## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S.

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

| 2012/13 | 250,920 | New international student |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2013/14 | 270,128 | enrollment - students enrolling for |
| 2014/15 | 293,766 | the first time at a U.S. institution in |
| 2015/16 | 300,743 | fall 2017-decreased by $6.6 \%$ over |
| $2016 / 17$ | 290,836 | the previous year. |
| 2017/18 | 271,738 |  |

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRENDS*

In 2017/18, the number of international students in the U.S. increased by 1.5\% to 1,094,792 students.


|  | Total int'I <br> students | $\%$ <br> change | U.S. higher <br> education total** | $\%$ <br> int'। |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2006 / 07$ | 582,984 | 3.2 | $17,672,000$ | 3.3 |
| $2007 / 08$ | 623,805 | 7.0 | $18,248,000$ | 3.4 |
| $2008 / 09$ | 671,616 | 7.7 | $19,103,000$ | 3.5 |
| $2009 / 10$ | 690,923 | 2.9 | $20,428,000$ | 3.4 |
| $2010 / 11$ | 723,277 | 4.7 | $20,550,000$ | 3.5 |
| $2011 / 12$ | 764,495 | 5.7 | $20,625,000$ | 3.7 |
| $2012 / 13$ | 819,644 | 7.2 | $21,253,000$ | 3.9 |
| $2013 / 14$ | 886,052 | 8.1 | $21,216,000$ | 4.2 |
| $2014 / 15$ | 974,926 | 10.0 | $20,300,000$ | 4.8 |
| $2015 / 16$ | $1,043,839$ | 7.1 | $20,264,000$ | 5.2 |
| $2016 / 17$ | $1,078,822$ | 3.4 | $20,185,000$ | 5.3 |
| $2017 / 18$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 4}, 792$ | 1.5 | $\mathbf{1 9 , 8 3 1 , 0 0 0}$ | 5.5 |

**Data from the National Center of Education Statistics
top U.S. States hosting international students*

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 / 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 / 1 8}$ | \% change |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | California | 156,879 | 161,942 | 3.2 |
| 2 | New York | 118,424 | 121,260 | 2.4 |
| 3 | Texas | 85,116 | 84,348 | -0.9 |
| 4 | Massachusetts | 62,926 | 68,192 | 8.4 |
| 5 | Illinois | 52,225 | 53,362 | 2.2 |
| 6 | Pennsylvania | 51,129 | 51,817 | 1.3 |
| 7 | Florida | 45,718 | 46,516 | 1.7 |
| 8 | Ohio | 38,680 | 37,583 | -2.8 |
| 9 | Michigan | 34,296 | 34,049 | -0.7 |
| 10 | Indiana | 30,600 | 29,994 | -2.0 |

[^0]top places of origin of international students*

|  | 2016/17 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 / 1 8}$ | \% of Total | \%Change |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | World TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 , 0 7 8 , 8 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 4 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | 1.5 |
| 1 | China | 350,755 | 363,341 | 33.2 | 3.6 |
| 2 | India | 186,267 | 196,271 | 17.9 | 5.4 |
| 3 | South Korea | 58,663 | 54,555 | 5.0 | -7.0 |
| 4 | Saudi Arabia | 52,611 | 44,432 | 4.1 | -15.5 |
| 5 | Canada | 27,065 | 25,909 | 2.4 | -4.3 |
| 6 | Vietnam | 22,438 | 24,325 | 2.2 | 8.4 |
| 7 | Taiwan | 21,516 | 22,454 | 2.1 | 4.4 |
| 8 | Japan | 18,780 | 18,753 | 1.7 | -0.1 |
| 9 | Mexicico | 16,835 | 15,468 | 1.4 | -8.1 |
| 10 | Brazil | 13,089 | 14,620 | 1.3 | 11.7 |
| 11 | Nepal | 11,607 | 13,270 | 1.2 | 14.3 |
| 12 | Iran | 12,643 | 12,783 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| 13 | Nigeria | 11,710 | 12,693 | 1.2 | 8.4 |
| 14 | United Kingdom | 11,489 | 11,460 | 1.0 | -0.3 |
| 15 | Turkey | 10,586 | 10,520 | 1.0 | -0.6 |
| 16 | Kuwait | 9,825 | 10,190 | 0.9 | 3.7 |
| 17 | Germany | 10,169 | 10,042 | 0.9 | -1.2 |
| 18 | France | 8,814 | 8,802 | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| 19 | Indonesia | 8,776 | 8,650 | 0.8 | -1.4 |
| 20 | Venezuela | 8,540 | 8,371 | 0.8 | -2.0 |
| 21 | Malaysia | 8,247 | 8,271 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| 22 | Colombia | 7,982 | 7,976 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| 23 | Pakistan | 7,015 | 7,537 | 0.7 | 7.4 |
| 24 | Bangladesh | 7,143 | 7,496 | 0.7 | 4.9 |
| 25 | Spain | 7,164 | 7,489 | 0.7 | 4.5 |

TOP U.S. INSTITUTIONS HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2017/18*

| 1 | New York University | New York | NY | 17,552 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | University of Southern California | Los Angeles | CA | 16,075 |
| 3 | Northeastern University - Boston | Boston | MA | 14,905 |
| 4 | Columbia University | New York | NY | 14,615 |
| 5 | Arizona State University - Tempe | Tempe | AZ | 13,459 |
| 6 | University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign | Champaign | IL | 13,445 |
| 7 | University of California - Los Angeles | Los Angeles | CA | 12,017 |
| 8 | Purdue University - West Lafayette | West Lafayette | IN | 11,044 |
| 9 | University of California - San Diego | La Jolla | CA | 9,883 |
| 10 | Boston University | Boston | MA | 9,742 |
| 11 | University of Texas - Dallas | Richardson | TX | 9,713 |
| 12 | University of California - Berkeley | Berkeley | CA | 9,331 |
| 13 | University of Washington | Seattle | WA | 8,902 |
| 14 | Pennsylvania State University - University Park | University Park | PA | 8,636 |
| 15 | Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh | PA | 8,604 |
| 16 | University of Michigan - Ann Arbor | Ann Arbor | MI | 8,442 |
| 17 | University of California - Irvine | Irvine | CA | 7,902 |
| 18 | Michigan State University | East Lansing | MI | 7,624 |
| 19 | Indiana University - Bloomington | Bloomington | IN | 7,343 |
| 20 | University of California - Davis | Davis | CA | 7,316 |

## ACADEMIC LEVEL TRENDS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

|  | Under- <br> graduate | change |  | Graduate | change | Non- <br> degree | $\%$ <br> change | OPT |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| change |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## international students in the u.s. (CONT'D)

| PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING* | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 / 1 8}$ | \% of total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Personal and Family | 641,318 | 58.6 |
| Current Employment | 205,642 | 18.8 |
| U.S. College or University | 172,531 | 15.8 |
| Foreign Government or University | 56,549 | 5.2 |
| Foreign Private Sponsor | 6,301 | 0.6 |
| U.S. Private Sponsor | 2,657 | 0.2 |
| U.S. Government | 2,597 | 0.2 |
| International Organization | 1,599 | 0.1 |
| Other Source | 5,598 | 0.5 |
|  |  |  |
| TOTAL INT'L STUDENTS | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 4 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |


| SELECTED FIELDS OF STUDY* | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 / 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 / 1 8}$ | \% of total | \% change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Engineering | 230,711 | 232,710 | 21.3 | 0.9 |
| Business and Management | 200,754 | 196,054 | 17.9 | -2.3 |
| Math and Computer Science | 167,180 | 186,003 | 17.0 | 11.3 |
| Social Sciences | 83,046 | 83,708 | 7.6 | 0.8 |
| Physical and Life Sciences | 76,838 | 78,700 | 7.2 | 2.4 |
| Fine and Applied Arts | 61,506 | 63,795 | 5.8 | 3.7 |
| Health Professions | 34,395 | 35,169 | 3.2 | 2.3 |
| Intensive English | 30,309 | 25,845 | 2.4 | -14.7 |
| Communications and Journalism | 21,913 | 22,824 | 2.1 | 4.2 |
| Education | 17,993 | 17,615 | 1.6 | -2.1 |
| Humanities | 17,561 | 17,040 | 1.6 | -3.0 |
| Legal Studies and Law Enforcement | 15,306 | 16,894 | 1.5 | 10.4 |
| Agriculture | 12,602 | 12,473 | 1.1 | -1.0 |

## U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

332,727 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in $2016 / 17$, an increase of
2.3\% over the previous year.
350,000
300,000
250,000
200,000
150,000
100,000
50,000
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*Cyprus and Turkey are included in Europe; Mexico is included in Latin America

## OTHER FORMS OF EDUCATION ABROAD

In addition to the 332,727 U.S. students who received academic credit for study abroad in 2016/17, 414 institutions reported that an additional 36,975 U.S. students participated in non-credit work, internships, volunteering, and research abroad.

| DURATION | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Short-term (summer, or eight weeks or less) | 63.0 | 64.6 |
| Mid-length (one semester, or one or two quarters) | 34.6 | 33.1 |
| Long-term (academic or calendar year) | 2.4 | 2.3 |


[^0]:    Note: Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding
    *Numbers include both enrolled international students and international students on Optional Practical Training

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