International Mobility Trends in the United States
Highlights from Open Doors® 2015

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International Student Enrollments

New International Students
Continuing International Students

International Students in 2014/15: 974,926
10.0% growth in international students
International Students as a Percentage of Total Higher Education

Source: Project Atlas, 2015
Places of Origin – 2014/15

Top 3
8,000 +
4,001 – 8,000
2001 – 4,000
1001 – 2000
501 - 1000
251 - 500
1 - 250

China
304,040
India
132,888
South Korea
63,710
Top 3 Places of Origin

- China
- India
- South Korea
Where is the largest growth?

- Brazil: +78.2%
- India: +29.4%
- Kuwait: +24.0%
- Nigeria: +19.9%
Growth in Students from India

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Non-Degree
- Optional Practical Training

Years: 2007/08 to 2013/14

Percentages: +29.4%
Top Host States

- New York: 106,758 (+7.9)
- California: 135,130 (+11.1)
- Arizona: 20,546 (+33.1)
- Texas: 75,588 (+17.6)
- Missouri: 21,703 (+19.2)

Fastest growing states hosting > 10,000:

- California
- Arizona
- Texas
- Missouri

60,001+
30,001 – 60,000
10,001 – 30,000
1 – 10,000
Academic Level Trends

**Growth Rate**

- **Undergraduate**: ↑7.6%
- **Graduate**: ↑9.8%
Other Academic Level Trends

Growth Rate

- **OPT**: ↑13.5%
- **Non-Degree**: ↑17.8%

Year:
- 06/07
- 07/08
- 08/09
- 09/10
- 10/11
- 11/12
- 12/13
- 13/14
- 14/15

Graph shows the growth trend for OPT and Non-Degree levels from 06/07 to 14/15.

Source: Open Doors
A Closer Look at OPT Growth

Enrolled
OPT

12%
Who pursues OPT?

- India: 22%
- Nepal: 18%
- Taiwan: 17%
- China: 14%
- Nigeria: 13%
- Iran: 13%
- Russia: 12%
- Pakistan: 12%
- Spain: 12%
- Malaysia: 12%

- OPT: 100%
Fields of Study

- STEM: 44.0%
- Business & Management: 20.2%
- Social Sciences: 7.8%
- Fine & Applied Arts: 5.8%
- Intensive English: 5.0%
- Undeclared and Other: 17.1%

Engineering: 20%
Math/Computer Science: 12%
Physical & Life Sciences: 8%
Health Professions: 3%
Agriculture: 1%
Fields of Study – STEM & Business

- **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math**
  - India: 80.4%
  - Iran: 79.2%
  - Nepal: 68.5%
  - Vietnam: 32.6%
  - Indonesia: 28.8%
  - China: 26.4%

- **Business & Management**

*Source: Open Doors*
Other Fields of Study

Intensive English
- Kuwait: 23
- Saudi Arabia: 23
- Japan: 15

Social Sciences
- United Kingdom: 17
- Hong Kong: 16
- Germany: 14

Fine & Applied Arts
- Taiwan: 13
- South Korea: 12
- Hong Kong: 10
U.S. Students Studying Abroad
Study Abroad Trends

304,467 U.S. students received academic credit for Study Abroad in 2013/14

5.2% growth in U.S. Study Abroad
Top 5 Major Fields of Study

1. **STEM**
   - Percentage: 22.6

2. **Business & Management**
   - Percentage: 19.6

3. **Social Sciences**
   - Percentage: 18.7

4. **Foreign Lang. & Global Studies**
   - Percentage: 7.8

5. **Fine & Applied Arts**
   - Percentage: 7.0

*2011/2012 U.S. Higher Education data from National Center for Education Statistics*
Non-Credit Education Abroad

Mexico, Nicaragua, and Dominican Republic each hosted more than 1,000 U.S. students for non-credit work, internships, and volunteering in 2013/14.
Generation Study Abroad Partners

- **351** U.S. Universities and Colleges
- **64** U.S. Study Abroad Organizations
- **24** Education Associations
- **16** Social Networks, Other Services
- **81** International Universities
- **23** International Organizations
- **14** Country Partners
- **10** K-12 Organizations

600+
### Open Doors Data

#### International Students: Leading Places of Origin

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<th>2013/14</th>
<th>2012/13</th>
<th>% of Total</th>
<th>Change</th>
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<td>229,995</td>
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#### Open Doors 2014 Data

**International Students**

- Leading Places of Origin
- All Places of Origin
- Academic Level
- Academic Level and Place of Origin
- Enrollment Trends
- New International Enrollment
- Enrollment by Institutional Type
- Fields of Study
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- All Institutions

**U.S. Study Abroad**

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- Fact Sheets by Country
- Fact Sheets by Region

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- iie.org/opendoors: Data on academic mobility to & from the U.S.
- Fulbright.state.gov: Information on Fulbright student and scholar programs
- iie.org/mobility: IIE’s Center for Academic Mobility Research
- iie.org/projectatlas: Data on global student mobility
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