



## OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: COLOMBIA

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

In the 2009/10 academic year, **6,920** students from Colombia were studying in the United States (down 1.3% from the previous year). Colombia is the nineteenth leading place of origin for international students in the United States.

**Academic Level:** More Colombian students study in the United States and the graduate level. In 2009/10, their breakdown was as follows:

- 37.0%      undergraduate
- 45.0%      graduate students
- 9.1%        other
- 8.9%        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 5.3%.

Year	# of Students from Colombia	% Change from Previous Year	# of US Study Abroad Students Going to Colombia
2009/10	6,920	-1.3%	n/a
2008/09	7,013	5.3%	109 (up 60.3%)
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
1994/95	3,208	-	110

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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