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HERE'S WHERE PENNSYLVANIA'S OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE MOVING FROM ***Survey Finds that PA is 2nd Top Destination in Nation for College***

(Harrisburg, PA) – Summer's over and as the fall semester begins, thousands of students from across the country prefer to move to Pennsylvania for college rather than stay in their home state. **Pennsylvania is the 2nd most popular destination in the nation for college students**, beating 48 other states and DC, based on a survey averaging 17 years of government data (PA even took 1st place in 2 of those years). The incoming Class of 2028 even includes a few celebrity frosh who chose to move to Pennsylvania, like [Suri Cruise](#). So where are students coming from when they move to Pennsylvania for college?

The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) found that, each year, another 21,000 students move from their home state to one of the 85 independent nonprofit colleges and universities in Pennsylvania to begin their first year of study (that's 2/3 of all out-of-state students who matriculated in PA). *Every* US state and DC sends students to study at one of Pennsylvania's 85 independent nonprofit colleges each year. Those states sending the most are **New Jersey (4,850)**, **New York (3,206)**, **Maryland (1,656)**, **California (1,104)**, and **Massachusetts (793)**, and those sending the fewest are South Dakota (5), Wyoming (5), and North Dakota (3). This is in addition to more than 2,100 international students who choose an AICUP school in Pennsylvania.

"That amounts to more than 80,000 out-of-state students choosing PA's independent nonprofit schools for their education. This is a major brain *gain* for Pennsylvania that sparks real innovation and boosts the local economy," said Thomas P. Foley, President of AICUP. "The 85 AICUP independent nonprofit colleges are doing their part to bring talent into Pennsylvania."

