

Foreign graduate student enrollment in U.S. universities for top 10 places of origin, by year and field: 1987–99

Place of origin	Foreign students ^a	Foreign graduate students ^a	Field							
			S&E	Social sciences	Physical/life sciences	Mathematics/computer sciences	Agricultural sciences	Engineering	Other sciences	Non-S&E
1987	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations.....	356,187	156,366	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations.....	168,190	94,160	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China.....	25,170	20,388	81.0	9.0	31.1	12.9	2.9	21.3	3.8	19.0
Japan.....	18,050	4,260	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Korea.....	20,520	14,939	67.3	15.9	14.5	8.8	2.9	21.1	4.1	32.7
India.....	21,010	15,547	75.4	6.8	13.6	12.8	1.6	37.5	3.1	24.6
Taiwan.....	26,660	20,875	NA	NA	NA	n/a	NA	NA	NA	NA
Canada.....	15,690	5,915	45.4	14.7	12.0	2.9	2.5	6.7	6.6	54.6
Thailand.....	6,430	3,620	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Indonesia.....	9,010	2,586	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Malaysia.....	19,480	4,149	50.1	11.8	5.7	13.3	4.0	12.4	2.9	49.9
Mexico.....	6,170	1,882	67.3	14.8	15.2	8.1	11.0	14.8	3.4	32.7
Other locations.....	187,997	62,206	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1989	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations.....	386,851	172,536	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations.....	196,680	110,287	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China.....	33,390	27,614	81.7	8.1	33.0	13.5	2.8	21.0	3.3	18.3
Japan.....	29,840	5,819	44.1	19.6	5.5	3.1	1.5	7.4	7.0	55.9
South Korea.....	21,710	15,132	67.6	14.0	15.6	9.0	2.4	21.9	4.7	32.4
India.....	26,240	19,811	77.3	6.1	12.2	16.3	1.6	38.7	2.4	22.7
Taiwan.....	30,960	23,622	71.5	5.6	12.1	16.5	2.6	29.8	4.9	28.5
Canada.....	17,870	6,934	41.5	13.8	10.9	2.7	1.7	6.5	5.9	58.5
Thailand.....	6,630	3,633	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Indonesia.....	9,390	3,071	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Malaysia.....	14,110	2,709	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mexico.....	6,540	1,942	63.9	11.9	17.3	7.4	8.7	15.5	3.1	36.1
Other locations.....	190,171	62,249	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1991	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations.....	419,585	197,625	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations.....	233,870	125,769	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China.....	42,940	34,824	81.5	7.7	33.2	12.0	3.0	22.6	3.0	18.5
Japan.....	40,700	7,082	43.6	18.2	5.5	2.7	1.3	7.7	8.2	56.4
South Korea.....	25,720	14,738	63.0	12.7	14.5	7.9	2.7	20.7	4.5	37.0
India.....	32,530	25,536	78.8	4.7	10.4	16.9	1.6	43.2	2.0	21.2
Taiwan.....	35,550	24,138	64.3	5.7	12.2	12.5	2.3	26.5	5.1	35.7
Canada.....	19,190	8,041	37.3	13.4	9.5	2.2	1.6	5.9	4.7	62.7
Thailand.....	7,690	4,176	40.4	10.4	3.9	6.6	2.7	11.4	5.4	59.6
Indonesia.....	10,250	2,860	52.9	10.5	6.7	6.1	8.0	18.0	3.6	47.1
Malaysia.....	12,650	2,226	55.1	10.9	6.9	8.2	3.6	21.0	4.5	44.9
Mexico.....	6,650	2,148	68.1	11.3	15.5	8.0	10.4	19.9	3.0	31.9
Other locations.....	185,715	71,856	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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1993	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations.....	449,749	201,038	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations.....	257,279	134,474	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China.....	44,381	36,370	79.7	6.3	31.5	12.0	2.8	23.9	3.2	20.3
Japan.....	43,770	7,755	43.7	17.3	6.0	3.2	1.5	8.0	7.7	56.3
South Korea.....	31,076	15,785	59.8	12.5	14.5	7.4	2.2	18.3	4.9	40.2
India.....	34,796	27,533	79.5	4.5	10.1	17.0	1.6	43.8	2.5	20.5
Taiwan.....	37,581	24,623	61.0	5.4	10.0	11.4	1.9	27.0	5.3	39.0
Canada.....	22,655	8,455	39.9	13.6	9.4	2.5	1.5	6.2	6.7	60.1
Thailand.....	9,537	5,621	35.4	6.4	4.2	5.8	1.8	13.2	4.0	64.6
Indonesia.....	11,744	3,399	54.2	10.7	7.2	4.7	5.3	21.7	4.6	45.8
Malaysia.....	13,718	2,078	57.8	12.9	7.9	8.1	1.8	21.8	5.3	42.2
Mexico.....	8,021	2,855	63.5	12.8	12.0	7.6	8.1	16.9	6.1	36.5
Other locations.....	192,470	66,564	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1995	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations.....	453,787	194,221	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations.....	256,512	122,044	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China.....	39,613	32,512	79.7	5.9	28.3	13.1	4.3	24.9	3.2	20.3
Japan.....	45,531	7,819	50.3	24.7	5.0	3.4	2.3	7.4	7.5	49.7
South Korea.....	36,231	15,045	58.7	11.2	11.8	7.0	3.3	18.7	6.7	41.3
India.....	31,743	23,593	79.5	4.2	10.4	17.7	2.8	41.3	3.1	20.5
Taiwan.....	32,702	18,904	58.0	6.7	8.6	10.1	3.4	24.2	5.0	42.0
Canada.....	23,005	8,851	39.1	15.5	7.6	1.5	2.3	4.6	7.6	60.9
Thailand.....	12,165	7,347	41.3	5.6	3.8	5.2	3.8	19.5	3.4	58.7
Indonesia.....	12,820	2,947	52.9	10.6	3.9	6.5	6.3	22.0	3.6	47.1
Malaysia.....	14,015	1,956	56.7	11.6	6.6	11.0	2.0	20.1	5.4	43.3
Mexico.....	8,687	3,070	67.4	14.7	11.6	7.1	9.8	19.3	4.9	32.6
Other locations.....	197,275	72,177	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1997	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations.....	481,280	211,282	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations.....	276,173	137,850	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China.....	46,958	39,204	78.3	5.3	24.7	16.1	3.1	25.6	3.5	21.7
Japan.....	47,073	8,852	49.9	23.6	4.9	3.9	1.4	6.5	9.6	50.1
South Korea.....	42,890	18,961	54.1	10.2	9.0	6.9	2.2	18.0	7.8	45.9
India.....	33,818	25,128	76.9	4.1	9.2	17.9	1.5	41.6	2.6	23.1
Taiwan.....	30,855	17,141	51.5	6.5	7.8	10.4	1.5	19.6	5.7	48.5
Canada.....	22,051	9,408	41.8	13.7	9.7	2.3	1.5	6.7	7.9	58.2
Thailand.....	15,090	9,785	42.4	7.3	4.6	4.8	2.1	18.0	5.6	57.6
Indonesia.....	13,282	3,489	43.4	7.2	2.7	3.8	2.7	22.3	4.7	56.6
Malaysia.....	14,597	2,185	56.8	8.4	7.1	6.9	3.5	24.3	6.6	43.2
Mexico.....	9,559	3,697	63.1	12.6	9.0	5.1	10.6	19.8	6.0	36.9
Other locations.....	205,107	73,432	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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1999	Number		Percent distribution							
All locations	514,723	225,383	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Top 10 locations	279,608	144,256	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
China	54,466	44,127	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Japan	46,872	8,897	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Korea	41,191	20,085	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
India	42,337	30,533	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Taiwan	29,234	14,891	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Canada	23,544	10,133	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Thailand	10,983	6,872	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Indonesia	11,300	2,708	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Malaysia	9,074	1,984	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mexico	10,607	4,026	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other locations	235,115	81,127	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

NA not available

^aIncludes temporary residents only.

NOTES: Field-of-study data are collected biennially in fall of academic year. Student counts other than total foreign student enrollment are imputed from data reported by institutions. A large discrepancy exists between academic level figures reported by country and those provided by U.S. institutions for foreign students. Discrepancy results from differential response rates to nationality question and academic level question.

SOURCE: Institute of International Education, Annual Census of Foreign Students, special tabulations, 2001.

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