

1-1 Trends in number of international students by institutional type

The number of international students reached record highs at all institutional types in 2025.

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	
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
2022	231,146	53,122	74,390	51,955	2,274	49,405
2023	279,274	55,539	82,818	46,325	3,873	90,719
2024	336,708	58,215	91,192	76,402	3,658	107,241
2025	408,069	60,013	97,107	106,829	3,946	140,174

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

