



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: VENEZUELA

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

In the 2009/10 academic year 4,958 students from Venezuela were studying in the United States (up 6.0 % from the previous year).

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

56.1%	undergraduate
24.9%	graduate students
9.7%	other
9.3%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of Venezuelan students in the U.S. increased steadily in the late 1990s and then began to fluctuate throughout the 2000s. It decreased two years in row beginning in 2006/07 and then increased in 2008/09 and now again in 2009/10. Students from Venezuela continue to make up less than 1.0% of the total foreign student population in the U.S. though the country remains a top 25 place of origin for foreign students in the United States.

Year	# of Students From Venezuela	% Change from the Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Venezuela
2009/10	4,958	6.0%	n/a
2008/09	4,678	5.2%	173
2007/08	4,446	-1.7%	173
2006/07	4,523	-5.6%	165
2005/06	4,792	-9.2%	145
2004/05	5,279	-5.3%	147
2003/04	5,575	4.5%	81
2002/03	5,333	-5.2%	57
2001/02	5,627	7.9%	97
2000/01	5,217	1.8%	206
1999/00	5,125	-0.2%	339
1998/99	5,133	8.5%	263
1997/98	4,731	3.1%	261
1996/97	4,590	3.0%	167
1995/96	4,456	8.9%	207
1994/95	4,092	-	205

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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