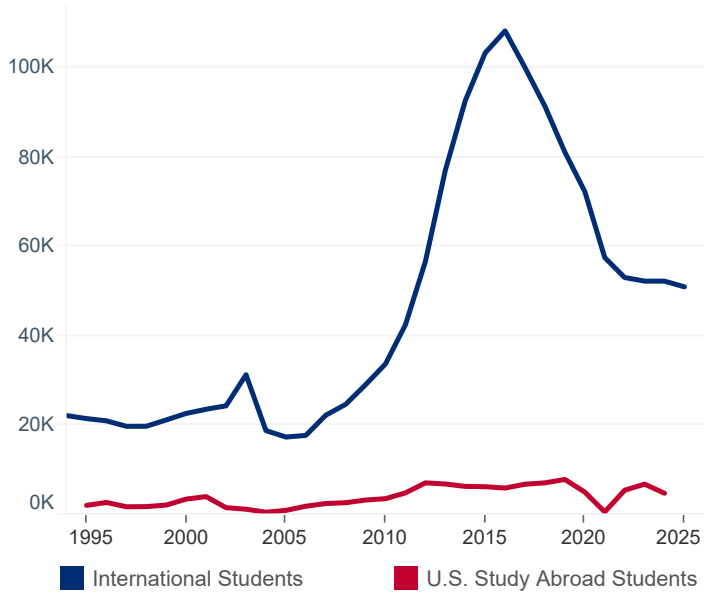
Regions Facts and Figures 2025

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

REGIONAL TRENDS



51,018
International Students in 2024/25

-2.4%
% Change from Previous Year

4,872
U.S. Study Abroad Students in 2023/24

-29.6%
% Change from Previous Year

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY PLACE OF ORIGIN

Place of Origin	2023/24	2024/25	%Change
Algeria	364	426	17.0%
Bahrain	335	438	30.7%
Egypt	4,280	4,518	5.6%
Iran	12,430	12,656	1.8%
Iraq	476	572	20.2%
Israel	2,167	2,266	4.6%
Jordan	2,643	2,768	4.7%
Kuwait	5,102	5,018	-1.6%
Lebanon	1,987	1,826	-8.1%
Libya	365	333	-8.8%

Place of Origin	2023/24	2024/25	%Change
Morocco	1,784	1,975	10.7%
Oman	1,748	1,401	-19.9%
Palestinian Territories	466	500	7.3%
Qatar	388	350	-9.8%
Saudi Arabia	14,828	12,702	-14.3%
Syria	385	434	12.7%
Tunisia	717	769	7.3%
United Arab Emirates	1,571	1,808	15.1%
Yemen	256	258	0.8%

Source: *Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange*. For more information, visit www.opendoorsdata.org.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY ACADEMIC LEVEL

Sub-Region	Academic Level											
	Undergraduate			Graduate			Non-Degree			OPT		
	2023/24	2024/25	% Change	2023/24	2024/25	% Change	2023/24	2024/25	% Change	2023/24	2024/25	% Change
All Middle East & North Africa	18,876	18,698	-0.9%	24,188	23,386	-3.3%	2,755	2,545	-7.6%	6,473	6,389	-1.3%
Middle East	16,182	15,598	-3.6%	21,060	20,236	-3.9%	2,288	2,091	-8.6%	5,252	5,072	-3.4%
North Africa	2,694	3,100	15.1%	3,128	3,150	0.7%	467	454	-2.8%	1,221	1,317	7.9%

DESTINATIONS FOR U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

Destination	2022/23	2023/24	%Change
Algeria	0	1	-
Bahrain	25	1	-96.0%
Egypt	421	223	-47.0%
Iran	2	0	-100.0%
Iraq	8	0	-100.0%
Israel	3,262	1,655	-49.3%
Jordan	691	484	-30.0%
Kuwait	9	26	188.9%
Lebanon	12	5	-58.3%
Libya	0	0	0.0%

Destination	2022/23	2023/24	%Change
Morocco	1,258	1,223	-2.8%
Oman	94	70	-25.5%
Palestinian Territories	31	1	-96.8%
Qatar	99	74	-25.3%
Saudi Arabia	16	11	-31.3%
Syria	0	0	0.0%
Tunisia	55	26	-52.7%
United Arab Emirates	938	1,072	14.3%
Yemen	0	0	0.0%

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