# OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: VIETNAM

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**Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2012***

In the 2011/12 academic year, **15,572** students from Vietnam were studying in the United States (up 4.6% from the previous year). Vietnam is the eighth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

**Academic Level:** The majority of Vietnamese students study at the undergraduate level. In 2011/12, their breakdown was as follows:

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|---|---|
| 72.2% | undergraduate |
| 17% | graduate students |
| 5.5% | other |
| 5.2% | OPT (Optional Practical Training) |

**Historical trends:** The number of students from Vietnam fluctuated moderately throughout the 1980s and 1990s with a steady trend of growth beginning in the late 1990s. The number of Vietnamese students has risen significantly since 1998/99, with double-digit growth in many years. Vietnam has been a top 20 place of origin since 2006/07 and remains a top 10 place of origin for international students in the United States since 2010/11.

| Year | # of Students From Vietnam | % Change from Previous Year | # of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Vietnam |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2011/12 | 15,572 | 4.6% | n/a |
| 2010/11 | 14,888 | 13.5% | 881(up 28.4%) |
| 2009/10 | 13,112 | 2.3% | 686 (up 2.1%) |
| 2008/09 | 12,823 | 46.2% | 672 |
| 2007/08 | 8,769 | 45.3% | 652 |
| 2006/07 | 6,036 | 31.3% | 550 |
| 2005/06 | 4,597 | 25.3% | 390 |
| 2004/05 | 3,670 | 16.0% | 346 |
| 2003/04 | 3,165 | 16.3% | 283 |
| 2002/03 | 2,722 | 7.5% | 286 |
| 2001/02 | 2,531 | 25.2% | 218 |
| 2000/01 | 2,022 | -10.8% | 188 |
| 1999/00 | 2,266 | 42.8% | 142 |
| 1998/99 | 1,587 | - | 95 |

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 2011/12 will be reported in *Open Doors 2013*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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