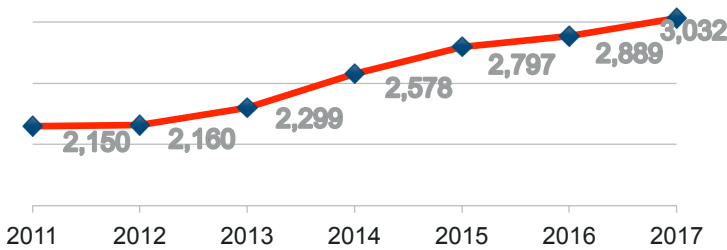


Ecuador



Students Studying in the U.S.



Source: 2017 Open Doors Report (published by IIE, funded by the U.S. Department of State)

Students Studying in U.S.
2016 / 2017

3,032

Percentage Change from
2015 / 2016

4.9%

Source: 2017 Open Doors

Total Population

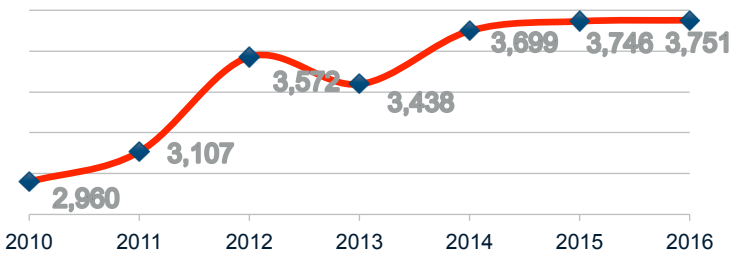
16,290,913

Ages 15-24

18.35%

Source: The World Factbook

U.S. Study Abroad Students in Country



Source: 2017 Open Doors Report

Top 5 Receiving States

- Florida
- New York
- Massachusetts
- Indiana
- California

Source: 2017 Open Doors

Student Visas Issued in 2016/17

- F** 1,681
- J** 1,810
- M** 105

Source: travel.state.gov

Students in U.S. by Academic Level	Number	%	% Change (1 year)
Undergraduate	1,605	52.9%	0.4%
Graduate	874	28.8%	4.3%
Non-Degree	222	7.3%	14.4%
OPT	331,	10.9%	28.3%

Source: 2017 Open Doors Report

Students in U.S. by U.S. Institution Type	%
Undergraduates in 4-year Institutions	84.6%
Undergraduates in 2-year Institutions	15.4%
All Students in Public Institutions	55.3%
All Students in Private Institutions	44.7%

Source: 2017 Open Doors Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ecuador is currently undergoing an economic recession, which will negatively affect the number of students studying in the United States over the next few years.
- Higher education reform initiatives in Ecuador focused on quality assurance continue to push local universities to seek opportunities for young faculty members to pursue graduate degrees abroad.
- A lower increase in undergraduate enrollment compared to previous years might also be affected by tighter requirements and higher interest rates of the government-sponsored student loans.
- High visa fees and the spring 2016 massive earthquake that affected the country are two factors that negatively affected study abroad numbers.