

U.S. EDUCATION FACT SHEET

- The U.S. has the highest number of higher education students in the world, a figure of 18.2 million, or roughly 6% of the total population.
- Numbers of students per institution range from 200 at a community college to over 50,000 at a major university.
- 691,000 international students are enrolled in U.S. higher education institutions, 4 % of total population of students.
- 40% of international students studying in the U.S. receive funding from sources other than personal or family accounts.
- The number of international students enrolled in U.S. institutions has increased more than 20% in the last ten years.
- 37% of college students are over the age of 25 with most of these students attending part time.
- Even though business and management attracts the largest numbers of international students, the majors with the best pay include engineering, economics, and physics.
- The “best” college for a student is not necessarily the most prestigious but the college that offers a student the most opportunities to develop a student’s interests.
- If one student has high grades but low test scores and another has low grades but high test scores, the first student is far more likely to get accepted into a better college. Colleges prefer the “bad test-taker” to students who don’t apply themselves.
- There are sixty women colleges in the United States in twenty-four different states.
- During 2010-2011, colleges are expected to award 743,000 associate’s degrees, 1,653,000 bachelor’s degrees, 663,000 master’s degrees, and 63,800 doctorate degrees. (*Digest of Education Statistics*)