Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) advice on the student and staff impact is:

- 341 dead
- 232 injured
- 931 missing
- 1 international student confirmed amongst the dead

Of those confirmed dead:

- 43 kindergarten students
- 122 primary students
- 116 secondary students
- 36 university students
- 24 teachers/staff

Numbers of schools and institutions closed in affected areas:

- 1,451 public
- 298 private
- 2 national

6,751 schools and institutions with damaged infrastructure (details not available):

- 857 kindergartens
- 2,793 primary schools
- 1,460 junior high schools
- 851 senior high schools
- 7 secondary schools (combined junior and senior)
- 157 special schools
- 37 junior colleges
- 279 vocational schools
- 18 research institutes
- 215 national universities
- 77 other institutions

77,184 international students were in affected areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami, over half Japan’s international enrolments:

- 8,789 in Miyagi, Fukushima and other Prefectures where the earthquake was strongest
- 15,981 in Iwate, Gunma and other badly affected Prefectures
- 52,414 in Aomori, Akita, Tokyo and other affected Prefectures

Impact on the higher education sector:

- Universities closed until end April or early May
- New enrolments accepted but entrance arrangements postponed
- Exams postponed
- Emergency loans available from MEXT to assist Japanese students in affected areas
- Limited loans available for international students through the Japan Education Exchanges and Services (JESS)
- Affected universities offering tuition waivers for Term 1, 2011

Source: MEXT, Government of Japan, Tokyo