

Table 273. Foreign (Nonimmigrant) Student Enrollment in College: 1980 to 2008

[In thousands (286 represents 286,000). For fall of the previous year]

Region of origin	1980	1990	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All regions . . .	286	387	453	458	481	491	515	548	583	586	573	565	565	583	624
Africa	36	25	21	22	23	26	30	34	38	40	38	36	36	36	36
Nigeria	16	4	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6
Asia ^{1, 2}	165	245	292	291	308	308	315	339	363	367	356	356	346	367	405
China ³	1	33	39	43	47	51	54	60	63	65	62	63	63	68	81
Taiwan ³	18	31	36	30	31	31	29	29	29	28	26	26	28	29	29
Hong Kong	10	11	13	11	10	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8
India	9	26	34	31	34	37	42	55	67	75	80	80	77	84	95
Indonesia	2	9	12	12	13	12	11	12	12	10	9	8	8	7	8
Iran	51	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Japan	12	30	45	46	47	46	47	46	47	46	41	42	39	35	34
Malaysia	4	14	14	15	15	12	9	8	7	7	6	6	6	5	5
Saudi Arabia	10	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	3	3	8	10
South Korea	5	22	34	37	43	39	41	46	49	52	52	53	59	62	69
Thailand	7	7	11	13	15	12	11	11	12	10	9	9	9	9	9
Europe ⁴	23	46	65	68	72	74	78	81	82	78	74	72	85	83	84
Latin America ^{1, 5}	42	48	47	50	51	55	62	64	68	69	66	68	65	65	64
Mexico	6	7	9	9	10	10	11	11	13	13	13	13	14	14	15
Venezuela	10	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	5	5	4
North America	16	19	23	24	23	23	24	26	27	27	28	29	29	29	29
Canada	15	18	23	23	22	23	24	25	27	27	27	28	28	28	29
Oceania	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5

¹ Includes countries not shown separately. ² Beginning 2006, excludes Cyprus and Turkey. ³ With the establishment of diplomatic relations with China on January 1, 1979, the U.S. government recognized the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and acknowledged the Chinese position that there is only one China and that Taiwan is part of China.

⁴ Beginning 2006, includes Cyprus and Turkey. ⁵ Includes Mexico, Central America, Caribbean, and South America.

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