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Things You Need to Know About International Students & Paying for College

The number of international students attending U.S. colleges is on the rise. Learn more about this growing group, and how Transact can help make it easier for international students to call your campus home.

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1 A Global View



1,075,496

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS in the U.S.

5.5% of all U.S. COLLEGE STUDENTS

40% increase in INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT since 2009/2010

2 Who's Enrolling



39%

of international students are UNDERGRADS

35%

of international students are GRAD STUDENTS

3 Where International Students Hail From

35% China
18% India
5% South Korea
3% Saudi Arabia
2% Canada



4 Top 5 Fields of Study for International Students

PHYSICAL/LIFE SCIENCES 8%

MATH/COMPUTER SCIENCE 19%

ENGINEERING 21%

SOCIAL SCIENCES 8%

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 16%

5 How International Students Pay for College



International students contributed **\$44 BILLION** to the U.S. economy in 2019

56%

of international students' are education is FUNDED BY PARENTS and family

60%

of all international students a receive the majority of their FUNDS from sources OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.

Based on 2019-2020 enrollment numbers
Sources: OpenDoorsData.org, Research Special Reports and Analyses; MigrationPolicy.org, International Students in the United States, January 14, 2021

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