Country and Area Facts and Figures 2026

# China

**1,405,918,803**
Total Population[1]

**11.4%**
Population Aged 15-24[1]

**2**
International Student Place of Origin Ranking, 2025/26

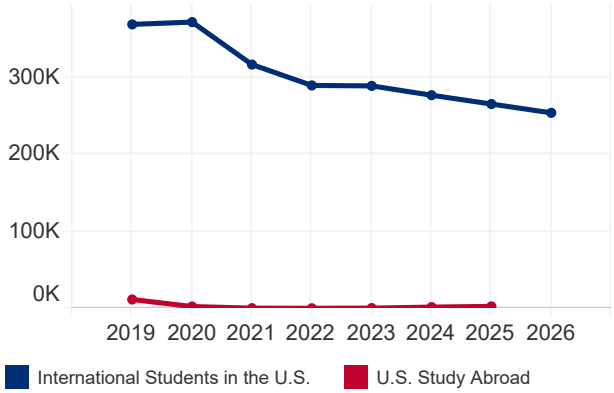
**21**
U.S. Study Abroad Destination Ranking, 2024/25

**$14,167,000,000**
International Student Economic Impact, 2025[2]

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TOTALS

| Year | International Students in the U.S. | U.S. Study Abroad |
|---|---|---|
| 2025/26 | 254,458 | N/A |
| 2024/25 | 265,919 | 2,700 |
| 2023/24 | 277,398 | 1,749 |
| 2022/23 | 289,526 | 469 |
| 2021/22 | 290,086 | 211 |
| 2020/21 | 317,299 | 382 |
| 2019/20 | 372,532 | 2,481 |
| 2018/19 | 369,548 | 11,639 |

## 2018/19-2025/26




**-4.3**
% Change from Previous Year

**54.4**
% Change from Previous Year

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY ACADEMIC LEVEL

| Academic Level | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Total | Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Undergraduate | 78,583 | 74,594 | 29.3% | -5.1% |
| Graduate | 120,229 | 114,043 | 44.8% | -5.1% |
| Non-Degree | 5,126 | 4,276 | 1.7% | -16.6% |
| OPT | 61,981 | 61,545 | 24.2% | -0.7% |

## STUDENT VISAS ISSUED

| Visa | Change 2024-2025[3] |
|---|---|
| F | -28.8% |
| J | -7.8% |
| M | -16.4% |

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY INSTITUTION TYPE

| Institution | Total |
|---|---|
| Associate | 1.4% |
| Baccalaureate | 0.3% |
| Doctorate Focus | 85.1% |
| Master's Focus | 1.5% |
| Special Focus | 11.7% |

| Private | Public |
|---|---|
| 53.1% | 46.9% |

## TOP RECEIVING STATES

1. California
2. New York
3. Massachusetts
4. Illinois
5. Pennsylvania

**Source:** *Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange*. For more information, visit www.opendoorsdata.org.
**Other sources**: [1]*The World Fact Book*, [2]U.S. Deparment of Commerce, [3]travel.state.gov (Fiscal year October 1 - September 30).
**Note:** N/A reflects information that is not available or not applicable. *Open Doors* does not publish rankings for totals of less than ten students.