



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: JAPAN

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2014*

In the 2013/14 academic year, **19,334** students from Japan were studying in the United States (down 1.2% from the previous year). Japan is the seventh leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Japanese students in the U.S. study at the undergraduate level. In 2013/14, their breakdown was as follows: 47.4% undergraduate; 18.4% graduate students; 26.7% other; 7.5% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Economic Impact: Last year Japanese students in U.S. colleges and universities contributed \$595 million to the U.S. economy. (Source: U.S. Department of Commerce)

Historical trends: From 1994/95 until 1998/99, Japan was the leading sender of students to the U.S., but has since fallen to seventh due to surges in students from India, China, South Korea and Saudi Arabia, the effects of a rapidly aging Japanese population, and other factors including the global economy and the recruiting cycle of Japanese companies. The number of Japanese students on U.S. campuses has shown a general trend of decline since its peak of more than 47,000 students in 1997/98. However, the rate of decline has consistently slowed since 2009/10, when there had been a 15% decrease.

Year	# of Students From Japan	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Japan
2013/14	19,334	-1.2%	n/a
2012/13	19,568	-2.0%	5,758 (up 9%)
2011/12	19,966	-6.2%	5,283(up 27.8%)
2010/11	21,290	-14.3%	4,134(down 33%)
2009/10	24,842	-15.1%	6,166 (up 6.6%)
2008/09	29,264	-13.9%	5,784
2007/08	33,974	-3.7%	5,708
2006/07	35,282	-8.9%	5,012
2005/06	38,712	-8.3%	4,411
2004/05	42,215	3.4%	4,101
2003/04	40,835	-11.2%	3,707
2002/03	45,960	-1.8%	3,457
2001/02	46,810	0.7%	3,168
2000/01	46,497	-0.8%	2,618
1999/00	46,872	1.0%	2,679
1998/99	46,406	-1.4%	2,485
1997/98	47,073	1.7%	2,285
1996/97	46,292	-	2,018

Note: Study abroad figures from *Open Doors* reflect credit given by U.S. campuses during the survey year to their students who studied abroad in the academic year just completed, including the summer term. Study abroad in 2013/14 will be reported in *Open Doors 2015*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.