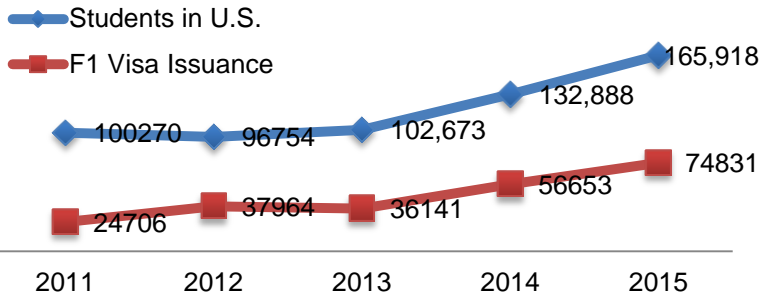


INDIAN STUDENTS IN U.S.

ORIGIN	2014/15	2015/16	% Change
Indian Students in U.S.	132,888	165,918	24.9
International Students in U.S.	974,926	1,043,839	7.1

International students at U.S. colleges and universities increased by **7.1%** to **1,043,839** students in 2015/16 (68,913 students more than last year). International students now make up 5.2% of all higher education students in the U.S.

FIVE YEAR TREND



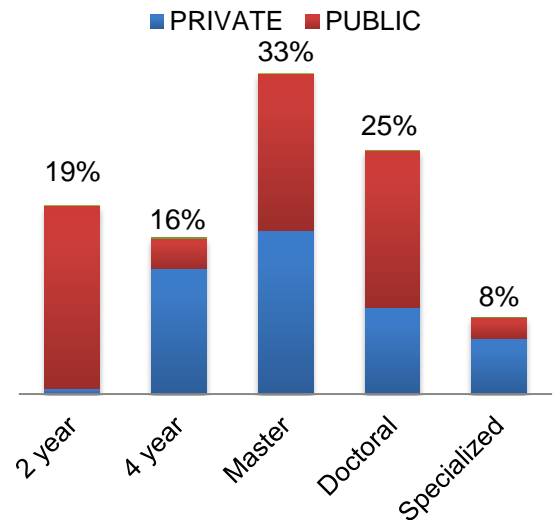
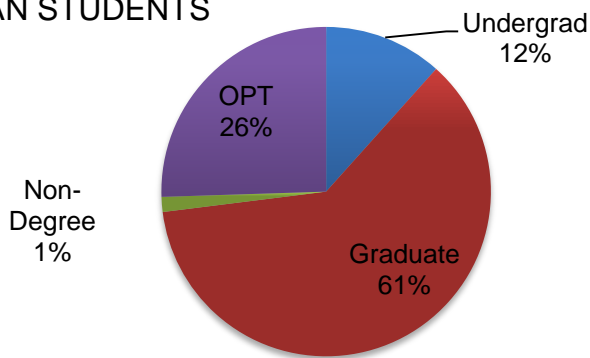
India is the **2nd** leading place of origin accounting for **every sixth** international student in the United States. Approximately **three-fifths** of India students are at the graduate level and **three-fourths** are in the STEM fields. India is one of the fastest growing countries this past year (**+24.9%**) increasing to **165,918**.

INDIAN STUDENT PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

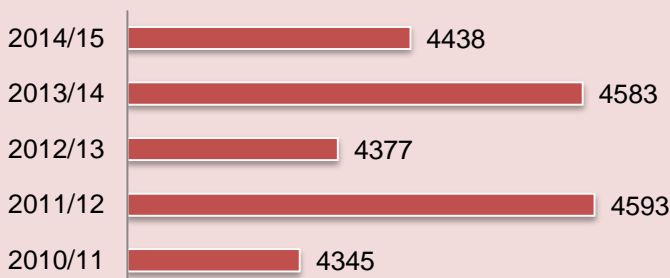
INDIA	2014/15	2015/16	% Change
Undergrad	16,521	19,302	16.8
Graduate	85,055	101,850	19.7
Non-Degree	1,924	2,438	26.7
OPT	29,388	42,328	44.0

INDIAN STUDENT CHOICES BY INSTITUTION TYPE

2015/16 PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF INDIAN STUDENTS



U.S. STUDENTS IN INDIA FIVE YEAR TREND



The number of students from the United States going to India to study for academic credit at their home university in the United States decreased by **3.2%** percent to **4,438**. India is **ranked 13th** among the top 25 destinations of U.S. study abroad.

REGIONAL & GLOBAL COMPARISONS

SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIAN STUDENT MOBILITY TO U.S.

Place of Origin	2014/15	2015/16	% Change
South and Central Asia	158,560	195,135	23.1
Afghanistan	471	498	5.7
Bangladesh	5,455	6,513	19.4
Bhutan	128	143	11.7
India	132,888	165,918	24.9
Kazakhstan	2,017	1,935	-4.1
Kyrgyzstan	227	227	0.0
Maldives	34	37	8.8
Nepal	8,158	9,662	18.4
Pakistan	5,354	6,141	14.7
Sri Lanka	2,882	3,080	6.9
Tajikistan	254	235	-7.5
Turkmenistan	201	216	7.5
Uzbekistan	491	530	7.9

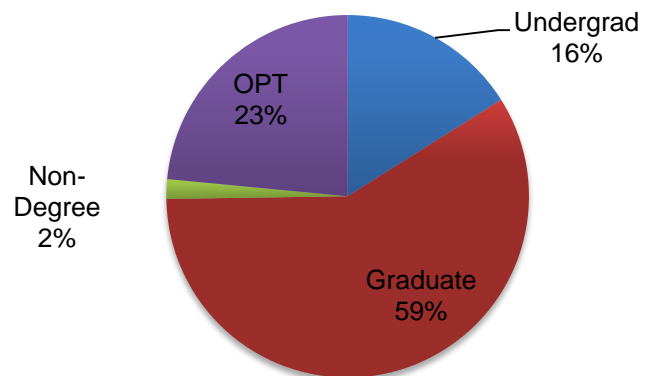
SCA STUDENT PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

SCA	2014/15	2015/16	% Change
Undergrad	26,704	31,355	17.4
Graduate	9,6225	114,548	19.0
Non-Degree	2,848	3,414	19.9
OPT	32,783	45,818	39.8

TOP FIVE PLACES OF ORIGIN

Rank	Place of Origin	2014/15	2015/16	% of Total	% Change
	World TOTAL	974,926	1,043,839	100.0	7.1
1	China	304,040	328,547	31.5	8.1
2	India	132,888	165,918	15.9	24.9
3	Saudi Arabia	59,945	61,287	5.9	2.2
4	South Korea	63,710	61,007	5.8	-4.2
5	Canada	27,240	26,973	2.6	-1.0

2015/16 SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIA PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN



TOP FIVE PLACES OF ORIGIN BY ACADEMIC LEVEL, 2015/16

Undergraduate				Graduate			
Rank	Place of Origin	2015/16	% Change	Rank	Place of Origin	2015/16	% Change
1	China	135,629	8.9	1	China	123,250	2.4
2	Saudi Arabia	33,952	10.0	2	India	101,850	19.7
3	South Korea	32,695	-5.6	3	South Korea	16,613	-5.6
4	India	19,302	16.8	4	Saudi Arabia	13,210	5.0
5	Vietnam	14,390	15.6	5	Canada	10,220	-3.6

TRENDS and INSIGHTS

Open Doors Insights:

For the second year in a row, India has the largest growth in students studying in the United States, increasing by 24.9% to reach 165,918 students. Among Indian students, the biggest increases were among graduate students (+16,795 students; +19.7%) and OPT students (+12,940 students; +44.0%).

The fastest growing field of study among international students in the United States was math and computer science, which grew by 25.4%. The growth in both engineering and math and computer science are likely attributable to high growth in students from India, who major heavily in these fields (36.0% of Indian students study engineering and 34.9% study math and computer science.)

EducationUSA India Insights:

The Indian demographic story is compelling – the number in the 18-24 age bracket is estimated at 400 million - this population of young Indians has higher level of economic stability than preceding generations, and seek access to higher education. A large number seek opportunities in the United States since the Indian education system is not able to meet the full extent of the growing demand for high quality education. The mobility of Indian students to countries such as the United Kingdom are stagnant or declining (Brexit is a cause for worry), while Europe in general seems in a turbulent state and has not attracted the same level of interest. The exception is Germany, where the completely free DAAD programs continue to draw robust interest. Australia and Canada – the other big players – continue to do well.

The number of Indians in the United States on Optional Practical Training (OPT) has jumped 44% from 29,388 to 42,328 they make up a significant number of the Indian students in the United States (26%). Given that the OPT for STEM grads has been increased to 36 months (12 months are available to all F-1 students upon application, plus 24 months of extension for STEM majors) in May 2016, this figure will show an uptrend in the next few years.

Indians are travelling abroad like never before. U.S. Embassies and Consulates across India issued a record number of visas to Indian visitors to the United States last year. These travelers, in addition to sightseeing and visiting families, often visit campuses and meet university students and alumni further driving interest in higher studies in the United States.

EducationUSA India Services:

The EducationUSA team in India (7 centers, 30+ advisers) has reached out to new audiences and markets over the past few years, building awareness and providing services in new segments of student populations. It is especially worth noting the growth in virtual advising all across India. Advisers offer support and guidance on how to apply the right way to the best fit institution.

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