











OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: NIGERIA

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2011*

In the 2010/11 academic year, **7,148** students from Nigeria were studying in the United States (up 9% from the previous year). Nigeria is the eighteenth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Nigerian students study at the undergraduate level. In 2010/11, their breakdown was as follows:

52.8% undergraduate 34.3% graduate students

1.7% other

11.2% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of Nigerian students in the U.S. has been on a general upward trend since the 1990s despite decreases in 2005/06 and 2006/07. With an increase of 5% to 6,222 students in 2007/08, Nigeria replaced Kenya as the only African country in the top 20 places of origin and remains in that position.

Year	# of Students From Nigeria	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Nigeria
2010/11	7,148	8.8%	n/a
2009/10	6,568	5.0%	35 (down 16.7%)
2008/09	6,256	0.5%	42
2007/08	6,222	4.7%	11
2006/07	5,943	-4.0%	22
2005/06	6,192	-2.3%	37
2004/05	6,335	3.2%	14
2003/04	6,140	5.6%	29
2002/03	5,816	29.3%	24
2001/02	4,499	17.8%	10
2000/01	3,820	6.1%	5
1999/00	3,602	25.2%	26
1998/99	2,876	18.1%	14
1997/98	2,436	11.5%	4
1996/97	2,184	-	18

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 2010/11 will be reported in *Open Doors 2012*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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