

Source Countries

According to the Institute for International Education (IIE) (<https://opendoorsdata.org/data/international-students/leading-places-of-origin/>), the countries below were the top 12 “source countries” for foreign exchange students at U.S. universities during the 2018 to 2019 school year.*

Can you put the countries in order of most to least? The country you think sent the most should be #1, and the country you think sent the least should be #12. Discuss your rankings with your partner(s). What are the reasons for your choices?

Brazil	Canada	China	India	Japan	Mexico	Nepal
Nigeria	Saudi Arabia		South Korea		Taiwan	Vietnam

After Mr. Parish gives you the answers, discuss these questions with your partner(s).

1. Were you surprised by any of the countries that were on this list? Why or why not?
2. Were you surprised at any of the countries that were NOT on this list? Why or why not?
3. Which of the above countries do you think have large percentages of English speakers?
4. What are the reasons each of these countries send so many people to the U.S. for university education?
5. The website gives a list of the top 25 source countries for American universities. What do you think some of the other countries on the top 25 list are?
6. What countries do you think Americans often go abroad to study in? Why?
7. What is the most popular study abroad destination for students from your country? Why?
8. What source countries commonly send students to study in your country? Why?
9. Do you know any students from any of the above countries at your school?

* By the way, why is it for the 2018 to 2019 school year instead of, say, the 2018 school year or 2019 school year?



**Top 25 countries providing foreign exchange students to US universities for the 2018-2019
school year**

<u>Ranking</u>	2018/19		
	<u>Countries</u>	<u>Int'l Students</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
1	China	369,548	33.7
2	India	202,014	18.4
3	South Korea	52,250	4.8
4	Saudi Arabia	37,080	3.4
5	Canada	26,122	2.4
6	Vietnam	24,392	2.2
7	Taiwan	23,369	2.1
8	Japan	18,105	1.7
9	Brazil	16,059	1.5
10	Mexico	15,229	1.4
11	Nigeria	13,423	1.2
12	Nepal	13,229	1.2
13	Iran	12,142	1.1
14	United Kingdom	11,146	1.0
15	Turkey	10,159	0.9
16	Kuwait	9,195	0.8
17	Germany	9,191	0.8
18	France	8,716	0.8
19	Indonesia	8,356	0.8
20	Bangladesh	8,249	0.8
21	Colombia	8,060	0.7
22	Pakistan	7,957	0.7
23	Venezuela	7,760	0.7
24	Malaysia	7,709	0.7
25	Spain	7,262	0.7

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Top 25 from <https://opendoorsdata.org/data/international-students/leading-places-of-origin/school>