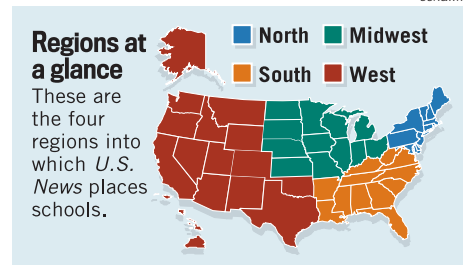


Best Universities— Master's (By Region)

What are the Universities–Master's? Like the National Universities, these institutions provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs. But they offer few, if any, doctoral programs. The 574 universities in this category are ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest, and West—because, in general, they tend to draw students heavily from surrounding states.



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1.	Villanova University (PA)	100	4.2	94%	86%	44%	5%	12/1	83%	1180-1370	88% ⁵	43%	19%
2.	Fairfield University (CT)	86	3.5	89%	80% ⁶	38%	1%	13/1	77%	1090-1270	70% ⁵	61%	21%
2.	Loyola College in Maryland	86	3.6	90%	83%	40%	0.4%	12/1	79%	1100-1290 ³	74% ⁵	64%	29%
2.	Providence College (RI)	86	3.6	92%	85%	47%	3%	12/1	91%	1100-1290 ²	83%	48%	25%
5.	College of New Jersey*	85	3.5	95%	83% ⁶	42%	1%	13/1	73%	1160-1370	93%	44%	8%
6.	Bentley College (MA)	84	3.4	94%	81% ⁶	24%	0%	12/1	80%	1120-1300	76%	39%	13%
7.	Ithaca College (NY)	81	3.6	87%	75%	60%	2%	11/1	87%	1070-1280	70%	69%	19%
8.	Rochester Inst. of Tech. (NY)	78	3.9	89%	59% ⁶	41%	8%	14/1	86%	1100-1300	62%	65%	8%
8.	St. Joseph's University (PA)	78	3.5	89%	76%	45%	1%	15/1	68%	1060-1230	54% ⁵	56%	18%
10.	University of Scranton (PA)	77	3.3	89%	80% ⁶	47%	0.4%	11/1	75%	1020-1210 ²	62%	70%	17%
11.	SUNY Col. Arts & Sci.—Geneseo* ⁷	75	3.6	91%	79% ⁶	25%	9%	19/1	90%	1220-1350 ³	89%	41%	14%
12.	Quinnipiac University (CT)	73	3.3	87%	70% ⁶	51%	0%	13/1	64%	1100-1240	60%	58%	22%
12.	Simmons College (MA)	73	3.1	85%	76% ⁶	60%	7%	12/1	68%	1010-1200	59%	59%	22%
14.	Alfred University (NY)	71	3.1	81%	65%	64% ⁴	2% ⁴	11/1	93%	1020-1230	55%	78%	23%
14.	Marist College (NY)	71	3.1	90%	76%	51%	0%	15/1	60%	1070-1240 ³	78%	49%	23%
16.	Emerson College (MA)	70	3.1	87%	70% ⁶	62%	3%	14/1	66%	1130-1310	78% ⁵	47%	15%
17.	Bryant University (RI)	68	3.0	85%	68%	22%	0%	16/1	76%	1040-1200	63%	44%	14%
18.	Hood College (MD)	67	3.0	83%	72% ⁶	61%	0%	12/1	61%	980-1200	57%	68%	28%
19.	La Salle University (PA)	65	3.1	85%	72% ⁶	50%	0%	13/1	82%	960-1200	50%	63%	17%
19.	Le Moyne College (NY)	65	3.0	87%	71%	40%	1%	13/1	73%	1010-1220	50%	70%	25%
19.	Manhattan College (NY)	65	3.0	84%	66% ⁶	47%	0%	12/1	70%	1030-1220 ³	52% ⁵	52%	25%
22.	Canisius College (NY)	63	3.0	83%	67% ⁶	49%	1%	12/1	67%	1000-1200 ³	52%	77%	20%
22.	McDaniel College† (MD)	63	2.8	83%	72% ⁶	68%	0.2%	14/1	69%	990-1210 ²	54%	73%	20%
22.	Wagner College (NY)	63	3.0	87%	63% ⁶	61%	0.2%	13/1	70%	1070-1270	66%	59%	16%
25.	Arcadia University (PA)	62	2.9	78%	62% ⁶	66%	1%	13/1	54%	970-1210	64%	79%	36%
25.	Rutgers, St. U. of N.J.—Camden* ⁶²	62	3.2	83%	57%	39%	7%	12/1	80%	990-1208	52%	53%	9%
27.	Nazareth Col. of Rochester (NY)	61	2.6	84%	73%	59%	0%	12/1	69%	1020-1220 ²	63%	76%	19%
28.	Assumption College (MA)	60	2.8	82%	72% ⁶	50%	0%	12/1	84%	980-1170	43%	74%	21%
28.	Rowan University (NJ)*	60	3.0	86%	63% ⁶	45%	0.1%	12/1	76%	1010-1210 ³	52%	46%	8%
30.	Col. of Notre Dame of Maryland	59	2.8	82%	66% ⁶	85%	0%	12/1	95%	910-1150 ³	45%	71%	20%
30.	Mount St. Mary's Univ. (MD)	59	2.9	82%	68% ⁶	39%	1%	13/1	81%	960-1160	45%	82%	24%
32.	Ramapo Col. of New Jersey‡*	58	2.7	88%	60% ⁶	39%	0%	17/1	71%	1070-1260 ³	71%	46%	12%
32.	Rider University (NJ)	58	2.9	79%	59% ⁶	48%	2%	13/1	72%	950-1140	41%	79%	12%
34.	King's College (PA)	57	2.8	79%	69%	60%	0%	16/1	81%	900-1110	37%	83%	22%
35.	CUNY—Baruch College*	56	3.2	88%	55% ⁶	29%	12%	19/1	75%	1000-1210	59%	31%	9%
35.	Manhattanville College (NY)	56	2.7	76%	59% ⁶	76%	0%	13/1	72%	1000-1230	47%	53%	19%
35.	Salve Regina University (RI)	56	2.7	81%	59% ⁶	58%	0%	14/1	74%	1010-1170	53%	55%	26%
38.	Iona College (NY)	55	2.8	80%	55%	38%	0%	15/1	72%	1050-1240	54% ⁵	60%	26%

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38.	Sacred Heart University (CT)	55	2.9	81%	60% ⁶	48%	0%	13/1	65%	980-1150	43%	62%	9%
38.	Salisbury University (MD)*	55	2.9	81%	68%	31%	4%	16/1	87%	1020-1190 ²	58%	55%	12%
38.	St. Bonaventure Univ. (NY)	55	2.9	81%	68% ⁶	61%	0%	14/1	87%	950-1140	41%	92%	24%
38.	SUNY Col. Arts & Sci.—New Paltz* ⁵⁵	3.0	3.0	84%	58% ⁶	46%	3%	13/1	70%	1030-1210	62% ⁵	45%	7%
43.	Gallaudet University ¹ (DC)	54	2.9	69% ³	28% ⁸	89% ⁴	0% ⁴	8/1 ⁴	100% ⁴	675-1070 ⁴	N/A	76% ⁴	15% ⁷
43.	Rosemont College† (PA)	54	2.3	84%	65% ⁶	91%	0%	8/1	49%	925-1195	46% ⁵	58%	23%
45.	Gannon University (PA)	53	2.7	82%	65%	54%	1%	14/1	81%	920-1120	44%	86%	15%
45.	Millersville U. of Pennsylvania*	53	2.9	81%	63%	23%	5%	18/1	88%	960-1150	43%	56%	9%
45.	Monmouth University (NJ)	53	2.9	76%	54% ⁶	42%	0%	14/1	72%	990-1150	32%	61%	9%
45.	Montclair State Univ. (NJ)*	53	3.0	82%	58%	24%	3%	17/1	68%	920-1110 ³	44%	54%	7%
45.	St. Joseph College (CT)	53	2.6	72% ³	58% ⁶	77%	1%	10/1	64%	910-1090	43% ⁴	73%	18%
45.	Towson University (MD)*	53	3.2	83%	59% ⁶	34%	1%	18/1	78%	970-1170 ³	54%	69%	7%
51.	Chatham University‡ (PA)	52	2.4	70%	54% ⁶	74%	2%	8/1	65%	920-1180 ²	51%	76%	33%
51.	CUNY—Hunter College*	52	3.3	81%	37% ⁶	41%	8%	15/1	69%	990-1180	49%	34%	13%
51.	CUNY—Queens College*	52	3.1	85%	51% ⁶	38%	7%	14/1	71%	915-1145 ³	34%	43%	19%
51.	Lesley University (MA)	52	2.6	76%	57% ⁶	76%	0.2%	10/1	58%	930-1148	49% ⁵	40%	10%
51.	SUNY—Fredonia*	52	2.8	85%	63%	42%	9%	16/1	79%	1040-1240	50%	54%	9%
51.	U. of Mass.—Dartmouth*	52	3.1	76%	50% ⁶	38%	8%	17/1	83%	960-1140	33%	67%	11%
57.	College of St. Elizabeth‡ (NJ)	51	2.5	82%	63% ⁶	80%	0.3%	11/1	59%	773-968 ³	34%	77%	26%
57.	DeSales University (PA)	51	2.6	84%	66% ⁶	43%	2%	15/1	80%	980-1180	45%	78%	14%
57.	Emmanuel College (MA)	51	2.5	82%	58% ⁶	63%	0%	15/1	55%	950-1150	42%	60%	31%
57.	Marywood University (PA)	51	2.5	79%	63% ⁶	61%	1%	13/1	69%	930-1120	45%	74%	17%
57.	Niagara University (NY)	51	2.8	79%	60% ⁶	43%	0.2%	14/1	70%	940-1140	42%	76%	17%
57.	Shippensburg U. of Pa.*	51	2.8	78%	62% ⁶	32%	1%	19/1	96%	910-1110	29%	70%	20%
57.	Springfield College (MA)	51	2.8	82%	65%	47%	2%	13/1	60%	920-1110	34%	66%	19%
57.	St. John Fisher College (NY)	51	2.6	84%	63%	41%	2%	14/1	74%	1010-1190	54%	62%	17%
57.	SUNY College—Oneonta*	51	2.9	79%	51% ⁶	42%	4%	17/1	78%	1030-1180	50% ⁵	43%	18%
57.	West Chester U. of Pa.*	51	2.8	84%	59%	25%	3%	17/1	88%	970-1150	66%	46%	9%
67.	College Misericordiae (PA)	50	2.3	82%	71%	62%	1%	12/1	63%	880-1120 ³	41%	78%	29%
67.	Richard Stockton Col. of N.J.†*	50	2.6	83%	64% ⁶	26%	2%	17/1	78%	990-1150 ³	52%	53%	5%
67.	Univ. of New England (ME)	50	2.7	71%	60%	41%	2%	10/1	81%	940-1130	47%	86%	20%
70.	Philadelphia University	49	2.7	73%	56% ⁶	64%	0.1%	14/1	52%	970-1150	38%	61%	9%
70.	Roberts Wesleyan College (NY)	49	2.5	82%	49% ⁶	69%	1%	11/1	69%	900-1180	50%	84%	43%
70.	SUNY College—Cortland*	49	2.6	80%	54% ⁶	51%	6%	17/1	79%	980-1130	45% ⁵	47%	36%
70.	Western New England Col. (MA)	49	2.5	75%	59% ⁶	46%	0%	15/1	80%	940-1140	33%	73%	11%
70.	Wilkes University (PA)	49	2.6	78%	57%	45%	5%	14/1	65%	930-1180	48%	73%	12%
75.	College of St. Rose (NY)	48	2.5	83%	66%	59%	0.1%	15/1	74%	970-1160 ³	46%	68%	22%
75.	Gwynedd-Mercy College (PA)	48	2.4	78%	76% ⁶	66%	2%	13/1	58%	920-1100	33%	60%	9%
75.	Norwich University ¹ (VT)	48	2.6	76% ³	49% ⁶	57% ⁴	0.4% ⁴	13/1 ⁴	73% ⁴	1010-1200 ⁴	34% ⁴	74% ⁴	15% ⁴
75.	St. Francis University (PA)	48	2.6	79%	59% ⁶	53%	3%	12/1	80%	910-1140	30%	89%	25%
75.	Wheelock College (MA)	48	2.5	72%	56%	60%	0%	9/1	61%	840-1100	30%	74%	20%
80.	Bloomsburg U. of Pennsylvania*	47	2.7	81%	62%	22%	7%	21/1	96%	920-1100	39%	60%	12%
80.	New York Inst. of Technology	47	2.6	71%	43% ⁶	65%	2%	14/1	62%	1020-1210 ³	48% ⁵	69%	16%
80.	Regis College (MA)	47	2.3	80%	63%	66%	0%	14/1	75%	780-1020	49%	82%	24%
80.	St. Joseph's College (ME)	47	2.5	79%	55% ⁶	57%	0%	15/1	78%	880-1060	45% ⁴	82%	8%
80.	SUNY College—Brockport*	47	2.7	82%	53% ⁶	42%	4%	18/1	77%	980-1170	51%	44%	8%
85.	CUNY—Brooklyn College*	46	3.0	79%	41%	38%	4%	16/1	71%	940-1140	45%	45%	4%
85.	CUNY—City College*	46	2.9	80%	32% ⁶	42%	2%	12/1	73%	850-1140 ³	32% ⁵	45%	18%
85.	Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. (NJ)	46	3.0	74%	43% ⁶	62%	2%	16/1	59%	900-1120	30% ⁴	63%	5%
85.	Mercyhurst College‡ (PA)	46	2.5	81%	63% ⁶	55%	0.4%	17/1	79%	960-1160	43%	79%	17%
85.	SUNY—Oswego*	46	2.8	77%	55% ⁶	40%	11%	18/1	84%	1040-1190 ³	50%	52%	12%

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1.	Rollins College (FL)	100	3.7	84%	64% ⁶	63%	0%	10/1	93%	1090-1260 ²	65% ⁵	55%	25%
2.	Elon University (NC)	95	3.8	88%	73%	45%	0.3%	14/1	89%	1130-1310	64%	42%	27%
2.	Stetson University (FL)	95	3.6	79%	65%	60%	0.4%	11/1	87%	1000-1230	82%	65%	22%
4.	James Madison Univ. (VA)*	92	3.9	92%	80%	31%	13%	16/1	89%	1050-1230	78%	63%	9%

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5.	The Citadel (SC)*	89	3.8	81%	69%	41%	4%	15/1	88%	1000-1200	32%	75%	36%
6.	Loyola University New Orleans	85	3.3	81% ⁸	64%	53%	2%	11/1	85%	23-28 ²	51% ⁵	58%	15%
7.	Mercer University (GA)	82	3.5	80%	51%	63%	3%	12/1	81%	1080-1270	72%	79%	11%
8.	College of Charleston (SC)*	79	3.7	83%	58% ⁶	34%	4%	13/1	81%	1130-1300 ³	66%	61%	28%
9.	U. of Mary Washington (VA)*	78	3.3	86%	75%	45%	1%	15/1	86%	1140-1310	74%	70%	26%
10.	Appalachian State Univ. (NC)*	76	3.5	85%	62% ⁶	39%	8%	17/1	86%	1040-1220	50%	69%	13%
11.	Belmont University (TN)	75	3.3	78%	60% ⁶	50%	0%	13/1	73%	23-28	66%	69%	11%
11.	Spring Hill College (AL)	75	3.1	81%	63%	55%	0%	12/1	79%	21-26	60%	53%	25%
13.	Embry Riddle Aeronaut. U. (FL)	72	3.3	76%	57%	25%	2%	16/1	89%	960-1210	49%	82%	2%
14.	Converse College (SC)	69	3.0	74%	55%	84%	0%	10/1	64%	980-1190	71%	47%	27%
14.	Murray State University (KY)*	69	3.1	76%	57%	53%	5%	16/1	86%	20-25	60%	63%	23%
14.	U. of N.C.-Wilmington*	69	3.2	85%	62%	30%	10%	18/1	85%	1060-1240	62%	62%	11%
17.	Christian Brothers Univ. (TN)	67	3.0	79%	63% ⁶	65%	0%	13/1	84%	22-27	67%	64%	12%
18.	Wheeling Jesuit Univ. (WV)	66	3.0	72%	58% ⁶	57%	0%	13/1	67%	20-25	49%	72%	19%
19.	Bellarmine University (KY)	65	2.8	82%	58% ⁶	57%	1%	13/1	72%	22-27	52%	62%	28%
20.	Mississippi College	62	3.0	73%	65% ⁶	53%	1%	15/1	72%	20-26	59%	54%	8%
20.	Union University (TN)	62	2.7	76%	58% ⁶	69%	1%	12/1	81%	21-27	67%	83%	14%
22.	University of Tampa (FL)	61	3.1	74%	53% ⁶	50%	1%	15/1	76%	960-1150	51% ⁵	56%	17%
23.	Mary Baldwin College (VA)	60	3.1	64%	48% ⁶	63%	0%	10/1	79%	920-1130	43%	77%	26%
23.	Queens Univ. of Charlotte (NC)	60	2.9	75%	59% ⁶	64%	1%	14/1	84%	930-1140	37%	78%	25%
25.	Hampton University (VA)	59	2.9	85%	53% ⁸	51%	5%	16/1	91%	945-1158	45%	37%	15%
25.	Harding University (AR)	59	3.0	80%	60% ⁶	45%	12%	17/1	81%	20-27	49%	60%	16%
25.	Lipscomb University (TN)	59	2.8	75%	54%	54%	5%	15/1	68%	21-27 ³	47%	74%	18%
25.	Tennessee Technological U.*	59	3.1	73%	45% ⁶	50%	6%	18/1	87%	20-25	52%	92%	12%
25.	Winthrop University (SC)*	59	3.2	75%	58% ⁶	35%	3%	15/1	75%	950-1140 ³	43%	70%	17%
30.	Mississippi Univ. for Women*	58	3.3	70%	43%	56%	2%	13/1	86%	19-24	61%	49%	15%
31.	Longwood University (VA)*	57	2.8	77%	62% ⁸	38%	4%	20/1	95%	980-1150 ³	35%	67%	21%
32.	Freed-Hardeman Univ. (TN)	54	2.6	77%	53% ⁶	55%	3%	13/1	90%	20-26	51%	99%	16%
32.	Western Kentucky University*	54	3.2	73%	46% ⁶	40%	6%	18/1	85%	18-24	39%	91%	17%
34.	Campbell University (NC)	53	2.9	82% ⁸	54% ⁶	57%	11%	14/1	79%	1005-1250 ⁴	80%	60%	N/A
34.	U. of Tennessee-Chattanooga*	53	3.1	66%	47% ⁶	49%	2%	15/1	78%	19-24 ³	41%	83%	5%
36.	Marshall University (WV)*	52	3.3	73%	42%	42%	4%	19/1	83%	20-25 ³	N/A	81%	8%
36.	Xavier University of Louisiana	52	3.1	71%	52% ⁶	35%	22%	17/1	97%	18-23	33%	62%	13%
38.	Brenau University (GA)	51	2.6	72%	45% ⁶	71%	0%	10/1	80%	900-1100	N/A	43%	14%
38.	Georgia College and State U.*	51	3.1	81%	39%	38%	3%	17/1	86%	1030-1200	56%	56%	8%
38.	Radford University (VA)*	51	3.1	77%	55%	34%	6%	19/1	85%	900-1080	23%	78%	13%
41.	Shenandoah University (VA)	50	2.7	71%	45% ⁶	83%	1%	8/1	78%	860-1110 ³	38%	69%	11%
41.	Western Carolina Univ. (NC)*	50	3.0	72%	47%	37%	0.2%	14/1	85%	910-1110	28%	77%	7%
43.	Lynchburg College (VA)	48	2.6	71%	55%	47%	0%	12/1	87%	920-1130	35%	69%	18%
43.	University of North Florida*	48	2.9	77%	48%	22%	11%	23/1	86%	20-23	49%	68%	8%
45.	Columbia College‡ (SC)	46	2.6	65%	50%	56%	0%	12/1	72%	880-1100	54%	82%	23%
45.	Marymount University (VA)	46	2.9	71%	51% ⁶	44%	1%	13/1	68%	890-1100	33% ⁵	78%	8%
45.	Thomas More College‡ (KY)	46	2.6	66%	53% ⁶	82%	0%	13/1	79%	18-25	9%	71%	20%
48.	Jacksonville University (FL)	45	2.6	67%	44% ⁶	65%	2%	14/1	81%	880-1120	40%	51%	12%
48.	Middle Tennessee State U.‡*	45	3.1	76% ⁸	40% ⁶	39%	5%	23/1	89%	19-24 ³	29%	62%	6%
50.	North Georgia Col. and State U.*	44	3.0	76%	48%	28%	5%	16/1	79%	988-1160	57%	66%	6%
50.	University of Montevallo (AL)*	44	3.0	73%	43%	44%	1%	16/1	84%	18-23	N/A	72%	11%
50.	Univ. of Tennessee-Martin*	44	2.9	71%	41% ⁶	49%	7%	18/1	80%	19-24	50%	82%	6%
53.	Morehead State Univ. (KY)*	43	2.8	65%	42%	58%	2%	16/1	89%	17-24 ³	41%	69%	7%
53.	University of South Alabama‡*	43	3.0	71%	35%	N/A	N/A	N/A	82%	19-24 ³	N/A	93%	2% ⁷
55.	Gardner-Webb University (NC)	42	2.7	68%	46%	69%	0%	16/1	65%	870-1120 ²	42%	69%	7%
56.	Lee University‡ (TN)	40	2.5	72%	45% ⁶	48%	6%	17/1	75%	20-27	46%	67%	23%
56.	University of Central Arkansas*	40	2.7	71%	43% ⁶	43%	2%	19/1	92%	20-27 ³	50%	54%	9%
56.	University of Mobile (AL)	40	2.7	68%	44% ⁶	72%	1%	14/1	83%	22-30 ²	41% ⁵	65%	6%
56.	University of North Alabama*	40	3.0	68%	38% ⁶	46%	5%	19/1	85%	18-24	44%	84%	4%
60.	Eastern Kentucky University*	39	2.9	65%	36% ⁶	53%	3%	17/1	82%	18-23 ³	N/A	65%	10%
60.	Henderson State Univ. (AR)*	39	2.7	60%	31% ⁶	63%	1%	15/1	88%	20-25	46%	60%	8%

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1.	Creighton University (NE)	100	4.1	88%	73%	43%	5%	12/1	90%	24-29	70%	89%	27%
2.	Xavier University (OH)	93	3.8	89%	78% ⁶	50%	2%	13/1	75%	23-29	63%	72%	27%
3.	Valparaiso University (IN)	89	3.9	84%	74%	50%	4%	12/1	86%	22-28	67%	89%	23%
4.	Butler University (IN)	86	3.7	88%	70%	55%	4%	12/1	84%	1070-1280	78%	74%	24%
4.	Drake University (IA)	86	3.9	86%	71% ⁶	49%	9%	14/1	83%	23-28	68%	80%	15%
6.	Bradley University (IL)	83	3.7	88%	72%	49%	4%	14/1	83%	23-28	63%	83%	18%
7.	John Carroll University (OH)	81	3.6	85%	75%	41%	0.3%	14/1	80%	21-25	55%	82%	15%
8.	Truman State Univ. (MO)*	76	3.6	86%	66%	35%	4%	16/1	98%	25-30	83%	81%	13%
9.	Hamline University (MN)	72	3.5	82%	67%	55%	5%	13/1	65%	21-27	45%	76%	20%
10.	Drury University (MO)	71	3.1	81%	61% ⁶	63%	1%	12/1	89%	22-28	63%	77%	22%
10.	University of Evansville (IN)	71	3.4	80%	61% ⁶	58%	2%	13/1	91%	1010-1250	71%	90%	16%
12.	Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)	69	3.2	83%	68%	51%	0%	15/1	69%	21-26	55%	80%	15%
13.	Elmhurst College‡ (IL)	66	3.0	82%	73% ⁶	60%	0.2%	14/1	65%	22-26	50%	72%	13%
14.	College of St. Catherine (MN)	65	3.1	80%	59%	72%	2%	11/1	78%	22-26	69%	81%	22%
15.	Otterbein College‡ (OH)	64	3.1	80%	63%	66%	3%	13/1	81%	20-26	55%	76%	16%
16.	University of Northern Iowa*	63	3.2	81%	65%	33%	7%	16/1	91%	21-26	47%	78%	13%
17.	Capital University (OH)	62	2.7	78%	60% ⁶	71%	1%	11/1	78%	21-26	56%	77%	20%
17.	Rockhurst University (MO)	62	3.0	83%	65% ⁶	41%	3%	11/1	79%	22-27	55%	75%	11%
19.	North Central College (IL)	61	3.1	77%	63%	43%	0.3%	15/1	75%	22-27	N/A	69%	26%
20.	Bethel University (MN)	60	2.7	86%	72% ⁶	53%	4%	13/1	82%	21-27	54%	85%	19%
21.	Dominican University (IL)	59	2.8	82%	64%	64%	0%	12/1	62%	20-25	49%	84%	25%
22.	Univ. of Wisconsin—La Crosse*	58	3.0	87%	62% ⁶	37%	9%	24/1	91%	23-26 ³	81%	64%	13%
23.	Col. of St. Scholastica (MN)	57	2.8	81%	65% ⁶	54%	4%	13/1	78%	20-26	58%	88%	21%
23.	Univ. of Michigan—Dearborn*	57	3.0	81%	51% ⁶	46%	6%	16/1	82%	21-26	63%	72%	8%
25.	University of Detroit Mercy	56	2.9	75%	53% ⁶	57%	4%	13/1	71%	19-25	59%	65%	10%
26.	Franciscan U. of Steubenville (OH)	55	2.5	85%	70%	44%	3%	15/1	81%	1060-1290	57%	80%	19%
26.	Univ. of Wisconsin—Eau Claire*	55	3.1	81%	58%	29%	12%	19/1	92%	22-26	55%	69%	17%
26.	Webster University (MO)	55	2.8	79%	56% ⁶	86%	0%	15/1	52%	22-27	52%	57%	4%
29.	Augsburg College (MN)	54	3.1	81%	55% ⁶	69%	1%	15/1	72%	20-25	34%	71%	15%
29.	Maryville U. of St. Louis (MO)	54	2.6	78%	61% ⁶	72%	0%	12/1	55%	21-27	52%	70%	9%
31.	Indiana Wesleyan University	53	2.7	81%	66% ⁶	58%	5%	15/1	77%	980-1200	59%	77%	19%
31.	Muskingum College‡ (OH)	53	2.7	72%	63%	63%	0%	15/1	89%	19-24 ³	45%	79%	26%
33.	Heidelberg College (OH)	52	2.8	68%	59% ⁶	61%	1%	14/1	61%	19-24	36%	72%	26%
33.	University of Indianapolis	52	3.0	76%	53% ⁶	65%	0.2%	12/1	67%	910-1120	50%	82%	15%
33.	Washburn University (KS)*	52	3.0	67%	62% ⁶	44%	2%	16/1	74%	19-25	32%	98%	14%
36.	Alverno College‡ (WI)	50	3.3	73%	44% ⁶	63%	0%	13/1	73%	17-22	33%	59%	20%
37.	Ashland University (OH)	49	2.7	73%	58% ⁶	62%	0.3%	16/1	64%	19-25	46%	71%	14%
37.	Benedictine University (IL)	49	2.8	76% ⁸	52% ⁸	63%	0.3%	13/1	38%	20-25 ³	41%	85%	14%
37.	St. Xavier University (IL)	49	2.9	77%	55% ⁶	41%	1%	15/1	73%	20-24	42%	73%	10%
40.	Col. of Mount St. Joseph (OH)	48	2.6	75%	66% ⁶	58%	0.3%	11/1	74%	19-23	33%	71%	22%
40.	Lawrence Technological U. (MI)	48	2.6	71%	47% ⁶	74%	1%	12/1	54%	20-26	53%	66%	8%
40.	University of St. Francis (IL)	48	2.5	76%	57% ⁶	69%	0%	13/1	63%	20-25	44%	71%	8%
40.	U. of Wisconsin—Stevens Point*	48	2.9	78%	58% ⁶	30%	15%	22/1	93%	20-25	46%	79%	11%
44.	Columbia College‡ (MO)	47	2.4	64%	42% ⁶	71%	0%	12/1	86%	20-25	40%	60%	3%
44.	Grand Valley State Univ. (MI)*	47	2.9	81%	51%	24%	8%	18/1	85%	22-26	55%	70%	9%
46.	Anderson University (IN)	46	2.7	76%	56% ⁶	56%	2%	13/1	85%	920-1160	46%	91%	16%
46.	Carroll College‡ (WI)	46	2.9	77%	60%	44%	4%	18/1	66%	20-25 ³	51%	74%	19%
46.	Southern Ill. —Edwardsville*	46	3.0	75%	45%	35%	13%	17/1	88%	20-25	44%	75%	6%
46.	St. Ambrose University (IA)	46	2.7	78%	61% ⁶	60%	0%	12/1	77%	19-24 ²	35%	84%	15%
50.	Aquinas College (MI)	45	2.8	75%	51%	60%	1%	14/1	72%	20-25	44%	81%	18%
50.	Univ. of Minnesota—Duluth*	45	3.0	75%	48%	28%	17%	21/1	89%	20-25	40%	76%	7%
52.	Missouri State Univ.*	44	2.7	74%	50%	47%	7%	19/1	87%	21-27	49%	77%	10%
52.	North Park University (IL)	44	2.6	72%	54% ⁶	52%	3%	11/1	67%	19-25 ³	38%	70%	28%
52.	U. of Wisconsin—Whitewater*	44	2.9	76%	52% ⁸	35%	5%	22/1	92%	20-24 ²	32%	76%	13%
52.	Winona State University (MN)*	44	2.9	73%	53% ⁶	33%	6%	21/1	88%	21-24	34%	79%	13%
56.	Benedictine College (KS)	43	2.7	76%	50% ⁶	87%	0%	15/1	80%	20-26 ³	29%	74%	23%
56.	Eastern Illinois University*	43	2.6	79%	61%	30%	5%	16/1	92%	19-24	28%	73%	10%
56.	Lewis University (IL)	43	2.5	79%	52% ⁶	68%	0.3%	12/1	62%	20-24	35%	68%	6%
56.	Malone College (OH)	43	2.4	75%	56%	55%	3%	14/1	76%	20-25	51%	80%	22%

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60.	University of Central Missouri*	42	2.7	69%	50% ⁶	48%	3%	17/1	90%	20-24	36%	84%	7%
60.	Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney*	42	2.8	83%	52% ⁶	35%	7%	16/1	93%	20-25	38%	83%	7%
60.	Univ. of Wisconsin-River Falls*	42	2.7	78%	57% ⁶	46%	4%	20/1	82%	19-24	35%	81%	15%
60.	Western Illinois University*	42	2.8	77%	55%	31%	8%	16/1	96%	18-23	20%	70%	10%
64.	Olivet Nazarene University (IL)	41	2.4	81%	56% ⁶	40%	11%	18/1	89%	20-28 ³	55%	65%	18%
65.	Concordia Univ. Wisconsin	40	2.5	78%	64%	49%	2%	14/1	71%	19-26	37%	70%	7%
65.	Edgewood College (WI)	40	2.6	74% ⁸	49% ⁶	78%	1%	13/1	64%	19-25 ³	34%	79%	8% ⁷
65.	Southeast Missouri State U.*	40	2.7	70%	49% ⁶	42%	1%	18/1	87%	19-25	39%	69%	7%
65.	University of Findlay (OH)	40	2.6	74%	53% ⁶	56%	3%	18/1	80%	20-25 ³	54%	72%	9%
69.	Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha*	39	3.0	74%	38% ⁶	37%	13%	17/1	80%	20-25	35%	86%	6%
69.	Univ. of Wisconsin-Platteville*	39	2.6	78%	50% ⁶	33%	6%	20/1	91%	19-25 ³	35%	84%	22%

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1.	Trinity University (TX)	100	4.2	89%	76%	54%	2%	10/1	90%	1190-1370 ³	79%	61%	22%
2.	Santa Clara University (CA)	95	4.0	93%	85%	35%	3%	12/1	84%	1110-1320	72% ⁵	66%	20%
3.	Gonzaga University (WA)	83	3.7	91%	78% ⁶	43%	2%	12/1	77%	1080-1300	79%	67%	27%
4.	Loyola Marymount Univ. (CA)	78	3.6	90%	75% ⁶	46%	1%	13/1	75%	1060-1260	62% ⁵	54%	16%
5.	University of Portland (OR)	73	3.6	85%	69%	36%	1%	12/1	84%	1070-1280	81%	65%	18%
6.	Mills College‡ (CA)	72	3.2	75%	68% ⁶	76%	2%	11/1	73%	970-1230	66%	77%	26%
6.	Seattle University	72	3.5	84%	66%	53%	2%	13/1	86%	1050-1270	64%	65%	15%
6.	University of Redlands (CA)	72	3.2	85%	64%	72%	0.4%	10/1	71%	1080-1260	67%	65%	20%
9.	Whitworth College (WA)	70	3.3	87%	71% ⁶	57%	3%	12/1	67%	1080-1310	74%	63%	21%
10.	Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo*	69	3.8	90%	68% ⁶	18%	12%	20/1	82%	1080-1290 ³	76%	47%	11%
11.	St. Mary's College of California	65	3.0	87%	67% ⁶	52%	0.2%	11/1	64%	960-1190 ³	73% ⁴	70%	14%
12.	Chapman University (CA)	64	3.0	86%	63% ⁶	37%	1%	15/1	77%	1098-1326 ³	96% ⁴	53%	18%
13.	Pacific Lutheran Univ. (WA)	62	3.2	82%	66% ⁶	44%	3%	15/1	94%	970-1220	68% ⁵	74%	11%
14.	Seattle Pacific University	61	3.2	84%	64% ⁶	52%	4%	14/1	75%	1050-1280 ³	65% ⁵	80%	13%
15.	University of Dallas†	60	3.0	82%	67%	49%	1%	11/1	76%	1100-1340	71%	85%	20%
16.	St. Mary's U. of San Antonio	58	3.1	79%	59%	42%	1%	13/1	80%	943-1140	64%	73%	12%
17.	Abilene Christian Univ. (TX)	53	3.2	75%	55% ⁶	44%	9%	16/1	81%	970-1250	47%	52%	17%
17.	Western Washington Univ.*	53	3.1	84%	64%	54%	11%	19/1	90%	1010-1220	61%	74%	9%
19.	N.M. Inst. of Mining & Tech.‡*	52	2.7	70%	44% ⁶	60%	4%	12/1	93%	23-29	67%	61%	N/A
20.	California Lutheran University	51	2.7	81%	63%	68%	0.4%	15/1	73%	990-1190	55% ⁵	66%	19%
20.	Mount St. Mary's College (CA)	51	2.9	75%	66% ⁶	65%	1%	19/1	48%	900-1090	64% ⁴	86%	23%
20.	St. Edward's University (TX)	51	3.1	83%	53% ⁶	45%	0%	15/1	62%	1020-1230	52%	64%	12%
23.	Oklahoma City University	49	2.7	75%	53%	68%	1%	12/1	77%	22-27	65%	81%	7%
23.	Point Loma Nazarene U. (CA)	49	2.6	84%	60% ⁶	50%	2%	15/1	65%	1020-1240	69%	65%	15%
23.	Westminster College (UT)	49	2.7	76%	58% ⁶	67%	0%	11/1	74%	21-26	53%	79%	11%
26.	Regis University (CO)	48	2.8	83%	58% ⁶	84%	1%	13/1	39%	21-26	57%	83%	13%
27.	Evergreen State College‡ (WA)*	47	3.3	71%	54%	43%	10%	23/1	87%	990-1240 ³	31% ⁵	95%	9%
28.	Calif. State U.-Long Beach*	46	3.1	86%	47% ⁶	28%	10%	20/1	72%	900-1130	84%	52%	14%
28.	University of St. Thomas (TX)	46	2.9	68%	51% ⁶	56%	0%	13/1	73%	1020-1250	51%	90%	11%
30.	LeTourneau University (TX)	43	2.5	70%	53% ⁶	80%	1%	16/1	44%	1030-1320	59%	73%	16%
31.	Calif. State Poly. U.-Pomona*	42	3.4	82%	46% ⁶	42%	5%	23/1	77%	880-1130	N/A	72%	6%
31.	California State Univ.-Chico*	42	2.9	82%	52% ⁶	35%	9%	21/1	79%	910-1140	76% ⁵	90%	6%
33.	College of Santa Fe ¹ (NM)	41	2.7	71% ⁸	42% ⁶	88% ⁴	0.4% ⁴	7/1 ⁴	53% ⁴	18-25 ⁴	30% ⁴	73% ⁴	7% ⁴
34.	Hardin-Simmons Univ. (TX)	40	2.8	67%	49%	59%	1%	15/1	88%	19-24	45%	55%	10%
34.	San Jose State University (CA)*	40	3.4	81%	40% ⁶	26%	13%	21/1	68%	860-1110	N/A	65%	5%
36.	Sonoma State University (CA)*	39	2.9	79%	49% ⁶	45%	8%	22/1	73%	900-1110	N/A	69%	1%
37.	California State U.-Fullerton*	38	3.1	80%	49%	26%	8%	22/1	65%	870-1090	49%	61%	3%
37.	U. of Colo.-Colorado Springs*	38	3.1	67%	39% ⁶	38%	15%	18/1	60%	20-25	41%	65%	4%
39.	Fresno Pacific University (CA)	36	2.3	77%	60% ⁶	68%	7%	16/1	62%	850-1140	58%	68%	15%
39.	Northwest Nazarene Univ. (ID)	36	2.4	71%	50%	63%	6%	13/1	99%	19-25	51%	54%	19%

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39.	Walla Walla College (WA)	36	2.5	71%	49% ⁶	61% ⁴	2% ⁴	13/1	83%	20-26 ³	33%	94%	32%
42.	Dominican Univ. of California	34	2.4	76%	52% ⁶	68%	0%	11/1	49%	890-1100 ³	52% ⁴	52%	17%
43.	California State U.–Stanislaus*	33	2.7	81%	48% ⁶	41%	9%	19/1	80%	840-1070 ²	N/A	64%	4%
43.	Central Washington Univ.*	33	2.9	79%	51%	32%	6%	21/1	87%	880-1100	30% ⁵	75%	6%
43.	Eastern Washington Univ.*	33	2.8	76%	46% ⁶	38%	10%	20/1	83%	980	N/A	82%	12%
43.	Notre Dame de Namur U. (CA)	33	2.4	74%	51% ⁶	71%	0%	12/1	61%	880-1070	41% ⁵	97%	13%
43.	Texas State U.–San Marcos*	33	2.8	76%	50%	16%	21%	21/1	75%	980-1160	52%	73%	11%
48.	Boise State University (ID)*	32	3.1	62%	26%	49%	6%	18/1	80%	19-24	32%	90%	9%
48.	California Baptist University	32	2.4	85%	54% ⁶	53%	6%	19/1	69%	910-1110 ³	49%	69%	5%
48.	Houston Baptist University	32	2.4	72%	52%	61%	1%	14/1	86%	950-1200	36%	60%	3%
48.	Humboldt State Univ. (CA)*	32	2.7	74%	43% ⁶	38%	6%	18/1	77%	890-1140 ⁹	36% ⁴	80%	4% ⁷
48.	San Francisco State Univ.*	32	3.3	79%	40% ⁸	23%	21%	22/1	74%	880-1120 ⁹	N/A	66%	1% ⁷
48.	U. of Mary Hardin-Baylor (TX)	32	2.8	63%	40% ⁶	57%	1%	15/1	84%	950-1160	45%	71%	7%
54.	Alaska Pacific University	31	2.4	62%	33%	95%	0%	8/1	70%	920-1220	50%	93%	6%
54.	California State Univ.–Fresno*	31	2.9	84% ⁸	46% ⁶	32%	9%	22/1	77%	800-1060 ³	N/A	69%	2% ⁷
54.	Our Lady of the Lake U. (TX)	31	2.4	61%	37% ⁶	73%	0.3%	13/1	70%	830-1000 ³	51%	55%	13%
54.	Southern Nazarene Univ. (OK)	31	2.4	70%	47% ⁶	61%	3%	14/1	65%	19-25 ²	57%	100%	9%
58.	California State U.–East Bay*	30	2.4	81%	43% ⁶	72%	0.2%	22/1	71%	770-1040 ²	N/A	68%	2%
58.	Dallas Baptist University	30	2.5	69%	50%	58%	3%	17/1	47%	958-1169 ³	40%	55%	N/A
58.	Oklahoma Christian U. [‡]	30	2.4	71%	42% ⁶	53%	6%	15/1	75%	20-27 ³	49%	79%	14%
58.	St. Martin's University (WA)	30	2.5	75%	43% ⁶	69%	0%	10/1	68%	850-1110	43%	82%	7%

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THIRD TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 90 THROUGH A TIE AT 133 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Bridgewater State College (MA)*	2.5	76%	49%	42%	1%	20/1	75%	920-1110	32%	71%	10%
Cabrini College (PA)	2.3	73%	57%	49%	0%	16/1	53%	880-1050	22%	87%	15%
Caldwell College† (NJ)	2.3	69%	50%	79%	0%	12/1	68%	850-1070	18%	66%	19%
Carlow University (PA)	2.3	66%	51% ⁶	83%	1%	13/1	61%	890-1100	41%	67%	21%
Central Connecticut State Univ.*	2.6	78%	41% ⁶	41%	1%	19/1	73%	940-1120 ³	26%	60%	6%
Chestnut Hill College (PA)	2.4	67%	53% ⁶	89%	0%	10/1	52%	870-1080	30% ⁴	66%	23%
Clarion U. of Pennsylvania*	2.4	74%	52% ⁶	23%	10%	20/1	95%	840-1050	27%	73%	14%
College of Mount St. Vincent (NY)	2.4	78%	52%	37%	0.4%	13/1	72%	850-1030 ³	35%	68%	26%
Eastern Connecticut State Univ.*	2.5	76%	43% ⁶	26%	0.4%	16/1	72%	920-1100	25%	65%	3%
Eastern University (PA)	2.3	80%	61%	70% ⁴	1% ⁴	10/1	58%	940-1160	43%	77%	8%
East Stroudsburg Univ. of Pa.*	2.6	77%	50% ⁶	23%	3%	19/1	92%	880-1060	24%	64%	13%
Edinboro Univ. of Pennsylvania*	2.6	71%	49% ⁶	37%	5%	18/1	97%	820-1050 ²	21%	84%	11%
Fitchburg State College (MA)*	2.4	76%	50% ⁶	48%	0%	16/1	86%	900-1090	N/A	68%	6%
Framingham State College (MA)*	2.5	73%	45%	45%	1%	15/1	89%	950-1130 ³	33%	60%	11%
Frostburg State University (MD)*	2.6	72%	49%	46%	2%	16/1	87%	860-1070	27% ⁵	70%	13%
Georgian Court University (NJ)	2.4	78%	57%	74%	0%	14/1	63%	790-990	27%	76%	19%
Holy Family University (PA)	2.3	80%	75% ⁶	72%	0%	14/1	51%	860-1010	39%	68%	8%
Johnson and Wales University (RI)	2.9	71% ⁸	51% ⁶	34%	0.1%	27/1	88%	800-1040 ⁹	16% ⁴	81%	N/A
Kean University (NJ)*	2.7	76%	45%	43%	0.1%	15/1	56%	840-1040	22%	65%	7%
Keene State College (NH)*	2.7	77%	54% ⁶	58%	5%	18/1	71%	900-1080	23%	75%	11%
La Roche College (PA)	2.2	71%	62% ⁶	75%	0%	12/1	60%	830-1060	27%	79%	6%
Lock Haven U. of Pennsylvania*	2.6	71%	51% ⁶	31%	4%	20/1	97%	840-1030	25%	71%	14%
Mansfield Univ. of Pennsylvania*	2.4	68%	49% ⁶	35%	8%	16/1	88%	870-1080	32%	64%	15%
Molloy College (NY)	2.2	82%	61%	69%	0%	11/1	66%	930-1170	48%	61%	10%
Mount St. Mary College (NY)	2.3	71%	55%	43%	1%	17/1	61%	880-1060	27%	82%	15%
Philadelphia Biblical University [†]	2.1	77% ⁸	53% ⁶	54%	3%	12/1	69%	920-1180	50%	94%	19%
Plymouth State University (NH)*	2.5	76%	49%	52%	2%	19/1	69%	850-1050	15%	72%	10%
Rhode Island College*	2.8	77%	44%	42%	2%	16/1	73%	860-1080 ³	33%	71%	10%
Robert Morris University (PA)	2.6	76%	55% ⁶	47%	0%	16/1	72%	870-1090	29%	78%	10%
Slippery Rock U. of Pennsylvania*	2.7	77%	51%	19%	8%	20/1	97%	910-1090	33%	71%	13%

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THIRD TIER (CONTINUED) (SCHOOLS RANKED 90 THROUGH A TIE AT 133 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Southern New Hampshire University [†]	2.4	72%	58% ⁶	52%	0%	17/1	60%	880-1060	24%	69%	6%
St. Peter's College (NJ)	2.6	72%	46% ⁶	67% ⁴	0% ⁴	16/1	64%	840-1040	37%	54%	14% ⁴
Suffolk University (MA)	2.8	73%	52% ⁶	41%	0.1%	13/1	67%	890-1100	29%	83%	8%
SUNY–Buffalo State College*	2.7	75%	41% ⁶	50%	8%	16/1	79%	900-1090	31%	46%	2%
SUNY College–Potsdam*	2.6	76%	45% ⁶	59%	3%	14/1	88%	950-1170	35%	71%	15%
SUNY Institute of Technology–Utica/Rome [†] *	2.3	76% ⁸	N/A	57%	1%	17/1	79%	928-1278 ³	45%	40%	8%
SUNY–Plattsburgh*	2.6	77%	55%	46%	6%	17/1	78%	970-1140 ³	34%	54%	11%
Touro College (NY)	1.9	81%	53%	80%	0.3%	11/1	63%	1030-1270 ²	90%	73%	9%
University of New Haven (CT)	2.4	75%	42%	45%	2%	15/1	65%	900-1140	38%	73%	11%
University of Southern Maine*	2.8	68%	32% ⁶	59%	3%	16/1	77%	880-1090	32%	78%	8%
Utica College [‡] (NY)	2.5	69%	54%	75%	0.3%	17/1	69%	850-1070 ⁹	30%	77%	12%
Waynesburg College (PA)	2.4	75%	52% ⁶	63%	0.2%	15/1	69%	860-1070 ⁴	42%	88%	14%
William Paterson Univ. of N.J.*	2.5	77%	49% ⁶	50%	1%	16/1	62%	850-1050	25%	75%	7%

FOURTH TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 137 THROUGH 174 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Alvernia College [‡] (PA)	2.4	76%	50% ⁶	63%	0.2%	13/1	57%	817-1030	22%	80%	10%
American International College (MA)	2.2	58%	42% ⁶	64%	2%	15/1	67%	830-1130	25%	81%	9%
Anna Maria College (MA)	1.9	64%	55% ⁶	74%	0%	10/1	46%	770-950	15% ⁴	87%	11%
Bowie State University (MD)*	2.3	72% ⁸	33% ⁶	35%	0%	17/1 ⁴	81%	985-1189 ³	N/A	44%	5% ⁴
California U. of Pennsylvania*	2.5	76%	47% ⁶	28%	11%	19/1	90%	920-1076	28%	68%	6%
Castleton State College (VT)*	2.4	70%	42% ⁶	70%	1%	14/1	71%	870-1060	15%	75%	14%
Centenary College [‡] (NJ)	2.1	73%	41% ⁶	59%	0%	16/1	42%	820-1000	28%	77%	18%
Cheyney U. of Pennsylvania*	1.9	59% ⁸	31%	30%	4%	15/1	94%	787 ⁴	N/A	56% ⁴	4% ⁷
College of New Rochelle ¹ (NY)	2.4	N/A	35% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	14% ⁷
College of St. Joseph (VT)	2.2	65%	31% ⁶	95%	0%	11/1	44%	800-1020 ³	29% ⁴	67%	10%
Coppin State University (MD)*	2.3	65%	22% ⁶	31% ⁴	3% ⁴	18/1	76%	770-920	N/A	46%	7%
CUNY–College of Staten Island*	2.6	81%	46% ⁶	29%	3%	18/1	65%	870-1070 ²	N/A	99%	1%
CUNY–John Jay College of Criminal Justice [†] *	3.2	75%	36%	17%	0.1%	21/1	63%	820-1020	N/A	82%	N/A
CUNY–Lehman College*	2.7	73% ⁸	33% ⁶	37%	1%	15/1	69%	810-1000 ³	N/A	35%	3%
Daemen College [‡] (NY)	2.1	71%	43%	72%	0.2%	13/1	58%	960-1140 ³	51%	72%	10%
Delaware State University*	2.4	66%	35%	52%	4%	22/1	76%	740-920	17%	64%	2%
Dominican College of Blauvelt [‡] (NY)	2.0	66%	47% ⁶	70%	0%	14/1	59%	805-990	N/A	82%	N/A
Dowling College (NY)	2.0	67%	41% ⁶	69%	4%	18/1	55%	820-1040 ²	20%	74%	7%
D'Youville College [‡] (NY)	2.1	71%	52% ⁶	62%	1%	N/A	N/A	870-1080 ⁹	8%	52%	N/A
Husson College (ME)	2.0	69%	49% ⁶	47%	2%	18/1	98%	860-980	21%	89%	5%
Johnson State College ¹ (VT)*	2.3	N/A	35% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kutztown Univ. of Pennsylvania*	2.6	77%	50%	13%	10%	19/1	97%	890-1080	25%	64%	12%
Lincoln University (PA)*	2.0	64%	41%	37%	0.2%	17/1	74%	710-900 ³	21%	41%	7%
Medaille College [‡] (NY)	2.1	67%	30% ⁶	61%	0.3%	14/1	49%	850-1040	40%	73%	4%
Mercy College (NY)	2.1	56% ⁸	21% ⁶	N/A	N/A	9/1	49%	870 ⁹	N/A	42% ⁴	N/A
Metropolitan College of New York ¹ [†] (NY)	2.0	N/A	52% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neumann College [‡] (PA)	2.3	73%	52% ⁶	41%	1%	15/1	59%	800-980	50%	94%	15%
New Jersey City University*	2.1	74%	37% ⁶	48%	1%	14/1	66%	820-1000	24%	49%	5%
Nyack College ¹ (NY)	2.2	65% ⁸	39% ⁸	76% ⁴	1% ⁴	11/1 ⁴	66% ⁴	17-23 ⁴	24% ⁴	93% ⁴	N/A
Point Park University (PA)	2.3	71%	41% ⁶	75%	0.3%	14/1	48%	890-1120	35%	78%	7%
Rivier College (NH)	2.1	74%	57% ⁶	47%	2%	12/1	67%	840-1060 ⁹	40% ⁴	77%	15%
Sage Colleges [‡] (NY)	2.8	62%	N/A	60%	0%	15/1	79%	870-1070 ⁹	33%	63%	N/A
Salem State College (MA)*	2.4	74%	40%	55%	0.2%	16/1	71%	840-1060	N/A	84%	10%
Southeastern University ¹ (DC)	1.8	N/A	7% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Southern Connecticut State Univ.*	2.4	74%	35%	29%	1%	17/1	67%	840-1030	25%	50%	7%
St. Thomas Aquinas College (NY)	2.3	72%	51%	49%	1%	16/1	69%	820-1020	N/A	82%	10%
Trinity University ¹ (DC)	2.8	68% ⁸	45% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
University of Baltimore [†] (MD)*	2.8	N/A	N/A	35%	5%	16/1	71%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4%
Univ. of Maryland–Eastern Shore*	2.5	66%	41%	49%	4%	18/1	83%	710-920	N/A	79%	8%
Western Connecticut State Univ.*	2.4	71%	35% ⁶	32%	1%	16/1	68%	900-1100	20%	57%	7%
Westfield State College (MA)*	2.4	78%	55%	33%	1%	19/1	76%	930-1090 ³	N/A	64%	9%
Worcester State College (MA)*	2.4	74%	41% ⁶	55%	0.2%	17/1	71%	920-1110	N/A	56%	12%

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THIRD TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 62 THROUGH A TIE AT 88 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Alcorn State University (MS)*	2.3	70% ^B	45%	43%	6%	16/1	95%	18 ³	N/A	59%	4%
Arkansas State University*	2.7	69%	38% ⁶	44%	5%	17/1	89%	18-24	N/A	61%	7%
Arkansas Tech University*	2.6	68%	37% ⁶	40%	7%	18/1	88%	19-26	42%	44%	5%
Auburn University–Montgomery (AL)*	2.9	N/A	29% ⁶	53%	1%	17/1	87%	18-23 ³	N/A	98%	4%
Austin Peay State University (TN)*	2.8	63%	31%	39%	3%	21/1	79%	19-24 ²	31%	59%	7%
Belhaven College ^{1‡} (MS)	2.8	65% ^B	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	19/1 ⁴	50% ⁴	21-27 ⁴	N/A	57% ⁴	9% ⁴
Charleston Southern University (SC)	2.5	70%	35% ⁶	49% ⁴	4% ⁴	18/1	78% ⁴	20-24 ⁴	43% ⁴	68%	7% ⁴
Delta State University (MS)*	2.5	69%	48% ⁶	N/A	N/A	16/1	82%	16-21	40%	32%	8%
Fayetteville State University (NC)*	2.4	73%	38%	43%	1%	20/1	97%	770-940	18%	77%	7%
Florida Gulf Coast University*	2.7	74%	37% ^B	29%	5%	17/1	80%	930-1120	46%	71%	N/A
Francis Marion University (SC)*	2.6	66%	39%	43%	3%	17/1	88%	860-1050	42%	67%	6%
Georgia Southwestern State University*	2.5	67%	34%	49%	2%	18/1	84%	870-1050	42%	83%	3%
Jacksonville State University (AL)*	2.7	67%	36% ⁶	48%	5%	20/1	88%	16-22 ³	31%	87%	10%
Kennesaw State University (GA)*	3.3	75%	30%	17%	15%	22/1	82%	990-1170	53% ⁵	61%	2%
North Carolina Central Univ.*	2.3	76%	49%	40%	5%	16/1	84%	760-950	15%	75%	6%
Northern Kentucky University*	2.8	68%	39% ⁶	36%	4%	14/1	79%	18-23 ³	24%	71%	16%
Palm Beach Atlantic University (FL)	2.6	73%	43% ⁶	62%	2%	15/1	81%	970-1180	49%	76%	7%
Pfeiffer University (NC)	2.3	71%	42% ⁶	73%	0%	13/1	69%	840-1070 ³	28%	69%	16%
Piedmont College (GA)	2.3	70% ^B	41% ⁶	84%	0.2%	13/1	70%	900-1090 ³	36%	68%	14%
Southern Polytechnic State U.‡ (GA)*	2.7	70%	24% ⁶	46%	1%	19/1	80%	1020-1200	N/A	60%	6%
St. Leo University (FL)	2.6	70%	42% ⁶	51%	0%	16/1	80%	910-1090	27%	39%	11%
St. Thomas University (FL)	2.5	68%	33% ⁶	63%	0.4%	14/1	70%	763-950	17%	91%	3%
Troy University (AL)*	2.7	71%	51% ⁶	55%	3%	22/1	57%	17-23	45% ⁵	74%	3%
Union College† (KY)	2.5	56%	33% ⁶	74%	0%	12/1	83%	17-20 ³	30%	84%	19%
U. of North Carolina–Pembroke*	2.5	69%	38% ⁶	49%	3%	14/1	85%	840-1020 ³	29%	84%	7%
University of West Georgia*	2.9	71%	32% ⁶	40%	11%	18/1	93%	910-1080	N/A	52%	8%
Valdosta State University (GA)*	2.9	75%	39% ⁶	28%	5%	20/1	91%	950-1130	N/A	61%	4%
Virginia State University*	2.4	72%	41% ⁶	41%	4%	16/1	88%	810-960	19%	78%	10%

FOURTH TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 90 THROUGH 119 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Alabama A&M University‡*	2.4	69%	34% ⁶	44%	7%	14/1	93%	16-20 ³	N/A	43%	N/A
Albany State University (GA)*	2.3	79%	43% ⁶	44%	3%	19/1	80%	850-1000 ³	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armstrong Atlantic State University (GA)*	2.3	67%	20% ^B	42%	4%	17/1	82%	930-1250	N/A	64%	2% ⁴
Augusta State University (GA)*	2.4	66%	21%	38%	1%	19/1	83%	860-1073	N/A	52%	4%
Bethel College ^{1‡} (TN)	2.2	N/A	29% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Columbus State University (GA)*	2.4	71% ^B	28% ⁶	30%	5%	17/1	78%	880-1100	N/A	57%	11%
Cumberland University (TN)	2.4	61%	36%	60%	3%	15/1	77%	18-22	38% ⁴	67%	5%
Fort Valley State University ¹ (GA)*	2.0	77% ^B	25% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grambling State University (LA)*	2.3	62%	37% ⁶	36%	3%	18/1	95%	15-18	23%	41%	1%
International College‡ (FL)	2.2	33% ^B	31%	89%	0%	15/1	76%	1022 ⁹	N/A	N/A	1%
Liberty University (VA)	2.2	73%	44% ⁶	27%	14%	20/1	75%	860-1090	13% ⁵	71%	N/A
Life University† (GA)	1.7	59%	14% ⁶	72%	3%	14/1	92%	788-1043	N/A	39%	N/A
Lincoln Memorial University ¹ (TN)	2.2	N/A	43% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	2% ⁷
Louisiana State U.–Shreveport*	2.5	58%	18% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	82%	19-20	N/A	79%	N/A
Lynn University (FL)	2.2	63%	37% ⁶	58%	0.4%	17/1	67%	810-1010 ³	10% ⁵	80% ⁴	4% ⁷
McNeese State University (LA)*	2.6	68%	31% ⁶	44%	10%	21/1	91%	21	36%	79%	N/A
Mississippi Valley State Univ.‡*	2.2	66%	38%	62%	4%	20/1	89%	15-19 ³	27%	32%	N/A
Mountain State University‡ (WV)	2.2	54%	22% ⁶	73%	0%	20/1	48%	16-21 ⁹	27% ⁵	100%	2%
Nicholls State University (LA)*	2.6	65%	27%	42%	9%	20/1	100%	18-23	46%	87%	9%
Norfolk State University ¹ (VA)*	2.4	66% ^B	28% ⁸	57% ⁴	3% ⁴	17/1 ⁴	89% ⁴	820-980 ⁴	20% ⁴	71% ⁴	N/A
Northwestern State U. of La.*	2.6	68%	31% ⁶	45%	12%	18/1	76%	18-23	38%	87%	10%
Savannah State University (GA)*	2.2	71% ^B	30% ⁶	43% ⁴	1% ⁴	19/1 ⁴	91% ⁴	871 ³	N/A	N/A	N/A
Southeastern Louisiana University*	2.8	68%	26%	28%	9%	27/1	89%	19-23	27%	93%	7%
Southern Univ. and A&M College (LA)*	2.4	70%	26% ⁶	33%	7%	17/1	90%	16-20 ³	40%	55%	4%
Southern University–New Orleans ¹ *	2.1	N/A	19% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Southern Wesleyan University (SC)	2.3	65%	45%	81%	0%	23/1	45%	880-1130	33%	97%	6%
Tusculum College (TN)	2.3	61%	44%	65%	0%	16/1	66%	19-24	27% ⁴	65%	9%

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FOURTH TIER (CONTINUED) (SCHOOLS RANKED 90 THROUGH 119 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
University of Louisiana–Monroe*	2.6	66%	28%	N/A	N/A	N/A	95%	19-23 ³	5%	100%	4% ⁷
University of West Alabama*	2.5	64% ⁸	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	25/1	83%	15-22 ⁴	N/A	75%	6%
William Carey University (MS)	2.5	66%	38% ⁶	57%	0%	15/1	71%	19-24 ³	N/A	92%	9%

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School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('06)	% of classes of 50 or more ('06)	Student/faculty ratio ('06)	% of faculty who are full time ('06)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('06)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('06)	Acceptance rate ('06)	Avg. alumni giving rate
THIRD TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 71 THROUGH A TIE AT 104 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Aurora University (IL)	2.5	69%	51%	44%	0%	16/1	62%	20-23	40%	71%	8%
Bemidji State University (MN)*	2.6	71%	43% ⁶	54%	4%	19/1	87%	18-23 ³	30%	71%	10%
Cardinal Stritch University (WI)	2.5	78%	53%	91%	1%	13/1	46%	19-24	35%	93%	2%
Concordia University Chicago (IL)	2.6	74%	49% ⁶	68%	1%	17/1	54%	19-26 ³	41%	65%	9%
Concordia University–St. Paul† (MN)	2.7	72%	44%	80%	0%	12/1	55%	18-24	34%	65%	9%
Eastern Michigan University*	2.8	74%	39% ⁶	35%	8%	18/1	83%	18-24 ³	33%	79%	3%
Emporia State University (KS)*	2.7	69%	45% ⁶	38%	6%	18/1	97%	19-24 ³	33%	80%	10%
Ferris State University (MI)*	2.7	67%	36% ⁶	50% ⁴	3% ⁴	16/1	83%	18-23	N/A	47% ⁴	5%
Fontbonne University (MO)	2.5	68%	54% ⁶	83%	0%	15/1	44%	18-23	26%	76%	12%
Marian College of Fond du Lac (WI)	2.3	72%	50% ⁶	74%	1%	12/1	55%	18-22	29%	85%	8%
MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)	2.1	70%	50% ⁶	68%	3%	17/1	69%	19-26	36%	69% ⁴	14% ⁴
Minnesota State University–Mankato*	2.8	78%	49%	38%	10%	22/1	87%	20-24	27%	89%	9%
Minnesota State University–Moorhead*	2.6	68%	43%	39%	6%	23/1	96%	19-24	27%	82%	11%
Mount Mary College (WI)	2.4	66%	50% ⁶	86%	1%	10/1	58%	17-21	35%	60%	16%
Northern Michigan University*	3.0	73%	43% ⁶	30%	10%	22/1	86%	19-25	N/A	80%	6%
Northwest Missouri State Univ. ^{1*}	2.7	71% ⁸	53% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio Dominican University‡	2.6	62%	48% ⁶	54%	0%	17/1	59%	18-23	30%	73%	14%
Pittsburg State University (KS)*	2.5	74%	49% ⁶	37%	11%	18/1	90%	19-24 ³	35%	88%	5%
Rockford College (IL)	2.4	61%	44% ⁶	72%	0%	11/1	64%	19-24	27%	47%	15%
Roosevelt University (IL)	2.7	70%	34% ⁶	57%	1%	13/1	60%	19-25	7%	49%	8%
Silver Lake College (WI)	2.0	68%	58%	97%	0%	9/1	46%	16-21	19%	76%	5%
Southwest Baptist University (MO)	2.4	73%	44% ⁶	62%	3%	14/1	69%	20-26	56%	75%	6%
Southwestern College‡ (KS)	2.2	69%	52% ⁶	83%	0.2%	10/1	52%	19-24 ³	34%	63%	13%
Southwest Minnesota State University‡ (MN)*	2.5	69%	41% ⁶	43%	2%	23/1	77%	18-24	19%	74%	18%
Spring Arbor University (MI)	2.4	77%	56% ⁶	66%	2%	15/1	83%	20-25 ³	42%	74%	10%
St. Cloud State University (MN)*	2.8	72%	45% ⁶	32%	6%	19/1	90%	19-23	26%	85%	8%
University of Michigan–Flint*	2.8	73%	37%	43%	4%	14/1	76%	19-24	38%	61%	5%
University of St. Francis (IN)	2.4	72%	49%	61%	1%	12/1	73%	880-1090 ³	39%	59%	9%
University of St. Mary (KS)	2.2	62%	46% ⁶	77%	1%	11/1	64%	17-24 ³	36%	55%	N/A
Univ. of Wisconsin–Oshkosh*	2.8	76%	47% ⁶	27%	12%	23/1	86%	20-24 ³	39%	80%	7%
University of Wisconsin–Stout*	2.9	73%	48%	34%	6%	19/1	94%	19-23	27%	78%	9%
Univ. of Wisconsin–Superior*	2.6	68% ⁸	35% ⁸	48%	4%	18/1 ⁴	87% ⁴	20-24	39%	73%	9% ⁴
Ursuline College (OH)	2.5	69%	49% ⁶	79%	0%	10/1	61%	18-22 ³	44%	92%	12%
Viterbo University (WI)	2.5	71%	49% ⁶	66%	2%	13/1	78%	19-24	38%	89%	17%
Walsh University (OH)	2.3	75%	52% ⁶	75%	0%	15/1	69%	19-24 ³	44%	80%	15%
William Woods University (MO)	2.2	76%	49% ⁶	80%	0%	13/1	58%	19-24	40%	81%	11%
Youngstown State University (OH)*	2.6	71%	37%	34%	6%	18/1	70%	17-23	26%	78%	4%

FOURTH TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 108 THROUGH 140 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Avila University (MO)	2.3	65% ⁸	40% ⁶	71% ⁴	0% ⁴	13/1 ⁴	59%	19-23 ³	N/A	57%	9% ⁴
Calumet College of St. Joseph‡ (IN)	2.0	57% ⁸	19% ⁶	72%	0%	11/1	43%	19 ⁹	26%	57%	7%
Chicago State University*	2.0	56%	16%	46%	1%	13/1	86%	18-20	39%	56%	7%
Cornerstone University (MI)	1.9	73%	42% ⁶	59%	3%	14/1	71%	20-26 ³	39%	73%	13%
Davenport University‡ (MI)	1.9	48%	17% ⁶	87%	0%	15/1	24%	18-23 ⁹	N/A	95%	1%
Fort Hays State University (KS)*	2.5	70% ⁸	49% ⁶	48%	3%	17/1	88%	18-24 ³	31%	89%	N/A
Friends University (KS)	2.2	63%	44% ⁶	66%	3%	13/1	48%	19-25	37%	80%	11%
Graceland University‡ (IA)	1.9	68% ⁸	52% ⁶	71%	2%	15/1	94%	18-24	N/A	N/A	12% ⁷
Indiana University Northwest*	2.4	61%	23%	52%	4%	14/1	75%	790-1020	24%	76%	5%
Indiana U.–Purdue U.–Fort Wayne*	2.8	63%	20%	48%	4%	16/1	74%	850-1080	32%	97%	4%

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FOURTH TIER (CONTINUED) (SCHOOLS RANKED 108 THROUGH 140 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Indiana University–South Bend*	2.6	65%	25%	45%	4%	14/1	77%	830-1050	23%	89%	9%
Indiana University Southeast*	2.3	64%	28% ⁶	42%	1%	16/1	71%	830-1050	29%	88%	7%
Lakeland College‡ (WI)	2.2	70%	41%	70%	0%	17/1	40%	18-23	25%	50%	12%
Lindenwood University (MO)	1.9	70%	44%	59%	0.3%	21/1	62%	19-26 ⁴	39% ⁴	64%	5%
Madonna University (MI)	2.2	75%	45% ⁶	67%	0%	13/1	58%	22-26 ⁴	N/A	81%	4%
Maharishi Univ. of Management ¹ (IA)	1.4	64% ⁸	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marygrove College (MI)	2.1	60% ⁸	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	12/1	96%	16-20 ⁴	N/A	44%	N/A
Metropolitan State University ¹ (MN)*	2.3	N/A	25% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minot State University (ND)*	2.4	61% ⁸	32% ⁶	62% ⁴	3% ⁴	15/1 ⁴	84% ⁴	17-23 ³	N/A	94%	3% ⁴
Missouri Baptist University‡	2.0	64%	50% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	58%	19-24 ²	32%	71%	N/A
Mount Marty College (SD)	2.2	73%	49% ⁶	80%	1%	12/1	68%	19-24 ³	39%	83%	12%
National-Louis University‡ (IL)	2.1	41%	23%	91%	0%	14/1	46%	N/A	N/A	96%	10%
Newman University (KS)	2.0	58%	45% ⁶	65%	1%	14/1	98%	19-26	46%	75%	9%
Northeastern Illinois University*	2.3	69%	17%	43%	2%	15/1	81%	16-21 ³	19%	72%	2%
Oakland City University (IN)	1.8	65% ⁸	43% ⁶	69% ⁴	1% ⁴	14/1	74% ⁴	820-1090 ³	37% ⁵	74%	N/A
Park University (MO)	2.1	63%	42%	N/A	N/A	14/1	30%	22	38%	76%	N/A
Purdue University–Calumet (IN)*	2.7	63%	22%	26%	5%	18/1	80%	780-1020 ³	21%	81%	4%
Saginaw Valley State Univ. (MI)*	2.5	68%	34%	29%	4%	20/1	73%	18-23 ³	44%	89%	8%
Siena Heights University ¹ (MI)	2.3	N/A	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tiffin University‡ (OH)	2.4	64%	31% ⁶	67% ⁴	0% ⁴	15/1	66%	18-23 ³	N/A	74%	7%
University of Mary (ND)	2.3	72%	54%	65%	6%	16/1	59%	19-25 ³	40%	81%	5%
University of Southern Indiana*	2.4	63%	33% ⁶	35%	7%	20/1	73%	840-1070	27%	83%	8%
Upper Iowa University ^{1†}	2.1	N/A	43% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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THIRD TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 62 THROUGH A TIE AT 84 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
California State University–Bakersfield ^{1*}	2.6	78% ⁸	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	5% ⁷
California State University–Los Angeles*	2.9	75%	34%	40%	7%	20/1	74%	770-990 ⁹	N/A	61%	4%
California State University–Northridge*	3.1	76%	36% ⁶	15%	14%	23/1	68%	810-1050 ³	N/A	70%	2% ⁷
California State University–Sacramento*	3.0	79%	40% ⁶	26%	10%	20/1	73%	840-1080 ⁹	N/A	62%	2% ⁷
California State University–San Bernardino*	2.8	82%	43% ⁶	30%	15%	21/1	72%	820-1030	37%	63%	3%
California State University–San Marcos*	2.7	72%	39% ⁶	13%	9%	24/1	64%	870-1070 ²	N/A	62%	1% ⁷
Chaminade University of Honolulu	2.6	64%	42%	69%	0%	N/A	N/A	810-1040	44% ⁵	94%	9%
Concordia University ¹ (OR)	2.6	73%	43% ⁶	68% ⁴	0% ⁴	20/1	57% ⁴	18-24 ⁴	49% ⁴	66% ⁴	N/A
Concordia University (CA)	2.5	75%	55% ⁶	48%	1%	15/1	70%	920-1140 ³	54% ⁵	66%	9%
Hawaii Pacific University	2.6	65%	39% ⁶	54%	0%	16/1	69%	850-1110	45%	80%	19%
Holy Names University (CA)	2.1	64%	44% ⁶	70%	0%	13/1	49%	900-1060 ³	26% ⁵	63%	19%
Montana State Univ.–Billings*	2.7	57%	30% ⁶	46%	4%	19/1	82%	19-24	25%	100%	10%
Prescott College (AZ)	2.4	67%	40% ⁶	100%	0%	7/1	77%	1010-1270	32% ⁵	82%	8%
Sam Houston State University (TX)*	2.8	68%	39% ⁶	30%	10%	20/1	85%	850-1050	34%	62%	6%
Southern Oregon University*	2.7	66% ⁸	37% ⁶	46% ⁴	5% ⁴	19/1 ⁴	86% ⁴	1036 ³	N/A	93%	6%
Stephen F. Austin State Univ. (TX)*	2.8	64%	36%	26%	9%	22/1	89%	890-1090 ³	42%	71%	4%
Texas A&M International University*	2.7	67%	32% ⁶	39%	8%	17/1	78%	770-990 ³	53%	73%	4%
Texas A&M Univ.–Corpus Christi*	2.9	62%	39% ⁶	27%	16%	19/1	79%	830-1030	50%	86%	7%
University of Alaska–Anchorage*	2.9	69%	23% ⁶	59%	4%	18/1	73%	896-1140 ³	31%	77%	3%
University of Texas–San Antonio*	3.1	57%	28%	25%	24%	24/1	90%	910-1140	34%	91%	3%
University of Texas–Tyler*	2.7	58%	46% ⁶	33%	14%	16/1	83%	950-1150	N/A	76%	3%
Univ. of the Incarnate Word (TX)	2.5	67%	41%	57%	1%	14/1	66%	850-1080	50%	71%	11%
Wayland Baptist University (TX)	2.1	66%	32% ⁶	74%	0%	12/1	88%	18-24	45%	98%	2%
Western Oregon University*	2.6	66%	40% ⁶	51%	5%	19/1	79%	850-1060	36%	88%	9% ⁴
West Texas A&M University*	2.5	65%	36% ⁶	41%	8%	19/1	91%	18-23	49%	73%	3%
Woodbury University (CA)	2.0	79%	51% ⁶	80%	0%	12/1	41%	800-1070	45%	77%	3%

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FOURTH TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 88 THROUGH 116 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Adams State College ¹ (CO)*	2.3	57% ⁸	34% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Angelo State University (TX)*	2.3	62%	34% ⁶	22%	10%	20/1	86%	17-22	35%	84%	4%
Calif. State U.-Dominguez Hills*	2.4	66%	34% ⁶	25%	17%	21/1	66%	710-920 ³	N/A	65%	0.4%
Cameron University (OK)*	2.1	55%	28% ⁶	44%	3%	19/1	78%	17-22 ³	30%	100%	6%
College of the Southwest (NM)	2.1	48%	34% ⁶	87%	1%	12/1	52%	670-970	16%	23%	3%
Colorado Christian University ¹	2.2	58% ⁸	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
East Central University (OK)*	2.2	63%	34% ⁶	61%	2%	18/1	84%	18-23	42%	83%	9%
Eastern New Mexico University*	2.5	57%	32%	55%	5%	16/1	78%	17-22	29%	70%	3%
Eastern Oregon University ¹ *	2.5	68% ⁸	29% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hope International University (CA)	1.9	64%	39% ⁶	65%	1%	16/1	31%	870-1110	N/A	67%	3%
Lamar University (TX)*	2.5	64%	30% ⁶	35%	10%	20/1	87%	810-1050	38%	74%	3%
La Sierra University (CA)	2.1	63%	36% ⁶	64%	6%	14/1	77%	820-1050	43%	33%	4%
Lubbock Christian University‡ (TX)	2.2	67%	35% ⁶	61%	2%	15/1	79%	18-24	45%	75%	7%
Marylhurst University (OR)	2.4	58%	17%	96%	0%	7/1	40%	N/A ²	N/A	83%	19%
Midwestern State University (TX)*	2.4	64%	29% ⁶	41%	10%	19/1	85%	890-1110	37%	69%	8%
Naropa University ¹ † (CO)	1.9	N/A	29% ⁶	88% ⁴	2% ⁴	14/1 ⁴	49% ⁴	22-28 ⁴	N/A	84% ⁴	7% ⁴
New Mexico Highlands University*	2.3	56%	21% ⁶	77%	1%	28/1 ⁴	84%	15-19	24%	71%	1%
Northeastern State University (OK)*	2.4	66%	35% ⁶	39%	6%	23/1	88%	18-23	37% ⁴	74%	4%
Prairie View A&M University ¹ (TX)*	2.1	66% ⁸	38% ⁶	53% ⁴	4% ⁴	16/1 ⁴	90% ⁴	16-19 ⁴	17% ⁴	60% ⁴	1% ⁷
Southeastern Oklahoma State U.*	2.3	60%	32% ⁶	46%	2%	19/1	83%	18-23	45%	88%	5%
Southern Utah University*	2.4	58%	34% ⁶	41%	9%	23/1	91%	18-24 ³	55%	80%	6% ⁴
Southwestern Oklahoma State U.*	2.5	64%	36% ⁶	45%	7%	21/1	98%	18-24	43%	89%	2%
Sul Ross State University ¹ (TX)*	2.1	N/A	20% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tarleton State University ¹ (TX)*	2.3	63% ⁸	43% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
University of Alaska-Southeast*	2.5	59%	11% ⁶	71%	1%	10/1	75%	882-1170 ³	19%	52%	1%
University of Central Oklahoma*	2.6	68%	33% ⁶	29%	5%	23/1	76%	19-24 ³	35%	94%	1%
University of Great Falls (MT)	2.0	46%	20% ⁶	84%	0%	11/1	59%	18-24 ⁹	N/A	73%	8%
U. of Texas of the Permian Basin*	2.4	62%	31%	48%	8%	18/1	77%	900-1070	50%	90%	3%
University of Texas-Pan American*	2.4	69%	29%	19%	19%	25/1	93%	16-21	44%	68%	1%

Unranked Schools

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NORTH											
Cambridge College ¹ † (MA)	2.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Goddard College ¹ (VT)	2.2	N/A	34% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gratz College (PA)	2.1	63%	50% ⁸	100%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	100%	N/A
SUNY-Empire State College*	2.3	N/A	21% ⁶	N/A	N/A	11/1	33%	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	8%
University of Maryland-University College*	3.1	N/A	20% ⁶	57%	0%	19/1	36%	N/A ²	N/A	100%	N/A
Univ. of the District of Columbia*	1.9	48% ⁸	15% ⁶	52% ⁴	21% ⁴	13/1	73%	N/A ²	N/A	84%	N/A
SOUTH											
Alabama State University*	2.3	63%	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	15/1	80%	13-17 ⁹	11% ⁵	99%	11%
Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello‡*	2.6	50%	25% ⁶	66%	2%	20/1	89%	N/A ²	N/A	69%	7%
MIDWEST											
Belleuve University (NE)	2.0	N/A	25%	72%	0%	29/1	44%	N/A ²	N/A	100%	8%
Columbia College (IL)	2.6	66% ⁸	31% ⁶	72%	1%	14/1	46%	17-24 ⁴	21%	95%	N/A
Lincoln University ¹ (MO)*	1.8	54% ⁸	31% ⁶	56% ⁴	1% ⁴	17/1 ⁴	N/A ⁴	N/A ⁴	17% ⁴	94% ⁴	N/A
Univ. of Illinois-Springfield*	2.7	80%	N/A	61%	0%	12/1	82%	19-27	40%	62%	9%
University of Rio Grande (OH)	2.0	61% ⁸	32% ⁶	80%	1%	N/A	56%	N/A ²	36%	100%	2%
Wayne State College (NE)*	2.5	69%	46%	43%	2%	18/1	84%	18-24 ²	29%	100%	17%

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WEST											
Arizona State University West*	2.8	74%	N/A	32%	9%	21/1	75%	900-1140	60%	60%	N/A
City University (WA)	1.8	N/A	N/A	75%	0%	6/1	14%	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heritage University ¹ (WA)	2.1	71% ^B	28% ⁶	76% ⁴	0% ⁴	9/1 ⁴	50% ⁴	N/A ²	N/A	60% ⁴	1% ⁴
John F. Kennedy University ¹ (CA)	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
National University (CA)	1.8	96%	53% ⁶	84% ⁴	0% ⁴	19/1	17%	N/A ²	N/A	100%	.2%
New College of California	1.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas Southern University ^{1*}	2.0	N/A	28% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas Wesleyan University	2.7	61%	27% ⁶	61% ⁴	0% ⁴	13/1	80%	N/A ²	N/A	74%	11%
University of Texas–Brownsville*	2.5	69% ^B	18% ⁸	51%	7%	20/1	74%	N/A ²	25%	100%	1%
Weber State University (UT)*	2.9	71%	43% ⁶	50%	5%	22/1	76%	18-24 ⁹	52% ⁵	100%	4%
Western New Mexico University ^{1*}	2.4	52% ^B	16% ⁶	80% ⁴	1% ⁴	12/1 ⁴	70% ⁴	N/A ²	26% ⁴	100% ⁴	N/A

Reasons that schools are not ranked are given in the methodology (Page 76).

The Top Public Universities—Master's

NORTH

1. College of New Jersey
2. SUNY Col. Arts & Sci.—Geneseo
3. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey—Camden
4. Rowan University (NJ)
5. Ramapo College of New Jersey
6. CUNY—Baruch College
7. Salisbury University (MD)
8. SUNY Col. Arts & Sci.—New Paltz
9. Millersville U. of Pennsylvania
9. Montclair State University (NJ)
9. Towson University (MD)
12. CUNY—Hunter College
12. CUNY—Queens College
12. SUNY—Fredonia
12. U. of Massachusetts—Dartmouth

SOUTH

1. James Madison University (VA)
2. The Citadel (SC)
3. College of Charleston (SC)
4. Univ. of Mary Washington (VA)
5. Appalachian State Univ. (NC)
6. Murray State University (KY)
6. U. of N.C.—Wilmington
8. Tennessee Technological Univ.
8. Winthrop University (SC)
10. Mississippi Univ. for Women
11. Longwood University (VA)
12. Western Kentucky University
13. U. of Tennessee—Chattanooga
14. Marshall University (WV)
15. Georgia College and State U.
15. Radford University (VA)

MIDWEST

1. Truman State University (MO)
2. University of Northern Iowa
3. Univ. of Wisconsin—La Crosse
4. Univ. of Michigan—Dearborn
5. Univ. of Wisconsin—Eau Claire
6. Washburn University (KS)
7. U. of Wisconsin—Stevens Point
8. Grand Valley State Univ. (MI)
9. Southern Ill. U.—Edwardsville
10. University of Minnesota—Duluth
11. Missouri State Univ.
11. Univ. of Wisconsin—Whitewater
11. Winona State University (MN)
14. Eastern Illinois University
15. University of Central Missouri
15. Univ. of Nebraska—Kearney
15. Univ. of Wisconsin—River Falls
15. Western Illinois University

WEST

1. Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo
2. Western Washington University
3. N.M. Inst. of Mining and Tech.
4. Evergreen State College (WA)
5. California State U.—Long Beach
6. Calif. State Poly. U.—Pomona
6. California State Univ.—Chico
8. San Jose State University (CA)
9. Sonoma State University (CA)
10. California State U.—Fullerton
10. U. of Colo.—Colorado Springs
12. California State U.—Stanislaus
12. Central Washington University
12. Eastern Washington University
12. Texas State Univ.—San Marcos

FOOTNOTES:

1. School refused to fill out *U.S. News* statistical survey. Data that appear may be from school in previous years or from the National Center for Education Statistics unless otherwise noted.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. Data not submitted in the form requested by *U.S. News*.
4. Data reported to *U.S. News* in previous years.
5. Data based on fewer than 51 percent of enrolled freshmen.
6. Some or all data reported to the NCAA and/or the National Center for Education Statistics.
7. Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.
8. Average graduation or freshman retention rates, normally based on four years of data, are

given here for fewer than four years because school didn't report rates for the most recent year or years to *U.S. News*.

9. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants, and data not submitted in form requested by *U.S. News*. Data may be based on fewer than 50 percent of enrolled freshmen.

10. School refused to fill out *U.S. News* survey. Data from school's website were used.

† **New to America's Best Colleges** rankings this year.

‡ School was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2006 and appeared in a different category of schools in America's Best Colleges 2007.

\$ Peer assessment score taken from America's Best Colleges 2007.

N/A means not available.