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Result of International Student Survey in Japan, 2023



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International Student Survey in Japan, 2023 investigates the enrollment situation of international students in Japan (in the fiscal year 2023, 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, is now administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), which was founded in April 2004 as an Independent Administrative Institution.

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 Act,” 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 countries/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 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.

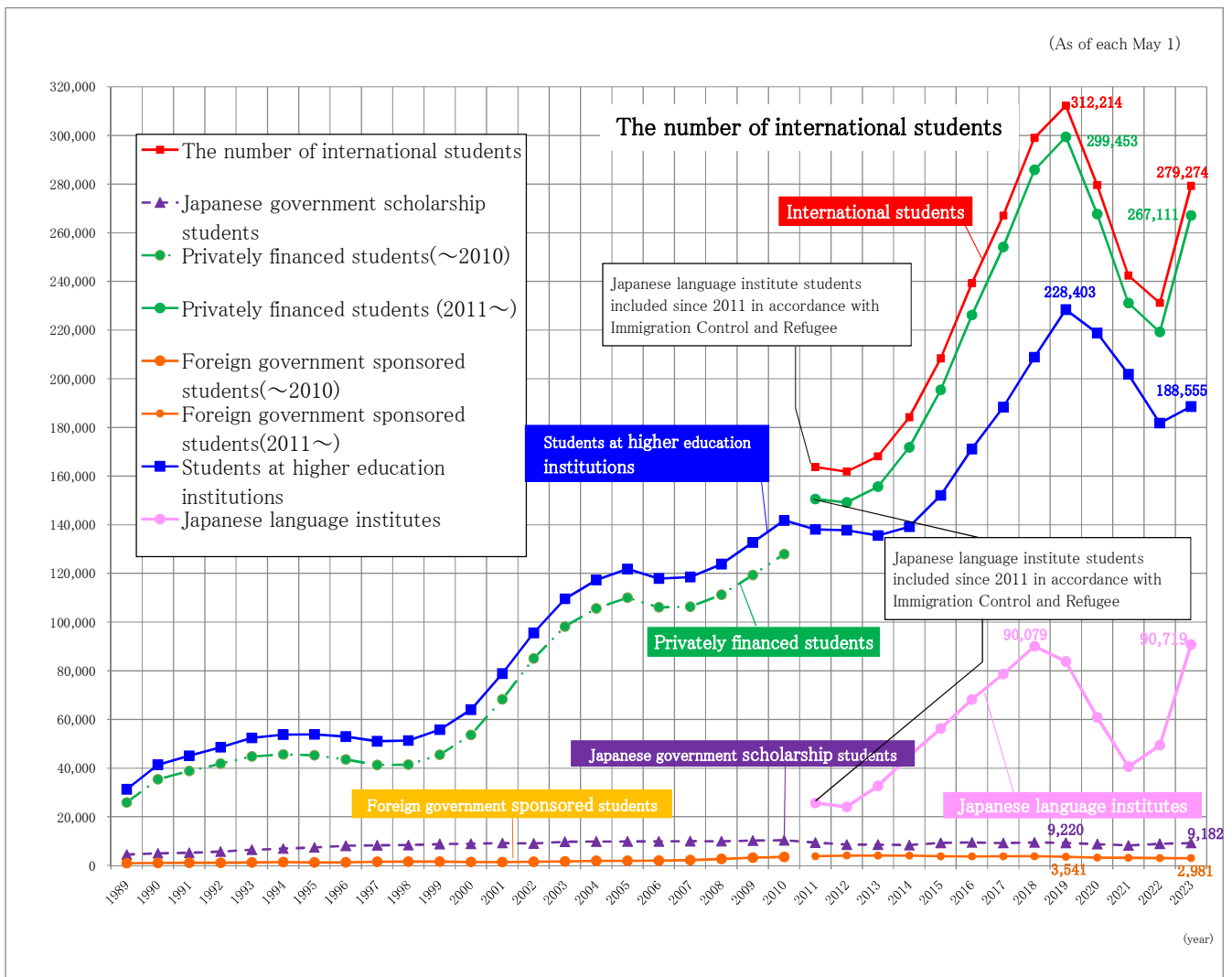
This survey aggregated the answers from Japanese Schools as of February, 2024.

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	
2000	64,011	8,930	1,441	53,640	64,011	

Year	The number of international students	Source of funds			Educational institution type	
		Japanese government	Foreign government	Privately financed	Higher Education Institutions	Japanese language institutes
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
2022	231,146	8,924	3,008	219,214	181,741	49,405
2023	279,274	9,182	2,981	267,111	188,555	90,719

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

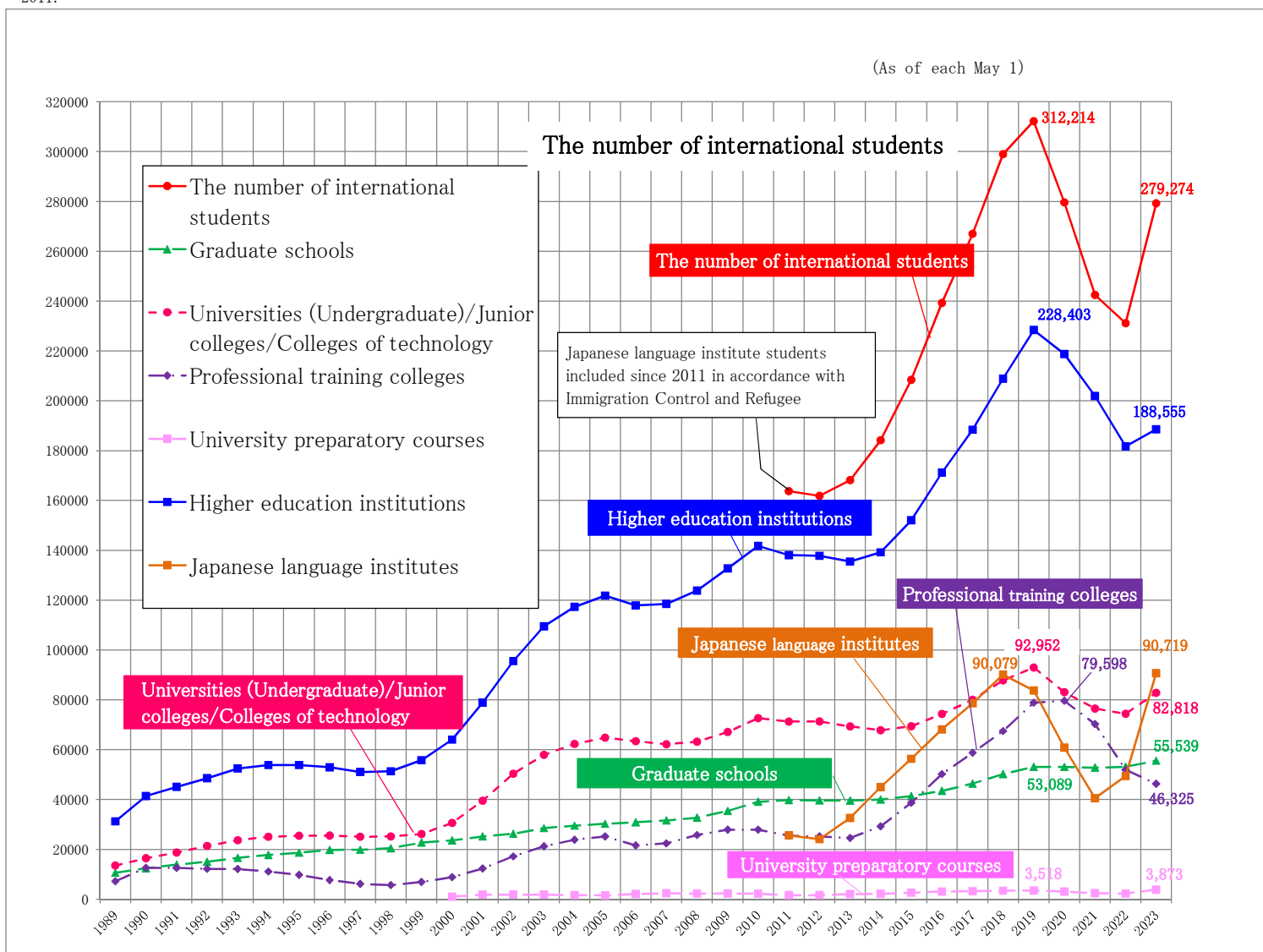


2. Trends in number of international students by institutional type

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人	3,905	5,693	830		
1984	12,410人	4,590	6,216	1,604		
1985	15,009人	5,384	7,201	2,424		
1986	18,631人	6,838	8,291	3,502		
1987	22,154人	8,035	9,803	4,316		
1988	25,643人	9,354	11,246	5,043		
1989	31,251人	10,568	13,486	7,197		
1990	41,347人	12,383	16,390	12,574		
1991	45,066人	13,816	18,710	12,540		
1992	48,561人	15,004	21,364	12,193		
1993	52,405人	16,592	23,677	12,136		
1994	53,787人	17,740	25,009	11,038		
1995	53,847人	18,645	25,477	9,725		
1996	52,921人	19,779	25,504	7,638		
1997	51,047人	19,856	25,052	6,139		
1998	51,298人	20,483	25,159	5,656		
1999	55,755人	22,679	26,160	6,916		
2000	64,011人	23,585	30,612	8,815	999	
2001	78,812人	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	

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	
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

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3. Number of international students by region of origin

In the number of international students according to home region, 91.0% (previous year: 93.0%) of the students came from Asia, and 6.5% (previous year: 4.6%) from Europe and North America.

Region	Number of students	% of total
Asia	254,224	91.0%
	(214,858)	(93.0)
Europe	13,364	4.8%
	(8,583)	(3.7)
North America	4,667	1.7%
	(1,972)	(0.9)
Africa	2,595	0.9%
	(2,273)	(1.0)
Latin America	2,238	0.8%
	(1,819)	(0.8)
Middle East	1,291	0.5%
	(1,143)	(0.5)
Oceania	883	0.3%
	(491)	(0.2)
Others	12	0.0%
	(7)	(0.0)
Total	279,274	100.0%
	(231,146)	(100.0)

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4. Number of international students by nationality

Students from China and Nepal account for over 54.9% (previous year: 55.4%) of the total number of international students.

Country/region	Number of students		% of total		Country/region	Number of students		% of total	
China	115,493	(103,882)	41.4%	(44.9)	India	1,612	(1,532)	0.6%	(0.7)
Nepal	37,878	(24,257)	13.6%	(10.5)	Russian Federation	1,575	(989)	0.6%	(0.4)
Viet Nam	36,339	(37,405)	13.0%	(16.2)	Germany	1,282	(801)	0.5%	(0.3)
Republic of Korea	14,946	(13,701)	5.4%	(5.9)	United Kingdom	1,117	(562)	0.4%	(0.2)
Myanmar	7,773	(3,813)	2.8%	(1.6)	Pakistan	896	(631)	0.3%	(0.3)
Taiwan	6,998	(5,015)	2.5%	(2.2)	Italy	869	(616)	0.3%	(0.3)
Sri Lanka	6,819	(3,857)	2.4%	(1.7)	Brazil	756	(678)	0.3%	(0.3)
Indonesia	6,552	(5,763)	2.3%	(2.5)	Canada	591	(317)	0.2%	(0.1)
Bangladesh	5,326	(3,313)	1.9%	(1.4)	Cambodia	590	(882)	0.2%	(0.4)
United States of America	4,076	(1,655)	1.5%	(0.7)	Australia	575	(223)	0.2%	(0.1)
Mongolia	3,677	(2,941)	1.3%	(1.3)	Spain	568	(380)	0.2%	(0.2)
Thailand	3,616	(2,959)	1.3%	(1.3)	Mexico	533	(361)	0.2%	(0.2)
Malaysia	2,542	(2,423)	0.9%	(1.0)	Singapore	407	(316)	0.1%	(0.1)
Uzbekistan	2,315	(1,659)	0.8%	(0.7)	Turkey	335	(246)	0.1%	(0.1)
Philippines	2,292	(1,745)	0.8%	(0.8)	Other countries	8,813	(6,968)	3.2%	(3.0)
France	2,113	(1,256)	0.8%	(0.5)	Total	279,274	(231,146)	100.0%	(100.0)

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5. Number of international students by gender

Gender	Number of students		% of total	
	Male	156,126	(130,762)	55.9%
Female	123,140	(100,379)	44.1%	(43.4)
Not Known	8	(5)	0.0%	(0.0)
Total	279,274	(231,146)	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	34,207 (33,056)	61.6% (62.2)	2,134 (2,199)	3.8% (4.1)	19,198 (17,867)	34.6% (33.6)	55,539 (53,122)	100.0% (100.0)
Universities (undergraduate)	10,892 (9,092)	13.6% (12.6)	1,735 (1,519)	2.2% (2.1)	67,735 (61,436)	84.3% (85.3)	80,362 (72,047)	100.0% (100.0)
Junior colleges	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	11 (3)	0.6% (0.2)	1,944 (1,860)	99.4% (99.8)	1,955 (1,863)	100.0% (100.0)
Colleges of technology	499 (478)	99.6% (99.6)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	2 (2)	0.4% (0.4)	501 (480)	100.0% (100.0)
Professional training colleges	0 (1)	0.0% (0.0)	35 (22)	0.08% (0.04)	46,290 (51,932)	99.92% (99.96)	46,325 (51,955)	100.0% (100.0)
University preparatory courses	118 (127)	3.0% (5.6)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	3,755 (2,147)	97.0% (94.4)	3,873 (2,274)	100.0% (100.0)
Japanese language institutes	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	96 (97)	0.1% (0.2)	90,623 (49,308)	99.9% (99.8)	90,719 (49,405)	100.0% (100.0)
Total	45,716 (42,754)	16.4% (18.5)	4,011 (3,840)	1.4% (1.7)	229,547 (184,552)	82.2% (79.8)	279,274 (231,146)	100.0% (100.0)

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7. Number of international students by major field

Major field	Number of students		% of total	
Humanities	134,310	(80,291)	48.1%	(34.7)
Social science	57,563	(63,096)	20.6%	(27.3)
Science	4,640	(4,361)	1.7%	(1.9)
Engineering	35,135	(37,487)	12.6%	(16.2)
Agriculture	4,057	(4,200)	1.5%	(1.8)
Health care	6,073	(5,829)	2.2%	(2.5)
Home economics	3,185	(3,921)	1.1%	(1.7)
Education	3,200	(2,854)	1.1%	(1.2)
Arts	11,560	(10,855)	4.1%	(4.7)
Others	19,551	(18,252)	7.0%	(7.9)
Total	279,274	(231,146)	100.0%	(100.0)

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

(1) Aggregated by prefecture where the main office of the school is located.

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students	
Hokkaido	4,753 (4,026)	1.7% (1.7)	Hokkaido	4,753	(4,026)	Kinki	63,610 (50,245)	22.8% (21.7)	Mie	1,590	(1,694)
									Shiga	598	(542)
Tohoku	7,650 (6,375)	2.7% (2.8)	Aomori	489	(399)	Chugoku	10,960 (9,719)	3.9% (4.2)	Kyoto	17,743	(14,205)
			Iwate	438	(559)				Osaka	28,324	(21,190)
			Miyagi	4,962	(3,953)				Hyogo	13,080	(10,633)
			Akita	481	(337)				Nara	1,740	(1,506)
			Yamagata	320	(279)				Wakayama	535	(475)
			Fukushima	960	(848)				Tottori	288	(329)
											Shimane
Kanto	135,178 (110,524)	48.4% (47.8)	Ibaraki	3,983	(3,755)	Shikoku	1,962 (1,722)	0.7% (0.7)	Okayama	3,333	(3,229)
			Tochigi	2,174	(2,026)				Hiroshima	4,617	(3,828)
			Gunma	3,465	(3,309)				Yamaguchi	2,164	(1,987)
			Saitama	8,593	(8,951)				Tokushima	584	(558)
			Chiba	8,649	(7,280)				Kagawa	646	(618)
			Tokyo	100,197	(78,957)				Ehime	428	(336)
			Kanagawa	8,117	(6,246)				Kochi	304	(210)
Chubu	26,121 (22,150)	9.4% (9.6)	Niigata	1,816	(1,824)	Kyushu	29,040 (26,385)	10.4% (11.4)	Saga	948	(737)
			Toyama	487	(486)				Nagasaki	2,219	(1,833)
			Ishikawa	2,179	(1,800)				Kumamoto	1,112	(973)
			Fukui	645	(498)				Oita	3,501	(3,245)
			Yamanashi	1,707	(1,252)				Miyazaki	484	(503)
			Nagano	1,056	(969)				Kagoshima	1,344	(1,122)
			Gifu	2,058	(1,862)				Okinawa	2,461	(2,017)
			Shizuoka	3,710	(3,337)						
			Aichi	12,463	(10,122)						
						Total		279,274		100.0%	
								(231,146)		(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.

(2) 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	4,769 (4,086)	1.7% (1.8)	Hokkaido	4,769	(4,086)	Kinki	63,167 (50,575)	22.6% (21.9)	Mie	1,592	(1,694)
									Shiga	1,873	(1,717)
Tohoku	7,596 (6,336)	2.7% (2.7)	Aomori	385	(318)	Chugoku	10,425 (9,205)	3.7% (4.0)	Kyoto	15,663	(12,290)
			Iwate	439	(368)				Osaka	29,465	(22,431)
			Miyagi	4,962	(4,125)				Hyogo	12,252	(10,426)
			Akita	481	(337)				Nara	1,766	(1,527)
			Yamagata	320	(290)				Wakayama	556	(490)
			Fukushima	1,009	(898)				Tottori	271	(311)
											Shimane
Kanto	136,520 (111,494)	48.9% (48.2)	Ibaraki	3,648	(3,488)	Shikoku	1,990 (1,749)	0.7% (0.8)	Okayama	3,316	(3,198)
			Tochigi	2,118	(1,967)				Hiroshima	4,626	(3,846)
			Gunma	1,896	(1,726)				Yamaguchi	1,635	(1,484)
			Saitama	10,424	(9,310)				Tokushima	559	(531)
			Chiba	10,866	(9,449)				Kagawa	678	(655)
			Tokyo	95,312	(75,347)				Ehime	440	(343)
			Kanagawa	12,256	(10,207)				Kochi	313	(220)
Chubu	26,774 (22,594)	9.6% (9.8)	Niigata	1,822	(1,829)	Kyushu	28,033 (25,107)	10.0% (10.9)	Fukuoka	16,246	(14,984)
			Toyama	487	(486)				Saga	967	(754)
			Ishikawa	2,179	(1,800)				Nagasaki	2,219	(1,833)
			Fukui	645	(402)				Kumamoto	1,217	(1,055)
			Yamanashi	1,715	(1,255)				Oita	3,492	(3,245)
			Nagano	1,056	(969)				Miyazaki	484	(503)
			Gifu	2,057	(1,863)				Kagoshima	942	(708)
			Shizuoka	3,928	(3,526)				Okinawa	2,466	(2,025)
Aichi	12,885	(10,464)									
							Total		279,274		100.0%
									(231,146)		(100.0)

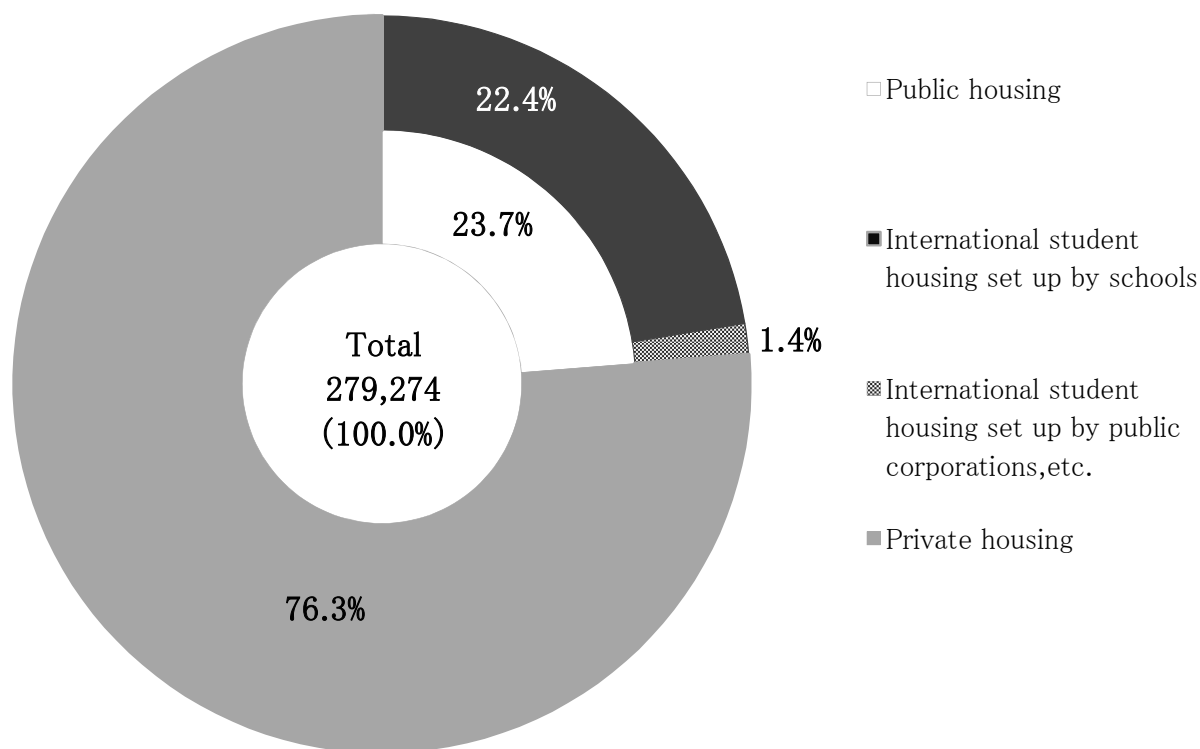
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9. Number of International Students by Housing (As of May 1, 2023)

○Total number of international students 279,274 students (Increase of 48,128 students)

○Students in public housing 66,300 students (Increase of 16,550 students)

Type	Number of students
Public housing	66,300
International student housing set up by schools	62,489
National :139schools	13,835
Local public :44schools	1,195
Private :958schools	47,459
International student housing set up by public corporations, etc.	3,811
Student housing set up by JASSO	904
Student housing set up by local government	972
Student housing set up by public corporations	820
Public housing	1,039
Private company housing	76
Private housing	212,974
Total	279,274



【Reference 1】

Shift in number and percentage of international students

Year	Number of students	Annual increase	Annual % change
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 % change	Number of students in Higher Education Institutions	Annual increase	Annual % change	Number of students in Japanese language Institutes	Annual increase	Annual % change
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%
2022	231,146	-11,298	-4.7%	181,741	-20,136	-10.0%	49,405	8,838	21.8%
2023	279,274	48,128	20.8%	188,555	6,814	3.7%	90,719	41,314	83.6%

※ 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 with the Highest Number of International Students(As of May 1, 2023)

University name		Number of students	
Waseda University	Private	5,560	(4,208)
The University of Tokyo	National	4,658	(4,397)
Ritsumeikan University	Private	3,027	(2,698)
Kyoto University	National	2,844	(2,564)
Osaka University	National	2,712	(2,514)
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Private	2,662	(2,392)
Kyushu University	National	2,526	(2,359)
University of Tsukuba	National	2,342	(2,189)
Japan University of Economics	Private	2,334	(2,599)
Keio University	Private	2,146	(1,878)
Tohoku University	National	2,145	(2,074)
Nagoya University	National	2,140	(2,039)
Hokkaido University	National	2,116	(2,009)
Tokyo Institute of Technology	National	1,854	(1,808)
Hiroshima University	National	1,729	(1,597)
Toyo University	Private	1,712	(1,553)
Nihon University	Private	1,708	(1,573)
The Kyoto College of Graduate Studies for Informatics	Private	1,688	(1,414)
Tokyo University of Social Welfare	Private	1,669	(1,685)
Tokai University	Private	1,610	(1,431)
Meiji University	Private	1,568	(1,389)
Sophia University	Private	1,516	(1,225)
Tokyo International University	Private	1,395	(1,221)
Takushoku University	Private	1,356	(1,264)
Kobe University	National	1,290	(1,205)
Doshisha University	Private	1,246	(877)
Kansai University	Private	1,228	(1,089)
Kyoto Seika University	Private	1,207	(1,192)
Teikyo University	Private	1,152	(1,106)
Hosei University	Private	1,126	(1,092)

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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, 89.8% (previous year: 93.0%) of the students came from Asia, and 7.0% (previous year:4.2%) from Europe and North America.

Regarding the short-term international students, 55.3% (previous year: 65.9%) of the students came from Asia, and 39.4% (previous year: 28.8%) from Europe and North America.

Region	Number of students	% of total	Short-term students	
			Number of students	% of total
Asia	169,327	89.8%	9,489	55.3%
	(169,031)	(93.0)	(5,132)	(65.9)
Europe	9,446	5.0%	4,456	26.0%
	(6,241)	(3.4)	(2,039)	(26.2)
North America	3,792	2.0%	2,303	13.4%
	(1,392)	(0.8)	(203)	(2.6)
Africa	2,489	1.3%	178	1.0%
	(2,215)	(1.2)	(114)	(1.5)
Latin America	1,682	0.9%	305	1.8%
	(1,422)	(0.8)	(176)	(2.3)
Middle East	1,067	0.6%	129	0.8%
	(1,025)	(0.6)	(90)	(1.2)
Oceania	740	0.4%	305	1.8%
	(408)	(0.2)	(28)	(0.4)
Others	12	0.0%	4	0.0%
	(7)	(0.0)	(0)	(0.0)
Total	188,555	100.0%	17,169	100.0%
	(181,741)	(100.0)	(7,782)	(100.0)

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2. Number of international students by nationality

(1) Number of international students by nationality

Students from China and Viet Nam account for over 58.5% (previous year: 63.1%) of the total number of international students.

Country/region	Number of students	% of total	Country/region	Number of students	% of total
China	87,789 (85,762)	46.6% (47.2)	Germany	1,122 (686)	0.6% (0.4)
Viet Nam	22,353 (28,848)	11.9% (15.9)	Uzbekistan	1,021 (1,004)	0.5% (0.6)
Nepal	14,437 (13,757)	7.7% (7.6)	United Kingdom	921 (440)	0.5% (0.2)
Republic of Korea	13,919 (13,073)	7.4% (7.2)	Russian Federation	803 (594)	0.4% (0.3)
Taiwan	5,475 (4,248)	2.9% (2.3)	Brazil	595 (527)	0.3% (0.3)
Indonesia	4,892 (4,709)	2.6% (2.6)	Italy	566 (430)	0.3% (0.2)
Myanmar	3,600 (2,674)	1.9% (1.5)	Cambodia	535 (837)	0.3% (0.5)
United States of America	3,299 (1,137)	1.7% (0.6)	Pakistan	526 (446)	0.3% (0.2)
Bangladesh	2,907 (2,367)	1.5% (1.3)	Canada	493 (255)	0.3% (0.1)
Thailand	2,788 (2,477)	1.5% (1.4)	Australia	458 (158)	0.2% (0.1)
Sri Lanka	2,532 (2,390)	1.3% (1.3)	Spain	381 (232)	0.2% (0.1)
Malaysia	2,288 (2,282)	1.2% (1.3)	Mexico	364 (265)	0.2% (0.1)
Mongolia	1,922 (1,982)	1.0% (1.1)	Singapore	351 (287)	0.2% (0.2)
France	1,619 (915)	0.9% (0.5)	Egypt	314 (310)	0.2% (0.2)
Philippines	1,312 (1,207)	0.7% (0.7)	Other countries	7,718 (6,162)	4.1% (3.4)
India	1,255 (1,280)	0.7% (0.7)	Total	188,555 (181,741)	100.0% (100.0)

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

Country/region	Number of students	% of total	Country/region	Number of students	% of total
China	4,739 (3,023)	27.6% (38.8)	Sri Lanka	173 (14)	1.0% (0.2)
United States of America	2,063 (160)	12.0% (2.1)	Russian Federation	164 (76)	1.0% (1.0)
Republic of Korea	1,449 (605)	8.4% (7.8)	Malaysia	136 (66)	0.8% (0.8)
Taiwan	1,150 (392)	6.7% (5.0)	Finland	128 (58)	0.7% (0.7)
France	1,021 (437)	5.9% (5.6)	Sweden	122 (59)	0.7% (0.8)
Germany	766 (401)	4.5% (5.2)	Singapore	115 (54)	0.7% (0.7)
United Kingdom	495 (182)	2.9% (2.3)	Mexico	107 (34)	0.6% (0.4)
Viet Nam	448 (252)	2.6% (3.2)	Poland	99 (55)	0.6% (0.7)
Thailand	369 (188)	2.1% (2.4)	Switzerland	96 (37)	0.6% (0.5)
Italy	313 (202)	1.8% (2.6)	Brazil	92 (94)	0.5% (1.2)
Indonesia	272 (214)	1.6% (2.7)	Norway	92 (32)	0.5% (0.4)
Australia	272 (14)	1.6% (0.2)	Denmark	84 (25)	0.5% (0.3)
Canada	240 (43)	1.4% (0.6)	Philippines	73 (39)	0.4% (0.5)
Nepal	219 (44)	1.3% (0.6)	Belgium	72 (49)	0.4% (0.6)
Spain	203 (81)	1.2% (1.0)	Other countries	1,406 (774)	8.2% (9.9)
Netherlands	191 (78)	1.1% (1.0)	Total	17,169 (7,782)	100.0% (100.0)

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3. Number of international students by gender

Gender	Number of students		% of total	
Male	104,705	(101,697)	55.5%	(56.0)
Female	83,846	(80,041)	44.5%	(44.0)
Not Known	4	(3)	0.0%	(0.0)
Total	188,555	(181,741)	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	34,207 (33,056)	61.6% (62.2)	2,134 (2,199)	3.8% (4.1)	19,198 (17,867)	34.6% (33.6)	55,539 (53,122)	100.0% (100.0)
Universities (undergraduate)	10,892 (9,092)	13.6% (12.6)	1,735 (1,519)	2.2% (2.1)	67,735 (61,436)	84.3% (85.3)	80,362 (72,047)	100.0% (100.0)
included intensive courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	4,102 (1,628)	100.0% (100.0)	4,102 (1,628)	100.0% (100.0)
included advanced courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	2 (3)	100.0% (100.0)	2 (3)	100.0% (100.0)
Junior colleges	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	11 (3)	0.56% (0.16)	1,944 (1,860)	99.4% (99.8)	1,955 (1,863)	100.0% (100.0)
included intensive courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	374 (170)	100.0% (100.0)	374 (170)	100.0% (100.0)
included advanced courses	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	9 (7)	100.0% (100.0)	9 (7)	100.0% (100.0)
Colleges of technology	499 (478)	99.6% (99.6)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	2 (2)	0.4% (0.4)	501 (480)	100.0% (100.0)
included advanced courses	17 (14)	100.0% (100.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	17 (14)	100.0% (100.0)
Professional training colleges	0 (1)	0.0% (0.0)	35 (22)	0.08% (0.04)	46,290 (51,932)	99.9% (99.96)	46,325 (51,955)	100.0% (100.0)
University preparatory courses	118 (127)	3.0% (5.6)	0 (0)	0.0% (0.0)	3,755 (2,147)	97.0% (94.4)	3,873 (2,274)	100.0% (100.0)
Total	45,716 (42,754)	24.2% (23.5)	3,915 (3,743)	2.1% (2.1)	138,924 (135,244)	73.7% (74.4)	188,555 (181,741)	100.0% (100.0)

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5. Number of international students by major field

Major field	Number of students		% of total	
		()		()
Humanities	43,591	(30,886)	23.1%	(17.0)
Social science	57,563	(63,096)	30.5%	(34.7)
Science	4,640	(4,361)	2.5%	(2.4)
Engineering	35,135	(37,487)	18.6%	(20.6)
Agriculture	4,057	(4,200)	2.2%	(2.3)
Health care	6,073	(5,829)	3.2%	(3.2)
Home economics	3,185	(3,921)	1.7%	(2.2)
Education	3,200	(2,854)	1.7%	(1.6)
Arts	11,560	(10,855)	6.1%	(6.0)
Others	19,551	(18,252)	10.4%	(10.0)
Total	188,555	(181,741)	100.0%	(100.0)

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

(1) Aggregated by prefecture where the main office of the school is located.

Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students	
Hokkaido	3,839 (3,660)	2.0% (2.0)	Hokkaido	3,839	(3,660)	Kinki	42,955 (39,924)	22.8% (22.0)	Mie	983	(1,181)
									Shiga	521	(507)
Tohoku	5,591 (5,379)	3.0% (3.0)	Aomori	457	(394)	Chugoku	9,205 (8,836)	4.9% (4.9)	Tottori	206	(197)
			Iwate	438	(387)				Shimane	362	(321)
			Miyagi	3,164	(3,326)				Okayama	2,660	(2,800)
			Akita	440	(334)				Hiroshima	3,904	(3,634)
			Yamagata	320	(279)				Yamaguchi	2,073	(1,884)
			Fukushima	772	(659)						
Kanto	87,121 (84,069)	46.2% (46.3)	Ibaraki	3,614	(3,537)	Shikoku	1,927 (1,699)	1.0% (0.9)	Tokushima	584	(558)
			Tochigi	1,582	(1,869)				Kagawa	646	(618)
			Gunma	2,657	(2,979)				Ehime	393	(313)
			Saitama	5,077	(7,155)				Kochi	304	(210)
			Chiba	5,712	(5,930)				Fukuoka	11,474	(12,304)
			Tokyo	63,175	(57,478)				Saga	512	(408)
Chubu	16,830 (17,094)	8.9% (9.4)	Kanagawa	5,304	(5,121)	Kyushu	21,087 (21,080)	11.2% (11.6)	Nagasaki	1,870	(1,583)
			Niigata	1,712	(1,724)				Kumamoto	1,058	(936)
			Toyama	442	(460)				Oita	3,374	(3,182)
			Ishikawa	2,113	(1,800)				Miyazaki	481	(503)
			Fukui	485	(402)				Kagoshima	1,212	(1,042)
			Yamanashi	1,273	(1,030)				Okinawa	1,106	(1,122)
			Nagano	828	(827)						
			Gifu	1,351	(1,480)						
Shizuoka	1,535	(2,023)									
Aichi	7,091	(7,348)									
							Total	188,555 (181,741)	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.

(2) Aggregated by prefecture where international students are studying

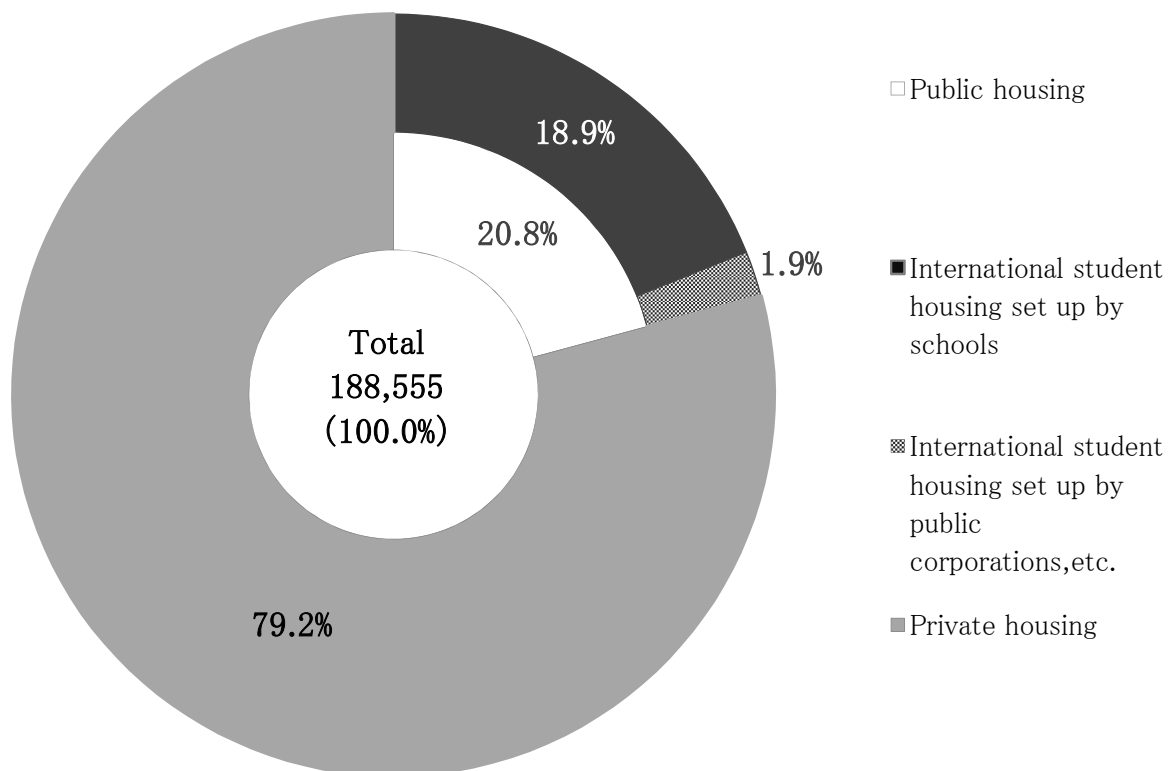
Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students		Region	Number of students	% of total	Prefecture	Number of students	
Hokkaido	3,855 (3,720)	2.0% (2.0)	Hokkaido	3,855	(3,720)	Kinki	42,511 (40,254)	22.5% (22.1)	Mie	984	(1,181)
									Shiga	1,793	(1,682)
Tohoku	5,537 (5,340)	2.9% (2.9)	Aomori	353	(313)	Chugoku	8,670 (8,322)	4.6% (4.6)	Wakayama	556	(490)
			Iwate	439	(368)				Tottori	189	(179)
			Miyagi	3,164	(3,326)				Shimane	381	(341)
			Akita	440	(334)				Okayama	2,641	(2,769)
			Yamagata	320	(290)				Hiroshima	3,915	(3,652)
			Fukushima	821	(709)				Yamaguchi	1,544	(1,381)
Kanto	88,463 (84,943)	46.9% (46.7)	Ibaraki	3,255	(3,270)	Shikoku	1,955 (1,726)	1.0% (0.9)	Tokushima	559	(531)
			Tochigi	1,526	(1,810)				Kagawa	678	(655)
			Gunma	1,088	(1,396)				Ehime	405	(320)
			Saitama	6,912	(7,514)				Kochi	313	(220)
			Chiba	7,946	(8,099)				Fukuoka	10,749	(11,333)
			Tokyo	58,286	(53,772)				Saga	531	(425)
Chubu	17,484 (17,634)	9.3% (9.7)	Kanagawa	9,450	(9,082)	Kyushu	20,080 (19,802)	10.6% (10.9)	Nagasaki	1,870	(1,583)
			Niigata	1,718	(1,729)				Kumamoto	1,163	(1,018)
			Toyama	442	(460)				Oita	3,365	(3,182)
			Ishikawa	2,113	(1,800)				Miyazaki	481	(503)
			Fukui	485	(402)				Kagoshima	810	(628)
			Yamanashi	1,281	(1,033)				Okinawa	1,111	(1,130)
			Nagano	828	(827)						
			Gifu	1,350	(1,481)						
			Shizuoka	1,753	(2,212)						
Aichi	7,514	(7,690)									
							Total	188,555 (181,741)	100.0% (100.0)		

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7. Number of International Students by Housing(As of May 1, 2023)

- Total number of international students 188,555 students (Increase of 6,814 students)
- Students in public housing 39,285 students (Increase of 9,291 students)

Type	Number of students
Public housing	39,285
International student housing set up by schools	35,614
National :139schools	13,835
Local public :43schools	1,099
Private :499schools	20,680
International student housing set up by public corporations, etc.	3,671
Student housing set up by JASSO	904
Student housing set up by local government	972
Student housing set up by public corporations	732
Public housing	1,011
Private company housing	52
Private housing	149,270
Total	188,555



【Reference 4】

International students in Japanese language institutes

1. Number of international students by region of origin

Region	Number of students	% of total	Change
Asia	84,897	93.6%	39,070
Europe	3,918	4.3%	1,576
North America	875	1.0%	295
Latin America	556	0.6%	159
Middle East	224	0.2%	106
Oceania	143	0.2%	60
Africa	106	0.1%	48
Others	0	0.0%	0
Total	90,719	100.0%	41,314

2. Nationality

Country/region	Number of students	% of total	Change
China	27,704	30.5%	9,584
Nepal	23,441	25.8%	12,941
Viet Nam	13,986	15.4%	5,429
Sri Lanka	4,287	4.7%	2,820
Myanmar	4,173	4.6%	3,034
Bangladesh	2,419	2.7%	1,473
Mongolia	1,755	1.9%	796
Indonesia	1,660	1.8%	606
Taiwan	1,523	1.7%	756
Uzbekistan	1,294	1.4%	639
Other countries	8,477	9.3%	3,236
Total	90,719	100.0%	41,314

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	914 (366)	1.0% (0.7)	Hokkaido	914	(366)	Kinki	20,655 (10,321)	22.8% (20.9)	Mie	607	(513)
									Shiga	77	(35)
Tohoku	2,059 (996)	2.3% (2.0)	Aomori	32	(5)	Chugoku	1,755 (883)	1.9% (1.8)	Tottori	82	(132)
			Iwate	0	(172)				Shimane	196	(25)
			Miyagi	1,798	(627)				Okayama	673	(429)
			Akita	41	(3)				Hiroshima	713	(194)
			Yamagata	0	(0)				Yamaguchi	91	(103)
			Fukushima	188	(189)						
Kanto	48,057 (26,455)	53.0% (53.5)	Ibaraki	369	(218)	Shikoku	35 (23)	0.04% (0.05)	Tokushima	0	(0)
			Tochigi	592	(157)				Kagawa	0	(0)
			Gunma	808	(330)				Ehime	35	(23)
			Saitama	3,516	(1,796)				Kochi	0	(0)
			Chiba	2,937	(1,350)	Kyushu	7,953 (5,305)	8.8% (10.7)	Fukuoka	5,497	(3,651)
			Tokyo	37,022	(21,479)				Saga	436	(329)
			Kanagawa	2,813	(1,125)				Nagasaki	349	(250)
Chubu	9,291 (5,056)	10.2% (10.2)	Niigata	104	(100)	Kumamoto	54	(37)			
			Toyama	45	(26)	Oita	127	(63)			
			Ishikawa	66	(0)	Miyazaki	3	(0)			
			Fukui	160	(96)	Kagoshima	132	(80)			
			Yamanashi	434	(222)	Okinawa	1,355	(895)			
			Nagano	228	(142)	Total			90,719	100.0%	
			Gifu	707	(382)				(49,405)	(100.0)	
			Shizuoka	2,175	(1,314)						
Aichi	5,372	(2,774)									

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4. Number of international students by housing(As of May 1, 2023)

○Total number of international students 90,719 students (Increase of 41,314 students)

○Students in public housing 27,015 students (Increase of 7,259 students)

Type	Number of students	Change
Public housing	27,015	7,259
International student housing set up by schools	26,875	7,657
International student housing set up by public corporations, etc.	140	▲ 398
Student housing set up by local government	0	0
Student housing set up by public corporations	88	▲ 19
Public housing	28	▲ 24
Private company housing	24	▲ 355
Private housing	63,704	34,055
Total	90,719	41,314

