



International Student Numbers in U.S. Decline

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The total number of international students studying in the U.S. at all levels declined by 2.7 percent from March 2018 to this March, according to [quarterly data on student visa holders recently published](#) by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. A total of 1,169,464 international students were studying in the U.S. this spring compared to 1,201,871 the spring before. The data include students studying at all levels, from K-12 to language study to higher education, and include students who have already completed their programs and stay in the U.S. to work for one to three years after graduating through the optional practical training program.

The new student visa numbers follow on data from the [annual Open Doors survey](#) showing two years of declines in new enrollments of international students at U.S. universities. The ICE data show a 2 percent year-to-year decline in the total number of international students from the leading sending country, China, and a 1.2 percent decline in the number from the second-leading sending country, India. The number from No. 3 country South Korea fell by 7.6 percent. The number of students from Saudi Arabia continued to fall

sharply, by 17.1 percent year over year, a change largely attributable to reductions in the Saudi government's scholarship program.

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