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# International Student Enrollment Report

Fall 2009



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## Definitions of Terms

**International Students:** International students are non-U.S. citizens holding non-immigrant visas. Citizens of other countries who are U.S. permanent residents are not included in this report.

**Other category:** Other category includes non-degree seeking visitors, USC Language Academy students, and students currently on Optional Practical Training (OPT) employment.

**Visitors:** Visitors are students enrolled in classes but not in degree programs.

**Optional Practical Training (OPT):** OPT is the category of graduates on F-1 student visas who are legally employable for 12 months following graduation. They remain under USC auspices for the purpose of maintaining their immigration status and for national reporting purposes.

## Introduction

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the University of Southern California experienced continued growth in the enrollment of international students. This report details some of the trends and highlights of USC's international student population. All data included in this report represent totals as of the Fall 2009 semester and are in accordance with USC reporting protocols and national data collection for international student enrollments at institutions across the U.S. In addition to 2009-2010 academic year data, this report also includes some comparative data from past years to illustrate enrollment trends over time.

This year, USC enrolled 6,585 international students from 112 different places of origin. More than 1,600 students from India attended USC this year, followed closely by over 1,400 from China. Students originating from South Korea and Taiwan numbered over 700 and 500 respectively. (See page 5, Table 2.1).

Overall international student enrollment rose 11.25% between Fall 2008 and Fall 2009. A large portion of the growth in enrollment numbers is due to the sharp rise in the number of students from China, which grew from 1,015 in 2008 to 1,428 in 2009, an increase of 41%. Enrollment of international students increased from several other places of origin as well, including nine of the top ten places of origin. (See page 5, table 2.1).

With a significant rise in the number of international freshmen students in the Fall 2009 incoming class, the proportion of USC's undergraduates who are international students grew from 8.8% in 2008 to 10.2% in 2009. The proportion of graduate students and non-degree (visitor) students who are international rose this year as well, bringing the overall percentage of enrolled international students to 18.91% of the total USC student population, an increase from 17.54% the year before. (See page 8, Table 4.1)

The information in this report was compiled by the Office of International Services (OIS), along with help from the Office of Academic Records and Registrar and the USC Language Academy. Please direct all comments and inquiries to [ois@usc.edu](mailto:ois@usc.edu).

## Section 1

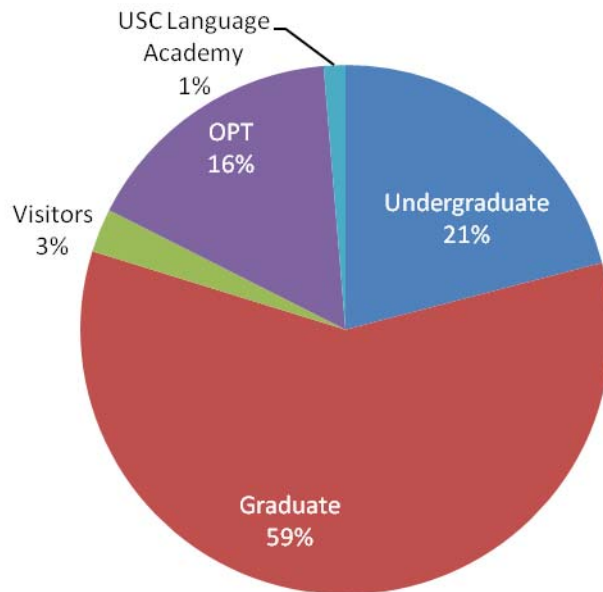
### Summary of International Students

**Table 1.1 Total Numbers of All International Students**

	Fall 2009	Fall 2008
<b>Undergraduate</b>	1672	1429
<b>Graduate</b>	4700	4309
<b>Visitors</b>	213	181
<b>Optional Practical Training</b>	1296	1414
<b>USC Language Academy</b>	106	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>7987</b>	<b>7490</b>

Sources: Office of Academic Records and Registrar, Office of International Services (OIS), and USC Language Academy .

**Chart 1.2 Types of International Students within the International Population**

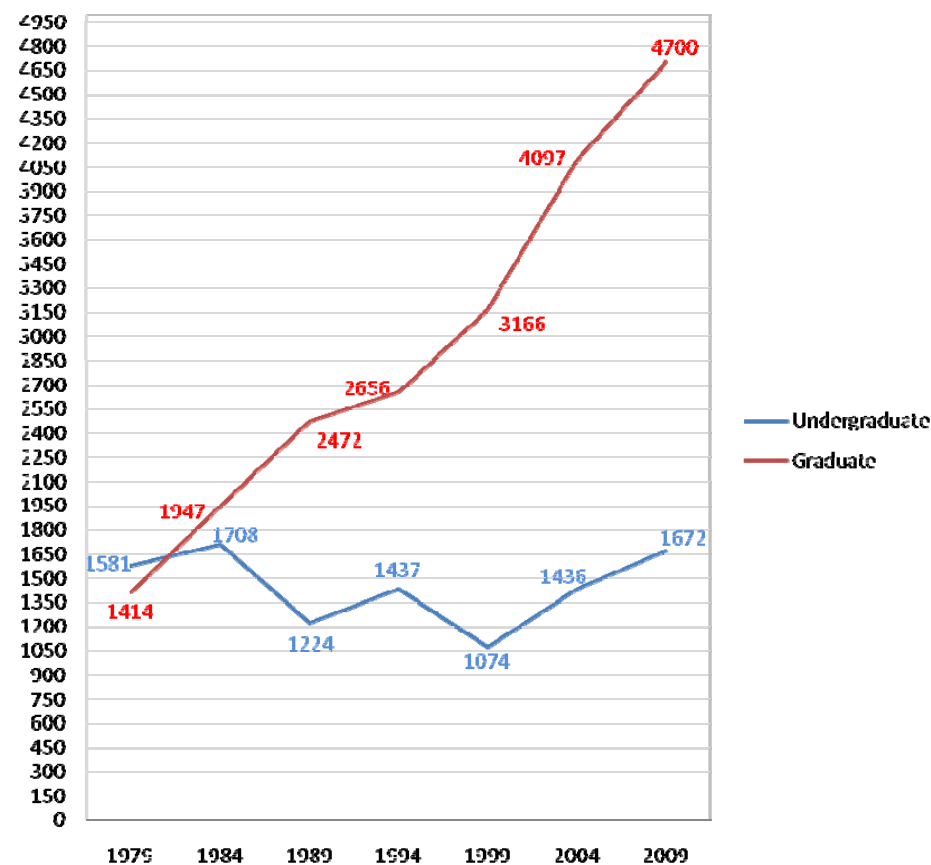


**Table 1.3 Total Numbers of Enrolled International Students (Degree-Seeking and Visiting)**

	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	% Change
<b>Undergraduate</b>	1672	1429	+17.00
<b>Graduate</b>	4700	4309	+09.07
<b>Visitors</b>	213	181	+17.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>5919</b>	<b>+11.25</b>

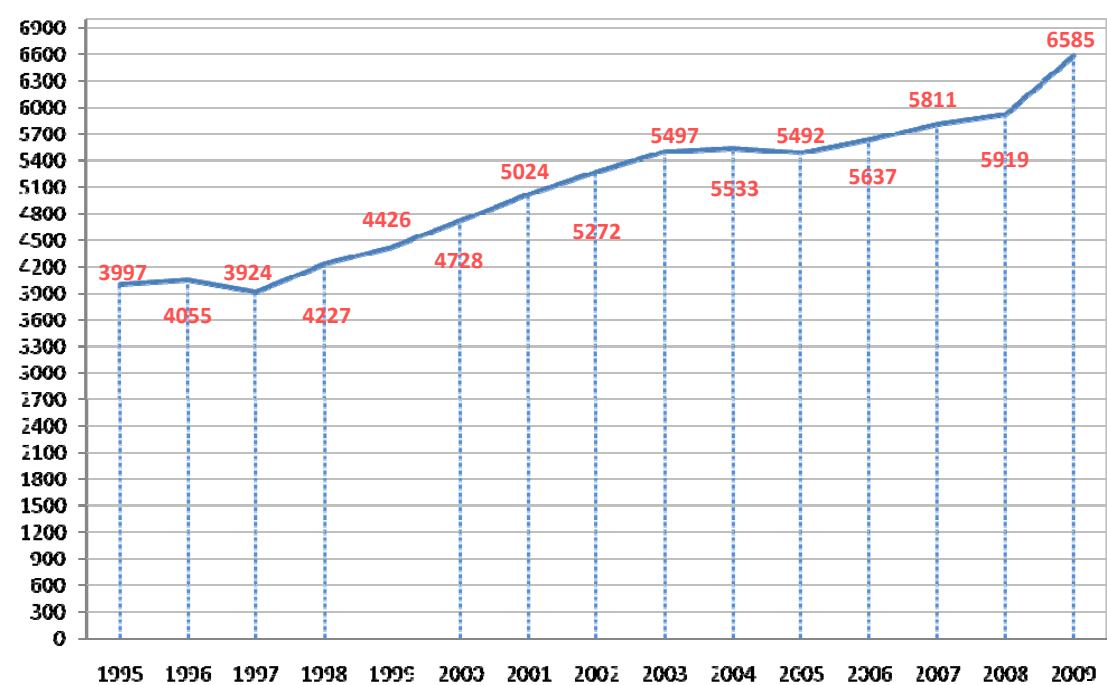
Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar.

**Chart 1.4 Graduate and Undergraduate Student Trend in Increments of 5 Years**



Source: OIS Enrollment Reports for years listed prior to 2009. Office of Academic Records and Registrar provided data for 2009.

**Chart 1.5 15 Years of International Student Enrollment from Fall 1995-Fall 2009**



Source: OIS Enrollment Reports for years listed except 2009. Office of Academic Records and Registrar provided data for 2009. Data includes degree-seeking students and visiting students in non-degree programs for all years listed.

## Section 2

### Top Ten Places of Origin for Fall 2009

**Table 2.1 Top Ten Places of Origin of International Students**

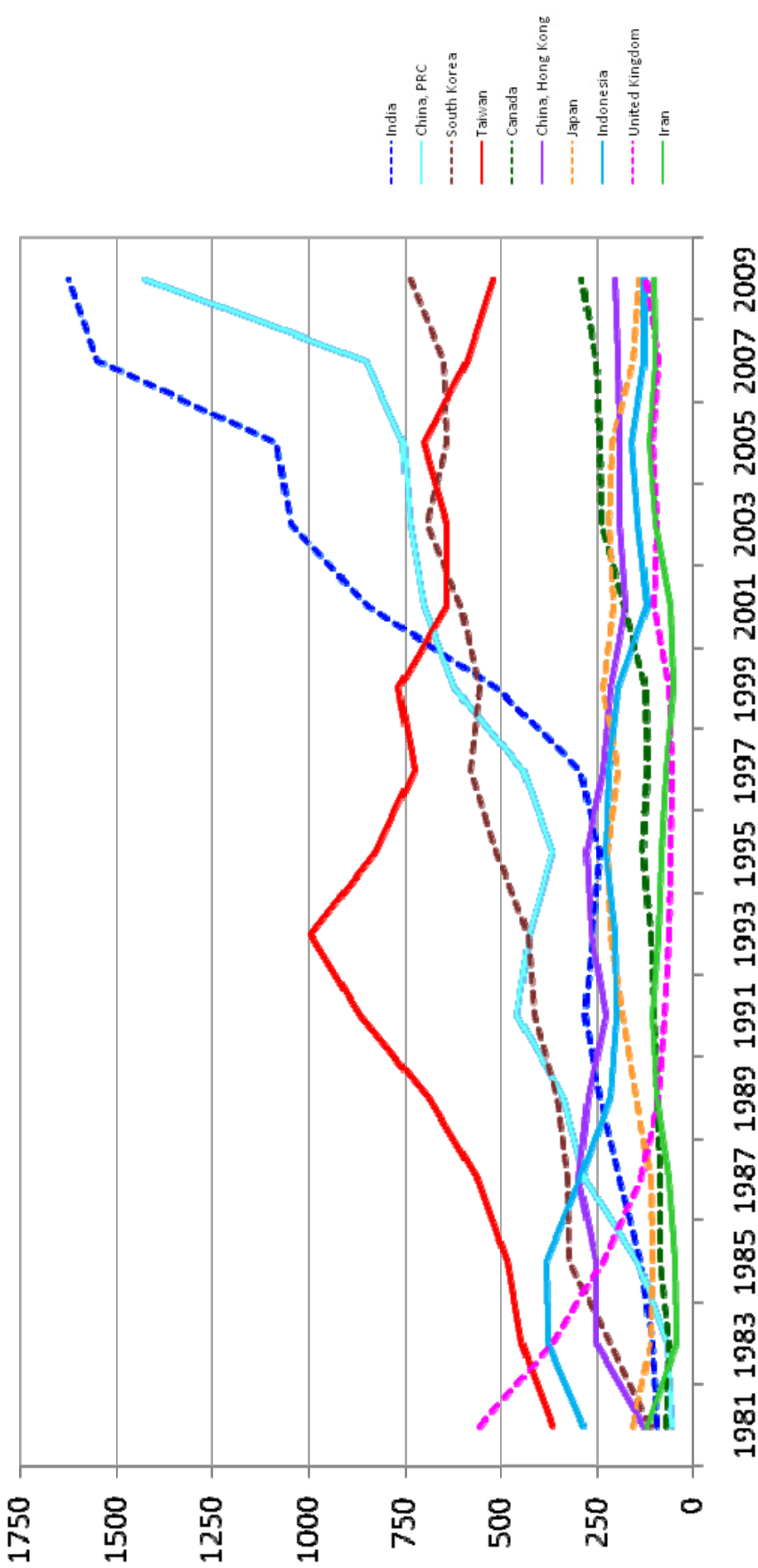
Place of Origin	Fall 2009 Enrolled	Fall 2009 OPT	Fall 2009 Language Academy	Fall 2008 Enrolled	% Change between Fall 2009 & 2008 Enrolled
India	1623	579	0	1571	+03.31
China, PRC	1428	193	23	1015	+40.69
South Korea	735	94	25	682	+07.77
Taiwan	518	143	16	510	+01.57
Canada	289	34	3	254	+13.78
Hong Kong	205	25	0	190	+07.89
Japan	140	34	3	141	-00.71
Indonesia	129	22	0	121	+06.61
Iran	126	7	1	93	+35.48
United Kingdom	103	14	0	93	+10.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>5296</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4670</b>	<b>+13.40</b>
<b>Total of Int'l Students</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>5919</b>	<b>+11.25</b>
<b>% of Top Ten Places of Origin</b>	<b>80.43</b>	<b>88.35</b>	<b>66.98</b>	<b>78.90</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Table 2.2 Current Top Ten Places of Origin: Enrolled Students since 1981 in Increments of Two Years**

Year	India	China, PRC	South Korea	Taiwan	Canada	Hong Kong	Japan	Indonesia	Iran	United Kingdom
1981	95	57	112	366	72	129	155	286	556	121
1983	108	66	218	446	65	253	114	380	367	45
1985	135	144	320	483	87	255	108	384	236	46
1987	193	281	326	559	87	299	111	293	138	64
1989	245	336	355	689	98	275	148	215	92	98
1991	281	458	414	865	105	231	185	199	76	109
1993	263	426	432	995	114	266	216	204	64	94
1995	247	365	512	827	131	276	224	230	61	82
1997	293	441	578	726	122	239	196	220	54	70
1999	513	622	556	766	125	215	239	196	63	51
2001	845	701	604	642	182	175	210	122	104	61
2003	1048	737	693	640	241	194	219	145	95	101
2005	1084	752	640	701	247	194	213	161	109	115
2007	1545	849	649	589	254	195	158	127	93	100
2009	1623	1428	735	518	289	205	140	129	126	103

Total of enrolled students include visitors. Students on Optional Practical Training and USC Language Academy students are excluded.

Chart 2.3 Current Top Ten Places of Origin: Total Students since 1981 in Increments of Two Years



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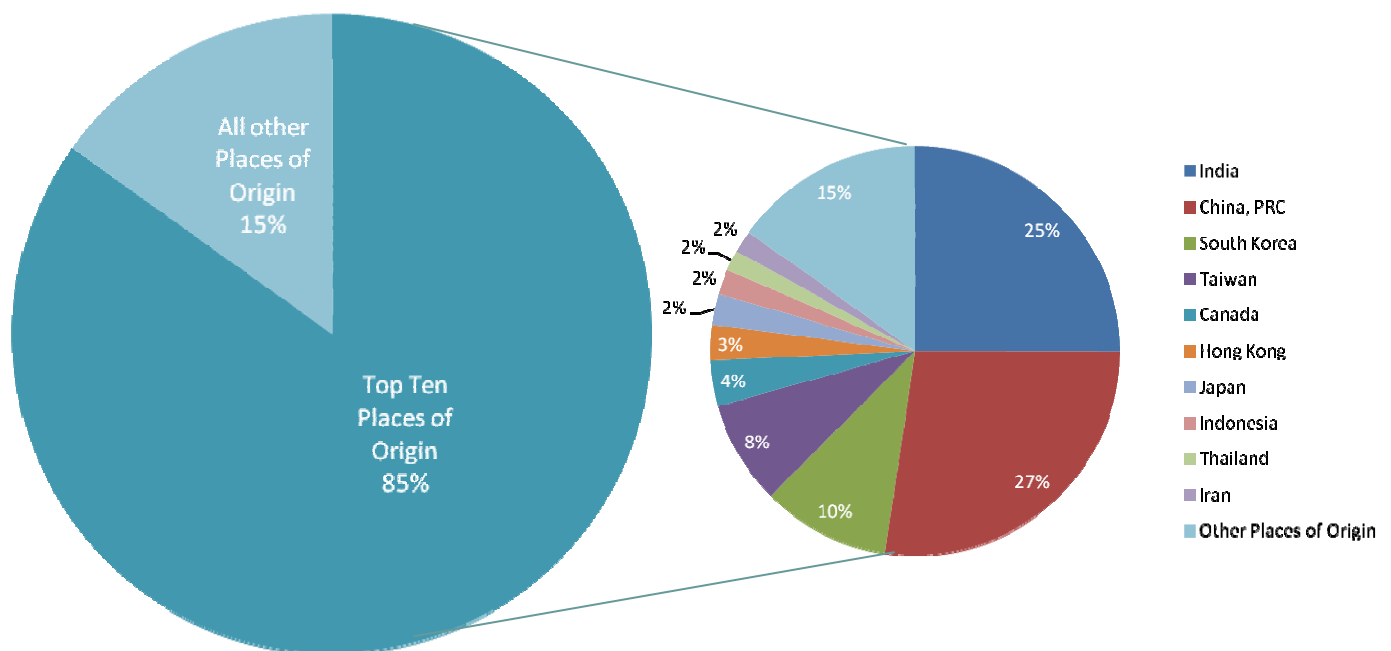
### Top Ten Places of Origin of New International Students

**Table 3.1 Top Ten Places of Origin of New International Students**

	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	% Change
<b>China, PRC</b>	700	435	+60.92
<b>India</b>	642	618	+03.88
<b>South Korea</b>	259	259	00.00
<b>Taiwan</b>	211	182	+15.93
<b>Canada</b>	92	82	+12.20
<b>Hong Kong</b>	72	77	-06.49
<b>Japan</b>	62	60	+03.33
<b>Indonesia</b>	51	44	+15.91
<b>Iran</b>	45	29	+55.17
<b>Thailand</b>	42	30	+40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>1816</b>	<b>+19.82</b>
<b>Total of New Int'l Students</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>2222</b>	<b>+15.39</b>
<b>% of Top Ten Countries</b>	<b>84.87</b>	<b>81.24</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar. Total includes visitors but not USC Language Academy.

**Chart 3.2 Fall 2009 Top Ten Places of Origin of New International Students**



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## Section 4

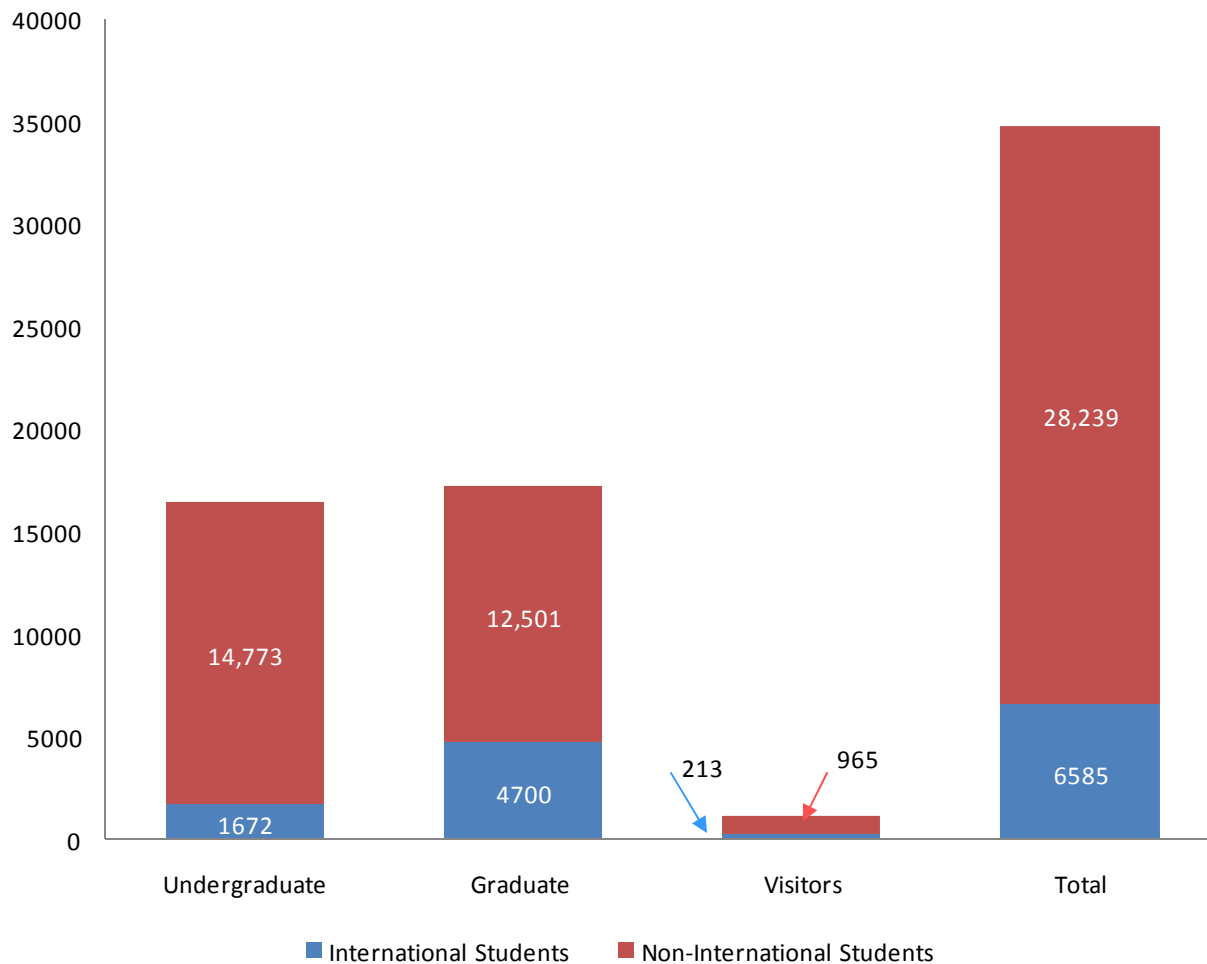
### International Students within the Total of USC Student Enrollment

**Table 4.1** Total of International Students as a Proportion of USC Student Enrollment

	International Students	USC Students including Int'l	% International Students
<b>Undergraduate</b>	1672	16,445	10.17
<b>Graduate</b>	4700	17,201	27.32
<b>Visitors</b>	213	1178	18.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>34,824</b>	<b>18.91</b>

Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar.

**Chart 4.2** International Students as a Proportion of USC Student Enrollment



Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar and OIS.

## Section 5

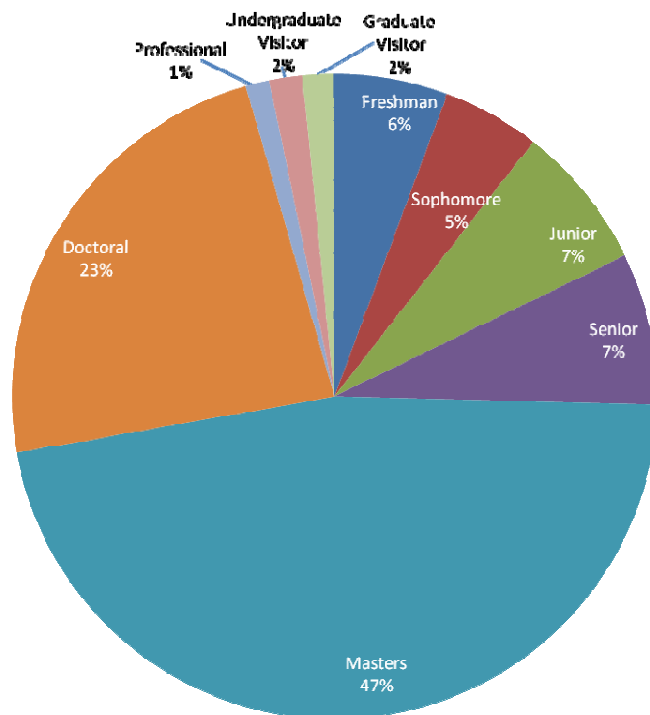
### Distribution of International Students by Academic Level

**Table 5.1** Enrolled International Students by Academic Level

Undergraduate Students	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	% Change
<b>Freshman</b>	374	224	+66.96
<b>Sophomore</b>	321	360	-10.83
<b>Junior</b>	478	442	+08.14
<b>Senior</b>	499	403	+23.82
<b>Undergraduate Visitor</b>	109	84	+29.76
Graduate Students	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	% Change
<b>Masters</b>	3082	2717	+13.43
<b>Doctoral</b>	1540	1518	+01.45
<b>Professional</b>	78	74	+05.41
<b>Graduate Visitor</b>	104	97	+07.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>5919</b>	<b>+11.25</b>

Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar.

**Chart 5.2** Distribution of Academic Levels for Enrolled International Students



Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar.

## Section 6

### International Student Enrollment by Schools and Majors

**Table 6.1 International Student Enrollment by Schools**

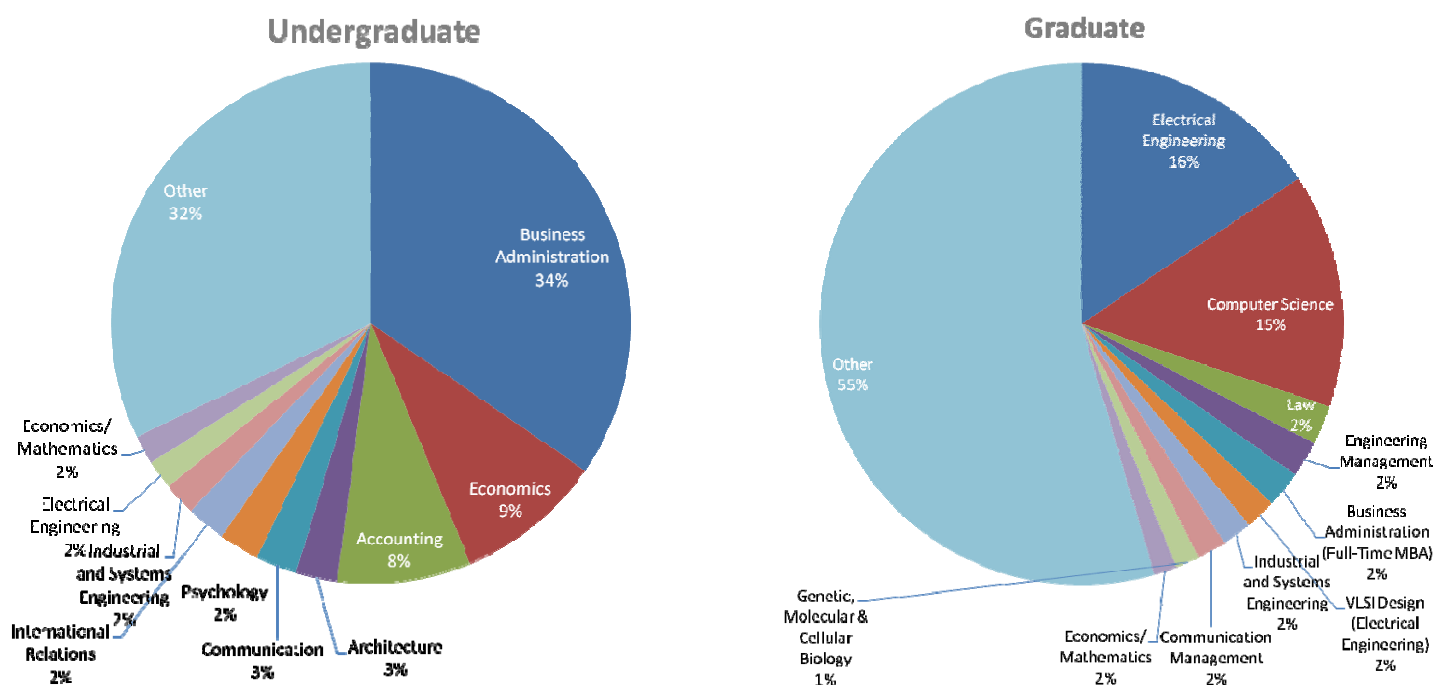
School	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
Annenberg School of Communication & Journalism	58	174	232
College of Letters, Arts & Sciences	517	596	1113
Davis School of Gerontology	2	7	9
Gould School of Law	0	126	126
Keck School of Medicine	7	204	211
Leventhal School of Accounting	138	49	187
Marshall School of Business	592	299	891
Roski School of Fine Arts	19	3	22
Rossier School of Education	0	75	75
School of Architecture	45	93	138
School of Cinematic Arts	45	100	145
Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry	1	91	92
School of Pharmacy	0	71	71
School of Policy, Planning & Development	11	152	163
School of Social Work	0	37	37
School of Theatre	10	4	14
Thornton School of Music	13	62	75
Viterbi School of Engineering	214	2554	2768
<b>Total</b>	<b>1672</b>	<b>4697</b>	<b>6369</b>

Source: Office Academic Records and Registrar. Listed number does not include visiting students or dual degree program students. There are 3 dual degree students and 213 visiting students not included in the table.

**Table 6.2 International Enrollment by Top 15 Majors**

Major	Undergraduate	Major	Graduate
Business Administration	579	Electrical Engineering	744
Economics	153	Computer Science	692
Accounting	138	Law	116
Architecture	43	Engineering Management	107
Communication	43	Business Administration (Full-Time MBA)	107
Psychology	42	VLSI Design (Electrical Engineering)	91
International Relations	41	Industrial and Systems Engineering	89
Industrial and Systems Engineering	34	Communication Management	86
Electrical Engineering	30	Genetic, Molecular and Cellular Biology	71
Global Business (International Relations)	30	Chemistry	66
Economics/Mathematics	30	Mechanical Engineering	58
Mechanical Engineering	24	Economics	58
Biological Sciences	20	Business Administration (Executive MBA)	58
Studio Art (Fine Arts)	17	Biomedical Engineering	52
Sociology	16	Cinema-TVision (Cinema Production)	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2446</b>

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**Chart 6.3 International Enrollment by Top 10 Majors**

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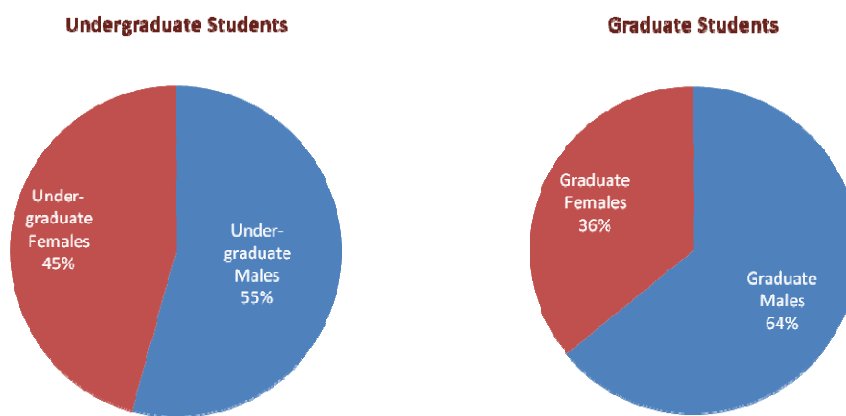
### Gender Composition of International Students

**Table 7.1 Comparison of Gender Composition**

Gender	Fall 2009	Fall 2009 %	Fall 2008	Fall 2008 %
<b>Males</b>	4946	62%	4639	62%
<b>Females</b>	3041	38%	2851	38%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7987</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7490</b>	<b>100%</b>

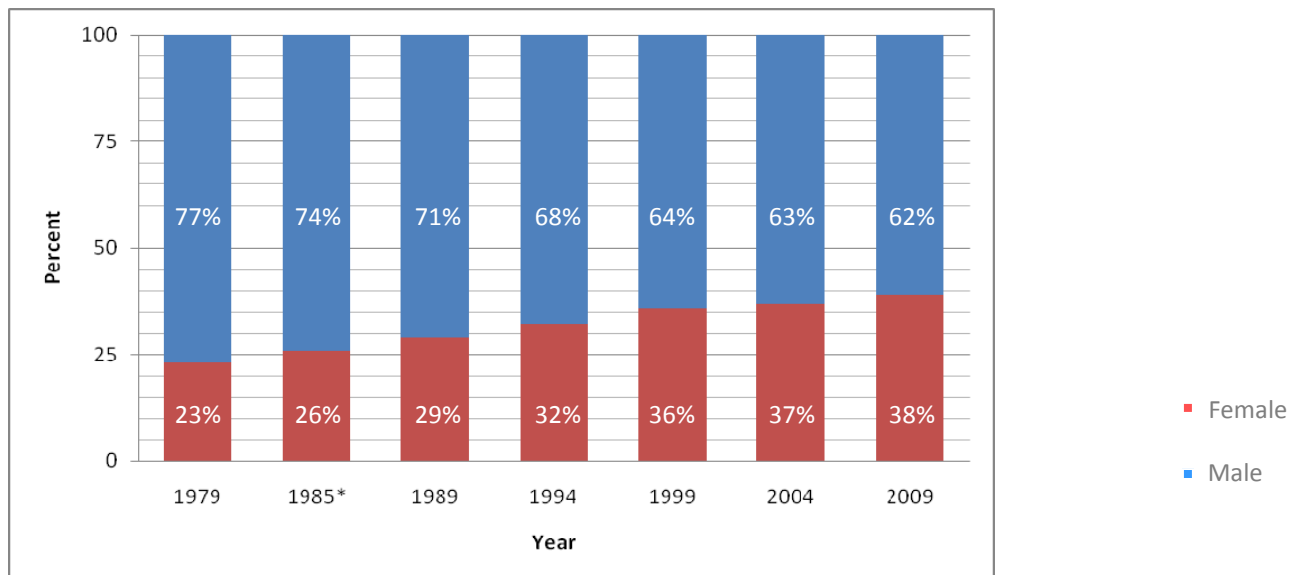
Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar. Totals include OPT, USC Language Academy and student visitors.

**Chart 7.2 International Students Fall 2009 Gender Comparison**



Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar. Totals include OPT, USC Language Academy and student visitors.

**Chart 7.3 Percentage of Male and Female International Students in Increments of 5 Years since 1979**



Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar for 2008 and OIS Enrollment Reports for previous years. Totals include OPT, USC Language Academy and student visitors. \*Gender data is not available for 1984 and therefore 1985 data is used instead.

## Section 8

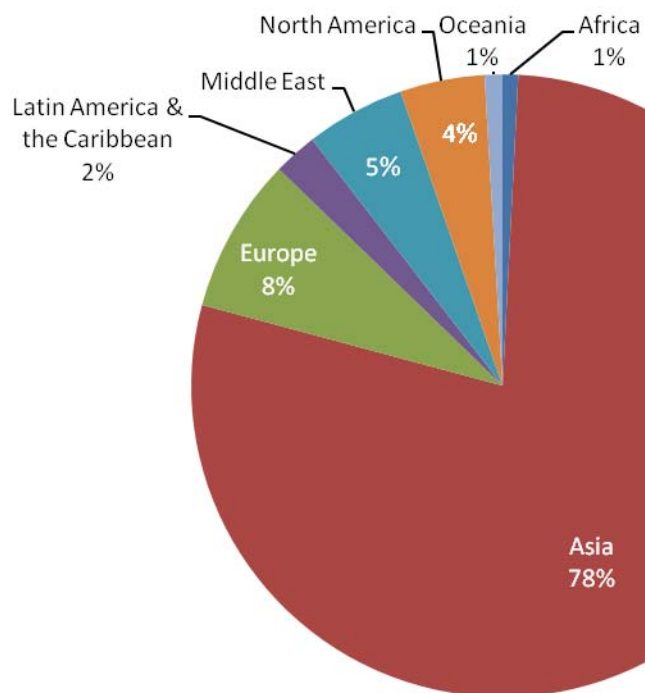
### International Students by Region

**Table 8.1 International Student Enrollment by Region**

	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	% Change
<b>Africa</b>	53	54	-01.85
<b>Asia</b>	5161	4619	+11.73
<b>Europe</b>	531	513	+03.51
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	150	145	+03.45
<b>Middle East</b>	340	278	+22.30
<b>North America</b>	289	255	+13.33
<b>Oceania</b>	61	55	+10.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>5919</b>	<b>+11.25</b>

Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar. Totals include degree-seeking students and student visitors and excludes students on Optional Practical Training and USC Language Academy.

**Chart 8.2 International Student Fall 2009 Enrollment by Region**



Source: Office of Academic Records and Registrar. Totals include degree-seeking students and student visitors and excludes students on Optional Practical Training and USC Language Academy. Percentages are rounded up the nearest even number and therefore total does not equal 100 percent.

## Section 9

### International Students by Place of Origin

**Table 9.1      Fall 2009 International Student Enrollment by Place of Origin**

Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Language Academy	OPT	Total
<b>Andorra</b>	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Angola</b>	1	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Argentina</b>	2	11	1	0	0	14
<b>Armenia</b>	0	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Australia</b>	24	13	6	0	1	44
<b>Austria</b>	2	2	1	0	1	6
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Bahamas</b>	1	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Bahrain</b>	2	1	0	0	0	3
<b>Bangladesh</b>	5	4	0	0	1	10
<b>Belarus</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Belgium</b>	3	5	0	0	0	8
<b>Belize</b>	2	0	0	0	2	4
<b>Bolivia</b>	1	2	0	0	1	4
<b>Brazil</b>	10	31	1	1	4	47
<b>Bulgaria</b>	1	14	0	0	0	15
<b>Cambodia</b>	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cameroon</b>	1	0	0	1	0	2
<b>Canada</b>	154	124	11	3	34	326
<b>Chile</b>	0	8	0	0	0	8
<b>China, PRC</b>	199	1203	26	24	193	1645
<b>Colombia</b>	3	12	1	0	1	17
<b>Costa Rica</b>	2	1	0	0	1	4
<b>Croatia</b>	0	1	1	0	2	4
<b>Cyprus</b>	0	2	1	0	0	3
<b>Czech Republic</b>	2	0	0	0	0	2



Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Language Academy	OPT	Total
Denmark	0	1	10	0	0	11
Ecuador	2	0	0	0	0	2
Egypt	3	9	0	0	0	12
El Salvador	1	1	0	0	2	4
Estonia	1	1	0	0	0	2
Ethiopia	3	0	0	0	0	3
Finland	0	3	0	0	0	3
France	10	23	6	2	3	44
Georgia	0	1	0	0	0	1
Germany	13	40	10	0	8	71
Ghana	0	2	0	0	0	2
Greece	3	18	0	0	1	22
Honduras	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hong Kong	170	27	8	0	25	230
Hungary	6	1	9	0	2	18
Iceland	0	5	0	0	1	6
India	124	1493	6	0	579	2202
Indonesia	106	21	2	0	22	151
Iran	1	124	1	1	7	134
Iraq	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ireland	0	3	0	0	1	4
Israel	3	10	1	0	2	16
Italy	10	18	16	0	1	45
Jamaica	1	1	0	0	0	2
Japan	50	84	6	3	34	177
Jordan	4	10	0	0	3	17
Kazakhstan	16	4	0	0	0	20
Kenya	1	1	0	0	0	2
Kuwait	20	6	1	2	3	32
Kyrgyzstan	1	1	0	0	0	2
Latvia	5	0	0	0	1	6
Lebanon	1	6	0	0	2	9
Liberia	0	1	0	0	0	1
Libya	0	3	0	2	0	5

Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Language Academy	OPT	Total
Lithuania	0	0	1	0	0	1
Macau	6	4	0	0	1	11
Malaysia	23	18	0	0	6	47
Mexico	16	14	1	0	2	33
Moldova	0	0	0	0	1	1
Monaco	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mongolia	2	0	0	0	0	2
Montenegro	1	0	0	0	0	1
Morocco	3	1	1	0	0	5
Myanmar (Burma)	1	1	0	0	1	3
Nepal	0	3	0	0	2	5
Netherlands	3	2	2	0	0	7
Netherlands Antilles	2	0	0	0	0	2
New Zealand	7	8	2	0	2	19
Nigeria	2	11	0	0	3	16
Norway	4	4	1	0	0	9
Pakistan	11	27	0	0	11	49
Panama	1	2	0	0	0	3
Peru	0	5	1	0	0	6
Philippines	9	7	0	0	4	20
Poland	10	5	0	0	4	19
Portugal	10	9	0	0	0	19
Qatar	0	2	2	0	0	4
Romania	1	13	0	0	1	15
Russia	3	39	3	0	11	56
Saudi Arabia	10	24	1	19	3	57
Serbia	3	1	0	0	2	6
Serbia & Montenegro	1	1	0	0	0	2
Singapore	62	25	8	0	8	103
Slovakia	1	2	0	0	0	3
Slovenia	0	1	0	0	0	1

Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Language Academy	OPT	Total
South Africa	3	3	1	0	2	9
South Korea	295	416	24	26	94	855
Spain	2	10	11	0	1	24
Sri Lanka	7	7	0	0	1	15
Sweden	14	3	1	0	1	19
Switzerland	6	2	1	0	0	9
Syria	2	0	1	0	0	3
Taiwan	44	462	12	17	143	678
Tanzania	1	0	0	0	0	1
Thailand	17	68	3	1	17	106
Tonga	1	0	0	0	0	1
Trinidad and Tobago	0	3	0	0	3	6
Turkey	26	71	0	0	9	106
Turks & Caicos Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ukraine	0	4	0	1	1	6
United Arab Emirates	8	1	0	3	0	12
United Kingdom	63	33	7	0	14	117
Uruguay	1	0	0	0	0	1
Venezuela	1	4	0	0	3	8
Vietnam	13	24	2	0	7	46
Zambia	0	1	0	0	0	1
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