

Best National Universities

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Graduation and retention rank	Average first-year student retention rate	2015 graduation rate		Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)	Faculty resources	% of classes under 20 (15)
							Predicted	Actual			
1.	Princeton University (NJ)	100	4.8	4.9	1	98%	97%	97%	None	7	70%
2.	Harvard University (MA)	98	4.9	5.0	1	97%	97%	98%	+1	4	73%
3.	University of Chicago	97	4.6	4.8	11	99%	94%	92%	-2	1	78%
3.	Yale University (CT)	97	4.8	5.0	1	99%	97%	97%	None	9	74%
5.	Columbia University (NY)	95	4.6	4.9	4	99%	97%	96%	-1	2	83%
5.	Stanford University (CA)	95	4.9	5.0	4	98%	95%	94%	-1	9	71%
7.	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	94	4.9	5.0	15	98%	97%	92%	-5	14	64%
8.	Duke University (NC)	92	4.4	4.8	10	97%	95%	95%	None	2	73%
8.	University of Pennsylvania	92	4.4	4.8	4	98%	97%	95%	-2	6	68%
10.	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	91	4.6	4.9	15	97%	93%	94%	+1	20	73%
11.	Dartmouth College (NH)	90	4.3	4.9	4	98%	95%	94%	-1	13	64%
12.	California Institute of Technology	89	4.6	4.7	20	97%	98%	91%	-7	11	62%
12.	Northwestern University (IL)	89	4.3	4.7	11	97%	96%	93%	-3	5	77%
14.	Brown University (RI)	87	4.4	4.9	4	98%	95%	96%	+1	17	70%
15.	Cornell University (NY)	85	4.5	4.8	15	97%	93%	93%	None	22	57%
15.	Rice University (TX)	85	4.1	4.6	20	97%	93%	91%	-2	7	69%
15.	University of Notre Dame (IN)	85	4.0	4.7	4	98%	95%	97%	+2	15	60%
15.	Vanderbilt University (TN)	85	4.1	4.7	15	97%	94%	92%	-2	11	66%
19.	Washington University in St. Louis	84	4.0	4.6	11	96%	97%	93%	-4	15	63%
20.	Emory University (GA)	78	4.0	4.4	28	95%	93%	89%	-4	19	61%
20.	Georgetown University (DC)	78	4.0	4.8	15	96%	95%	94%	-1	34	60%
20.	University of California-Berkeley*	78	4.7	4.7	23	97%	93%	91%	-2	34	60%
23.	Univ. of Southern California	77	4.0	4.4	23	97%	92%	92%	None	39	61%
24.	Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	75	4.2	4.6	33	96%	91%	88%	-3	26	65%
24.	Univ. of California-Los Angeles*	75	4.2	4.4	23	96%	90%	91%	+1	32	51%
24.	University of Virginia*	75	4.2	4.5	11	97%	91%	93%	+2	32	56%
27.	Tufts University (MA)	74	3.7	4.5	20	97%	93%	93%	None	30	68%
27.	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*	74	4.4	4.4	23	97%	91%	90%	-1	49	57%
27.	Wake Forest University (NC)	74	3.5	4.3	36	94%	88%	88%	None	24	58%
30.	U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*	71	4.0	4.5	28	97%	89%	90%	+1	89	42%
31.	Boston College	70	3.6	4.4	23	95%	89%	92%	+3	49	49%
32.	College of William and Mary (VA)*	68	3.7	4.3	28	96%	89%	90%	+1	46	49%
32.	University of Rochester (NY)	68	3.4	3.9	38	96%	89%	88%	-1	21	71%
34.	Brandeis University (MA)	67	3.5	4.2	32	93%	90%	87%	-3	49	61%
34.	Georgia Institute of Technology*	67	4.1	4.5	47	96%	88%	85%	-3	170	38%
36.	New York University	66	3.8	4.5	47	92%	86%	84%	-2	39	60%
37.	Case Western Reserve Univ. (OH)	65	3.6	4.3	60	93%	87%	81%	-6	57	59%
37.	Univ. of California-Santa Barbara*	65	3.5	3.9	68	92%	86%	86%	None	18	49%
39.	Boston University	64	3.5	4.3	44	93%	81%	85%	+4	41	58%
39.	Northeastern University (MA)	64	3.2	4.3	47	96%	80%	84%	+4	27	65%
39.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (NY)	64	3.5	4.4	47	94%	85%	81%	-4	41	54%
39.	Tulane University (LA)	64	3.4	4.2	72	91%	84%	83%	-1	22	65%
39.	University of California-Irvine*	64	3.6	4.1	38	93%	85%	88%	+3	27	58%
44.	Lehigh University (PA)	63	3.2	4.1	33	95%	91%	88%	-3	41	47%
44.	University of California-Davis*	63	3.8	4.2	47	93%	87%	88%	+1	102	36%
44.	Univ. of California-San Diego*	63	3.8	4.1	36	95%	89%	87%	-2	170	35%
44.	U. of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign*	63	3.9	3.9	44	94%	82%	85%	+3	72	41%
44.	University of Miami (FL)	63	3.3	3.9	58	92%	84%	82%	-2	38	54%
44.	Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison*	63	4.0	4.0	40	95%	81%	85%	+4	118	45%
50.	Pennsylvania State U.-Univ. Park*	62	3.7	4.0	40	93%	73%	86%	+13	108	39%
50.	Pepperdine University (CA)	62	3.3	4.4	55	93%	77%	84%	+7	38	69%
50.	University of Florida*	62	3.6	3.8	33	96%	85%	87%	+2	88	49%
50.	Villanova University (PA)†	62	3.2	4.2	31	95%	83%	90%	+7	108	43%

Universities

Graduation rate

Overall	Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)	% of classes under 20 ('15)	% of classes of 50 or more ('15)	Student/faculty ratio ('15)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('15)	Acceptance rate ('15)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
%	None	70%	11%	5/1	5	1390-1590	94% ⁵	7%	10	1	63%
%	+1	70%	12%	7/1	5	1400-1600	95% ⁵	6%	6	8	35%
%	-2	78%	6%	5/1	1	1440-1600	98% ⁵	8%	5	3	41%
%	None	78%	9%	6/1	3	1430-1600	97% ⁵	7%	1	15	32%
%	-1	83%	9%	6/1	5	1400-1590	96% ⁵	6%	13	13	33%
%	-1	81%	11%	4/1	5	1390-1580	96% ⁵	5%	6	9	35%
%	-5	64%	13%	3/1	3	1430-1580	98% ⁵	8%	3	6	37%
%	None	73%	7%	6/1	13	1360-1550	91% ⁵	12%	16	9	35%
%	-2	68%	10%	6/1	5	1380-1550	95% ⁵	10%	11	9	35%
%	+1	73%	10%	8/1	10	1400-1550	92% ⁵	13%	4	6	37%
%	-1	64%	8%	7/1	13	1330-1560	91% ⁵	11%	15	2	45%
%	-7	62%	10%	3/1	1	1500-1600	99% ⁵	9%	2	32	22%
%	-3	77%	6%	7/1	13	31-34	91% ⁵	13%	9	19	27%
%	+1	77%	11%	7/1	10	1370-1560	91% ⁵	9%	22	9	35%
%	None	67%	17%	9/1	20	1330-1530	89% ⁵	15%	17	18	29%
%	-2	63%	7%	6/1	13	1390-1560	89% ⁵	16%	21	15	32%
%	+2	60%	9%	10/1	18	32-34	91% ⁵	20%	28	3	41%
%	-2	66%	9%	8/1	10	32-35	91% ⁵	12%	13	20	26%
%	-4	63%	11%	8/1	13	32-34	89% ⁵	17%	6	28	24%
%	-4	60%	8%	8/1	23	1270-1490	83% ⁵	24%	17	32	22%
%	-1	60%	7%	11/1	22	1320-1500	89% ⁵	17%	32	17	30%
%	-2	60%	16%	17/1	20	1250-1500	98%	15%	36	88	12%
%	None	61%	12%	9/1	32	1270-1500	88% ⁵	18%	25	5	39%
%	-3	65%	12%	13/1	23	1360-1540	78% ⁵	24%	32	54	16%
%	+1	51%	22%	17/1	23	1190-1470	97%	17%	20	152	8%
%	+2	56%	14%	15/1	29	1250-1460	89% ⁵	30%	55	35	20%
%	None	68%	8%	9/1	18	1370-1520	90% ⁴	16%	28	41	20%
%	-1	57%	17%	15/1	29	29-33	73% ⁵	26%	40	46	19%
%	None	59%	1%	10/1	40	1200-1410 ²	77% ⁵	29%	11	24	25%
%	+1	71%	14%	14/1	35	1200-1390	77%	30%	27	52	17%
%	+3	49%	7%	12/1	27	1260-1470	79% ⁴	29%	66	22	25%
%	+1	49%	9%	12/1	32	1260-1460	81% ⁵	34%	112	20	26%
%	-1	71%	12%	10/1	35	1240-1470 ²	68% ⁵	34%	22	42	19%
%	-3	61%	11%	10/1	35	1250-1470	71% ⁵	34%	48	30	23%
%	-3	38%	26%	19/1	27	1310-1500	81% ⁵	32%	48	22	26%
%	-2	60%	8%	10/1	58	1250-1470	56% ⁵	33%	32	136	9%
%	-6	59%	13%	11/1	32	30-33	71% ⁵	36%	36	35	21%
%	None	49%	19%	18/1	35	1130-1370	100%	33%	66	54	16%
%	+4	68%	14%	12/1	49	1200-1410	58% ⁵	33%	48	115	10%
%	+4	63%	7%	14/1	31	31-34	70% ⁵	28%	81	94	12%
%	-4	64%	12%	15/1	35	1280-1490	72% ⁵	42%	53	88	12%
%	-1	60%	5%	8/1	42	29-32	55% ⁵	31%	55	51	17%
%	+3	58%	21%	19/1	68	1040-1310	96%	39%	55	187	6%
%	-3	77%	12%	10/1	47	1230-1420	60% ⁵	30%	55	35	21%
%	+1	61%	27%	19/1	49	1070-1340	100%	38%	36	162	7%
%	-2	38%	19/1	23	1210-1450	100%	34%	22	202	6%	6%
%	+3	41%	20%	18/1	58	26-31	53% ⁵	66%	55	115	10%
%	-2	61%	7%	12/1	42	28-32	63% ⁴	38%	26	62	15%
%	+4	55%	21%	17/1	54	27-31	54% ⁵	49%	63	79	13%
%	+13	66%	15%	16/1	98	1090-1300	41% ⁵	51%	55	68	14%
%	+7	62%	2%	13/1	74	1100-1320	48% ⁴	38%	66	175	7%
%	+2	73%	16%	21/1	54	1170-1350	72%	48%	46	68	14%
%	+7	73%	4%	12/1	54	1200-1400	55% ⁵	48%	103	24	25%

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What Is a National University?

To assess more than 1,600 of the country's four-year colleges and universities, U.S. News first assigns each to a group of its peers, based on the categories of higher education institutions developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and recently revised. The National Universities category consists of 310 institutions (189 public, 114 private and seven for-profit) that offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees; some emphasize research. A list of the top 30 public national universities appears on Page 79.

Data on up to 15 indicators of academic quality are gathered from each institution and tabulated. Schools are ranked by total weighted score; those tied at the same rank are listed alphabetically. For a description of the methodology, see Page 68. For more on a college, turn to the directory at the back of the book.

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54.	Ohio State University-Columbus*	61	3.8	4.1	93%	76%	83%	30%	23%	27-31	62%	49%	14%
54.	University of Washington*	61	3.9	3.9	94%	84%	84%	38%	21%	1120-1370	92% ⁵	53%	13%
56.	George Washington University (DC)	60	3.5	4.4	93%	85%	83%	53%	10%	1190-1390 ²	56% ⁵	46%	9%
56.	Southern Methodist University (TX)	60	3.1	3.9	90%	77%	79%	58%	8%	28-32	44% ⁵	49%	25%
56.	University of Georgia*	60	3.5	4.0	94%	79%	85%	42%	13%	1150-1330	53%	53%	11%
56.	University of Texas-Austin*	60	4.0	4.2	95%	83%	80%	35%	26%	1170-1390	72%	39%	12%
60.	Fordham University (NY)	59	3.2	4.2	90%	75%	81%	48%	2%	1170-1350	46% ⁵	48%	15%
60.	Purdue Univ.-West Lafayette (IN)*	59	3.7	4.2	92%	70%	76%	40%	18%	1080-1330	43% ⁵	59%	19%
60.	Syracuse University (NY)	59	3.3	4.0	92%	70%	81%	59%	9%	1090-1290	35% ⁵	48%	16%
60.	University of Connecticut*	59	3.2	4.0	93%	75%	83%	53%	16%	1130-1340	50% ⁵	53%	14%
60.	Univ. of Maryland-College Park*	59	3.6	4.1	95%	85%	86%	46%	17%	1210-1420	70%	45%	7%
60.	Worcester Polytechnic Inst. (MA)	59	3.0	3.8	96%	81%	85%	64%	11%	1210-1420 ²	65%	49%	13%
66.	Clemson University (SC)*	58	3.2	4.0	92%	76%	81%	53%	14%	27-31	56%	51%	23%
66.	Yeshiva University (NY)	58	2.8	3.3	90%	79%	92%	56%	1%	1130-1370	39% ⁴	80%	15%
68.	Brigham Young Univ.-Provo (UT)	57	3.1	3.9	88%	78%	80%	56%	15%	27-31	54%	48%	13%
68.	University of Pittsburgh*	57	3.5	3.8	92%	78%	82%	40%	20%	1180-1350	50%	54%	10%
70.	Rutgers University-New Brunswick (NJ)*	56	3.4	4.0	92%	74%	80%	37%	21%	1110-1340	38% ⁵	58%	8%
71.	Baylor University (TX)	55	3.2	4.0	88%	72%	70%	54%	9%	25-30	42%	44%	18%
71.	Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ)	55	2.8	3.8	94%	80%	82%	38%	9%	1240-1425 ²	66% ⁵	44%	17%
71.	Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities*	55	3.7	3.8	92%	76%	77%	38%	20%	26-31	49%	45%	9%
74.	American University (DC)	54	3.1	4.0	89%	81%	81%	49%	1%	1150-1340 ²	36% ⁵	35%	7%
74.	Clark University (MA)	54	2.8	3.6	89%	70%	83%	55%	6%	1120-1340 ²	44% ⁵	55%	19%
74.	Texas A&M Univ.-College Station*	54	3.6	4.1	91%	76%	79%	21%	27%	1070-1310 ³	66%	66%	20%
74.	Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst*	54	3.3	3.9	90%	67%	78%	50%	18%	1130-1310	32% ⁵	58%	9%
74.	Virginia Tech*	54	3.5	4.0	93%	75%	83%	28%	21%	1100-1320	39%	73%	11%
79.	Miami University-Oxford (OH)*	53	3.2	3.9	90%	71%	80%	32%	10%	26-30	36% ⁵	65%	21%
79.	Univ. of California-Santa Cruz*	53	3.1	3.8	90%	81%	81%	48%	24%	1070-1310	96%	51%	5%
79.	University of Delaware*	53	3.1	3.8	92%	73%	81%	32%	16%	1110-1310	33% ⁵	63%	9%
82.	Colorado School of Mines*	52	3.3	4.3	92%	79%	77%	26%	21%	28-32	56% ⁵	38%	14%
82.	Michigan State University*	52	3.5	3.9	92%	67%	77%	24%	24%	23-28	31% ⁵	66%	8%
82.	Texas Christian University	52	2.9	3.7	90%	69%	76%	42%	6%	25-30	44% ⁵	43%	19%
82.	University of Iowa*	52	3.5	3.6	86%	69%	72%	52%	13%	23-28	28%	81%	11%
86.	Binghamton University-SUNY*	51	2.9	3.7	91%	79%	81%	44%	14%	1230-1383	48% ⁴	42%	7%
86.	Indiana University-Bloomington*	51	3.6	3.9	89%	70%	77%	35%	18%	1060-1290	34% ⁵	78%	12%
86.	Marquette University (WI)	51	3.0	3.9	90%	72%	80%	40%	13%	24-30	34% ⁵	74%	15%
86.	University of Denver	51	2.8	3.7	86%	75%	77%	53%	6%	23-30	45% ⁵	73%	9%
86.	University of San Diego	51	2.9	3.8	89%	75%	79%	40%	0.4%	1110-1310	36% ⁵	52%	13%
86.	University of Tulsa (OK)	51	2.7	3.7	89%	84%	69%	61%	3%	26-32	74% ⁵	42%	20%
92.	Florida State University*	50	3.1	3.6	92%	70%	79%	33%	18%	25-29	38%	56%	18%
92.	North Carolina State U.-Raleigh*	50	3.1	3.6	93%	72%	76%	35%	17%	1160-1330	51%	50%	12%
92.	University of Colorado-Boulder*	50	3.5	3.7	85%	69%	71%	47%	16%	24-30	28% ⁵	80%	7%
92.	University of Vermont*	50	3.0	3.6	86%	70%	77%	50%	15%	1100-1290	32% ⁵	71%	10%
96.	Drexel University (PA)	49	3.0	3.9	85%	72%	68%	58%	9%	1095-1310	42% ⁵	75%	7%
96.	Saint Louis University	49	2.9	3.8	89%	74%	74%	54%	9%	25-31	42% ⁵	63%	12%
96.	Stony Brook-SUNY*	49	3.2	3.6	90%	71%	68%	43%	21%	1150-1380	46% ⁵	41%	10%
99.	Auburn University (AL)*	48	3.3	3.8	90%	72%	73%	33%	15%	24-30	31%	78%	12%
99.	Loyola University Chicago	48	3.0	4.0	86%	71%	74%	45%	7%	24-29	33% ⁵	71%	6%
99.	SUNY Col. of Envir. Sci. and Forestry*	48	2.7	3.5	85%	71%	75%	51%	11%	1120-1300	34%	52%	21%
99.	University at Buffalo-SUNY*	48	3.0	3.5	88%	67%	74%	36%	21%	1060-1260	30% ⁵	60%	9%
103.	Illinois Institute of Technology	47	2.8	3.6	92%	77%	73%	54%	10%	25-30	56% ⁵	53%	8%
103.	University of Alabama*	47	3.1	3.7	86%	69%	67%	39%	20%	22-31	37%	54%	34%
103.	University of Oregon*	47	3.3	3.7	87%	62%	72%	44%	22%	1000-1230	29% ⁵	74%	9%
103.	University of Tennessee*	47	3.1	3.7	86%	72%	70%	28%	14%	24-30	54% ⁵	76%	10%
107.	Rochester Inst. of Technology (NY)†	46	3.3	4.1	88%	71%	70%	47%	5%	1130-1350	36%	57%	6%
107.	University of New Hampshire*	46	2.8	3.6	86%	64%	79%	40%	17%	1010-1210	18%	79%	7%
107.	University of San Francisco	46	2.8	3.7	86%	63%	71%	48%	2%	1070-1260	25% ⁵	65%	7%
107.	Univ. of South Carolina*	46	3.0	3.7	88%	69%	73%	34%	15%	1110-1290	30%	65%	15%
111.	Iowa State University*	45	3.3	3.6	87%	67%	71%	32%	24%	22-28	22%	87%	13%
111.	University of Dayton (OH)	45	2.6	3.4	90%	69%	79%	31%	5%	24-29	25% ⁵	58%	14%
111.	Univ. of Missouri*	45	3.2	3.6	85%	69%	69%	40%	17%	24-29	28%	78%	15%
111.	Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln*	45	3.2	3.6	84%	67%	67%	37%	17%	22-28	26%	76%	19%
111.	University of Oklahoma*	45	3.1	3.6	85%	71%	66%	43%	10%	24-29	37%	78%	18%
111.	University of the Pacific (CA)	45	2.5	3.7	85%	72%	70%	56%	5%	1010-1280	33% ⁵	65%	9%
111.	University of Utah*	45	3.1	3.5	89%	63%	64%	41%	18%	21-28	25% ⁴	81%	10%



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						Predicted	Actual						
118.	Michigan Technological University*	44	2.7	3.8	84%	69%	65%	45%	16%	24-29	28%	75%	11%
118.	Seton Hall University (NJ)	44	2.8	3.8	84%	57%	63%	49%	2%	1060-1230	30% ⁵	76%	9%
118.	Temple University (PA)*	44	2.9	3.7	89%	60%	71%	38%	9%	1050-1250 ²	22%	56%	6%
118.	Univ. of California-Riverside*	44	3.0	3.6	90%	71%	73%	21%	34%	1020-1250	94%	56%	4%
118.	University of Kansas*	44	3.3	3.6	80%	67%	61%	48%	11%	22-28	26%	93%	14%
118.	University of St. Thomas (MN)	44	2.5	3.5	88%	65%	76%	40%	2%	24-29 ³	24% ⁵	84%	16%
124.	Catholic University of America (DC)	43	2.8	3.6	84%	65%	69%	58%	4%	1020-1230 ²	N/A	79%	8%
124.	DePaul University (IL)	43	2.9	3.8	85%	64%	73%	35%	1%	22-28 ²	20% ⁵	72%	7%
124.	Duquesne University (PA)	43	2.7	3.7	88%	63%	72%	40%	8%	1040-1210 ²	23%	76%	6%
124.	Howard University (DC)	43	2.9	3.8	84%	57%	60%	57%	5%	990-1220	24% ⁵	49%	8%
124.	University of Arizona*	43	3.5	3.7	81%	64%	61%	40%	15%	960-1220 ²	28% ⁵	76%	7%
129.	Arizona State University-Tempe*	42	3.3	3.5	84%	61%	66%	40%	18%	23-28 ²	29%	83%	10%
129.	Clarkson University (NY)	42	2.6	3.4	89%	68%	73%	42%	24%	1080-1290	36%	68%	14%
129.	Colorado State University*	42	2.9	3.6	86%	65%	67%	38%	19%	22-28	19%	81%	10%
129.	New School (NY)	42	2.8	3.8	83%	60%	66%	91%	1%	1000-1250 ²	15% ⁵	67%	2%
133.	Hofstra University (NY)	41	2.8	3.7	79%	70%	60%	50%	4%	1090-1260 ²	27% ⁵	61%	12%
133.	University of Kentucky*	41	3.0	3.7	82%	67%	61%	32%	16%	22-28	30% ⁵	91%	15%
135.	Kansas State University*	40	3.0	3.5	82%	62%	62%	41%	13%	22-28 ²	22%	95%	23%
135.	Louisiana State Univ.-Baton Rouge*	40	2.8	3.5	84%	69%	67%	36%	22%	23-28	26%	77%	10%
135.	Mercer University (GA)†	40	2.3	3.9	83%	72%	61%	65%	4%	1110-1310	45%	67%	10%
135.	New Jersey Inst. of Technology*	40	2.6	3.5	85%	65%	61%	37%	6%	1110-1310	31% ⁵	61%	8%
135.	Rutgers University-Newark (NJ)*	40	2.8	3.9	86%	60%	68%	28%	17%	980-1130	19%	65%	5%
135.	University of Arkansas*	40	2.9	3.3	82%	69%	62%	48%	17%	23-28	26%	60%	24%
135.	University of Cincinnati*	40	2.8	3.4	86%	64%	65%	41%	14%	23-28	21%	76%	13%
135.	University of Mississippi*	40	2.8	3.5	85%	58%	61%	43%	17%	21-28 ²	24%	79%	15%
143.	George Mason University (VA)*	39	3.0	3.9	87%	64%	69%	30%	14%	1040-1250 ²	21% ⁵	80%	3%
143.	Oregon State University*	39	3.0	3.5	84%	59%	64%	28%	22%	970-1240	24%	78%	10%
143.	Washington State University*	39	3.0	3.5	80%	61%	64%	35%	20%	910-1150	34% ⁵	80%	13%
146.	Adelphi University (NY)	38	2.2	3.3	83%	59%	67%	52%	2%	1010-1220 ⁹	23% ⁵	72%	9%
146.	Ohio University*	38	3.0	3.6	79%	58%	67%	31%	18%	22-26	16%	74%	6%
146.	San Diego State University*	38	2.8	3.7	89%	51%	69%	28%	25%	1010-1230	33% ⁵	34%	5%
146.	St. John Fisher College (NY)	38	2.2	3.2	85%	59%	70%	44%	1%	1000-1170	22%	62%	12%
146.	University at Albany-SUNY*	38	2.8	3.4	83%	62%	68%	30%	19%	1000-1170	16% ⁵	56%	7%
146.	University of Texas-Dallas*	38	2.7	3.6	86%	72%	67%	26%	22%	1160-1370	33%	61%	3%
152.	Illinois State University*	37	2.4	3.4	82%	61%	73%	33%	11%	21-26	N/A	80%	7%
152.	Immaculata University (PA)	37	1.9	3.2	81%	41%	70%	86%	0.2%	860-1080	N/A	79%	10%
152.	Oklahoma State University*	37	2.7	3.6	80%	65%	62%	35%	16%	22-27	27%	75%	12%
152.	University of California-Merced*	37	2.7	3.5	84% ⁸	52%	66%	30%	26%	900-1120	N/A	61%	11%
152.	University of Illinois-Chicago*	37	2.9	3.6	80%	63%	60%	35%	20%	21-26 ³	23%	77%	3%
152.	University of La Verne (CA)	37	1.9	3.4	86%	47%	64%	65%	1%	940-1120	18% ⁵	47%	6%
152.	Univ. of Massachusetts-Lowell*	37	2.5	3.4	84%	57%	56%	59%	4%	1070-1270	20%	57%	11%
159.	Seattle Pacific University†	36	2.4	3.5	85%	64%	71%	48%	4%	1000-1230 ³	1% ⁵	82%	6%
159.	University of Alabama-Birmingham*	36	2.7	3.3	81%	64%	55%	39%	18%	22-28	27%	87%	11%
159.	Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore County*	36	2.8	3.5	87%	67%	63%	39%	12%	1110-1310	27%	59%	4%
159.	University of Rhode Island*	36	2.7	3.5	82%	56%	63%	39%	9%	1010-1190 ³	19%	71%	6%
159.	University of South Florida*	36	2.7	3.3	89%	67%	68%	31%	16%	1070-1270	34%	45%	9%
164.	Biola University (CA)	35	1.9	3.6	86%	63%	72%	47%	5%	980-1240	30% ⁵	73%	9%
164.	Maryville Univ. of St. Louis	35	1.8	3.2	88%	61%	71%	74%	1%	23-27 ²	25%	72%	7%
164.	Missouri Univ. of Science & Tech.*	35	2.6	3.5	84% ⁸	76%	65%	27%	27%	25-31	44%	88%	15%
164.	St. John's University (NY)	35	2.7	3.7	79%	58%	68%	37%	6%	960-1180	21% ⁴	65%	4%
164.	Virginia Commonwealth University*	35	2.8	3.6	86%	58%	62%	34%	16%	990-1200 ²	19%	72%	5%
169.	Union University (TN)†	34	1.8	3.0	89%	69%	69%	73%	0.2%	22-29	34%	69%	6%
169.	University of Hawaii-Manoa*	34	2.7	3.3	79%	62%	57%	50%	13%	980-1190	25%	81%	6%
171.	Edgewood College (WI)	33	1.8	3.2	81%	51%	60%	80%	0%	20-25	13%	77%	8%
171.	Florida Institute of Technology	33	2.3	3.3	79%	64%	57%	49%	4%	1080-1290	31% ⁵	57%	4%
171.	University of Idaho*	33	2.7	3.3	78%	58%	57%	53%	9%	940-1170	17%	72%	10%
171.	University of Louisville (KY)*	33	2.8	3.4	79%	66%	53%	34%	9%	22-29 ³	11% ⁴	72%	14%
171.	University of Wyoming*	33	2.6	3.4	75%	62%	55%	38%	10%	22-27	22%	96%	9%
176.	Ball State University (IN)*	32	2.5	3.3	80%	53%	61%	42%	6%	1010-1190 ⁹	19%	61%	11%
176.	Lipscomb University (TN)†	32	2.0	3.4	79%	63%	55%	57%	6%	23-29	29% ⁵	61%	13%
176.	Mississippi State University*	32	2.5	3.3	80%	62%	60% ⁵	40%	14%	20-27	26%	72%	16% ⁴
176.	Montclair State University (NJ)*†	32	2.1	2.9	83%	47%	66%	39%	2%	870-1090 ²	10% ⁵	70%	4%
176.	Texas Tech University*	32	2.8	3.4	82%	60%	60%	28%	21%	1030-1220	20%	63%	13%
176.	University of Central Florida*	32	2.6	3.2	88%	69%	71%	27%	25%	1080-1270	33%	49%	8%

men 10% class i)	Accept- ance rate (15)	Average alumni giving rate	Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average first-year student retention rate	2015 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 (15)	% of classes of 50 or more (15)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile (15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class (15)	Accept- ance rate (15)	Average alumni giving rate
									Predicted	Actual						
%	75%	11%	176	University of New Mexico*	32	2.7	3.5	79%	53%	47%	55%	10%	19-25	N/A	50%	4%
% ⁵	76%	9%	183	Andrews University (MI)	31	1.7	3.4	79%	51%	54%	69%	3%	20-27	17% ⁵	39%	6%
%	56%	6%	183	Azusa Pacific University (CA)	31	2.0	3.4	85%	62%	68%	60%	2%	950-1180	25% ⁴	81%	N/A
%	56%	4%	183	University of Maine*	31	2.6	3.4	78%	57%	55%	41%	17%	960-1210	19%	91%	7%
%	93%	14%	183	West Virginia University*	31	2.7	3.1	77%	58%	57%	50%	14%	21-27	20% ⁵	86%	10%
% ⁵	84%	16%	183	Widener University (PA)	31	2.2	3.1	75%	50%	57%	59%	1%	930-1120	12% ⁵	68%	3%
A	79%	8%	188	Kent State University (OH)*	30	2.5	3.3	80%	49%	56%	54%	9%	21-25	14%	85%	4%
% ⁵	72%	7%	188	North Dakota State University*	30	2.5	3.5	79%	56%	54%	33%	20%	21-26	15%	94%	8%
%	76%	6%	188	Pace University (NY)	30	2.3	3.5	77%	57%	52%	49%	2%	940-1160 ²	17% ⁵	84%	5%
% ⁵	49%	8%	188	Robert Morris University (PA)†	30	2.1	2.9	81%	49%	58%	51%	3%	940-1150	18%	78%	6%
% ⁵	76%	7%	188	Suffolk University (MA)†	30	2.2	3.1	75%	50%	56%	42%	0.2%	910-1120 ²	11% ⁵	82%	5%
%	83%	10%	188	University of Hartford (CT)†	30	2.4	3.2	74%	57%	60%	70%	1%	940-1160	N/A	64%	4%
%	68%	14%	184	Bowling Green State University (OH)*	29	2.5	3.4	74%	50%	56%	41%	9%	20-25	12%	76%	7%
%	81%	10%	184	University of Houston*	29	2.6	3.3	85%	57%	51%	28%	24%	1050-1250	30%	60%	12%
% ⁵	67%	2%	184	Western Michigan University*	29	2.4	3.2	76%	51%	54%	38%	10%	19-25	13%	82%	4%
% ⁵	61%	12%	197	Indiana U.-Purdue U.-Indianapolis*	28	2.8	3.7	72%	51%	45%	37%	11%	890-1120	15%	70%	7%
% ⁵	91%	15%	197	Lesley University (MA)†	28	2.0	3.1	78% ⁸	54%	54%	75%	0%	960-1170	15% ⁵	69%	N/A
%	95%	23%	197	University of Alabama-Huntsville*	28	2.4	3.2	79%	67%	49%	45%	9%	24-30	31% ⁵	81%	4%
%	77%	10%	197	University of Colorado-Denver*	28	2.7	3.5	72%	58%	46%	36%	9%	20-25	31% ⁴	67%	3%
%	67%	10%	197	University of Nevada-Reno*	28	2.4	2.9	81%	60%	59%	33%	20%	970-1190	24%	86%	9%
% ⁵	61%	8%	202	California State U.-Fullerton*†	27	2.5	3.2	89%	47%	62%	25%	9%	930-1130	23%	42%	2% ⁴
%	65%	5%	202	Central Michigan University*	27	2.2	3.2	77%	51%	59%	32%	8%	20-24	17% ⁵	69%	5%
%	60%	24%	202	Louisiana Tech University*	27	2.3	3.2	79%	56%	53%	49%	11%	21-27	24%	64%	12%
%	76%	13%	202	South Dakota State University*	27	2.4	3.5	76%	56%	57% ⁸	32%	15%	20-26	14%	92%	9%
%	79%	15%	202	University of Alaska-Fairbanks*	27	2.4	3.2	76%	52%	42%	66%	4%	18-26	18%	73%	5%
% ⁵	80%	3%	202	U. of North Carolina-Charlotte*	27	2.7	3.6	81%	53%	53%	25%	25%	1010-1180	22%	63%	4%
%	78%	10%	202	University of North Dakota*	27	2.6	3.4	78%	72%	53%	40%	8%	21-26 ³	17%	82%	8%
% ⁵	80%	13%	202	University of South Dakota*	27	2.5	3.4	76%	55%	52%	51%	6%	20-25 ²	21%	74%	7% ⁴
% ⁵	72%	9%	210	East Carolina University (NC)*	26	2.2	3.2	80%	53%	61%	30%	17%	980-1130	16%	69%	3%
%	74%	6%	210	Montana State University*	26	2.5	3.2	76%	61%	52%	43%	14%	21-28	18%	83%	9%
% ⁵	34%	5%	210	Old Dominion University (VA)*	26	2.6	3.5	81%	51%	53%	36%	10%	920-1140	8%	83%	5%
%	62%	12%	210	Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City*	26	2.5	3.2	72%	64%	52%	55%	11%	21-28	32%	63%	6%
% ⁵	56%	7%	214	Ashland University (OH)	25	1.8	3.2	74%	56%	57%	59%	0%	20-25	18%	74%	5%
%	61%	3%	214	Dallas Baptist University†	25	1.8	2.8	71%	56%	58%	69%	2%	19-24	19%	42%	1%
A	80%	7%	214	Northern Illinois University*	25	2.4	3.2	70%	53%	50%	46%	11%	19-25	13%	50%	4%
A	79%	10%	214	Nova Southeastern University (FL)	25	1.8	2.8	74%	50%	44%	78%	0.4%	980-1225	31%	59%	2%
%	75%	12%	214	Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale*	25	2.3	3.0	65%	51%	45%	53%	4%	19-25	10%	81%	5%
A	61%	11%	214	University of Montana*	25	2.6	3.3	73%	56%	46%	51%	10%	20-27 ³	18%	92%	7%
%	77%	3%	220	Benedictine University (IL)	24	2.0	3.3	71%	55%	53%	71%	0.2%	19-24 ³	12% ⁵	79%	5% ⁴
%	47%	6%	220	California State Univ.-Fresno*†	24	2.4	3.2	83%	40%	58%	18%	11%	790-1010	15%	52%	3%
%	57%	11%	220	Gardner-Webb University (NC)†	24	1.8	3.3	71%	50%	51%	69%	0%	850-1080	20%	79%	8%
%	82%	6%	220	New Mexico State University*	24	2.4	3.4	74%	45%	42%	47%	11%	18-24	19%	65%	5%
%	87%	11%	220	Shenandoah University (VA)†	24	1.8	3.0	77%	50%	54%	61%	2%	870-1123	15%	82%	6%
%	59%	4%	220	Tennessee Technological Univ.*†	24	2.2	3.0	74%	57%	53%	41%	11%	21-27	33%	68%	8%
%	71%	6%	220	Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston*	24	2.6	3.5	79%	56%	42%	42%	6%	950-1160	N/A	69%	5%
%	45%	9%	220	Univ. of Massachusetts-Dartmouth*†	24	2.6	3.5	76%	55%	46%	37%	11%	920-1130	13%	76%	4%
%	73%	9%	220	Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis*	24	2.4	3.2	77%	57%	41%	51%	6%	21-27	29%	76%	5%
%	72%	7%	220	U. of North Carolina-Greensboro*	24	2.5	3.5	76%	52%	56%	25%	24%	940-1110	13%	59%	5%
%	88%	15%	220	Univ. of Southern Mississippi*	24	2.2	3.0	73%	51%	50%	44%	9%	19-26	19% ⁴	58%	8%
%	65%	4%	220	Utah State University*	24	2.5	3.1	70%	61%	49%	42%	14%	20-27	21%	97%	6%
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School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average first-year student retention rate	2015 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 (15)	% of classes of 50 or more (15)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile (15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class (15)	Accept- ance rate (15)	Average alumni giving rate
				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 232 THROUGH 298 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
American International College (MA)†	1.6	2.5	67%	40%	38%	51%	4%	790-980	N/A	64%	7%
Augusta University (GA)*†	2.0	3.3	72% ⁸	63%	30%	N/A	N/A	930-1140 ³	N/A	74%	2%
Barry University (FL)	1.9	3.1	63% ⁸	38%	33%	68%	1%	850-1020	N/A	55%	3%
Boise State University (ID)*†	2.5	3.4	74%	51%	38%	35%	11%	920-1140 ²	15%	80%	7%
Cardinal Stritch University (WI)	1.7	3.1	69% ⁸	52%	44%	78%	0.3%	20-24 ²	20%	77%	3%
Clark Atlanta University	2.1	3.3	63%	32%	38%	46%	6%	16-20	3% ⁵	52%	N/A
Cleveland State University*	2.1	2.8	68%	45%	39%	35%	11%	19-25 ³	15%	91%	4% ⁴
Eastern Michigan University*†	2.3	2.8	74%	46%	40%	41%	4%	19-25	13%	75%	2%

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School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average first-year student retention rate	2015 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 ('15)	% of classes of 50 or more ('15)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('15)	Acceptance rate ('15)	Average alumni giving rate
				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER CONTINUED (SCHOOLS RANKED 232 THROUGH 298 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
East Tennessee State University*	2.0	2.9	68%	52%	43%	46%	8%	20-26	20%	79%	3%
Florida A&M University*	2.1	3.4	82%	37%	39%	33%	13%	18-23	14% ⁵	51%	5%
Florida Atlantic University*	2.2	3.1	76%	54%	49%	25%	16%	950-1140	11%	68%	3%
Florida International University*	2.3	3.2	84%	65%	58%	21%	22%	1030-1200	18% ⁵	50%	5%
Georgia Southern University*	2.2	3.2	80%	56%	50%	25%	11%	1030-1180	17% ⁵	60%	6%
Georgia State University*	2.6	3.5	82%	57%	54%	18%	18%	950-1160 ³	16%	58%	5%
Grand Canyon University ¹ (AZ)†	1.7	2.9	61% ⁸	19%	30% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	58% ⁴	N/A
Indiana State University*	2.4	3.3	63%	38%	41%	28%	11%	800-1020	8%	85%	5%
Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania*	2.1	3.0	75%	45%	55%	34%	13%	860-1060 ³	8%	88%	6%
Jackson State University (MS)*	1.8	2.7	78% ⁸	35%	40%	39%	10%	17-21	N/A	68%	4% ⁴
Kennesaw State University (GA)*†	2.2	3.2	77%	55%	40%	32%	12%	1010-1180	35%	59%	4%
Lamar University (TX)*	1.9	2.8	57%	38%	32%	33%	11%	860-1070	16%	79%	2%
Liberty University (VA)†	1.7	2.8	77%	44%	49%	32%	4%	950-1190 ³	23% ⁵	21%	2%
Lindenwood University (MO)†	1.7	3.0	70%	47%	49%	67%	0.1%	20-25 ²	10%	55%	9%
Middle Tennessee State Univ.*	2.1	3.0	71%	53%	44%	45%	7%	19-25	19% ⁴	73%	4%
Morgan State University (MD)*	2.0	3.0	74%	37%	31%	41%	1%	840-970 ²	4% ⁴	67%	11%
National Louis University (IL)	1.8	3.0	72% ⁸	48%	37% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	81%	N/A
North Carolina A&T State Univ.*	2.0	3.1	77%	36%	44%	30%	8%	830-990	9%	59%	8%
Northern Arizona University*	2.4	3.4	74%	53%	52%	30%	13%	920-1150 ²	22%	77%	4%
Oakland University (MI)*	2.1	3.2	76%	50%	44%	36%	14%	20-26	15%	80%	4%
Portland State University (OR)*	2.6	3.5	72% ⁸	52%	41%	33%	16%	930-1160 ²	11%	86%	3%
Prairie View A&M University (TX)*†	1.8	2.6	67%	24%	34%	22%	6%	770-930	5%	86%	N/A
Regent University (VA)	1.8	3.3	78%	57%	48%	61%	0%	900-1150	14%	86%	4%
Sam Houston State University (TX)*	2.1	3.1	78%	47%	50%	29%	13%	880-1090	15%	73%	9%
San Francisco State University*†	2.6	3.4	82%	48%	51%	23%	17%	860-1090	N/A	68%	2%
Spalding University ¹ (KY)	1.7	3.0	74% ⁸	30%	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	860-1000 ⁴	N/A	46% ⁴	N/A
Tennessee State University*	2.0	3.1	59% ⁸	27%	38%	60%	1%	16-20 ³	N/A	53% ⁴	N/A
Texas A&M University-Commerce*	2.1	3.5	70%	47%	42%	39%	4%	680-1080 ³	11%	47%	3%
Texas A&M Univ.-Corpus Christi*	2.1	3.6	58%	42%	37%	18%	20%	870-1070	10%	84%	2%
Texas A&M Univ.-Kingsville*	2.0	3.5	65%	34%	33%	38%	6%	17-22	16%	82%	10%
Texas Southern University*	1.9	3.1	54%	21%	19%	40%	15%	725-900 ³	5%	51%	2%
Texas State University*†	2.2	3.1	77%	54%	53%	29%	16%	930-1120	12%	71%	4%
Texas Woman's University*	2.1	3.3	69%	48%	41%	45%	10%	830-1050 ²	18%	75%	0.4%
Trevecca Nazarene University (TN)	1.5	3.1	76%	51%	51%	71%	4%	19-25 ³	N/A	73%	8% ⁴
Trinity International Univ. (IL)	1.7	3.5	72% ⁸	55%	45%	73%	0%	19-26	15% ⁵	96%	N/A
University of Akron (OH)*	2.2	3.0	70%	46%	40%	43%	8%	19-26	16%	97%	13%
Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock*	2.2	2.9	75% ⁸	46%	27%	66%	4%	18-24	N/A	68%	3%
University of Louisiana-Lafayette*	2.1	3.2	75%	51%	46%	34%	9%	21-25	21%	55%	7%
University of Louisiana-Monroe*†	2.0	3.1	70%	44%	39%	34%	16%	20-25	22%	94%	4%
Univ. of Maryland-Eastern Shore*†	2.1	2.7	70%	28%	33%	55%	3%	750-930	N/A	49%	3%
University of Memphis*	2.4	3.1	77%	50%	45%	48%	10%	20-26	15%	92%	6%
University of Nebraska-Omaha*	2.5	3.3	75%	54%	46%	37%	10%	19-26	14%	76%	5%
University of Nevada-Las Vegas*	2.5	3.1	76%	53%	41%	26%	18%	890-1120	23%	88%	4%
University of New Orleans*	2.0	3.2	66%	52%	35%	37%	11%	20-24	14%	58%	2%
University of Northern Colorado*	2.2	3.3	68%	51%	48%	42%	11%	19-25 ²	13%	89%	4%
University of North Texas*	2.4	3.1	77%	58%	52%	24%	24%	990-1200 ³	21%	70%	5%
University of South Alabama*	2.0	2.8	70%	53%	35%	42%	10%	20-25 ²	N/A	78%	N/A
University of Texas-Arlington*	2.6	3.5	73%	55%	46%	32%	25%	950-1200	32%	64%	2%
University of Texas-El Paso*	2.3	3.2	70% ⁸	37%	40%	31%	15%	820-1050	18%	100%	N/A
University of Texas-San Antonio*	2.4	3.4	65%	49%	31%	17%	32%	930-1150	19%	78%	5% ⁴
University of the Cumberlands (KY)†	1.6	3.0	61%	46%	37%	67%	1%	19-25	17%	68%	11%
University of Toledo (OH)*	2.3	3.1	68%	47%	42%	36%	14%	20-26	16%	93%	3%
University of West Florida*	2.0	3.1	72%	55%	47%	36%	11%	20-26	14%	42%	4%
University of West Georgia*†	1.9	2.8	72%	41%	39%	34%	10%	860-1020	N/A	57%	4%
Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*	2.7	3.5	70%	50%	41%	44%	11%	20-25 ²	10%	73%	4%
Valdosta State University (GA)*†	1.9	3.0	69%	46%	36%	51%	4%	910-1080	N/A	50%	3%
Wayne State University (MI)*	2.5	3.3	76%	45%	35%	52%	8%	20-26	22%	80%	5%
Wichita State University (KS)*	2.4	3.3	72%	56%	43%	47%	11%	21-26 ⁶	20%	95%	7%
Wright State University (OH)*	2.2	3.2	63%	47%	40%	41%	15%	19-25	17%	96%	4%

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