



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: THAILAND

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2015*

In the 2014/15 academic year, **7,217** students from Thailand were studying in the United States (down 1.7% from the previous year). Thailand is the twenty-third leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Thai students in the U.S. study at the graduate level. In 2014/15, their breakdown was as follows: 38.6% undergraduate; 44.3% graduate students; 7.3% other; 9.8% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Economic Impact: Last year Thai students in U.S. colleges and universities contributed \$248 million to the U.S. economy. (Source: U.S. Department of Commerce)

Historical trends: From more than 15,000 students in 1997/97, the number of Thai students in U.S. higher education had decreased fairly steadily to a low of 7,217 in 2014/15. 2013/14 saw a slight increase in the number, but by 2014/15 the number dropped again.

Year	# of Students From Thailand	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Thailand
2014/15	7,217	-1.7%	n/a
2013/14	7,341	0.4%	1,919 (down 0.2%)
2012/13	7,314	-4.1%	1,923 (up 33.8%)
2011/12	7,626	-7.4%	1,437 (up 1.9%)
2010/11	8,236	-3.5%	1,410 (up 14.5%)
2009/10	8,531	-2.3%	1,231 (down 15.8%)
2008/09	8,736	-2.9%	1,462
2007/08	9,001	1.3%	1,555
2006/07	8,886	1.4%	1,584
2005/06	8,765	1.5%	1,305
2004/05	8,637	-3.4%	1,128
2003/04	8,937	-10.5%	948
2002/03	9,982	-14.0%	794
2001/02	11,606	3.7%	836
2000/01	11,187	1.9%	496
1999/00	10,983	-12.1%	399
1998/99	12,489	-17.2%	374
1997/98	15,090	11.9%	211

Note: Study abroad figures from *Open Doors* reflect credit given by U.S. campuses during the survey year to their students who studied abroad in the academic year just completed, including the summer term. Study abroad in 2014/15 will be reported in *Open Doors 2016*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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