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OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: VIETNAM

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2016*

In the 2015/16 academic year, **21,403** students from Vietnam were studying in the United States (up 14.3% from the previous year), marking the 14th straight year of growth. Vietnam is the sixth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Vietnamese students in the U.S. study at the undergraduate level. In 2015/16, their breakdown was as follows: 67.2% undergraduate; 15.1% graduate students; 9.9% other; 7.8% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Economic Impact: Last year Vietnamese students in U.S. colleges and universities contributed \$694 million to the U.S. economy. (Source: U.S. Department of Commerce)

Historical trends: The number of students from Vietnam fluctuated throughout the 1980's and 1990's with a steady trend of growth beginning in the late 1990's. The number of Vietnamese students has risen significantly since 1998/99, with double-digit growth in many of those years. Vietnam has been among the top 20 places of origin since 2006/07 and has been in the top 10 since 2010/11. There were large increases for three years starting in 2006/07. The number of students from Vietnam rose from close to 2,000 in 2000/01 to now more than 20,000 in 2015/16.

Year	# of Students From Vietnam	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Vietnam
2015/16	21,403	14.3%	n/a
2014/15	18,722	12.9%	922 (down 7.8%)
2013/14	16,579	3.0%	1,000 (up 46.4%)
2012/13	16,098	3.4%	683 (down 22.2%)
2011/12	15,572	4.6%	878 (down 0.3%)
2010/11	14,888	13.5%	881 (up 28.4%)
2009/10	13,112	2.3%	686 (up 2.1%)
2008/09	12,823	46.2%	672
2007/08	8,769	45.3%	652
2006/07	6,036	31.3%	550
2005/06	4,597	25.3%	390
2004/05	3,670	16.0%	346
2003/04	3,165	16.3%	283
2002/03	2,722	7.5%	286
2001/02	2,531	25.2%	218
2000/01	2,022	-10.8%	188
1999/00	2,266	42.8%	142

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 2015/16 will be reported in *Open Doors 2017*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.