



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: HONG KONG

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Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2010*

In the 2009/10 academic year, **8,034** students from Hong Kong were studying in the United States (down 3.5% from the previous year). Hong Kong is the sixteenth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States, following Thailand.

Academic Level: The majority of students from Hong Kong study at the undergraduate level. In 2009/10, their breakdown was as follows:

70.1%	undergraduate
16.4%	graduate students
5.8%	other
7.7%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: Students from Hong Kong increased significantly throughout the 1980s and early 90's, peaking in 1992/93 with just over 14,000 students and then decreasing steadily until 1999/2000. Since 2000/01 the number of students from Hong Kong has fluctuated, with a low of 7,180 in 2004/05 and a high of 8,329 in 2008/09 since the previous decade. The number continues to fluctuate, decreasing by 3.5% to 8,034 in 2009/10.

Year	# of Students from Hong Kong	% Change from the Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Hong Kong
2009/10	8,034	-3.5%	n/a
2008/09	8,329	0.5%	1,155 (up 5.7%)
2007/08	8,286	7.3%	1,093
2006/07	7,722	-1.6%	1,059
2005/06	7,849	9.3%	915
2004/05	7,180	-2.4%	748
2003/04	7,353	-9.0%	487
2002/03	8,076	4.1%	458
2001/02	7,757	1.7%	501
2000/01	7,627	1.1%	470
1999/00	7,545	-13.6%	342
1998/99	8,735	-9.6%	289
1997/98	9,665	-11.7%	181
1996/97	10,942	-9.0%	308
1995/96	12,018	-	424

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 2009/10 will be reported in *Open Doors 2011*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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