

Study Abroad Health and Safety Report

To provide the public with a more accurate understanding of the risks of studying abroad, the Office of Higher Education (OHE) reports study abroad health and safety incident data along with student participation data. This information is submitted annually to OHE by Minnesota postsecondary institutions whose students studied abroad in the prior academic year.

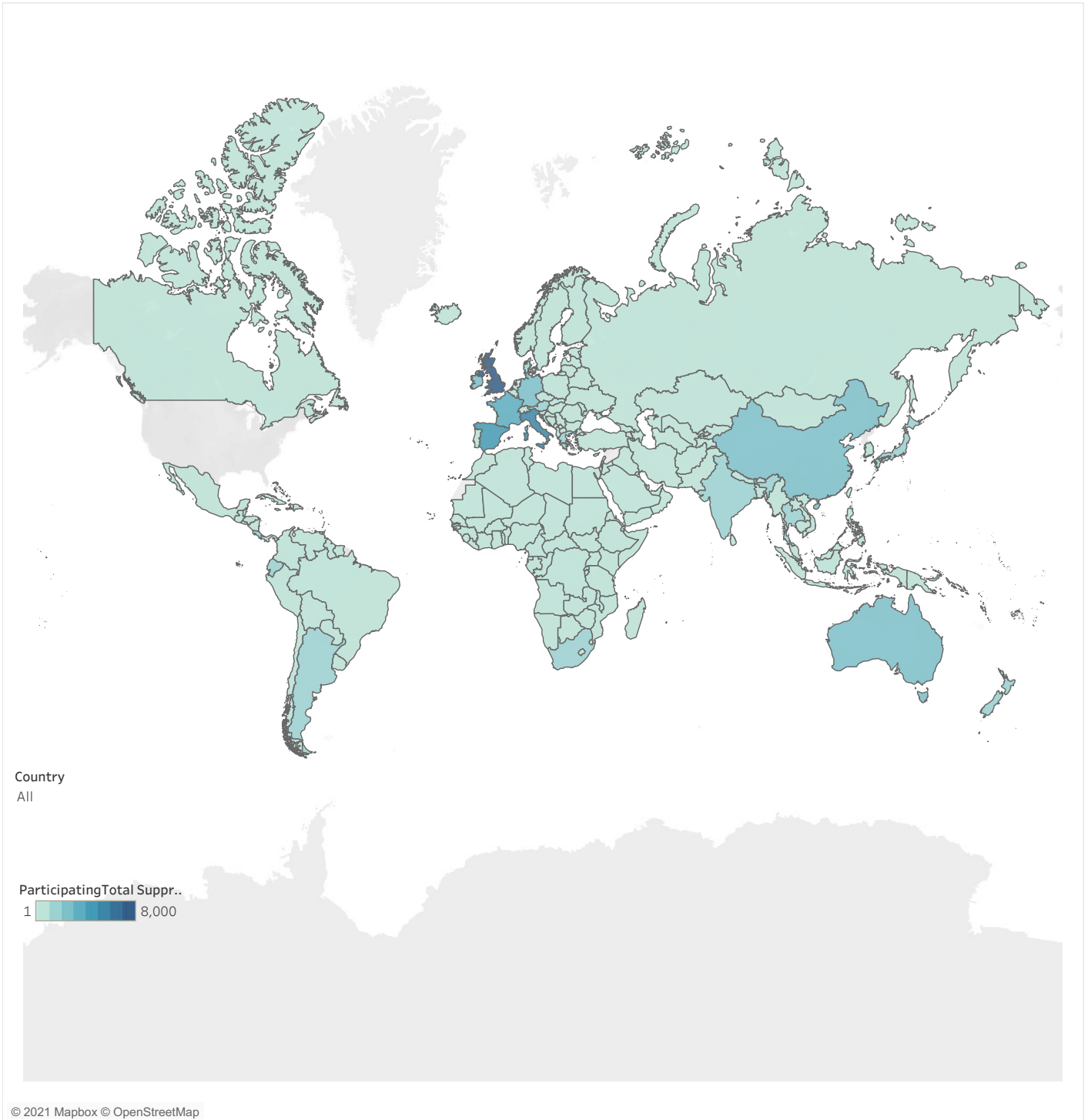
The following data reflects study abroad participation and incidents of Minnesota students that occurred between August 1, 2014 and July 31, 2020.

Study Abroad Key Takeaways

- Since 2015, 53,245 Minnesota students have participated in study abroad programs.
- Of the 53 thousand students who have traveled abroad, only 172 incidents have occurred.
- None of the incidents have resulted in a student death.
- Europe continues to be the preferred continent of study abroad students. The United Kingdom (7,337), Italy (5,620), Spain (4,167), and France (3,194) are the most popular study abroad destinations.
- Ecuador and India have had the most recorded incidents involving hospitalizations but their incident rates are only 1.17% and 0.82% respectively.
- The University of Minnesota - Twin Cities sends the largest number of students to study abroad (16,443). The next largest institution is University of St. Thomas (5,468).

Minnesota Study Abroad Participants by Country, 2015-2020

Minnesota students studied abroad in a wide variety of countries. Scroll over each country to see the number of students who studied there from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2020. If no number is displayed, the data is suppressed to protect student identity (total <10), if the total is 0 no study abroad participants have visited that country.



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About Study Abroad Data

According to ***Minn. Statutes § 5.41***, postsecondary institutions offering credit for study abroad must:

- report deaths and hospitalizations that occurred during, and as a result of, program participation
- report country, primary program host, and program type of each incident
- request, but not mandate, incident disclosure from students upon completion of their program
- report whether the institution is committed to complying with the health and safety standards set by the **Forum on Education Abroad**

Forum on Education Abroad Standards

The new Forum on Education Abroad Standards which went into effect July 1, 2020 were included in the 2019-2020 survey of Minnesota study abroad participants conducted by OHE. Most institutions reported meeting all the standards. Additional information about the standards can be found **on the Forum's Standards of Good Practice webpage** .

Data Privacy

OHE adheres to current federal and state data privacy laws and best practices to protect the privacy of individual students. Reports and data required by ***Minn. Stat. § 135A.15, Subd. 6*** are prepared and published as summary data, as defined in ***Minn. Stat. § 13.02, Subd. 19*** , and are consistent with federal and state laws governing access to educational data and student privacy.

OHE's policy for complying with federal and state laws governing access to student records is to suppress student data in cells containing fewer than 10 students. In the data reports that follow, when "<10" is displayed the data for that cell is suppressed to protect student identity in compliance with federal and state privacy laws. Additionally, if only one cell in a column is suppressed, the cell with the second lowest count will also be suppressed to prevent identification.

Other Study Abroad Health and Safety Data

Minnesota law also requires the **Minnesota Secretary of State** to publish links to the **United States Department of State's Consular Information Program** informing the public of conditions abroad that may affect their safety and security. Also other links to publicly available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting study abroad program participants during program participation are available. That information and other study abroad resources are available at **Study Abroad Health and Safety Resources for Students and Parents**.

Minnesota Study Abroad Incidents as a Percentage of Participants, 2015-2020

Overall, 2015-2020

Incident as Percentage of Participants	0.32%
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Incidents as a Percentage of Participants, By Program Host Type

Program taught by home university faculty/staff	0.21%
All others	0.41%

During the 2014-2015 through the 2019-2020 academic years, less than 1 percent of Minnesota student participants in study abroad programs experienced an incident of hospitalization related to program participation.

Incident Rate by Country

(Rate equals Incidents divided by number of participants).

Country	
Afghanistan	0.00%
Albania	0.00%
Algeria	0.00%
Antigua and Barbuda	0.00%
Argentina	0.08%
Armenia	0.00%
Australia	0.30%
Austria	0.35%
Azerbaijan	25.00%
Bahamas, The	0.00%
Bangladesh	0.00%
Barbados	0.00%
Belarus	0.00%
Belgium	0.00%
Belize	0.00%
Bhutan	0.00%
Bolivia	1.18%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.00%
Botswana	0.00%
Brazil	0.46%
British West Indies	0.00%
Bulgaria	0.00%
Burundi	0.00%
Cambodia	3.28%
Cameroon	4.17%
Canada	0.00%
Chile	0.10%
China, People's Republic of	0.29%
Colombia	0.00%
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	0.00%

Costa Rica	0.32%
Croatia	0.00%
Cuba	0.33%
Cyprus	0.00%
Czech Republic	0.15%
Denmark	0.28%
Djibouti	0.00%
Dominica	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0.77%
Ecuador	1.17%
Egypt	1.11%
El Salvador	0.00%
Eritrea	0.00%
Estonia	0.00%
Ethiopia	4.55%
Fiji	0.00%
Finland	0.00%
France	0.13%
Georgia	0.00%
Germany	0.22%
Ghana	1.06%
Greece	0.12%
Grenada	0.00%
Guatemala	1.06%
Haiti	0.00%
Honduras	0.00%
Hong Kong	0.00%
Hungary	0.17%
Iceland	0.00%
India	0.82%
Indonesia	1.19%
Ireland	0.16%
Israel	0.34%
Italy	0.18%
Jamaica	0.00%
Japan	0.20%
Jordan	1.18%
Kazakhstan	0.00%
Kenya	1.44%
Kiribati	0.00%
Kosovo	0.00%
Kuwait	0.00%
Kyrgyzstan	0.00%
Laos	0.00%
Latvia	0.00%

Lebanon	0.00%
Lithuania	0.00%
Macedonia	0.00%
Madagascar	0.00%
Malawi	0.00%
Malaysia	0.69%
Malta	0.00%
Mauritania	0.00%
Mauritius	0.00%
Mexico	0.33%
Mongolia	0.00%
Morocco	0.13%
Mozambique	0.00%
Multiple Countries (Europe)	0.00%
Myanmar (Burma)	0.00%
Namibia	0.00%
Nepal	1.38%
Netherlands	0.39%
Netherlands Antilles	0.00%
New Zealand	0.13%
Nicaragua	1.10%
Niger	0.00%
Nigeria	0.00%
Norway	0.11%
Oman	0.00%
Palestine	0.00%
Panama	0.78%
Peru	0.79%
Philippines	0.00%
Poland	0.00%
Portugal	0.00%
Qatar	0.00%
Republic of Korea	0.00%
Romania	0.00%
Russia	0.00%
Rwanda	0.00%
Saint Lucia	0.00%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.00%
Samoa	0.00%
Senegal	0.00%
Serbia	0.00%
Sierra Leone	0.00%
Singapore	0.00%
Slovakia	0.00%

Slovenia	0.00%
Somalia	0.00%
South Africa	0.40%
South Korea	0.29%
Spain	0.22%
Sri Lanka	0.00%
Sudan	0.00%
Swaziland	0.00%
Sweden	0.34%
Switzerland	0.16%
Taiwan (Republic of China)	0.00%
Tajikistan	0.00%
Tanzania	0.00%
Thailand	0.83%
Togo	0.00%
Trinidad and Tobago	0.00%
Tunisia	0.00%
Turkey	0.00%
Uganda	0.00%
Ukraine	0.00%
United Arab Emirates	0.46%
United Kingdom	0.05%
Uruguay	0.00%
Venezuela	0.00%
Vietnam	0.00%
Yemen	0.00%
Zambia	0.00%
Zimbabwe	0.00%

Minnesota Study Abroad Participation and Incidents by Institution, 2015-2020

	Participants	Incidents	Deaths
Minnesota Total 2015-2020	53,245	172	0

Reporting by Institution 2015-2020*

Institution

Institution	School Year	Total Participants	Total Incidents
Academy College	2019		0
Adler Graduate School	2016		0
Anoka Technical College	2019		0
Augsburg University	2015	218	0
	2016	234	0
	2017	213	0
	2018	287	
	2019	266	
	2020	114	0
Bemidji State University	2015	36	
	2016	26	0
	2017	19	
	2018	67	0
	2019	77	0
	2020		0
Bethany Lutheran College	2015		0
	2016	35	0
	2017	13	0
	2018	33	0
	2019	19	0
	2020		0
Bethel University	2015	263	0
	2016	338	0
	2017	275	0
	2018	291	0
	2019	254	0

	2020	308	0
Carleton College	2015	575	
	2016	484	
	2017	490	
	2018	435	
	2019	443	
	2020	326	0
Central Lakes College (Brainerd)	2015	23	0
	2016		0
	2017	53	0
	2018		0
Central Lakes College (Staples)	2018		0
	2019	34	0
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	2015	515	
	2016	583	0
	2017	600	
	2018	472	0
	2019	505	0
	2020	410	0
College of Saint Scholastica	2015	207	
	2016	134	0
	2017	201	0
	2018	151	0
	2019	209	
	2020	87	0
Concordia College	2015	217	
	2016	208	0
	2017	134	
	2018	152	
	2019	109	
	2020	36	0
Concordia University-St. Paul	2015	37	0
	2016	89	
	2017	76	0
	2018	57	0
	2019	85	
	2020	39	
Crown College	2015		0
	2016		
	2017	34	0
	2018		
	2019		0
	2020		0

Dunwoody College of Technology	2015		0
	2016		0
	2017		0
	2018	20	0
Gustavus Adolphus College	2015	320	
	2016	355	
	2017	281	
	2018	334	
	2019	319	
	2020	289	
Hamline University	2015	617	
	2016	170	0
	2017	184	
	2018	100	
	2019	95	0
	2020	70	0
Hennepin Technical College (Brooklyn Park)	2018		0
Itasca Community College	2015	14	0
	2016	33	0
	2017	12	0
	2019	18	0
Lake Superior College	2015	24	0
	2017	16	0
	2018	18	0
	2019	38	0
Macalester College	2015	293	
	2016	382	
	2017	309	0
	2018	341	
	2019	247	
	2020	300	
Martin Luther College	2015	27	0
	2016	44	0
	2017	44	0
	2018	73	0
	2019		0
	2020		0
McNally Smith College of Music	2015		0
	2016		0
	2017		0
Metropolitan State University	2018		0
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	2015	12	0
	2016		0

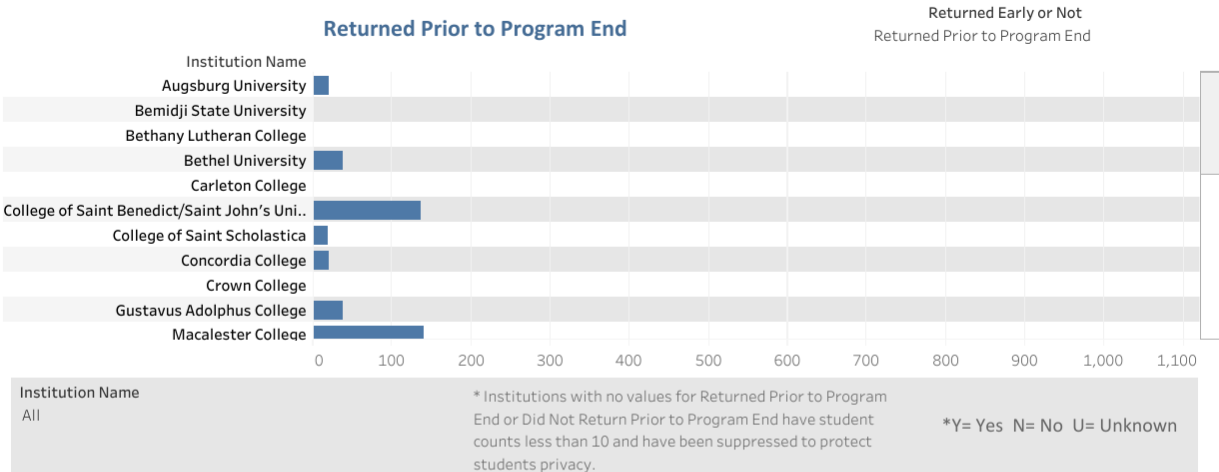
	2017		0
	2018	15	0
	2019	21	0
	2020		0
Minnesota School of Business (Blaine)	2018	16	0
Minnesota State Community and Technical College	2015	13	0
Minnesota State University Moorhead	2015	143	0
	2016	115	0
	2017	102	0
	2018	112	0
	2019	121	0
	2020	11	0
Minnesota State University, Mankato	2015	312	
	2016	260	0
	2017	242	
	2018	212	0
	2019	232	0
	2020	38	0
Mitchell Hamline School of Law	2015	48	0
	2016	53	0
	2017	60	0
	2018	71	0
	2019	103	0
	2020	28	0
Normandale Community College	2015	41	
	2016	19	0
	2018	39	0
	2020		0
North Central University	2015	36	0
	2016		0
	2017	23	0
	2018	43	0
	2019	49	0
	2020		0
North Hennepin Community College	2015		0
	2016		0
	2017		0
	2019		0
	2020		0
Northland Community & Technical College	2015		0
	2017		0
Northwestern Health Sciences University	2015		0
	2017	14	0

	2019	16	0
Rainy River Community College	2019		0
Ridgewater College	2015		0
	2016		0
	2017		0
	2018		0
	2019		0
Riverland Community College	2019	34	0
Rochester Community and Technical College	2015	13	
	2017	20	0
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	2015	90	0
	2016	53	0
	2017	42	0
	2018	72	0
	2019	62	0
	2020	20	0
South Central College	2015	12	0
	2016		0
	2017		0
Southwest Minnesota State University	2015		0
	2016	19	0
	2017	16	0
	2018		0
	2019	20	0
St. Catherine University	2015	181	0
	2016	115	
	2017	253	
	2018	246	
	2019	272	
	2020	164	0
St. Cloud State University	2015	343	0
	2016	430	
	2017	424	
	2018	396	
	2019	346	
	2020	70	0
St. Olaf College	2015	709	
	2016	689	
	2017	786	
	2018	726	
	2019	732	
	2020	547	
University of Minnesota Crookston	2015	47	0

	2016	24	0
	2017	36	0
	2018	41	0
	2019	62	0
	2020	21	0
University of Minnesota Duluth	2015	326	
	2016	311	0
	2017	325	
University of Minnesota Morris	2015	82	0
	2016	72	0
	2017	117	0
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	2015	2,792	
	2016	2,869	
	2017	2,962	
	2018	3,016	11
	2019	2,950	
	2020	1,854	
University of Northwestern - St. Paul	2015	77	0
	2016	74	0
	2017	134	0
	2018	69	0
	2019	89	0
	2020	123	0
University of St. Thomas	2015	909	
	2016	1,004	
	2017	960	0
	2018	913	0
	2019	952	0
	2020	730	
Winona State University	2015	418	0
	2016	355	0
	2017	273	0
	2018	252	0
	2019	216	
	2020	70	0

Study Abroad During COVID-19

In 2020, many institutions scrambled to return students home after COVID-19 became a world pandemic. Here we show: 1) data on the number of students who returned home before their study abroad program ended, 2) the institutions that cancelled study abroad programs from May through December of 2020, and 3) the planned cancellations of study abroad programs for the 2020-2021 school year. All questions were optional as part of the 2020 fall survey.



Cancellation Initiated by

Institution Name	Institution Cancellation	Participant or Family Cancellation	Study Abroad Program Cancellation	Cancellation Due to Travel Restriction
Augsburg University	Y	Y	Y	N
Bemidji State University	N	N	N	N
Bethany Lutheran College	Y	N	N	N
Bethel University	Y	N	Y	Y
Carleton College	N	Y	N	N
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	Y	N	Y	N
College of Saint Scholastica	Y	N	N	N
Concordia College	Y	N	Y	N
Crown College	N	N	N	N
Gustavus Adolphus College	Y	Y	N	N
Macalester College	Y	Y	Y	N
Martin Luther College	N	N	N	N

Study Abroad Cancellations (2019-2020) and Planned Cancellations (2020-2021)

Institution Name	Cancelled May-July 2020	Cancelled August-December 2020	Planned to Cancel January-April 2021	Planned to Cancel May-July 2021
Augsburg University	Y	Y	Y	U
Bemidji State University	Y	Y	Y	U
Bethany Lutheran College	Y	Y	U	U
Bethel University	Y	Y	Y	U
Carleton College	Y	Y	Y	U
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	Y	Y	Y	U
College of Saint Scholastica	Y	Y	Y	U
Concordia College	Y	Y	Y	U
Crown College	N	Y	Y	Y
Gustavus Adolphus College	Y	Y	Y	U
Macalester College	Y	Y	Y	U
Martin Luther College	Y	N	Y	N