State Facts and Figures 2026

North Carolina

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2025/26

26,667
International Students

15
Rank in the United States*

2
% Change from Previous Year

$857,083,283
International Student Expenditure**

Engineering
Leading Major of International Students

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN

Place of Origin	% Total
China	29
India	28
South Korea	3
Bangladesh	2
Canada	2

LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
Duke University and Medical Center	7,605
North Carolina State University	5,366
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	3,508
University of North Carolina - Charlotte	3,390
University of North Carolina - Greensboro	726

U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, 2024/25

13,720
U.S. Students Studying Abroad

7
Rank in the United States*

7
% Change from Previous Year

Business
Leading Major of Study Abroad Students

LEADING DESTINATIONS

Destination	% Total
United Kingdom	15
Italy	15
Spain	12
Czech Republic	5
France	5

LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	2,798
North Carolina State University	1,784
Elon University	1,642
Wake Forest University	1,213
Duke University and Medical Center	1,084

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS

Exchange Program	Fulbright 2025/26	Gilman 2025/26	Critical Language Scholarship 2025/26
U.S. students from colleges and universities in the state	73	113	14
International students at colleges and universities in the state	95		

*Rankings include all 50 U.S. states in addition to Washington, D.C., Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
**Economic analysis produced by NAFSA: Association of International Educators based on enrollment data from *Open Doors* 2026. https://www.nafsa.org/economicvalue
Note: Leading institutions with ten or more international or study abroad students.
Source: *Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange*. For more information, visit https://opendoorsdata.org/.

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