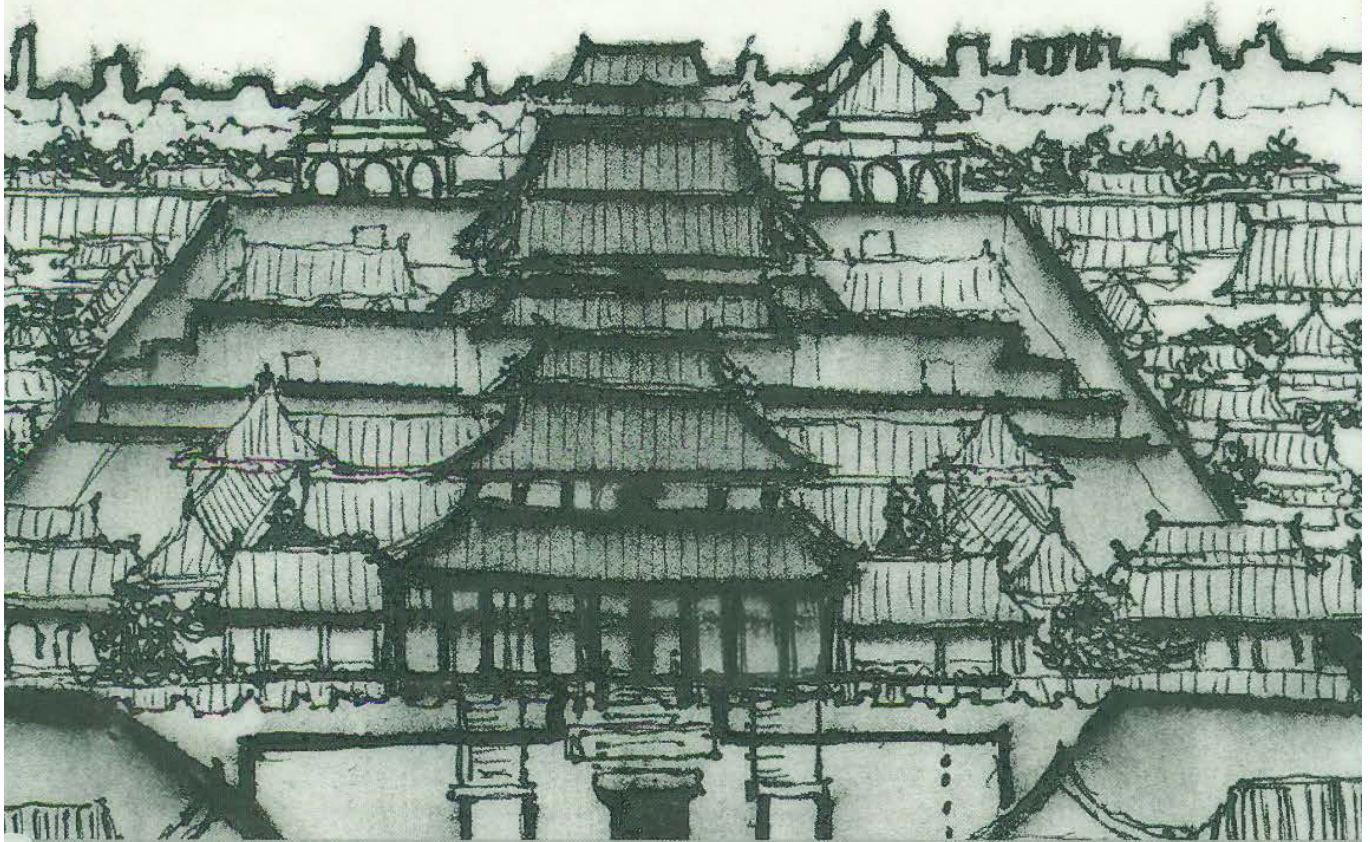


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Rank	Place of Origin	2010/11	2011/12	2011/12	
				% of Total	% Change
	<b>WORLD TOTAL</b>	<b>723,277</b>	<b>764,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>
1	China	157,558	194,029	25.4	23.1
2	India	103,895	100,270	13.1	-3.5
3	South Korea	73,351	72,295	9.5	-1.4
4	Saudi Arabia	22,704	34,139	4.5	50.4
5	Canada	27,546	26,821	3.5	-2.6
6	Taiwan	24,818	23,250	3.0	-6.3
7	Japan	21,290	19,966	2.6	-6.2
8	Vietnam	14,888	15,572	2.0	4.6
9	Mexico	13,713	13,893	1.8	1.3
10	Turkey	12,184	11,973	1.6	-1.7
11	Nepal	10,301	9,621	1.3	-6.6
12	Germany	9,458	9,347	1.2	-1.2
13	United Kingdom	8,947	9,186	1.2	2.7
14	Brazil	8,777	9,029	1.2	2.9
15	France	8,098	8,232	1.1	1.7
16	Hong Kong	8,136	8,032	1.1	-1.3
17	Thailand	8,236	7,626	1.0	-7.4
18	Indonesia	6,942	7,131	0.9	2.7
19	Nigeria	7,148	7,028	0.9	-1.7
20	Iran	5,626	6,982	0.9	24.1
21	Malaysia	6,735	6,743	0.9	0.1
22	Colombia	6,456	6,295	0.8	-2.5
23	Venezuela	5,491	6,281	0.8	14.4
24	Spain	4,330	4,924	0.6	13.7
25	Russia	4,692	4,805	0.6	2.4

Figure 2B: Top 25 Places of Origin of International Students, 2010/11 & 2011/12

Students from the top five places of origin accounted for 56 percent of all international students in the U.S. in 2011/12.

Taiwan still precedes Japan as the sixth leading place of origin for international students with over 23,200 students. This year Japan saw a slower rate of decline in its numbers after almost a decade long pattern of steep decline. In 2011/12 there was a 6.2 percent decline in Japanese students compared with a 19.3 percent decline in the prior year. Just under 20,000 Japanese students came to the U.S. for academic study in 2011/12.

Vietnam continues in eighth place again this year with a steady stream of just over 15,500 students in 2011/12. Vietnam reentered the top ten places of origin in 2008/09 for the first time since 1977/78.

Mexico continues as the ninth leading place of origin with over 13,800 students. The number of students from Mexico grew slightly in 2011/12 at 1.3 percent over the prior year. Mexico fell from eighth to ninth place in 2011/12, yet still remains the only Latin American country among the top ten places of origin.

Turkey was again the tenth leading place of origin of international students. However, it continues to decline at the same 1.7 percent rate to just under 12,000 students in 2011/12.

Year	Origin	Int'l Students	% of Total	Year	Origin	Int'l Students	% of Total	Year	Origin	Int'l Students	% of Total
1961/62	Canada	6,571	11.3	1978/79	Iran	45,340	17.2	1995/96	Japan	45,531	10.0
1962/63	Canada	7,004	10.8	1979/80	Iran	51,310	17.9	1996/97	Japan	46,292	10.1
1963/64	Canada	8,458	11.3	1980/81	Iran	47,550	17.4	1997/98	Japan	46,958	9.8
1964/65	Canada	9,253	11.3	1981/82	Iran	35,860	11.0	1998/99	China	51,001	10.4
1965/66	Canada	9,755	11.8	1982/83	Iran	26,760	7.9	1999/00	China	54,466	10.6
1966/67	Canada	12,117	12.1	1983/84	Taiwan	21,960	6.5	2000/01	China	59,939	10.9
1967/68	Canada	12,144	11.0	1984/85	Taiwan	22,590	6.6	2001/02	India	66,836	11.5
1968/69	Canada	12,852	10.6	1985/86	Taiwan	23,770	6.9	2002/03	India	74,603	12.7
1969/70	Canada	13,318	9.9	1986/87	Taiwan	25,660	7.3	2003/04	India	79,736	13.9
1970/71	Canada	12,595	8.7	1987/88	Taiwan	26,660	7.5	2004/05	India	80,466	14.2
1971/72	India	11,343	8.1	1988/89	China	29,040	7.9	2005/06	India	76,503	13.5
1972/73	India	10,656	7.3	1989/90	China	33,390	8.6	2006/07	India	83,833	14.4
1973/74	Hong Kong	10,764	7.1	1990/91	China	39,600	9.7	2007/08	India	94,563	15.2
1974/75	Iran	13,780	8.9	1991/92	China	42,941	10.2	2008/09	India	103,260	15.4
1975/76	Iran	19,900	11.1	1992/93	China	45,126	10.3	2009/10	China	127,628	18.5
1976/77	Iran	23,310	11.5	1993/94	China	44,381	9.9	2010/11	China	157,558	21.8
1977/78	Iran	36,220	15.4	1994/95	Japan	45,276	10.0	2011/12	China	194,029	25.4

Figure 2C: Leading Place of Origin of International Students, 1961/62 – 2011/12