











OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: VENEZUELA

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

In the 2010/11 academic year, **5,491** students from Venezuela were studying in the United States (up 11% from the previous year). Venezuela is the twenty-third leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

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

60.0% undergraduate 20.4% graduate students

11.7% other

7.8% 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 between approximately 4,500 and 5,500 throughout the 2000s. Beginning in 2004/05, the number of Venezuelan students in the U.S. decreased for four years in row. Starting in 2008/09, the number of Venezuelan students has increased, by 5% and 6%, and now by almost 11% in 2010/11. Although Venezuela is one of the top 25 places of origin for international students in the United States, students from Venezuela make up less than 1% of the international student population in the United States.

Year	# of Students From Venezuela	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Venezuela
2010/11	5,491	10.8%	n/a
2009/10	4,958	6.0%	142 (down 17.9%)
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 2010/11 will be reported in *Open Doors 2012*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.