

TABLE 25

Top 40 countries or economies of origin of temporary visa holders earning doctorates at U.S. colleges and universities, ranked by number of doctorate recipients: 2017

(Number)

Country or economy	Rank	Doctorate recipients
All temporary visa holders (160 countries or economies) ^a	-	16,181
Top 41 countries or economies of origin	-	14,980
China ^b	1	5,564
India	2	1,974
South Korea	3	1,126
Iran	4	771
Taiwan	5	520
Turkey	6	498
Canada	7	408
Saudi Arabia	8	340
Bangladesh	9	238
Nepal	10	223
Colombia	11	190
Mexico	12	180
Thailand	13	172
Brazil	14	167
Italy	15	161
Egypt	16	156
Germany	17	154
Sri Lanka	18	147
Vietnam	19	133
Chile	20	128
Japan	21	117
Jordan	22	116
Nigeria	23	113
Pakistan	23	113
Russian Federation (former USSR)	25	112
France	26	107
United Kingdom	27	103
Singapore	28	101
Spain	29	100
Greece	30	89
Ghana	31	87
Israel	32	77
Indonesia	33	69
Malaysia	34	65
Kenya	35	57
Argentina	36	52
Iraq	36	52
Lebanon	36	52
Peru	39	50
Ecuador	40	49
Libya	40	49

^a Excludes cases with unknown country or economy of origin.

^b Includes Hong Kong.

Note(s)

Tied countries or economies are listed alphabetically.

Source(s)

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