











OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: JAPAN

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2011*

In the 2010/11 academic year, **21,290** students from Japan were studying in the United States (down 14% from the previous year). Japan is the seventh leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

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

49.5% undergraduate 21.8% graduate students

20.1% other

8.5% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of Japanese students on U.S. campuses decreased by 14% in 2010/11 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 seventh due to surges in students from India, China, South Korea and Saudi Arabia, the effects of a rapidly aging Japanese population and other factors including the global economy and the recruiting cycle of Japanese companies.

Year	# of Students	% Change from	# of U.S. Study Abroad
	From Japan	Previous Year	Students Going to
			Japan
2010/11	21,290	-14.3%	n/a
2009/10	24,842	-15.1%	6,166 (up 6.6%)
2008/09	29,264	-13.9%	5,784
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 2010/11 will be reported in *Open Doors 2012*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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