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From VOA Learning English, this is the Education Report in Special English.

A new report says more and more (1)_____ students are attending colleges and universities in the United States. It also notes a large increase in the number of international students from (2)_____.

These findings are from the latest edition of the Open Doors Report. The report is a joint (3)_____ of the State Department and the Institute of International Education, a non-profit educational and training (4)_____.

The report documents the record number of international students in the United States during the twenty-eleven, twenty-twelve school year. It says more than (5)_____ such students were attending American colleges and universities during that period. That represents an increase of almost six percent compared to one year earlier.

By comparison, the number of Americans studying overseas increased by one percent.

The report says (6)_____ students at American colleges and universities were from China. That is an increase of more than (7)_____ percent over the year before.

Peggy Blumenthal is an aide to the president of the Institute of International Education. She described the effect of the increase in (8)_____.

"Now they have been coming for some time. But this year was the highest level ever, and it really showed in the figures, driving

the whole (9)_____, international undergraduate enrollment to be higher than the graduate students."

She says many Chinese families are able to pay for the highest-quality (10)_____ for their children. The children mainly choose to study in America.

"We know many of them have (11)_____ income to be able to afford to send them anywhere in the world that they want to go. And for the most part, looking around the (12)_____, Chinese students still prefer to come to the United States as their destination of choice."

Chinese students are not the only ones who want to attend American colleges and universities. After China, (13)_____ sends the second largest number of students to the United States for higher education. India has about one hundred thousand students in American schools. (14)_____ is third with about seventy two thousand students.

Why do so many foreign students study in the United States? Peggy Blumenthal provides one reason.

"The advantage America has is that we have a huge (15)_____ and a very diverse system. So there are over four thousand universities and colleges in the United States, and what that tells us is there is still a lot of room to (16)_____ international students."

Foreign students represent less than (17)_____ percent of the total student (18)_____ in American higher education. Ms. Blumenthal says this means there is still a lot of room for international students.

And from Learning English, that's the VOA Special English Education Report. I'm Bob Doughty.