for the first time in 2020/21.

SELECTED FIELDS OF STUDY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2020/21



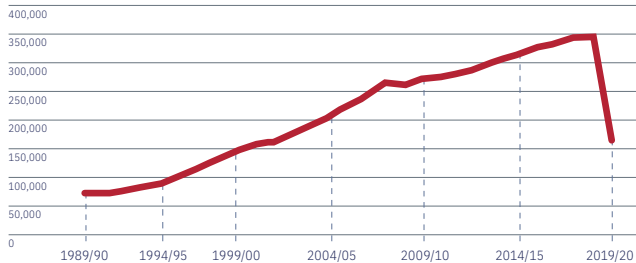
54% of international students pursued majors in STEM fields.

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. Study Abroad

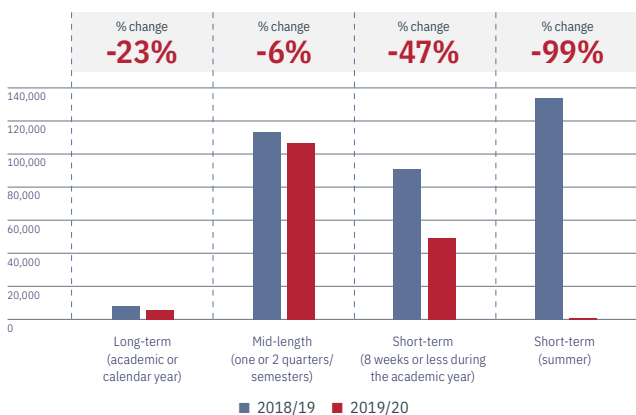
162,633 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in the 2019/20 academic year.

U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, 1989/90–2019/20



In 2019/20, the total number of U.S. students who studied abroad declined by **53%** from the prior academic year. This decrease was primarily due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DURATION OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD, 2019/20



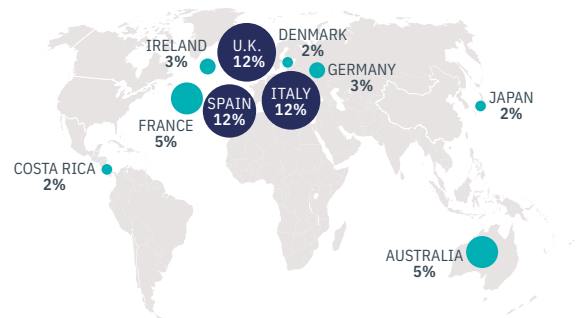
In previous years, short-term summer programs comprised **39%** of all study abroad programs. In summer 2020, only 1,300 students studied abroad for academic credit, a **99% decline**.

U.S. STUDY ABROAD AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



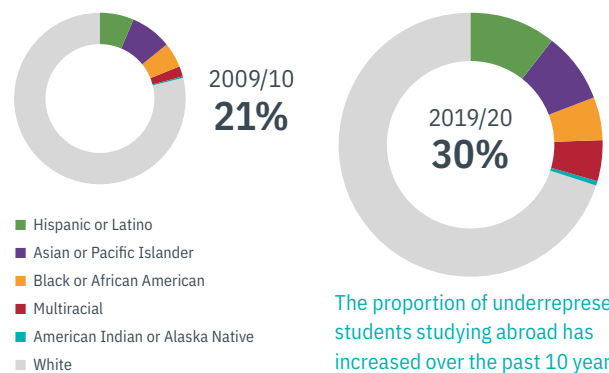
867 institutions reported that more than **55,000** U.S. students who studied abroad in 2019/20 returned to the United States early due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LEADING DESTINATIONS OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS, 2019/20

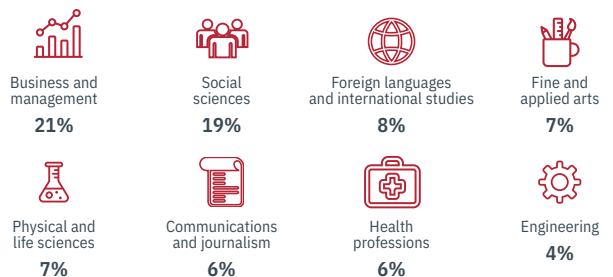


Europe hosted **more than half** of all U.S. students who studied abroad.

RACE/ETHNICITY OF U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

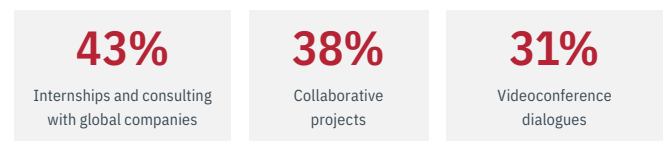


SELECTED FIELDS OF STUDY FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD, 2019/20



ONLINE GLOBAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES, 2019/20

242 institutions reported that more than **10,000** students received academic credit for an online global learning experience.



45% of institutions offered multiple online global learning experiences.