



## OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: JAPAN

### INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2012*

In the 2011/12 academic year, **19,966** students from Japan were studying in the United States (down 6.2% 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 2011/12, their breakdown was as follows:

- 46.9% undergraduate
- 22.1% graduate students
- 23.1% other
- 8% 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 From Japan | % Change from Previous Year | # of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Japan |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 2011/12 | 19,966                   | -6.2%                       | n/a                                            |
| 2010/11 | 21,290                   | -14.3%                      | 4,134(down 33%)                                |
| 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 2011/12 will be reported in *Open Doors 2013*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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