

5. Data on Teachers

The average number of students per teacher was 73.3, up from 67.2 in 2006; North America and Western Europe had more native Japanese-language teachers

As mentioned in “1. Japanese-Language Education Overseas Today,” the number of Japanese-language teachers was 49,803, an increase by 12.4 percent over the 2006 survey. There were an average of 3.34 teachers per institution, a slight increase compared to 3.25 in the 2006 survey. The number of students per teacher was 73.3, a definite increase over the previous survey. (See Table 2.)

Table 2. Number of Teachers per Institution and Number of Students per Teacher

	Teachers	Institutions	Students	Teachers per institution	Students per teacher
2009	49,803	14,922	3,651,179	3.34	73.3
2006	44,321	13,639	2,979,820	3.25	67.2
Rate of change (%)	12.4	9.4	22.5	0.09	6.1

Notes: In the 2009 survey, the number of teachers at three institutions surveyed was not given, so in this table the number of institutions is 14,922 and that of students is 3,651,179 excluding the students at those three institutions. (There were a total of 14,925 institutions and 3,651,232 students.) Includes figures for Taiwan* from the survey by the Interchange Association, Japan.

The number of native Japanese-language teachers was 14,022, an increase by 6.3 percent over the 2006 survey. Because the number of all teachers rose by 12.4 percent, however, the proportion of native Japanese-language teachers among all teachers decreased by 1.6 percentage points. (See Table 3.)

Table 3. Numbers of Teachers and Native Japanese-Language Teachers

	Teachers	Native Japanese-language teachers	Percentage
2009	49,803	14,022	28.2
2006	44,321	13,197	29.8
Rate of change (%)	12.4	6.3	▲ 1.6

Note: Includes figures for Taiwan* from the survey by the Interchange Association, Japan.

Regarding teachers in the 20 countries with the highest number of students, the United States showed the largest number of native Japanese-language teachers (2,759), followed by China (2,479) and Korea (1,018). Only these three countries had more than 1,000 native Japanese-language teachers.

Regarding percentage of native Japanese-language teachers among all Japanese-language teachers, the countries where they make up more than 70 percent were Singapore (80.0 percent), France (78.2 percent), Germany (78.5 percent), United States (77.9 percent), United Kingdom (76.1 percent), and Canada (75.6 percent), in that order. Korea and China, which had large numbers of native Japanese-language teachers, showed only slightly over 15 percent because the number of teachers is large there. (See Table 4.)

Table 4. Numbers of Teachers and Native Japanese-Language Teachers by Country/(District)

Rank	Country/(District)	Teachers	Native Japanese-language teachers	Percentage
1	Korea	6,577	1,018	15.5
2	China	15,613	2,479	15.9
3	Indonesia	4,089	147	3.6
4	Australia	2,547	919	36.1
5	Taiwan*	3,938	766	19.5
6	USA	3,541	2,759	77.9
7	Thailand	1,240	452	36.5
8	Vietnam	1,565	392	25.0
9	Hong Kong*	734	303	41.3
10	Canada	739	559	75.6
11	Malaysia	388	170	43.8
12	Philippines	422	96	22.7
13	New Zealand	258	70	27.1
14	Brazil	1,167	489	41.9
15	UK	742	565	76.1
16	India	484	91	18.8
17	France	542	424	78.2
18	Singapore	225	180	80.0
19	Sri Lanka	157	23	14.6
20	Germany	428	336	78.5
Total		49,803	14,022	28.2

Note: Figures for Taiwan* are from the survey by the Interchange Association, Japan.