









OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: JAPAN

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2010*

In the 2009/10 academic year, **24,842** students from Japan were studying in the United States (down 15.1% from the previous year). Japan is now the sixth leading place of origin for students in the United States.

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

52.6% undergraduate21.7% graduate students

17.4% other

8.3% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of Japanese students on U.S. campuses decreased by 15.1% in 2009/10 following a general trend of decline since its peak in 1997/98. From 1994/95 until 1998/99, Japan was the leading sender of students to the U.S. but has since fallen to sixth due to surges in students from India, China and South Korea, and the effects of a rapidly aging Japanese population.

Year	# of Students from Japan	% Change from the Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Japan
2009/10	24.842	-15.1%	<u> </u>
	24,842		n/a
2008/09	29,264	-13.9%	5,784 (up 1.3%)
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 2009/10 will be reported in *Open Doors 2011*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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