

IELTS Writing Practice Test 5

TASK 1 (20 minutes)

The table below shows the primary funding sources of international students in the US during the years 2003/04 and 2013/14.

Write a 150-word report for a university lecturer describing the data and make comparisons where relevant.

Change of Primary Funding Sources of International Students in the U.S., 2003/04 -2013/14					
PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING	2003/04		2013/14		% CHANGE FROM 2003/04 TO 2013/14
	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	% OF TOTAL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	% OF TOTAL	
Personal and Family	385,543	67%	574,129	65%	49%
U.S. College or University	134,015	23%	171,218	19%	28%
Foreign Government or University	13,699	2%	66,147	7%	383%
Current Employer	10,111	2%	49,503	6%	390%
Other Sources	29,141	5%	25,055	3%	-14%
Total	572,509	100%	886,052	100%	55%

Source: Based on WES analysis of IIE Open Doors data (2014).

TASK 2 (40 minutes)

The free movement of goods across national borders has long been a controversial issue. Some people argue that it is necessary for economic growth, while others claim that it damages local industries.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

You should write at least 250 words.