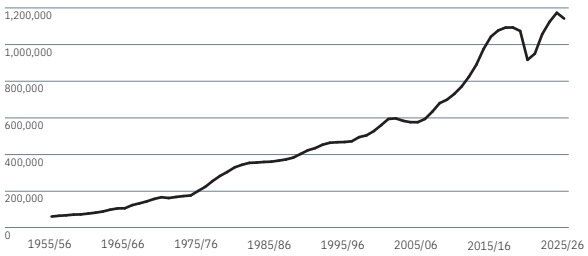
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2026 Fast Facts

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

In 2025/26, the total number of international students in the U.S. decreased by 3% to 1,146,163 students.



	Total int'l students	% change
2021/22	948,519	3.8
2022/23	1,057,188	11.5
2023/24	1,126,690	6.6
2024/25	1,177,766	4.5
2025/26	**1,146,163**	**-2.7**

International students accounted for 6.0% of the total U.S. higher education population of 19,039,584 students.*

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

	New int'l students	% change
2021/22	261,961	80.0
2022/23	298,523	14.0
2023/24	298,705	0.1
2024/25	277,118	-7.2
2025/26	**228,123**	**-17.7**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY ACADEMIC LEVEL

	Undergraduate	% change	Graduate	% change
2021/22	344,532	-4.2	385,097	17.0
2022/23	347,602	0.9	467,027	21.3
2023/24	342,875	-1.4	502,291	7.6
2024/25	357,231	4.2	488,481	-2.7
2025/26	**356,165**	**-0.3**	**423,078**	**-13.4**

	Non-degree	% change	OPT	% change
2021/22	34,131	61.4	184,759	-9.4
2022/23	43,766	28.2	198,793	7.6
2023/24	38,742	-11.5	242,782	22.1
2024/25	37,801	-2.4	294,253	21.2
2025/26	**31,135**	**-17.6**	**335,785**	**14.1**

U.S. STATES HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

	2024/25	2025/26	% change
New York	137,799	133,715	-3.0
California	139,351	131,276	-5.8
Texas	97,043	98,902	1.9
Massachusetts	84,097	80,419	-4.4
Illinois	66,635	67,389	1.1
Pennsylvania	50,848	49,560	-2.5
Florida	46,720	46,547	-0.4
Michigan	40,177	36,485	-9.2
Ohio	39,140	36,067	-7.9
Missouri	36,341	34,006	-6.4
Other states	439,615	431,797	-1.8

PLACES OF ORIGIN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

	2024/25	2025/26	% of total	% change
WORLD TOTAL	**1,177,766**	**1,146,163**	**100.0**	**-2.7**
India	363,019	339,435	29.6	-6.5
China	265,919	254,458	22.2	-4.3
South Korea	42,293	40,874	3.6	-3.4
Canada	29,903	31,125	2.7	4.1
Nepal	24,890	29,058	2.5	16.7
Vietnam	25,584	27,257	2.4	6.5
Taiwan	23,263	23,373	2.0	0.5
Bangladesh	20,156	22,534	2.0	11.8
Nigeria	21,847	20,634	1.8	-5.6
Brazil	17,277	17,934	1.6	3.8
Mexico	15,652	15,670	1.4	0.1
Pakistan	13,165	14,340	1.3	8.9
Ghana	12,825	13,268	1.2	3.5
Japan	13,814	12,456	1.1	-9.8
Iran	12,656	12,041	1.1	-4.9
Saudi Arabia	12,702	11,310	1.0	-11.0
United Kingdom	11,136	11,277	1.0	1.3
Colombia	10,213	10,676	0.9	4.5
Turkey/Türkiye	9,413	9,723	0.8	3.3
Germany	9,123	8,724	0.8	-4.4
Spain	9,229	8,724	0.8	-5.5
France	8,698	8,132	0.7	-6.5
Indonesia	8,104	7,494	0.7	-7.5
Italy	6,744	6,822	0.6	1.2
Peru	5,667	5,875	0.5	3.7
Other places of origin	184,474	182,949	16.0	-0.8

U.S. INSTITUTIONS HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2025/26

New York University	New York	NY	26,595
Arizona State University - Campus Immersion	Tempe	AZ	20,926
Northeastern University - Boston	Boston	MA	20,832
Columbia University	New York	NY	20,419
University of Southern California	Los Angeles	CA	17,856
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	Champaign	IL	16,246
University of North Texas	Denton	TX	12,784
Purdue University - West Lafayette	West Lafayette	IN	12,263
University of California - Berkeley	Berkeley	CA	11,917
Boston University	Boston	MA	11,712
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	MI	11,678
Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore	MD	11,095
University of California - San Diego	La Jolla	CA	11,037
University of Washington	Seattle	WA	10,637
University of California - Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	10,344
Other institutions	-	-	919,822

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLINE

In addition to the 1,146,163 international students who pursued in-person study in the United States in 2025/26, 17,250 international students enrolled online from abroad.

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 (OPT) for all tables except new enrollments. Numbers from 2020/21 - 2022/23 include international students enrolled online from abroad.

*Total fall enrollment in degree-granting, postsecondary institutions, 2023. Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2026.

The Institute of International Education (IIE) has conducted an annual census of international students at U.S. universities since 1919. Published since 1949 and supported by the U.S. Department of State since 1972, the *Open Doors* project provides detailed data on student flows into and out of the U.S. Visit us at: http://www.opendoorsdata.org.

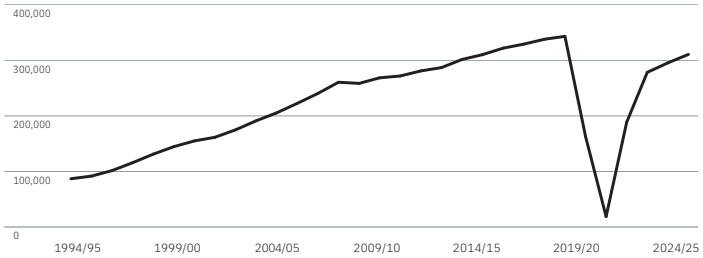
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES (cont'd)

PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING	2025/26	% of total
Personal and family	540,329	47.1
Current employment	337,867	29.5
U.S. college or university	227,071	19.8
Foreign government or university	16,842	1.5
Foreign private sponsor	4,179	0.4
U.S. private sponsor	3,033	0.3
U.S. government	934	0.1
International organization	736	0.1
Other sources of funding	15,172	1.3

FIELDS OF STUDY	2024/25	2025/26	% of total	% change
Math & computer science	305,377	286,168	25.0	-6.3
Engineering	217,016	214,193	18.7	-1.3
Business & management	159,857	160,009	14.0	0.1
Physical & life sciences	95,667	98,373	8.6	2.8
Social sciences	86,008	83,550	7.3	-2.9
Fine & applied arts	49,542	45,310	4.0	-8.5
Health professions	40,417	41,952	3.7	3.8
Communications & journalism	21,493	21,420	1.9	-0.3
Other fields of study	202,389	195,188	17.0	-3.6

U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

In 2024/25, the total number of U.S. students who studied abroad for academic credit increased by 5% to 313,824 students.



DURATION OF STUDY ABROAD	2023/24	2024/25	% total
Short-term			
8 weeks or less during the academic year	67,877	75,575	24.1
Summer term	117,373	120,032	38.2
Mid-length (One/two quarters or semester)	105,899	112,496	35.8
Long-term (Academic or calendar year)	7,031	5,721	1.8

HOST REGIONS	2023/24	2024/25	% of total	% change
Europe	191,209	200,671	63.9	4.9
Asia	30,361	34,671	11.0	14.2
Latin America & Caribbean	31,453	31,401	10.0	-0.2
Oceania	9,910	11,230	3.6	13.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	9,080	9,617	3.1	5.9
Middle East & North Africa	4,872	4,280	1.4	-12.2
North America	1,849	1,206	0.4	-34.8
Antarctica	47	62	0.0	31.9
Multiple	19,399	20,686	6.6	6.6

FIELDS OF STUDY	2023/24	2024/25	% of total	% change
Business & management	64,627	73,200	23.3	13.3
Social sciences	53,080	53,329	17.0	0.5
Physical & life sciences	23,840	24,841	7.9	4.2
Fine & applied arts	21,755	23,087	7.4	6.1
Engineering	16,983	18,819	6.0	10.8
Health professions	17,396	18,047	5.8	3.7
Other fields of study	100,499	102,501	32.6	2.0

U.S. STATES	2023/24	2024/25	% change
California	27,315	28,980	6.1
New York	22,447	23,609	5.2
Texas	16,769	17,977	7.2
Pennsylvania	15,655	15,772	0.7
Massachusetts	15,121	15,508	2.6
Other states	200,873	211,978	5.5

DESTINATIONS	2023/24	2024/25	% of total	% change
WORLD TOTAL	**298,180**	**313,824**	**100.0**	**5.2**
Italy	45,067	46,663	14.9	3.5
Spain	36,826	39,794	12.7	8.1
United Kingdom	36,450	37,093	11.8	1.8
France	16,740	17,490	5.6	4.5
Japan	11,217	12,853	4.1	14.6
Ireland	10,218	10,535	3.4	3.1
Germany	9,682	8,731	2.8	-9.8
Australia	6,509	7,561	2.4	16.2
South Korea	6,184	7,093	2.3	14.7
Greece	6,782	7,012	2.2	3.4
Costa Rica	6,070	6,602	2.1	8.8
Denmark	5,421	5,999	1.9	10.7
Czech Republic	3,702	4,378	1.4	18.3
Mexico	4,430	4,088	1.3	-7.7
Netherlands	3,777	3,808	1.2	0.8
South Africa	3,454	3,583	1.1	3.7
Austria	2,750	3,220	1.0	17.1
New Zealand	3,038	3,130	1.0	3.0
Portugal	1,963	2,789	0.9	42.1
Switzerland	2,274	2,786	0.9	22.5
China	1,749	2,700	0.9	54.4
Argentina	2,702	2,612	0.8	-3.3
Ecuador	2,205	2,348	0.7	6.5
Taiwan	1,849	2,281	0.7	23.4
Singapore	1,948	1,989	0.6	2.1
Other destinations	65,173	66,686	21.2	2.3

PARTICIPATION IN STUDY ABROAD	Student total	% of total
All U.S. undergraduates who study abroad during their degree program	282,580	10.2
U.S. higher education undergraduate total*	2,770,920	

*Total U.S. students receiving Associate and Bachelor's degrees during the 2024/25 academic year. Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2026.

OTHER FORMS OF EDUCATION ABROAD

In addition to the 313,824 U.S. students who received academic credit for study abroad in 2024/25, 349 institutions reported that 32,992 students participated in non-credit experiential activities, such as work, internships, volunteering, and research abroad. Furthermore, 108 U.S. institutions reported that 20,423 students participated in online global learning opportunities, including remote internships, collaborative project-based learning, and video-conference dialogues.