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# Result of International Student Survey in Japan, 2021



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International Student Survey in Japan, 2021 investigates the enrollment situation of international students in Japan (in the fiscal year 2021, as of May 1) at graduate schools, universities (four-year institutions), junior colleges (two-year institutions), colleges of technology, professional training colleges, Japanese language institutes and university preparatory courses (hereafter collectively referred to as “Japanese School”) . The objectives of this survey are to acquire a deeper understanding of international students’ facts and figures in Japan.

Note 1: This survey had been conducted annually by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) until 2003, but is now administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), which was established in April 2004 as a quasi-governmental organization that provides scholarships and support programs for both international and Japanese students.

Note 2: The term “international student” as used in this survey is defined pursuant to provisions of Appended Table 1 of the “Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law,” as a student from a foreign country who is granted the status of residence as “ Student” and who is receiving education at a Japanese School.

Note 3: A new simplified student visa framework was launched on July 15, 2009 under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act; international students enrolled in Japanese language institutes were incorporated in 2011 from “Pre-College Student” to “Student”.

Note 4: “Japanese government scholarship (for overseas) students” refer to students who receive financial aid from MEXT in the form of the Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship program established in 1954 or the Japan-Korea Joint Exchange Program in Science and Engineering Students scholarship and the Japan-Korea Government Scholarship program sponsored by Japanese government.

Note 5: “Foreign government-sponsored students” receive financial assistance from their own country’s/region’s government or related institutions.

Note 6: “Short-term international students” refer to students who enroll in Japanese Schools to take less than one year of courses and obtain credit but do not necessarily receive an academic degree. These courses offer a variety of programs related to Japanese language or culture.

Note 7: The university preparatory course designated by MEXT is for international students who are pursuing higher education but who have not completed a total of twelve years’ worth of precollege education yet.

Note 8: Among the Japanese government scholarship students, those who enrolled in the university preparatory courses, are counted as Japanese language students since 2020, instead of counting them as students in their planned type of school after the completion of their preparatory courses.

Note 9: The number of this survey includes the international students who had not entered in Japan by May 1, 2021 due to the immigration restriction caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, as long as they had finished their enrollment procedures and obtained the Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

Note 10: The sum total of each item may not exactly match the number shown in the table’s total values column/row because the numbers have been rounded off.

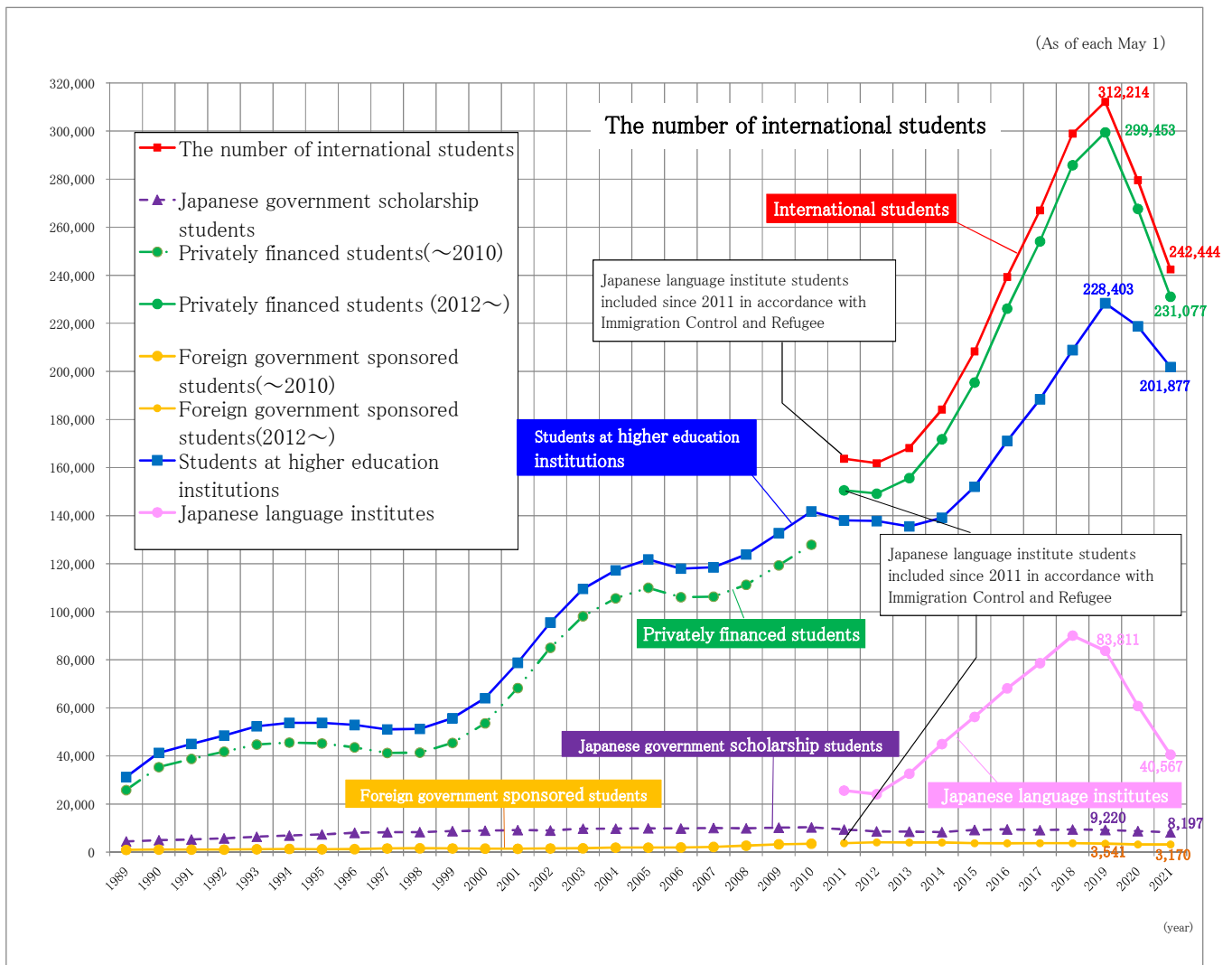
This survey aggregated the answers from Japanese Schools as of January, 2022

1. Trends in number of international students by source of funds (As of each May 1)

Year	The number of international students	Source of funds			Educational institution type	
		Japanese government	Foreign government	Privately financed	Higher Education Institutions	Japanese language institutes
1978	5,849	1,075	0	4,774	5,849	
1979	5,933	1,183	105	4,645	5,933	
1980	6,572	1,369	419	4,784	6,572	
1981	7,179	1,578	475	5,126	7,179	
1982	8,116	1,777	662	5,677	8,116	
1983	10,428	2,082	863	7,483	10,428	
1984	12,410	2,345	798	9,267	12,410	
1985	15,009	2,502	774	11,733	15,009	
1986	18,631	3,077	895	14,659	18,631	
1987	22,154	3,458	995	17,701	22,154	
1988	25,643	4,118	976	20,549	25,643	
1989	31,251	4,465	934	25,852	31,251	
1990	41,347	4,961	1,026	35,360	41,347	
1991	45,066	5,219	1,072	38,775	45,066	
1992	48,561	5,699	1,058	41,804	48,561	
1993	52,405	6,408	1,214	44,783	52,405	
1994	53,787	6,880	1,330	45,577	53,787	
1995	53,847	7,371	1,231	45,245	53,847	
1996	52,921	8,051	1,297	43,573	52,921	
1997	51,047	8,250	1,524	41,273	51,047	
1998	51,298	8,323	1,585	41,390	51,298	
1999	55,755	8,774	1,542	45,439	55,755	

Year	The number of international students	Source of funds			Educational institution type	
		Japanese government	Foreign government	Privately financed	Higher Education Institutions	Japanese language institutes
2000	64,011	8,930	1,441	53,640	64,011	
2001	78,812	9,173	1,369	68,270	78,812	
2002	95,550	9,009	1,517	85,024	95,550	
2003	109,508	9,746	1,627	98,135	109,508	
2004	117,302	9,804	1,906	105,592	117,302	
2005	121,812	9,891	1,903	110,018	121,812	
2006	117,927	9,869	1,956	106,102	117,927	
2007	118,498	10,020	2,181	106,297	118,498	
2008	123,829	9,923	2,681	111,225	123,829	
2009	132,720	10,168	3,235	119,317	132,720	
2010	141,774	10,349	3,505	127,920	141,774	
2011	163,697	9,396	3,763	150,538	138,075	25,622
2012	161,848	8,588	4,068	149,192	137,756	24,092
2013	168,145	8,529	3,999	155,617	135,519	32,626
2014	184,155	8,351	3,996	171,808	139,185	44,970
2015	208,379	9,223	3,737	195,419	152,062	56,317
2016	239,287	9,481	3,682	226,124	171,122	68,165
2017	267,042	9,166	3,760	254,116	188,384	78,658
2018	298,980	9,423	3,733	285,824	208,901	90,079
2019	312,214	9,220	3,541	299,453	228,403	83,811
2020	279,597	8,761	3,206	267,630	218,783	60,814
2021	242,444	8,197	3,170	231,077	201,877	40,567

※In accordance with the unification of student visas, the total number of international students including Japanese language institutes is also drawn since 2011.

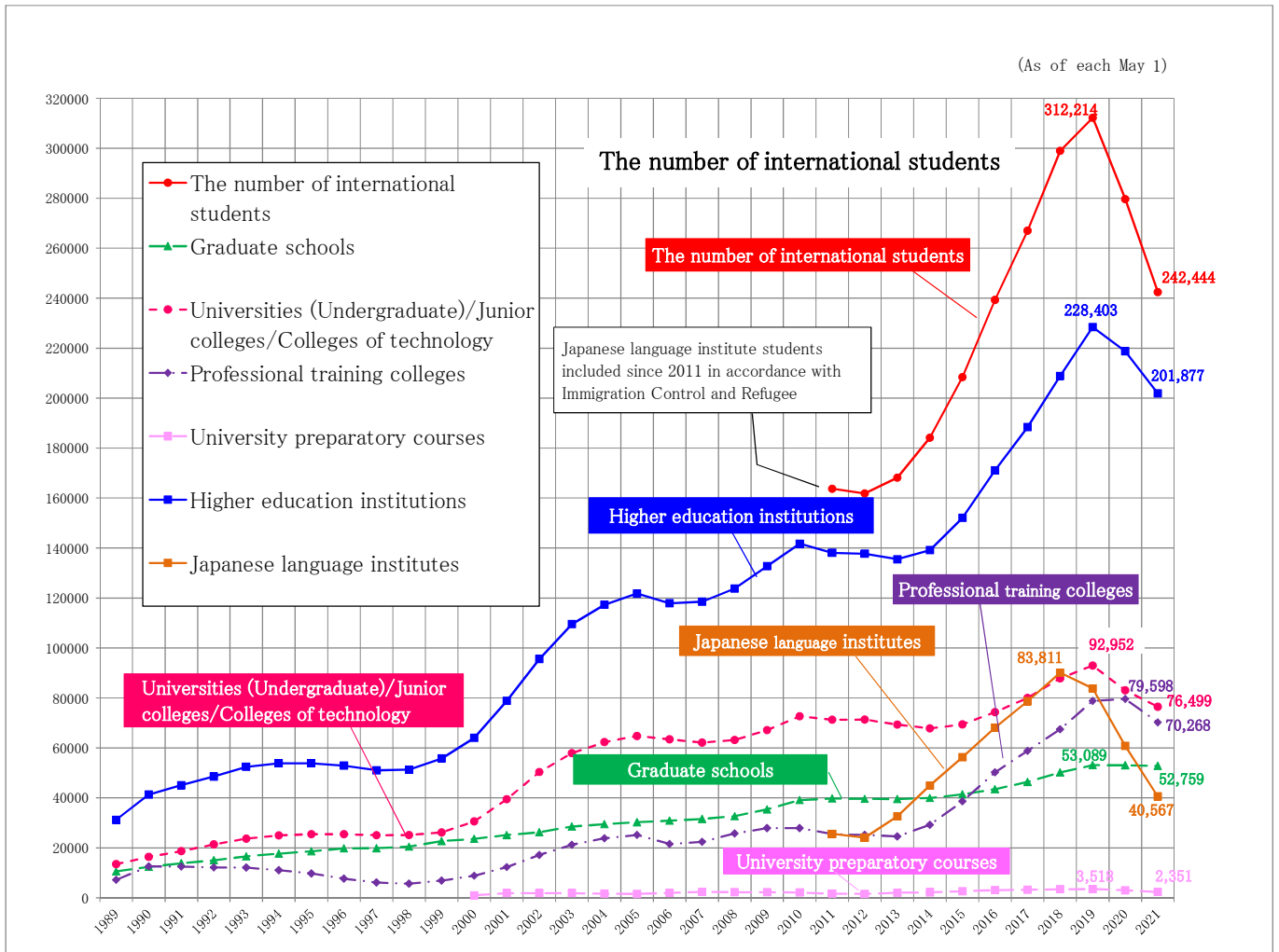


## 2. Trends in number of international students by institutional type

Year	The number of international students	Higher Education Institutions				Japanese language institutes
		Graduate schools	Universities (undergraduate)- Junior colleges- Colleges of Technology	Professional training colleges	University preparatory courses	
1983	10,428	3,905	5,693	830		
1984	12,410	4,590	6,216	1,604		
1985	15,009	5,384	7,201	2,424		
1986	18,631	6,838	8,291	3,502		
1987	22,154	8,035	9,803	4,316		
1988	25,643	9,354	11,246	5,043		
1989	31,251	10,568	13,486	7,197		
1990	41,347	12,383	16,390	12,574		
1991	45,066	13,816	18,710	12,540		
1992	48,561	15,004	21,364	12,193		
1993	52,405	16,592	23,677	12,136		
1994	53,787	17,740	25,009	11,038		
1995	53,847	18,645	25,477	9,725		
1996	52,921	19,779	25,504	7,638		
1997	51,047	19,856	25,052	6,139		
1998	51,298	20,483	25,159	5,656		
1999	55,755	22,679	26,160	6,916		
2000	64,011	23,585	30,612	8,815	999	
2001	78,812	25,146	39,502	12,324	1,840	
2002	95,550	26,229	50,321	17,173	1,827	

Year	The number of international students	Higher Education Institutions				Japanese language institutes
		Graduate schools	Universities (undergraduate)- Junior colleges- Colleges of Technology	Professional training colleges	University preparatory courses	
2003	109,508	28,542	57,911	21,233	1,822	
2004	117,302	29,514	62,311	23,833	1,644	
2005	121,812	30,278	64,774	25,197	1,563	
2006	117,927	30,910	63,437	21,562	2,018	
2007	118,498	31,592	62,159	22,399	2,348	
2008	123,829	32,666	63,175	25,753	2,235	
2009	132,720	35,405	67,108	27,914	2,293	
2010	141,774	39,097	72,665	27,872	2,140	
2011	163,697	39,749	71,244	25,463	1,619	25,622
2012	161,848	39,641	71,361	25,167	1,587	24,092
2013	168,145	39,567	69,339	24,586	2,027	32,626
2014	184,155	39,979	67,782	29,227	2,197	44,970
2015	208,379	41,396	69,405	38,654	2,607	56,317
2016	239,287	43,478	74,323	50,235	3,086	68,165
2017	267,042	46,373	80,020	58,771	3,220	78,658
2018	298,980	50,184	87,806	67,475	3,436	90,079
2019	312,214	53,089	92,952	78,844	3,518	83,811
2020	279,597	53,056	83,077	79,598	3,052	60,814
2021	242,444	52,759	76,499	70,268	2,351	40,567

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### 3. Number of international students by region of origin

In the number of international students according to home region, 95.1% (previous year: 94.6%) of the students came from Asia, and 2.9% (previous year: 3.5%) from Europe and North America.

Region	Number of students	% of total
Asia	230,550	95.1%
	(264,420)	(94.6)
Europe	5,622	2.3%
	(7,809)	(2.8)
Africa	2,005	0.8%
	(2,070)	(0.7)
North America	1,432	0.6%
	(2,085)	(0.7)
Latin America	1,337	0.6%
	(1,550)	(0.6)
Middle East	1,077	0.4%
	(1,192)	(0.4)
Oceania	413	0.2%
	(462)	(0.2)
Others	8	0.0%
	(9)	(0.0)
Total	242,444	100.0%
	(279,597)	(100.0)

( ) indicates figures as of May 1, 2020

#### 4. Number of international students by nationality

Students from China and Vietnam account for over 67.5% (previous year: 65.9%) of the total number of international students.

Country/region	Number of students		% of total		Country/region	Number of students		% of total	
China	114,255	(121,845)	47.1%	(43.6)	Cambodia	742	(696)	0.3%	(0.2)
Viet Nam	49,469	(62,233)	20.4%	(22.3)	France	742	(1,231)	0.3%	(0.4)
Nepal	18,825	(24,002)	7.8%	(8.6)	Russian Federation	713	(754)	0.3%	(0.3)
Republic of Korea	14,247	(15,785)	5.9%	(5.6)	Pakistan	542	(540)	0.2%	(0.2)
Indonesia	5,792	(6,199)	2.4%	(2.2)	Brazil	475	(550)	0.2%	(0.2)
Taiwan	4,887	(7,088)	2.0%	(2.5)	Italy	351	(476)	0.1%	(0.2)
Sri Lanka	3,762	(5,238)	1.6%	(1.9)	Germany	347	(631)	0.1%	(0.2)
Myanmar	3,496	(4,211)	1.4%	(1.5)	United Kingdom	328	(553)	0.1%	(0.2)
Bangladesh	3,095	(3,098)	1.3%	(1.1)	Egypt	321	(381)	0.1%	(0.1)
Mongolia	2,619	(3,075)	1.1%	(1.1)	Mexico	275	(362)	0.1%	(0.1)
Thailand	2,563	(3,032)	1.1%	(1.1)	Canada	260	(333)	0.1%	(0.1)
Malaysia	2,426	(2,670)	1.0%	(1.0)	Singapore	239	(332)	0.1%	(0.1)
Philippines	1,699	(2,221)	0.7%	(0.8)	Lao People's Democratic Republic	239	(232)	0.1%	(0.1)
India	1,457	(1,675)	0.6%	(0.6)	Spain	216	(380)	0.1%	(0.1)
Uzbekistan	1,317	(1,512)	0.5%	(0.5)	Other countries	5,573	(6,510)	2.3%	(2.3)
United States of America	1,172	(1,752)	0.5%	(0.6)	Total	242,444	(279,597)	100.0%	(100.0)

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5. Number of international students by gender

Gender	Number of students		% of total	
	Male	136,111	(155,136)	56.1%
Female	106,332	(124,461)	43.9%	(44.5)
Not Known	1	(0)	0.0%	(0.0)
Total	242,444	(279,597)	100.0%	(100.0)

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6. Number of international students by institutional type

	National		Local public		Private		Total	
	Number of students	% of total	Number of students	% of total	Number of students	% of total	Number of students	% of total
Graduate schools	32,431 (32,800)	61.5% (61.8)	2,309 (2,329)	4.4% (4.4)	18,019 (17,927)	34.2% (33.8)	52,759 53,056	100.0% 100.0%
Universities (undergraduate)	8,832 (10,591)	12.0% (13.3)	1,374 (1,611)	1.9% (2.0)	63,509 (67,624)	86.2% (84.7)	73,715 79,826	100.0% 100.0%
Junior colleges	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	4 (1)	0.17% (0.0)	2,327 (2,827)	99.83% (100.0)	2,331 2,828	100.0% 100.0%
Colleges of technology	450 (421)	99.3% (99.5)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	3 (2)	0.7% (0.5)	453 423	100.0% 100.0%
Professional training colleges	1 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	14 (27)	0.02% (0.0)	70,253 (79,571)	99.98% (100.0)	70,268 79,598	100.0% 100.0%
University preparatory courses	126 (125)	5.4% (4.1)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	2,225 (2,927)	94.6% (95.9)	2,351 3,052	100.0% 100.0%
Japanese language institutes	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (30)	0.0% (0.05)	40,567 (60,784)	100.0% (99.95)	40,567 60,814	100.0% 100.0%
Total	41,840 (43,937)	17.3% (15.7)	3,701 (3,998)	1.5% (1.4)	196,903 (231,662)	81.2% (82.9)	242,444 (279,597)	100.0% 100.0%

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7. Number of international students by major field

Major field	Number of students		% of total	
Humanities	72,954	(100,887)	30.1%	(36.1)
Social science	76,301	(81,975)	31.5%	(29.3)
Science	4,413	(4,255)	1.8%	(1.5)
Engineering	41,009	(41,780)	16.9%	(14.9)
Agriculture	4,094	(4,075)	1.7%	(1.5)
Health care	5,990	(5,869)	2.5%	(2.1)
Home economics	4,159	(5,874)	1.7%	(2.1)
Education	2,941	(3,157)	1.2%	(1.1)
Arts	13,361	(13,089)	5.5%	(4.7)
Others	17,222	(18,636)	7.1%	(6.7)
Total	242,444	(279,597)	100.0%	(100.0)

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8. Number of international students by region and prefecture of Japan

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students				
Hokkaido	3,749 (4,075)	1.5% (1.5)	Hokkaido	3,749	(4,075)	Kinki	50,066 (53,126)	20.7% (19.0)	Mie	1,500	(1,704)			
									Shiga	547	(545)			
Kyoto	13,638	(13,807)												
Osaka	21,783	(24,361)												
Hyogo	10,756	(10,729)												
Nara	1,272	(1,349)												
Wakayama	570	(631)												
Tohoku	6,289 (7,184)	2.6% (2.6)	Aomori	377	(416)				Chugoku	10,152 (11,545)	4.2% (4.1)	Tottori	297	(320)
			Iwate	417	(411)							Shimane	314	(382)
			Miyagi	4,231	(4,873)							Okayama	3,432	(3,548)
			Akita	285	(323)	Hiroshima	3,999	(4,746)						
			Yamagata	280	(315)	Yamaguchi	2,110	(2,549)						
			Fukushima	699	(846)	Shikoku	1,767 (1,868)	0.7% (0.7)				Tokushima	562	(515)
Kanto	122,383 (144,443)	50.5% (51.7)	Ibaraki	4,153	(4,897)				Kagawa	669	(672)			
			Tochigi	2,665	(3,009)				Ehime	317	(479)			
			Gunma	4,167	(4,726)				Kochi	219	(202)			
			Saitama	10,309	(11,514)				Kyushu	26,376 (31,394)	10.9% (11.2)	Fukuoka	16,537	(19,260)
			Chiba	8,683	(10,212)							Saga	576	(922)
			Tokyo	85,191	(100,799)	Nagasaki	1,479	(1,959)						
Kanagawa	7,215	(9,286)	Kumamoto	921	(1,173)									
Chubu	21,662 (25,962)	8.9% (9.3)	Niigata	1,965	(2,198)	Oita	3,479	(3,559)						
			Toyama	481	(658)	Miyazaki	458	(633)						
			Ishikawa	1,871	(1,939)	Kagoshima	1,130	(1,212)						
			Fukui	384	(458)	Okinawa	1,796	(2,676)						
			Yamanashi	1,080	(1,075)	Total	242,444 (279,597)	100.0% (100.0)						
			Nagano	1,025	(1,445)									
			Gifu	1,846	(2,026)									
			Shizuoka	3,338	(3,815)									
Aichi	9,672	(12,348)												

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Note: International students attending universities whose campuses lie in two or more prefectures are included in the figure for the prefecture where the main office of the university is located.

## Aggregated by prefecture where international students are studying

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students	
Hokkaido	3,800 (4,110)	1.6% (1.5)	Hokkaido	3,800	(4,110)	Kinki	50,350 (53,410)	20.8% (19.1)	Mie	1,500	(1,704)
									Shiga	1,690	(1,585)
Tohoku	6,261 (7,175)	2.6% (2.6)	Aomori	314	(380)	Chugoku	9,532 (10,878)	3.9% (3.9)	Kyoto	11,764	(12,194)
			Iwate	393	(387)				Osaka	22,748	(25,383)
			Miyagi	4,230	(4,873)				Hyogo	10,771	(10,534)
			Akita	285	(323)				Nara	1,294	(1,372)
			Yamagata	295	(332)				Wakayama	583	(638)
			Fukushima	744	(880)				Tottori	280	(304)
									Shimane	335	(398)
Kanto	123,765 (145,787)	51.0% (52.1)	Ibaraki	3,814	(4,199)	Shikoku	1,794 (1,896)	0.7% (0.7)	Okayama	3,395	(3,513)
			Tochigi	2,630	(2,984)				Hiroshima	4,001	(4,767)
			Gunma	2,488	(3,028)				Yamaguchi	1,521	(1,896)
			Saitama	10,277	(11,899)				Tokushima	542	(494)
			Chiba	10,844	(12,252)				Kagawa	703	(711)
			Tokyo	83,744	(98,116)				Ehime	319	(476)
			Kanagawa	9,968	(13,309)				Kochi	230	(215)
Chubu	22,153 (26,748)	9.1% (9.6)	Niigata	1,969	(2,205)	Kyushu	24,789 (29,593)	10.2% (10.6)	Fukuoka	15,302	(17,816)
			Toyama	481	(658)				Saga	591	(933)
			Ishikawa	1,871	(1,939)				Nagasaki	1,479	(1,959)
			Fukui	384	(458)				Kumamoto	979	(1,213)
			Yamanashi	1,082	(1,077)				Oita	3,479	(3,559)
			Nagano	1,025	(1,445)				Miyazaki	458	(633)
			Gifu	1,844	(2,012)				Kagoshima	697	(797)
			Shizuoka	3,506	(3,951)				Okinawa	1,804	(2,683)
			Aichi	9,991	(13,003)						
						Total		242,444 (279,597)		100.0% (100.0)	

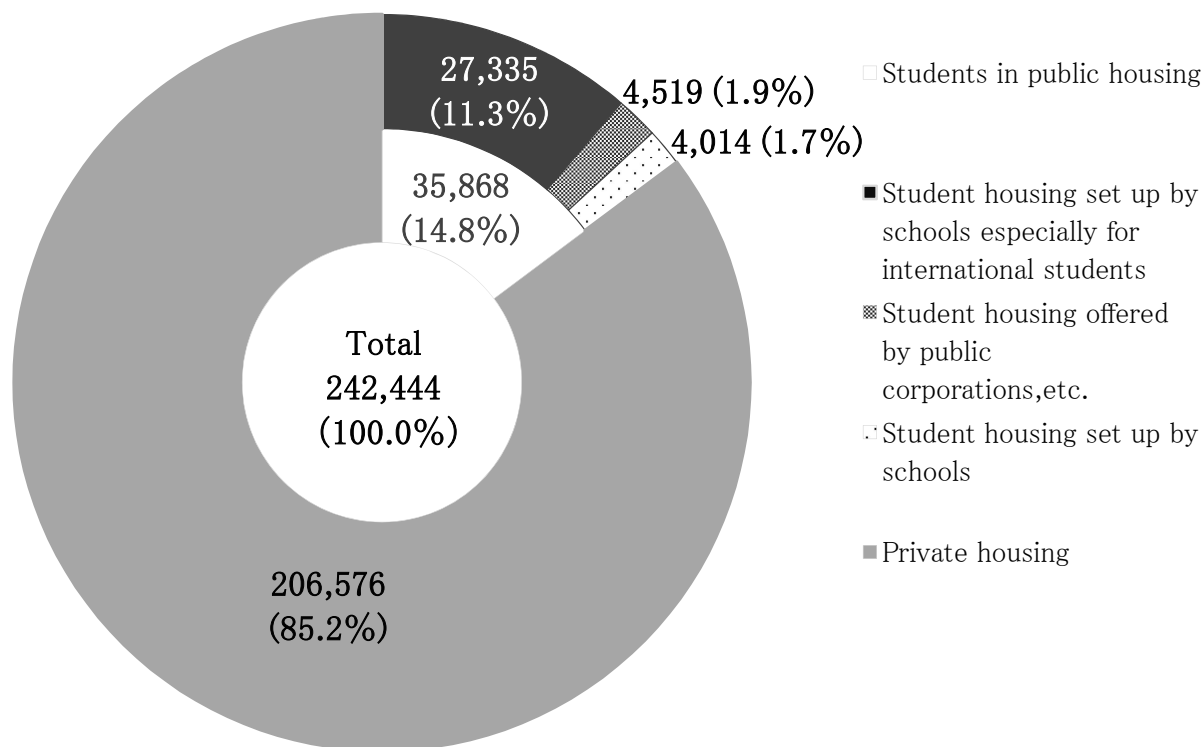
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9. Number of International Students by Housing (As of May 1, 2021)

○Total number of international students: 242,444 (Decrease of 37,153)

○Students in public housing: 35,868 (Decrease of 10,823)

Type	Number of students
<b>Public housing</b>	<b>35,868</b>
Student housing set up by schools especially for international students	27,335
National :89schools	7,324
Local public :26schools	506
Private :758schools	19,505
Student housing offered by public corporations, etc.	4,519
Student housing set up by JASSO	755
Student housing set up by local government	808
Student housing set up by public corporations	544
Public housing	959
Private company housing	1,453
Student housing set up by schools	4,014
National :92schools	2,030
Local public :9schools	32
Private :223schools	1,952
<b>Private housing</b>	<b>206,576</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>242,444</b>



【Reference 1】

Shift in number and percentage of international students

Year	Number of students	Annual increase	Annual increase rate
1983	10,428	2,312	28.5%
1984	12,410	1,982	19.0%
1985	15,009	2,599	20.9%
1986	18,631	3,622	24.1%
1987	22,154	3,523	18.9%
1988	25,643	3,489	15.7%
1989	31,251	5,608	21.9%
1990	41,347	10,096	32.3%
1991	45,066	3,719	9.0%
1992	48,561	3,495	7.8%
1993	52,405	3,844	7.9%
1994	53,787	1,382	2.6%
1995	53,847	60	0.1%
1996	52,921	-926	-1.7%
1997	51,047	-1,874	-3.5%
1998	51,298	251	0.5%
1999	55,755	4,457	8.7%
2000	64,011	8,256	14.8%
2001	78,812	14,801	23.1%
2002	95,550	16,738	21.2%
2003	109,508	13,958	14.6%
2004	117,302	7,794	7.1%
2005	121,812	4,510	3.8%
2006	117,927	-3,885	-3.2%
2007	118,498	571	0.5%
2008	123,829	5,331	4.5%
2009	132,720	8,891	7.2%
2010	141,774	9,054	6.8%

(As of each May 1)

Year	Number of students (Higher Education Institutions and Japanese language Institutes)	Annual increase	Annual increase rate	Number of students in Higher Education Institutions	Annual increase	Annual increase rate	Number of students in Japanese language Institutes	Annual increase	Annual increase rate
2011	163,697	—	—	138,075	-3,699	-2.6%	25,622	—	—
2012	161,848	-1,849	-1.1%	137,756	-319	-0.2%	24,092	-1,530	-6.0%
2013	168,145	6,297	3.9%	135,519	-2,237	-1.6%	32,626	8,534	35.4%
2014	184,155	16,010	9.5%	139,185	3,666	2.7%	44,970	12,344	37.8%
2015	208,379	24,224	13.2%	152,062	12,877	9.3%	56,317	11,347	25.2%
2016	239,287	30,908	14.8%	171,122	19,060	12.5%	68,165	11,848	21.0%
2017	267,042	27,755	11.6%	188,384	17,262	10.1%	78,658	10,493	15.4%
2018	298,980	31,938	12.0%	208,901	20,517	10.9%	90,079	11,421	14.5%
2019	312,214	13,234	4.4%	228,403	19,502	9.3%	83,811	-6,268	-7.0%
2020	279,597	-32,617	-10.4%	218,783	-9,620	-4.2%	60,814	-22,997	-27.4%
2021	242,444	-37,153	-13.3%	201,877	-16,906	-7.7%	40,567	-20,247	-33.3%

※ In accordance with the unification of student visas, the total number of international students including Japanese language institutes is also drawn since

【Reference 2】

The Major Universities in terms of Accepting Highest Number of International Student(As of May 1, 2

University name		Number of students	
The University of Tokyo	National	4,084	(4,076)
Waseda University	Private	3,967	(4,742)
Japan University of Economics	Private	2,984	(3,355)
Ritsumeikan University	Private	2,752	(2,462)
Kyoto University	National	2,493	(2,600)
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Private	2,465	(2,509)
Osaka University	National	2,408	(2,521)
Kyushu University	National	2,261	(2,328)
University of Tsukuba	National	2,171	(2,247)
Tohoku University	National	2,044	(2,081)
Hokkaido University	National	1,991	(2,078)
Nagoya University	National	1,937	(1,870)
Tokyo Institute of Technology	National	1,818	(1,804)
Keio University	Private	1,784	(1,925)
Tokyo University of Social Welfare	Private	1,705	(1,784)
Toyo University	Private	1,661	(1,743)
Hiroshima University	National	1,622	(1,785)
Nihon University	Private	1,571	(1,379)
Meiji University	Private	1,477	(1,566)
The Kyoto College of Graduate Studies for Informatics	Private	1,313	(1,335)
Tokai University	Private	1,301	(1,241)
Teikyo University	Private	1,170	(1,164)
Tokyo International University	Private	1,149	(1,067)
Kobe University	National	1,107	(1,227)
Doshisha University	Private	1,094	(1,207)
Kansai University	Private	1,083	(1,110)
Kyoto Seika University	Private	1,081	(931)
Sophia University	Private	1,078	(1,144)
Hosei University	Private	1,074	(1,090)
Takushoku University	Private	1,037	(1,080)

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**【Reference 3】**

International students in Higher education institutions

1. Number of international students by region of origin

In the number of international students according to home region, 95.1% (previous year: 94.1%) of the students came from Asia, and 2.7% (previous year: 3.7%) from Europe and North America.

Regarding the short-term international students, 81.1% (previous year: 66.9%) of the students came from Asia, and 14.8% (previous year: 28.3%) from Europe and North America.

Region	Number of students	% of total	Short-term students	
			Number of students	% of total
Asia	192,033	95.1%	3,762	81.1%
	(205,919)	(94.1)	(6,895)	(66.9)
Europe	4,366	2.2%	650	14.0%
	(6,332)	(2.9)	(2,303)	(22.4)
Africa	1,961	1.0%	57	1.2%
	(2,008)	(0.9)	(104)	(1.0)
Latin America	1,113	0.6%	82	1.8%
	(1,288)	(0.6)	(253)	(2.5)
North America	1,036	0.5%	37	0.8%
	(1,690)	(0.8)	(611)	(5.9)
Middle East	994	0.5%	47	1.0%
	(1,130)	(0.5)	(87)	(0.8)
Oceania	366	0.2%	3	0.1%
	(407)	(0.2)	(47)	(0.5)
Others	8	0.0%	0	0.0%
	(9)	(0.0)	(2)	(0.0)
Total	201,877	100.0%	4,638	100.0%
	(218,783)	(100.0)	(10,302)	(100.0)

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## 2. Number of international students by nationality

### (1) Number of international students by nationality

Students from China and Vietnam account for over 65.7% (previous year: 63.4%) of the total number of international students.

Country/region	Number of students	% of total	Country/region	Number of students	% of total
China	94,063 (95,003)	46.6% (43.4)	Cambodia	681 (600)	0.3% (0.3)
Viet Nam	38,592 (43,791)	19.1% (20.0)	France	533 (965)	0.3% (0.4)
Nepal	16,500 (18,454)	8.2% (8.4)	Russian Federation	502 (494)	0.2% (0.2)
Republic of Korea	13,652 (14,654)	6.8% (6.7)	Pakistan	408 (379)	0.2% (0.2)
Indonesia	5,065 (5,132)	2.5% (2.3)	Brazil	390 (464)	0.2% (0.2)
Taiwan	4,309 (5,888)	2.1% (2.7)	Egypt	317 (371)	0.2% (0.2)
Sri Lanka	3,228 (4,770)	1.6% (2.2)	Germany	266 (563)	0.1% (0.3)
Myanmar	2,911 (3,527)	1.4% (1.6)	United Kingdom	253 (473)	0.1% (0.2)
Bangladesh	2,579 (2,829)	1.3% (1.3)	Lao People's Democratic Republic	218 (222)	0.1% (0.1)
Thailand	2,361 (2,734)	1.2% (1.2)	Mexico	215 (265)	0.1% (0.1)
Malaysia	2,306 (2,532)	1.1% (1.2)	Singapore	211 (237)	0.1% (0.1)
Mongolia	2,093 (2,111)	1.0% (1.0)	Italy	210 (287)	0.1% (0.1)
India	1,345 (1,404)	0.7% (0.6)	Canada	203 (279)	0.1% (0.1)
Philippines	1,316 (1,405)	0.7% (0.6)	Iran	178 (185)	0.1% (0.1)
Uzbekistan	1,110 (1,334)	0.5% (0.6)	Other countries	5,029 (6,020)	2.5% (2.8)
United States of America	833 (1,411)	0.4% (0.6)	Total	201,877 (218,783)	100.0% (100.0)

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(2) Number of short-term international students by nationality

65.6% (previous year: 52.1%) from China, Republic of Korea and Taiwan, and 5.7% (previous year: 14.3%) from U.S.A., France and Germany.

Country/region	Number of students	% of total	Country/region	Number of students	% of total
China	2,694 (4,227)	58.1% (41.0)	Cambodia	29 (47)	0.6% (0.5)
Indonesia	198 (230)	4.3% (2.2)	Spain	29 (131)	0.6% (1.3)
Republic of Korea	194 (387)	4.2% (3.8)	India	28 (60)	0.6% (0.6)
Taiwan	152 (752)	3.3% (7.3)	Bangladesh	28 (45)	0.6% (0.4)
France	145 (561)	3.1% (5.4)	Malaysia	28 (52)	0.6% (0.5)
Viet Nam	142 (411)	3.1% (4.0)	Myanmar	26 (55)	0.6% (0.5)
Thailand	109 (299)	2.4% (2.9)	Poland	24 (40)	0.5% (0.4)
Germany	90 (376)	1.9% (3.6)	Philippines	22 (37)	0.5% (0.4)
Russian Federation	78 (89)	1.7% (0.9)	Finland	16 (64)	0.3% (0.6)
Sri Lanka	54 (17)	1.2% (0.2)	Afghanistan	14 (2)	0.3% (0.0)
United Kingdom	49 (285)	1.1% (2.8)	Uzbekistan	14 (39)	0.3% (0.4)
Brazil	36 (126)	0.8% (1.2)	Mexico	13 (68)	0.3% (0.7)
Mongolia	34 (59)	0.7% (0.6)	Iran	12 (13)	0.3% (0.1)
United States of America	34 (542)	0.7% (5.3)	Turkey	11 (50)	0.2% (0.5)
Kazakhstan	32 (21)	0.7% (0.2)	Other countries	273 (1,129)	5.9% (11.0)
Italy	30 (88)	0.6% (0.9)	Total	4,638 (10,302)	100.0% (100.0)

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3. Number of international students by gender

Gender	Number of students		% of total	
Male	112,330	(121,160)	55.6%	(55.4)
Female	89,546	(97,623)	44.4%	(44.6)
Not Known	1	(0)	0.0%	(0.0)
Total	201,877	(218,783)	100.0%	(100.0)

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4. Number of international students by institutional type

	National		Local public		Private		Total	
	Number of students	% of total	Number of students	% of total	Number of students	% of total	Number of students	% of total
Graduate schools	32,431 (32,800)	61.5% (61.8)	2,309 (2,329)	4.4% (4.4)	18,019 (17,927)	34.2% (33.8)	52,759 (53,056)	100.0% (100.0)
Universities (undergraduate)	8,832 (10,591)	12.0% (13.3)	1,374 (1,611)	1.9% (2.0)	63,509 (67,624)	86.2% (84.7)	73,715 (79,826)	100.0% (100.0)
included intensive courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	1,031 (2,860)	100.0% (100.0)	1,031 (2,860)	100.0% (100.0)
included advanced courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	4 (3)	100.0% (100.0)	4 (3)	100.0% (100.0)
Junior colleges	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	4 (1)	0.17% (0.0)	2,327 (2,827)	99.83% (100.0)	2,331 (2,828)	100.0% (100.0)
included intensive courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	136 (197)	100.0% (100.0)	136 (197)	100.0% (100.0)
included advanced courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	7 (4)	100.0% (100.0)	7 (4)	100.0% (100.0)
Colleges of technology	450 (421)	99.3% (99.5)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	3 (2)	0.7% (0.5)	453 (423)	100.0% (100.0)
included advanced courses	21 (16)	100.0% (94.1)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (1)	0.0% (5.9)	21 (17)	100.0% (100.0)
Professional training colleges	1 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	14 (27)	0.02% (0.0)	70,253 (79,571)	99.98% (100.0)	70,268 (79,598)	100.0% (100.0)
University preparatory courses	126 (125)	5.4% (4.1)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	2,225 (2,927)	94.6% (95.9)	2,351 (3,052)	100.0% (100.0)
Total	41,840 (43,937)	20.7% (20.1)	3,701 (3,968)	1.8% (1.8)	156,336 (170,878)	77.4% (78.1)	201,877 (218,783)	100.0% (100.0)

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5. Number of international students by major field

Major field	Number of students		% of total	
Humanities	32,387	(40,073)	16.0%	(18.3)
Social science	76,301	(81,975)	37.8%	(37.5)
Science	4,413	(4,255)	2.2%	(1.9)
Engineering	41,009	(41,780)	20.3%	(19.1)
Agriculture	4,094	(4,075)	2.0%	(1.9)
Health care	5,990	(5,869)	3.0%	(2.7)
Home economics	4,159	(5,874)	2.1%	(2.7)
Education	2,941	(3,157)	1.5%	(1.4)
Arts	13,361	(13,089)	6.6%	(6.0)
Others	17,222	(18,636)	8.5%	(8.5)
Total	201,877	(218,783)	100.0%	(100.0)

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6. Number of international students by region and prefecture of Japan

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students	
Hokkaido	3,608 (3,705)	1.8% (1.7)	Hokkaido	3,608	(3,705)	Kinki	42,543 (43,055)	21.1% (19.7)	Mie	1,339	(1,334)
									Shiga	537	(545)
Tohoku	5,783 (5,929)	2.9% (2.7)	Aomori	377	(416)	Chugoku	9,481 (10,659)	4.7% (4.9)	Tottori	193	(196)
			Iwate	417	(411)				Shimane	289	(371)
			Miyagi	3,760	(3,725)				Okayama	3,140	(3,128)
			Akita	285	(323)				Hiroshima	3,788	(4,466)
			Yamagata	280	(315)				Yamaguchi	2,071	(2,498)
			Fukushima	664	(739)						
Kanto	96,560 (106,466)	47.8% (48.7)	Ibaraki	3,940	(4,675)	Shikoku	1,758 (1,841)	0.9% (0.8)	Tokushima	562	(515)
			Tochigi	2,466	(2,773)				Kagawa	669	(672)
			Gunma	3,823	(4,293)				Ehime	308	(452)
			Saitama	8,637	(9,285)				Kochi	219	(202)
			Chiba	7,533	(8,118)						
			Tokyo	63,860	(70,171)						
Chubu	18,622 (21,171)	9.2% (9.7)	Niigata	1,922	(2,177)	Kyushu	23,522 (25,957)	11.7% (11.9)	Fukuoka	14,039	(15,386)
			Toyama	476	(574)				Saga	511	(620)
			Ishikawa	1,871	(1,939)				Nagasaki	1,418	(1,828)
			Fukui	364	(412)				Kumamoto	921	(1,168)
			Yamanashi	972	(878)				Oita	3,471	(3,513)
			Nagano	931	(1,266)				Miyazaki	458	(618)
			Gifu	1,580	(1,573)				Kagoshima	1,095	(1,129)
			Shizuoka	2,636	(2,623)				Okinawa	1,609	(1,695)
			Aichi	7,870	(9,729)						
						Total		201,877 (218,783)	100.0% (100.0)		

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Note: International students attending universities whose campuses lie in two or more prefectures are included in the figure for the prefecture where the main office of the university is located.

6. Number of international students by region and prefecture of Japan

Aggregated by prefecture where international students are studying

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students				
Hokkaido	3,659 (3,740)	1.8% (1.7)	Hokkaido	3,659	(3,740)	Kinki	42,827 (43,339)	21.2% (19.8)	Mie	1,339	(1,334)			
									Shiga	1,680	(1,585)			
Kyoto	10,173	(10,340)												
Osaka	18,825	(19,254)												
Hyogo	9,074	(8,918)												
Nara	1,153	(1,270)												
Wakayama	583	(638)												
Tohoku	5,755 (5,920)	2.9% (2.7)	Aomori	314	(380)				Chugoku	8,861 (9,992)	4.4% (4.6)	Tottori	176	(180)
			Iwate	393	(387)							Shimane	310	(387)
			Miyagi	3,759	(3,725)							Okayama	3,103	(3,093)
			Akita	285	(323)	Hiroshima	3,790	(4,487)						
			Yamagata	295	(332)	Yamaguchi	1,482	(1,845)						
			Fukushima	709	(773)	Shikoku	1,785 (1,869)	0.9% (0.9)				Tokushima	542	(494)
Kanto	97,942 (107,810)	48.5% (49.3)	Ibaraki	3,601	(3,977)				Kagawa	703	(711)			
			Tochigi	2,431	(2,748)				Ehime	310	(449)			
			Gunma	2,144	(2,595)				Kochi	230	(215)			
			Saitama	8,605	(9,670)				Kyushu	21,935 (24,156)	10.9% (11.0)	Fukuoka	12,804	(13,942)
			Chiba	9,694	(10,158)	Saga	526	(631)						
Tokyo	62,413	(67,488)	Nagasaki	1,418	(1,828)									
Kanagawa	9,054	(11,174)	Kumamoto	979	(1,208)									
Chubu	19,113 (21,957)	9.5% (10.0)	Niigata	1,926	(2,184)	Oita	3,471	(3,513)						
			Toyama	476	(574)	Miyazaki	458	(618)						
			Ishikawa	1,871	(1,939)	Kagoshima	662	(714)						
			Fukui	364	(412)	Okinawa	1,617	(1,702)						
			Yamanashi	974	(880)	Total	201,877 (218,783)	100.0% (100.0)						
			Nagano	931	(1,266)									
			Gifu	1,578	(1,559)									
			Shizuoka	2,804	(2,759)									
Aichi	8,189	(10,384)												

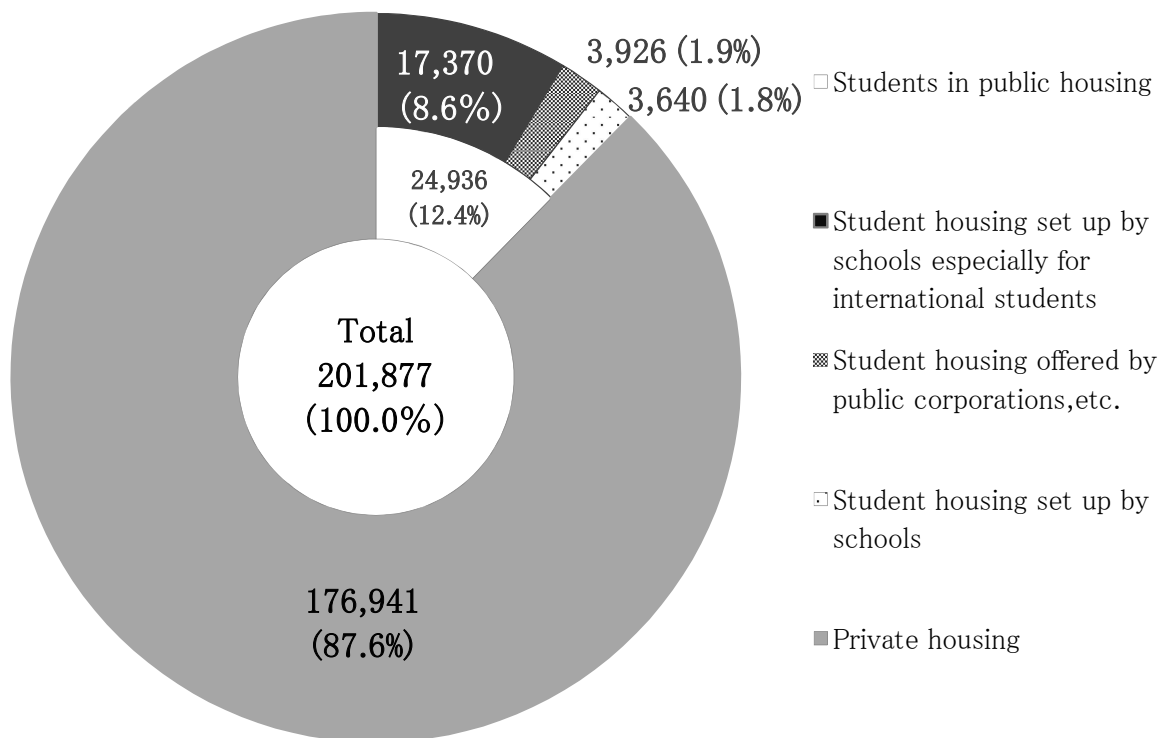
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7. Number of International Students by Housing (As of May 1, 2021)

○Total number of international students: 299,110 (Decrease of 80,327)

○Students in public housing: 46,310 (Decrease of 13,633)

Type	Number of students
<b>Public housing</b>	<b>24,936</b>
Student housing set up by schools especially for international students	17,370
National :89schools	7,324
Local public :26schools	506
Private :374schools	9,540
Student housing offered by public corporations, etc.	3,926
Student housing set up by JASSO	755
Student housing set up by local government	791
Student housing set up by public corporations	483
Public housing	932
Private company housing	965
Student housing set up by schools	3,640
National :92schools	2,030
Local public :9schools	32
Private :199schools	1,578
<b>Private housing</b>	<b>176,941</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>201,877</b>



【Reference 4】

International students in Japanese language institutes

1. Number of international students by region of origin

Region	Number of students	% of total	Increase
Asia	38,517	94.9%	▲ 19,984
Europe	1,256	3.1%	▲ 221
North America	396	1.0%	1
Latin America	224	0.6%	▲ 38
Middle East	83	0.2%	21
Oceania	47	0.1%	▲ 8
Africa	44	0.1%	▲ 18
Others	0	0.0%	0
Total	40,567	100.0%	▲ 20,247

2. Nationality

Country/region	Number of students	% of total	Increase
China	20,192	49.8%	▲ 6,650
Viet Nam	10,877	26.8%	▲ 7,565
Nepal	2,325	5.7%	▲ 3,223
Indonesia	727	1.8%	▲ 340
Republic of Korea	595	1.5%	▲ 536
Myanmar	585	1.4%	▲ 99
Taiwan	578	1.4%	▲ 622
Sri Lanka	534	1.3%	66
Mongolia	526	1.3%	▲ 438
Bangladesh	516	1.3%	247
Other countries	3,112	7.7%	▲ 1,087
Total	40,567	100.0%	▲ 20,247

3. Number of international students by region and prefecture of Japan

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students	Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students
Hokkaido	141 (370)	0.3% (0.6)	Hokkaido	141 (370)	Kinki	7,523 (10,071)	18.5% (16.6)	Mie	161 (370)
								Shiga	10 (0)
Tohoku	506 (1,255)	1.2% (2.1)	Aomori	0 (0)	Chugoku	671 (886)	1.7% (1.5)	Tottori	104 (124)
			Iwate	0 (0)				Shimane	25 (11)
			Miyagi	471 (1,148)				Okayama	292 (420)
			Akita	0 (0)				Hiroshima	211 (280)
			Yamagata	0 (0)				Yamaguchi	39 (51)
			Fukushima	35 (107)					
Kanto	25,823 (37,977)	63.7% (62.4)	Ibaraki	213 (222)	Shikoku	9 (27)	0.02% (0.04)	Tokushima	0 (0)
			Tochigi	199 (236)				Kagawa	0 (0)
			Gunma	344 (433)				Ehime	9 (27)
			Saitama	1,672 (2,229)				Kochi	0 (0)
			Chiba	1,150 (2,094)	Kyushu	2,854 (5,437)	7.0% (8.9)	Fukuoka	2,498 (3,874)
			Tokyo	21,331 (30,628)				Saga	65 (302)
			Kanagawa	914 (2,135)				Nagasaki	61 (131)
Chubu	3,040 (4,791)	7.5% (7.9)	Niigata	43 (21)	Total				40,567 (60,814)
			Toyama	5 (84)					100.0% (100.0)
			Ishikawa	0 (0)					
			Fukui	20 (46)					
			Yamanashi	108 (197)					
			Nagano	94 (179)					
			Gifu	266 (453)					
			Shizuoka	702 (1,192)					
Aichi	1,802 (2,619)								

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4. Number of international students by housing (As of May 1, 2020)

○Total number of international students: 59,530 (Decrease of 1,284)

○Students in public housing: 13,030 (Decrease of 984)

Type	Number of students	Increase
Public housing	10,932	▲ 3,082
Student housing set up by schools especially for international students	9,965	▲ 1,992
Student housing offered by public corporations, etc.	593	▲ 485
Student housing set up by JASSO	0	0
Student housing set up by local government	17	7
Student housing set up by public corporations	61	▲ 23
Public housing	27	▲ 303
Private company housing	488	▲ 166
Student housing set up by schools	374	▲ 605
Private housing	29,635	▲ 17,165
Total	40,567	▲ 20,247

