OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: TAIWAN

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Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2011*

In the 2010/11 academic year, **24,818** students from Taiwan were studying in the United States (down 7% from the previous year). Taiwan is the fifth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

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

24.2%	undergraduate
53.5%	graduate students
7.3%	other
15.1%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: Student numbers from Taiwan have been on the decline in recent years after peaking in 1993/94 with 37,581 students in the United States. Taiwan was the leading sender of students to the U.S. from 1987/88 until 1988/89, when China became the leading sender. The number of students from Taiwan has decreased gradually since, falling by 0.3% in 2007/08 after two years of increases, and by even greater percentages in the following years.

Year	# of Students From Taiwan	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Taiwan
2010/11	24,818	-7.0%	n/a
2009/10	26,685	-4.9%	850 (up 42.4%)
2008/09	28,065	-3.2%	597
2007/08	29,001	-0.3%	578
2006/07	29,094	4.4%	467
2005/06	27,876	7.6%	367
2004/05	25,914	-1.0%	194
2003/04	26,178	-6.6%	195
2002/03	28,017	-3.2%	148
2001/02	28,930	1.3%	173
2000/01	28,566	-2.3%	182
1999/00	29,234	-5.8%	169
1998/99	31,043	0.6%	165
1997/98	30,855	1.2%	162
1996/97	30,487	-	144

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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