



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: COLOMBIA

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2013*

In the 2012/13 academic year, **6,543** students from Colombia were studying in the United States (up 3.9% from the previous year). Colombia is the twenty-second leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Colombian students study at the graduate level. In 2012/13, their breakdown was as follows:

37.2%	undergraduate
42.4%	graduate students
10.5%	other
9.9%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of Colombian students in the U.S. increased steadily throughout the 1990s, peaking at 8,068 students in 2001/02. Colombian students have declined gradually since then, except in 2008/09 when they increased by 5%.

Year	# of Students From Colombia	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Colombia
2012/13	6,543	3.9%	n/a
2011/12	6,295	-2.5%	294 (up 47.0%)
2010/11	6,456	-6.7%	200 (up 11.1%)
2009/10	6,920	-1.3%	180 (up 65.1%)
2008/09	7,013	5.3%	109
2007/08	6,662	-1.3%	68
2006/07	6,750	-1.2%	51
2005/06	6,835	-6.8%	37
2004/05	7,334	-2.6%	42
2003/04	7,533	-3.1%	20
2002/03	7,771	-3.7%	15
2001/02	8,068	19.3%	26
2000/01	6,765	7.8%	13
1999/00	6,277	24.5%	44
1998/99	5,041	16.0%	53
1997/98	4,345	19.5%	111
1996/97	3,636	5.0%	110
1995/96	3,462	7.9%	114

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 2012/13 will be reported in *Open Doors 2014*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.