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2 Harvard University (MA)	1	11	143	27	4	1	86	134	80
3 MIT Institute of Technology (MA)	19	248	43	95	3	9	6	111	13
4 University of California-San Diego (CA)*	37	35	7	5	189	64	51	105	5
5 University of Pennsylvania (PA)	4	113	137	97	11	52	75	103	18
6 Texas A&M University-College Station (TX)*	28	8	229	119	96	11	73	47	19
7 University of California-Berkeley (CA)*	25	115	24	4	225	60	88	221	21
8 University of California-Los Angeles (CA)*	24	47	36	10	105	57	98	170	7
9 Georgetown University (DC)	13	104	219	173	2	126	24	89	94
10 University of California-Davis (CA)*	55	50	18	8	52	86	68	100	22
11 Duke University (NC)	9	243	134	182	22	40	13	185	0
12 University of California-Riverside (CA)*	121	128	1	2	200	50	131	93	114
13 Yale University (CT)	2	144	107	35	84	13			
14 University of Washington-Seattle (WA)*	54	15	144	47	243	17			
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INTRODUCTION: A DIFFERENT KIND OF COLLEGE RANKING

By Kevin Carey

Eleven years ago, the *Washington Monthly* decided that America needed a different kind of college ranking.

Back then, *U.S. News & World Report* was the only game in town. Every year, the newsmagazine would rate the nation's institutions of higher learning on measures of wealth, fame, and exclusivity, then publish the results as a list of "best" colleges.

In response, colleges tried to claw their way up the *U.S. News* ladder by raising prices and excluding all but the most privileged students—exactly the opposite of what a nation struggling to keep higher education affordable for an increasingly diverse student population actually needed.

So we gathered the best available data and ranked colleges not on what they did for themselves, but on what they did for their country. Our method had three pillars: social mobility, research, and service. Colleges that enrolled many low-income students and helped them graduate did well on our rankings, regardless of how famous they were. So did universities producing the next generation of scientists and PhDs, and those that built an ethos of public obligation by sending graduates into service.

But from the beginning, we acknowledged that the *U.S. News* rankings weren't flawed simply because heaping compliments on Harvard and Princeton is a great way to sell guidebooks for \$9.95 at airport newsstands. (Although that was most of the reason.) *U.S. News* also relied on "input" measures like freshman SAT scores and class-size ratios because there was no way to measure *outcomes* of higher education, like how much students learned in school and whether they got good jobs after graduation. Those numbers didn't exist—or if they did, colleges wouldn't release them.

We have devoted a sizable portion of the in-depth journalism that accompanies each new *Washington Monthly* College Guide to exploring and advocating for exactly this kind of data. And we're pleased to report that it worked: last year, the Obama administration released a trove of new outcomes information for every college and university in America. For the

first time, we know how much students earn ten years after enrolling at a given college and how likely they are to be paying down the principal on their loans. The new data also included new perspectives on college opportunity, including the percentage of first-generation students at each college.

We incorporated all of this new information, and more, into this year's rankings, marking the single-biggest change in our methodology to date. You can find the 2016 ranking of national universities starting on page 80 and a detailed description of the methodology on 114.

For more on our rankings and the latest in higher education reform news, go to the College Guide section of our website, at washingtonmonthly.com/2016-college-guide

Some of the results were surprising. Colleges we once ranked as mediocre rose to the upper reaches. Others that we had long seen as stellar dropped down, sometimes drastically.

But on the whole, the new rankings bring the central problem facing American higher education into even sharper focus. It is far too easy for colleges to garner undeserved reputations for excellence by hiking tuition, burdening students with loans, and spending the money on things that have little to do with educational excellence. Meanwhile, colleges that are authentically committed to service and social mobility get far too little recognition or reward.

Here are some highlights of what we found:

Public Trust

The *U.S. News* national university rankings are dominated by private institutions that are free to pick and choose from among high school valedictorians and wealthy legacies. In fact, last year, only one public university, the University of Califor-

TOP 30 NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

	RANK IN U.S. NEWS (2016)
1. STANFORD UNIVERSITY (CA)	4
2. Harvard University (MA)	2
3. MA Institute of Technology (MA)	7
4. University of California–San Diego (CA)*	39
5. University of Pennsylvania (PA)	9
6. Texas A&M University–College Station (TX)*	70
7. University of California–Berkeley (CA)*	20
8. University of California–Los Angeles (CA)*	23
9. Georgetown University (DC)	21
10. University of California–Davis (CA)*	41
11. Duke University (NC)	8
12. University of California–Riverside (CA)*	121
13. Yale University (CT)	3
14. University of Washington–Seattle (WA)*	52
15. Princeton University (NJ)	1
16. Georgia Institute of Technology–Main (GA)*	36
17. University of CA–Santa Barbara (CA)*	37
18. University of Florida (FL)*	47
19. Brigham Young University–Provo (UT)	66
20. University of NC–Chapel Hill (NC)*	30
21. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor (MI)*	29
22. Vanderbilt University (TN)	15
23. Columbia Univ. in the City of NY (NY)	4
24. University of Notre Dame (IN)	18
25. CA State University–Fresno (CA)*	52
26. Utah State University (UT)*	Rank not published
27. Cornell University (NY)	15
28. University of Wisconsin–Madison (WI)*	41
29. Dartmouth College (NH)	12
30. VA Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ. (VA)*	70

*Public institution

The 2016 U.S. News rankings were released in September 2015.

nia, Berkeley, cracked *U.S. News's* top twenty. On our rankings, public universities, which combine economic diversity with service and a commitment to knowledge production and research, have always done much better. That remains the case, with the majority of our top twenty national universities coming from the public sector, including the University of California, San Diego, Texas A&M, and Brigham Young University, schools that rate nowhere near the top at *U.S. News*.

Adding new data elements to our rankings did, however, elevate a group of elite private universities, including Stanford,

Harvard, and MIT, which now comprise our top three. This shows that with enough money, it's possible to be famous and exclusive *and* contribute to social mobility and research. (Those three universities possess \$73 billion in combined endowment assets, representing more than 10 percent of the total for *every university in America*.) But this model provides few lessons for improving collegiate opportunity writ large. It is, by definition, limited to a tiny fraction of students, the victors in an increasingly winner-takes-all society. Indeed, even many elite schools with considerable means still fail to measure up on our rankings. Columbia, Northwestern, and Washington University in St. Louis, which rank number four, twelve, and fifteen, respectively, on the *U.S. News* list, come in at number twenty-four, forty, and ninety-nine in our rankings.

A more instructive example is California State, Fresno, ranked twenty-fifth on our list. Half of all undergrads there are first-generation students, and the majority have income low enough to qualify for a federal Pell Grant. Cal State–Fresno has a higher graduation rate than is typical, given those demographics, and a highly affordable net price for lower- and moderate-income students (calculated as tuition and fees minus grants and scholarships) of only \$5,367 per year. Its students earn \$3,600 more per year ten years after starting school than our statistical models predict, and also outperform peer institutions when it comes to students paying down the principal on their loans. And Cal State–Fresno spends 59 percent of its federal work-study funds on public service—the single-highest percentage of any national university in the country.

Texas Woman's University, located outside Dallas–Fort Worth, doesn't produce much research, because it isn't a research institution. And its service numbers could be better. But it excels at the task that students and parents care most about: helping graduates get a foothold in the middle class. Based on demographics and student majors, students from TWU (originally founded by the state legislature as the Girls Industrial College) should earn less than \$34,000 per year at the ten-year mark. They actually earn \$45,000 per year. TWU is highly focused on training students in fields like kinesiology, business administration, child development, and, most prominently, nursing. Colleges like TWU are the backbone of America's modern system of career development, helping an economically and racially diverse student population get good jobs for an affordable price.

Mercer University in Georgia, ranked thirty-seventh on our list, is a long-established private institution with a solid graduation rate and academic profile of incoming freshmen. But given those numbers, Mercer enrolls many more low-income and first-generation students than is typical, earnings are robust, and students are paying their loans back at an unusually high rate. Mercer also sends substantial numbers of graduates into ROTC and the Peace Corps, and reports a high level of community and staff participation in public service.

Universities like Cal State–Fresno, Texas Woman's, and Mercer never show up on conventional "best college" rankings.

They aren't the most exclusive, and they don't have football teams playing on New Year's Day. Yet in relative anonymity, they are achieving the goal politicians and pundits say is vital: affordable, high-quality college education.

Then there are the colleges doing exactly the opposite.

Hofstra University president Stuart Rabinowitz earns more than \$1 million per year. The university has a comfortable role in the greater New York City metropolitan area, enrolling students with an average SAT score near 1,200. Its published tuition of \$40,460 is lower than some other private schools. *U.S. News* puts Hofstra in the middle of the pack, at 135th, a solid safety school for aspirants to NYU.

But our rankings suggest that's pretty much all there is to Hofstra. It is home to few faculty who have been inducted into the National Academies or been similarly recognized at the top of their field. It conducts very little scientific research, and its graduates are relatively unlikely to go on to earn PhDs. Its graduation rate is below par, and it enrolls relatively few low-income and first-generation students—perhaps because it charges students from households earning less than \$75,000 per year a whopping net price of \$28,865, one of the very highest rates nationwide. Employment results are par for the course, loan repayment rates somewhat worse. Hofstra is doing okay for itself. It is doing little for anyone else. We rank it 297th out of 303 national universities.

The University of Miami's football program has gone through several cycles of scandal and glory over the decades. What's constant is the university's high tuition prices and an anemic commitment to economic opportunity. Fewer than one in five Miami students are from low-income families, with similar proportions among first-generation students, and those who do attend are charged nearly \$25,000 in tuition per year. Yet after college, Miami students make almost \$9,000 less per year than their demographics and student majors predict, among the ten worst disparities nationwide.

Catholic University's spiritual commitment to aiding the poor seems to stop at the admissions office door. Only 13 percent of its students are eligible for Pell Grants, and 16 percent are first-generation college-goers, one of the worst numbers nationwide.

Some national universities have fallen in our rankings from previous years, yet still stand out for their successes. The University of Texas at El Paso remains in our top third, because, as in years past, it enrolls many low-income students and charges affordable prices while making considerable investments in service and research. UTEP's Achilles' heel is the new loan repayment rate measure, which shows that nearly a quarter of students who borrow money to go there fail to pay down even \$1 in principal on their loans five years after leaving school. UTEP administrators may need to invest in counseling and outreach to bring their ranking back up. Changes to the federal Pell Grant program that give nontraditional students aid to pay for summer semesters could help increase graduation rates at UTEP (and elsewhere), reducing debt and improving repayment rates.

TOP 30 LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

RANK IN U.S. NEWS (2016)

1.	BEREA COLLEGE (KY)	67
2.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	14
3.	Amherst College (MA)	2
4.	Williams College (MA)	1
5.	Haverford College (PA)	12
6.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	25
7.	Washington and Lee University (VA)	14
8.	Pomona College (CA)	4
9.	Colgate University (NY)	19
10.	Swarthmore College (PA)	3
11.	Wesleyan University (CT)	14
12.	Davidson College (NC)	9
13.	Knox College (IL)	72
14.	Carleton College (MN)	8
15.	Bowdoin College (ME)	4
16.	Middlebury College (VT)	4
17.	Wellesley College (MA)	4
18.	Ripon College (WI)	116
19.	Grinnell College (IA)	19
20.	New College of Florida (FL)*	82
21.	Colby College (ME)	19
22.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	67
23.	Bates College (ME)	25
24.	McDaniel College (MD)	134
25.	University of Richmond (VA)	32
26.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	32
27.	Bucknell University (PA)	32
28.	Salem College (NC)	136
29.	Hamilton College (NY)	14
30.	Allegheny College (PA)	72

*Public institution

And then there's our bottom-ranked national university, Texas Southern, which last made national news nearly a decade ago when its former president pleaded no contest to criminal charges of misappropriating university funds. As journalists noted at the time, Texas Southern was arguably "created to fail" as a means of preventing desegregation. Unfortunately for its students, it continues to live this legacy, with a 15 percent graduation rate—far worse than other universities with similar student populations—relatively high prices, and a staggering 56 percent of borrowers failing to pay down the principal

on their loans. As *Washington Monthly* has shown in previous in-depth investigations, too many “dropout factory” colleges are built to fail, but don’t stop enrolling tens of thousands of vulnerable students, year after year.

Liberal Values

Our new ranking of liberal arts colleges follows a pattern similar to national universities. Berea College tops this year’s list, due to its steadfast commitment to providing a free liberal arts education to first-generation and low-income students in Appalachia. This year’s candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination have promised huge new federal subsidies to students attending public colleges and universities. Yet those plans leave out colleges like Berea, which arguably do far more to advance the public interest than selective public universities that skew toward the children of wealth and privilege.

Washington and Lee University in Virginia vaulted all the way to seventh on our liberal arts college ranking, on the strength of its affordable tuition and its outstanding earning results—students earned \$18,000 more per year than our statistical models predicted. Ripon College in Wisconsin outperforms its peers in enrolling first-generation and Pell students, helping them graduate, and sending them successfully into the labor market. Tougaloo College, a historically black institution in Mississippi, continues to outperform in graduating an overwhelmingly low-income student population while keeping prices affordable—although it, too, has a serious problem with students being unable to pay down their loans.

Agnes Scott College, an all-women’s institution in Georgia, jumped twenty-one places in the rankings this year in part due to superior earnings results, joining Bryn Mawr, Wellesley, and other women’s colleges that have historically ranked highly on our measures of service and social obligation. Davidson College, a highly selective institution in North Carolina with a strong humanities tradition, rose to number twelve by virtue of strong earning and loan repayment rates, accompanied by generous financial aid policies for lower- and middle-income students.

On the down side, Bennington College, ranked 227 out of 239, is probably still a good place to matriculate if you want to write, or live in, a book like Donna Tartt’s *The Secret History*. But for everyone else, it offers stingy financial aid for needy students, below-par earnings and graduation rates, and comparatively little in the way of research and service.

Regional Pride

National universities and liberal arts colleges dominate mass media coverage of higher education, but they don’t include the hundreds of regional and master’s-granting universities that collectively enroll millions of students every year. Among the best of them, St. John’s College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, shows that a traditional Great Books–focused liberal arts curriculum doesn’t necessarily lead to living in your parents’

basement at age twenty-five; earnings there rate comparably to similar schools, and a higher percentage of St. John’s graduates go on to earn PhDs than any master’s university nationwide. (Although this may lead to living in your parents’ basement when you’re *thirty-five*.) The Johnnies also enter the Peace Corps in high numbers.

California State campuses are located throughout the upper ranks of our master’s university rankings. They vary in how successfully they help students graduate and pay back loans, but their common thread is a high population of Pell-eligible students and unusually low net prices for students who aren’t well-to-do—the legacy of California’s historical commitment to accessible higher education, one that remains threatened by economic and budgetary pressures in the Golden State.

The College of the Ozarks, a Christian liberal arts school in Missouri that offers free tuition to full-time students in exchange for work and service commitments (its trademarked nickname is “Hard Work U”), rose to number two on our ranking of baccalaureate colleges. The majority of undergrads there qualify for Pell Grants, nearly two-thirds graduate within six years, and their loan repayment rates are stellar because nobody has loans to begin with. Number five–ranked Calvin College, a Christian Reformed Church institution in Grand Rapids, Michigan, combines high loan repayment rates with an academically minded research focus, and it’s one of the few colleges to simultaneously excel in sending graduates into PhD programs, ROTC, and the Peace Corps.

Future Rankings

College rankings are only as good as the data that form them. To rank a college based on what happens to its students after leaving school is to assert that colleges bear responsibility for events that are partly outside their control. Public institutions can be hostage to the whims of elected officials. When we celebrate or criticize an institution, we are really describing a confluence of individual actions, organizational decisions, and societal trends.

But the great benefit of ranking the vast and diverse population of American colleges is that the imperfections and limitations of the data have a tendency to balance themselves out, revealing a critical truth: for any category of institution, serving any kind of student, there are colleges out there that truly stand out on *every* measure, or at least most of them, compared to other, similar schools. When it comes to serving their country, they simply do better, year in and year out, at one of the most vital and sacred responsibilities any public-minded institution can bear.

Which is why we will continue to hunt and advocate for more information about the many ways colleges do or don’t succeed. And it’s why we will use that information, fairly and publicly, for the benefit of all. ^{WM}

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AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES FOR ADULT LEARNERS

NEARLY HALF OF ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE TWENTY-FIVE OR OLDER. YET NO PUBLICATION HAS RANKED THE TOP SCHOOLS FOR THEM. UNTIL NOW.

By Paul Glasris

Go to almost any college website and look at the PR photos of the students. The first thing you'll probably notice is their diversity: white, black, Latino, Native American, Asian, Middle Eastern, all the colors of the rainbow. What you might not notice, at least at first, is what they all have in common: their age, late teens and early twenties. The reason you might not notice this is that it seems natural: in our mind's eye, colleges are places filled with fresh-faced young people who recently graduated high school.

But in the real world, that's no longer the case. More than 40 percent of the 20.2 million students attending American colleges and universities are adults, defined as twenty-five years old or older. This is not a new trend, and colleges surely know all about it. Yet the fact that the PR photos on their websites don't reflect that reality indicates just how behind the curve most of them are in adapting and catering to this huge and growing demographic.

Unlike traditional undergrads, adult learners tend to juggle full-time jobs and family responsibilities, and so they have trouble fitting daytime classes into their schedules. Yet few colleges offer anywhere near enough evening, weekend, and online classes to complete a degree, or—banish the thought—provide on-campus daycare. Many adult learners are returning students who have earned college credits elsewhere. Yet too often, colleges won't accept a lot of those credits, forcing adult students to spend more time and money to get their degrees. Adult learners typically have learned-on-the-job

knowledge of the subject they're hoping to major in—a bookkeeper studying accounting, for instance. But precious few colleges offer tests that can let these students earn college credit for that knowledge—"prior learning assessments," in higher ed speak.

The failure of so many colleges and universities to meet the needs of adult learners hurts us all. It diminishes upward mobility, robs the economy of needed skills, and slows our efforts to catch up with other countries in the percentage of our population with post-secondary credentials.

And it's not just the higher education system that has failed to adapt to the needs of adult learners. So has the press. The ever-growing number of publications that rate and rank American colleges and universities—*U.S. News & World Report*, *Forbes*, *Money*, *Barron's*, *Fiske*, the *Princeton Review*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, the *New York Times*, the *Times* of London Educational Supplement—all focus mainly on high school students and their families. None rank colleges based on which serve adult students best.

Until now. In this issue, we inaugurate our first-ever rankings of the best colleges for adult learners. To create them, we pulled data from two federal government sources: the Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) survey and the department's new College Scorecard database, released last fall. We also are grateful to have been given key results from the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges. We combined all these numbers into seven general measures of colleges' openness and responsiveness to adult

students and to how well those students fared once they left. Our rankings for four-year schools begin on page 26, for two-year schools on page 30. Our detailed methodology begins on page 34.

At the top of our list of four-year schools is San Francisco's Golden Gate University. This 110-year-old institution, which started as a night law school, has long been devoted to the needs of adult learners. That devotion shows up in one of our measures: fully 88 percent of Golden Gate's students are adults (the higher that percentage, the higher a school scores on our rankings). Golden Gate also does well on three metrics of adult student friendliness: "ease of transfer" (how open a school is, for instance, to accepting credits earned at other colleges, and whether it lets adults enroll without having to take tests like the SAT); "flexibility of programs" (whether it offers things like weekend and evening classes and prior learning assessments); and "services for adults" (financial aid counseling, on-campus daycare, job placement, specialized services for military veterans, and so on). Golden Gate does poorly on one metric, tuition and fees (at \$14,640 per year, it's relatively expensive), and middling on another, whether adult students are able to pay back at least some of the principal on their loans five years after leaving college. But it partially makes up for that in another important measure: earnings. The mean income of adult students ten years after they enter Golden Gate University is \$73,166, the eighteenth highest of the 571 four-year schools we looked at.

Several other four-year colleges that traditionally focus on adult learners also do well on our rankings. They include Regis University, a private nonprofit in Colorado (number twenty-two); Charter Oak State College in Connecticut (twenty-eight), University of Maryland's University College (fifty-three), and the State University of New York (SUNY) Empire State College (sixty-three). So do a smattering of highly regarded state flagships, like the University of Iowa (thirteen) and Indiana University Bloomington (fifty-seven).

Equally instructive are the schools that don't make the list. No for-profit colleges score in the top 100—though one, Walden University in Minnesota, a private institution organized as a "public benefit corporation," clocks in at number nineteen. Also absent are Ivy League colleges, or indeed any of the private elite institutions that crowd the top of *U.S. News's* rankings. Few of these institutions even made it into the 571 schools we looked at. That is because they enroll too few adult students for the federal government to provide statistically reliable loan repayment and earnings data. For the most part, these elite schools simply aren't in the business of educating adults.

Instead, our top 100 four-year list is dominated by the kinds of workaday schools—Montana State University Billings (number fifteen), University of Missouri–Kansas City (number twenty)—that *U.S. News* tends to ignore. But according to our data, they deserve three cheers for providing affordable, career-enhancing college educations to America's working adult students.

Community colleges seldom enjoy national reputations. One that does, Miami Dade College in Florida, the second-largest institution of higher education in the country, comes in at number seventy-nine on our ranking of the 100 best two-year schools. Mostly, though, the colleges on our two-year list are largely unknown outside their communities but warrant national recognition for delivering big-time for adult learners. Inver Hills Community College in Minnesota (number seven) garnered the highest scores possible on our ease of transfer and flexibility measures. And students at number one-ranked Weber State University in Utah, which grants mostly two-year degrees, earn an impressive \$50,867 on average ten years after enrolling in college—the sixth-highest income among the 1,171 community colleges we looked at.

Every year, millions of adult Americans make the decision to go back to college to earn the degrees they need to advance their lives. We hope these rankings will help them pick colleges where they have the best chance of achieving their goals. Just as important, we hope that by honoring colleges that do right by adult students, we'll spur more colleges to do the same. ^{WM}

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		Ease of transfer (5 pts max)	Flexibility of programs (9 pts max)	Services for adult students (6 pts max)	% students over age 25	Rank	Mean earnings of adult students 10 years after college entry	Rank	Loan repayment rate of adult students 5 years after leaving college	Rank	Tuition and fees	Rank
1	Golden Gate Univ.–San Francisco (CA)	5	6	4	88%	9	73167	18	83%	160	14640	360
2	University of Utah (UT)*	4	8	6	32%	184	64667	33	92%	9	7835	181
3	Park University (MO)	4	9	5	78%	28	53600	131	81%	186	10600	272
4	Concordia Univ.–Saint Paul (MN)	5	9	6	40%	128	56367	100	88%	48	20200	401
5	University of Colorado–Denver (CO)*	4	6	5	25%	263	93400	7	84%	133	8500	202
6	Bellevue University (NE)	5	8	2	82%	25	61433	55	84%	116	6450	77
7	Indiana Wesleyan University (IN)	5	8	5	69%	42	59233	76	82%	167	24102	444
8	Hawaii Pacific University (HI)	5	9	5	43%	108	55367	110	88%	37	21130	411
9	University of North Dakota (ND)*	5	7	6	17%	387	62833	43	84%	118	7741	174
10	CA State Univ.–Dominguez Hills (CA)*	5	9	5	38%	137	53300	134	77%	300	6139	54
11	Grand Canyon University (AZ)°	5	8	6	66%	48	62367	50	62%	508	17173	378
12	University of Oklahoma–Norman (OK)*	5	8	6	13%	450	62733	44	79%	250	7695	172
13	University of Iowa (IA)*	5	7	6	9%	503	66233	26	84%	114	8079	195
14	Marylhurst University (OR)	5	9	5	77%	31	39867	448	82%	164	20295	403
15	Montana State Univ.–Billings (MT)*	5	9	6	39%	129	36467	511	81%	204	5780	31
16	University of Wyoming (WY)*	4	8	6	24%	291	52500	148	88%	52	3968	1
17	CA State University–East Bay (CA)*	5	6	6	33%	177	56867	95	83%	151	6564	93
18	Jacksonville University (FL)	5	9	6	44%	105	58533	80	83%	135	31370	522
19	Walden University (MN)°	5	7	3	87%	13	58400	81	79%	262	11880	299
20	University of Missouri–Kansas City (MO)*	5	9	6	25%	276	53133	140	74%	365	9476	243
21	Southern IL University–Carbondale (IL)*	5	9	6	20%	351	53033	142	78%	295	11917	302
22	Regis University (CO)	5	9	5	60%	61	58133	83	83%	136	33060	534
23	University of Baltimore (MD)*	5	8	4	51%	81	61500	53	73%	388	8018	190
24	Winona State University (MN)*	5	8	6	12%	461	44000	350	91%	11	8750	213
25	Univ. of CO–Colorado Springs (CO)*	4	9	6	24%	280	50400	192	82%	163	7460	157
26	Governors State University (IL)*	4	8	6	62%	57	44167	346	76%	321	9386	235
27	Colorado Christian University (CO)	5	9	5	45%	95	55933	105	79%	264	20935	409
28	Charter Oak State College (CT)*	5	7	3	91%	5	45100	316	80%	216	7014	128
29	University of Minnesota–Twin Cities (MN)*	4	9	6	11%	466	59533	72	86%	72	13560	325
30	Utah State University (UT)*	4	7	6	24%	293	51500	174	91%	18	6384	71
31	Ramapo College of New Jersey (NJ)*	5	9	5	12%	453	54333	120	88%	53	13388	324
32	Northeastern Illinois University (IL)*	5	7	6	45%	101	42267	401	80%	228	8299	198
33	National University (CA)	4	8	3	77%	32	58233	82	84%	117	12384	308
34	Cardinal Stritch University (WI)	5	7	5	67%	47	59267	75	80%	215	26570	468
35	Eastern Michigan University (MI)*	5	9	6	27%	243	43300	377	77%	316	9663	245
36	Bethel University (TN)	5	9	5	68%	44	46767	278	62%	509	10750	281
37	Georgia Institute of Tech (GA)*	3	8	5	4%	552	78100	13	94%	5	11394	294
38	University of Southern Maine (ME)*	5	8	5	33%	175	41700	413	87%	66	7796	177
39	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (WI)*	5	8	6	22%	324	46900	273	80%	227	9391	236
40	Idaho State University (ID)*	5	8	6	35%	155	44567	332	72%	415	6566	94
41	Eastern Washington University (WA)*	5	7	6	21%	340	45767	295	85%	94	7972	188
42	Old Dominion University (VA)*	4	8	6	27%	239	51200	181	83%	154	8970	221
43	University of Alabama–Huntsville (AL)*	5	7	6	26%	247	54267	122	76%	338	9158	229
44	Florida Atlantic University (FL)*	4	8	6	28%	218	50367	194	78%	287	4831	7
45	University at Buffalo (NY)*	5	6	6	8%	509	63400	35	82%	174	8871	217
46	CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College (NY)*	3	9	5	25%	274	59333	73	87%	60	6561	91
47	Southern NH University (NH)	5	9	5	62%	58	48267	237	80%	213	29604	506
48	Granite State College (NH)*	4	9	4	76%	33	35833	517	80%	211	7065	131
49	Saint Leo University (FL)	5	7	5	72%	40	50200	200	75%	351	20110	400
50	Viterbo University (WI)	5	9	5	30%	197	52667	146	86%	81	23790	439

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		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
51	Metropolitan State Univ. of Denver (CO)*	5	7	6	45%	97	43167	381	72%	422	6070	49										
52	University of Kentucky (KY)*	5	8	6	8%	505	48667	223	84%	121	10616	275										
53	Univ. of MD—University College (MD)*	3	8	4	83%	22	57100	92	73%	389	6744	105										
54	Calumet College of Saint Joseph (IN)	5	7	6	47%	89	48333	235	76%	337	16405	374										
55	CA State Univ.—Monterey Bay (CA)*	4	8	6	16%	406	48267	237	85%	95	5963	45										
56	University of New Mexico—Main (NM)*	5	8	6	26%	248	42200	405	76%	341	6846	116										
57	Indiana University—Bloomington (IN)*	5	8	6	3%	561	50333	195	83%	145	10388	265										
58	Fort Hays State University (KS)*	5	7	6	30%	203	39567	455	79%	259	4469	2										
59	Rhode Island College (RI)*	5	7	6	24%	290	43600	359	81%	190	7602	166										
60	University of Missouri—St. Louis (MO)*	5	7	6	28%	222	45700	297	79%	231	9474	242										
61	University of Texas—Austin (TX)*	4	7	6	5%	548	62267	51	87%	64	9830	252										
62	University of Alabama (AL)*	5	9	6	8%	506	49333	210	74%	362	9826	251										
63	SUNY Empire State College (NY)*	4	9	3	84%	18	43967	352	74%	372	6665	103										
64	Northern Kentucky University (KY)*	5	9	6	24%	284	39600	453	74%	384	8856	216										
65	Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)*	5	7	6	15%	421	53167	135	81%	193	12398	310										
66	CUNY College of Staten Island (NY)*	5	7	6	19%	365	48767	220	77%	306	6458	79										
67	University of Houston (TX)*	4	7	6	20%	357	57400	90	81%	184	8605	203										
68	Michigan State University (MI)*	4	8	6	4%	558	63200	42	84%	120	13954	348										
69	CA State University—Long Beach (CA)*	4	6	6	17%	386	55467	109	88%	44	6452	78										
70	University of Mount Olive (NC)	4	6	5	67%	46	48033	259	90%	21	17800	384										
71	University of WA Bothell (WA)*	4	7	4	27%	241	65233	29	91%	15	11911	301										
72	CA State University—Sacramento (CA)*	4	6	6	25%	272	54167	123	85%	103	6648	102										
73	Notre Dame of MD University (MD)	4	8	6	62%	59	49567	208	86%	88	33010	533										
74	Silver Lake Coll. of the Holy Family (WI)	5	9	4	54%	76	44467	336	86%	82	24350	446										
75	University of Illinois at Chicago (IL)*	4	5	6	11%	468	71367	20	90%	26	14614	358										
76	Saint Ambrose University (IA)	5	9	6	16%	410	48367	233	87%	63	27540	484										
77	Wichita State University (KS)*	5	7	6	29%	207	43900	354	75%	354	7265	141										
78	CUNY Lehman College (NY)*	3	8	6	43%	110	48867	217	78%	290	6408	74										
79	Creighton University (NE)	5	7	6	7%	519	72333	19	89%	28	35360	546										
80	Western Illinois University (IL)*	5	8	6	14%	429	43367	375	81%	192	11471	296										
81	Portland State University (OR)*	4	6	6	41%	116	48300	236	82%	175	7794	176										
82	Metropolitan State University (MN)*	4	8	3	72%	41	45533	303	82%	173	6642	101										
83	University of La Verne (CA)	5	8	5	45%	93	61200	57	83%	138	36744	550										
84	University of Northern Iowa (IA)*	5	8	6	9%	495	42633	390	79%	229	7749	175										
85	Kean University (NJ)*	4	7	6	27%	230	50100	202	83%	137	11244	292										
86	University of Central Missouri (MO)*	5	8	6	16%	402	37267	495	80%	225	7265	141										
87	Boise State University (ID)*	4	8	6	31%	192	41133	425	79%	267	6641	100										
88	University of Nebraska—Lincoln (NE)*	4	7	6	6%	532	50233	199	90%	22	8070	194										
89	University of TX Permian Basin (TX)*	5	7	5	27%	234	47200	267	77%	303	5250	15										
90	Texas Woman's University (TX)*	5	6	5	36%	152	50300	197	78%	281	7836	182										
91	Friends University (KS)	5	8	5	45%	94	50933	183	78%	276	24630	450										
92	University of Texas—Arlington (TX)*	4	7	5	39%	130	53800	128	79%	252	8878	218										
93	Western Michigan University (MI)*	4	8	6	13%	444	46833	276	85%	91	10685	278										
94	Albertus Magnus College (CT)	4	8	5	52%	79	60100	66	81%	189	28930	500										
95	Penn State—Main (PA)*	5	9	6	3%	563	48200	242	79%	232	17502	381										
96	DeSales University (PA)	5	7	5	31%	189	61000	62	89%	30	32350	529										
97	Salem State University (MA)*	5	7	6	24%	295	44933	320	74%	376	8646	207										
98	National Louis University (IL)	4	5	5	78%	29	53433	133	77%	299	15711	369										
99	Washington State University (WA)*	4	7	6	17%	388	52133	161	85%	97	12428	311										
100	CA State University—Stanislaus (CA)*	5	5	6	21%	344	47333	266	83%	156	6686	104										

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Weber State University (UT)*	4	9	6	32%	924	50867	6	88%	3	5184	708											
2	Utah Valley University (UT)*	4	8	6	34%	841	51800	3	85%	6	5270	712											
3	Central Texas College (TX)*	4	8	6	61%	209	39867	163	63%	363	2130	157											
4	Howard Community College (MD)*	4	8	6	35%	805	48533	16	71%	132	4003	551											
5	Gateway Community College (AZ)*	4	8	6	58%	244	37733	253	66%	250	2046	138											
6	Columbia College (MO)	4	8	4	77%	36	42733	94	74%	89	6582	761											
7	Inver Hills Community College (MN)*	4	9	5	40%	659	43733	66	78%	43	5272	713											
8	Arapahoe Community College (CO)*	4	9	5	51%	374	40867	136	66%	260	3392	405											
9	Capital Community College (CT)*	3	8	6	55%	302	41967	105	77%	50	3892	526											
10	Lakeshore Technical College (WI)*	4	8	6	52%	351	34900	437	81%	21	3984	548											
11	Mesa Community College (AZ)*	4	8	6	40%	654	42333	100	62%	418	2046	138											
12	Diablo Valley College (CA)*	4	7	6	32%	906	44300	58	72%	125	1298	59											
13	East Los Angeles College (CA)*	4	7	6	50%	385	39133	190	66%	246	1220	44											
14	University of Alaska--Anchorage (AK)*	4	7	6	43%	548	43133	77	78%	36	6262	757											
15	Oakton Community College (IL)*	3	7	6	42%	602	46367	36	82%	12	3061	342											
16	Quincy College (MA)*	4	8	4	48%	412	46400	34	76%	64	4846	681											
17	City College of San Francisco (CA)*	3	7	6	54%	311	45367	39	61%	467	1290	57											
18	Milwaukee Area Technical College (WI)*	4	9	6	61%	203	33500	537	56%	646	4283	616											
19	Prince George's Community College (MD)*	3	7	6	47%	452	47967	25	63%	366	3480	422											
20	Massachusetts Bay Community College (MA)*	4	5	5	40%	630	48767	9	84%	8	4176	591											
21	College of the Canyons (CA)*	4	7	6	29%	1002	44433	53	63%	353	1154	29											
22	Northcentral Technical College (WI)*	4	8	5	55%	305	36800	302	73%	98	4148	576											
23	Ohlone College (CA)*	4	6	5	38%	694	45100	41	71%	130	1162	30											
24	Stark State College (OH)*	4	9	6	49%	399	33233	567	57%	595	3686	472											
25	Normandale Community College (MN)*	4	7	6	33%	898	42533	97	75%	81	5709	747											
26	Univ. of the District of Columbia (DC)*	4	6	5	57%	258	43533	72	65%	310	5251	710											
27	Northwest Florida State College (FL)*	4	7	6	44%	524	34200	488	80%	23	3124	357											
28	Miami-Jacobs Career College (OH)*	3	8	5	73%	60	50900	5	42%	929	12024	838											
29	Triton College (IL)*	4	8	5	45%	490	39667	169	63%	350	3638	467											
30	Trident Technical College (SC)*	4	8	5	50%	386	34767	448	76%	63	3942	534											
31	Bunker Hill Community College (MA)*	4	6	6	47%	440	37700	256	73%	102	3384	402											
32	Penn State Fayette--Eberly (PA)*	4	8	6	23%	1107	48200	18	79%	27	13588	929											
33	Saddleback College (CA)*	3	7	6	36%	773	43067	86	72%	110	1142	15											
34	Herzing College (WI)°	4	7	4	81%	11	44300	58	59%	518	12790	884											
35	Walla Walla Community College (WA)*	4	6	6	55%	291	35333	404	72%	121	4376	636											
36	Broward College (FL)*	3	8	6	36%	769	40033	152	75%	74	2542	229											
37	Rio Salado College (AZ)*	4	8	5	48%	415	37967	234	56%	627	2046	138											
38	Penn State--Shenango (PA)*	4	6	5	51%	379	48200	18	79%	27	13332	907											
39	Sante Fe Community College (NM)*	3	7	6	60%	215	32867	596	77%	49	1494	95											
40	William Rainey Harper College (IL)*	3	8	6	36%	768	41033	130	72%	113	3102	355											
41	North Lake College (TX)*	4	8	5	40%	634	40733	138	54%	706	1665	106											
42	Hagerstown Community College (MD)*	4	8	6	36%	778	36533	325	63%	390	3108	356											
43	Fox Valley Technical College--Appleton (WI)*	3	8	6	48%	428	36933	292	76%	58	4289	618											
44	Lake Washington Inst. of Technology (WA)*	3	5	6	62%	188	40400	140	76%	59	3907	529											
45	Cape Cod Community College (MA)*	4	7	6	43%	556	36100	345	69%	168	4212	598											
46	National Amer. Univ.--Rapid City (SD)*	4	7	4	82%	8	43133	77	59%	549	13212	902											
47	Portland Community College (OR)*	4	5	6	54%	310	38233	222	67%	224	3592	448											
48	Fayetteville Tech. Community College (NC)*	4	8	5	60%	227	34233	484	52%	725	2394	194											
49	Phoenix College (AZ)*	4	6	6	50%	389	36967	287	60%	509	2046	138											
50	Santa Ana College (CA)*	4	5	5	58%	246	38767	201	67%	229	1142	15											

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51	Lower Columbia College (WA)*	4	8	6	47%	453	32933	589	63%	368	4281	615										
52	Nassau Community College (NY)*	4	6	6	24%	1096	45267	40	72%	122	4754	675										
53	Delaware County Community College (PA)*	3	9	5	38%	717	41700	111	75%	75	4840	680										
54	Florida State College at Jacksonville (FL)*	3	8	6	45%	484	36233	340	70%	154	2609	245										
55	Western Nevada College (NV)*	4	6	6	49%	393	34433	470	68%	202	2700	272										
56	Olympic College (WA)*	4	6	6	48%	420	35233	410	71%	145	3720	478										
57	Mid-State Technical College (WI)*	4	8	5	48%	413	33300	558	73%	104	4116	569										
58	North Hennepin Community College (MN)*	3	9	4	47%	449	42733	94	72%	112	4358	634										
59	Chandler/Gilbert Community College (AZ)*	4	7	5	23%	1102	45633	38	64%	325	2046	138										
60	Midway University (KY)	4	8	5	67%	125	43267	76	77%	48	22300	1165										
61	San Diego Mesa College (CA)*	3	7	6	36%	776	41233	125	67%	228	1142	15										
62	Orange Coast College (CA)*	3	8	6	29%	1004	40033	152	70%	160	1184	41										
63	Wright State University-Lake Campus (OH)*	3	7	6	21%	1122	48100	24	78%	41	5842	750										
64	College of DuPage (IL)*~	3	9	6	38%	722	39000	194	64%	321	5371	721										
65	Greenville Technical College (SC)*	4	7	6	42%	603	33333	554	72%	106	4094	567										
66	Sinclair Community College (OH)*	4	8	6	46%	458	31800	695	53%	711	2377	186										
67	Minneapolis Comm. and Tech. College (MN)*	4	7	5	54%	318	38167	224	60%	499	5350	720										
68	De Anza College (CA)*	3	6	6	32%	926	47100	29	61%	443	1542	98										
69	New Mexico State University-Grants (NM)*	4	6	5	46%	474	38067	227	69%	181	1896	126										
70	Irvine Valley College (CA)*	3	8	6	31%	963	39500	176	67%	227	1326	65										
71	University of Pittsburgh-Titusville (PA)*	4	6	5	21%	1126	53167	2	81%	18	11604	830										
72	Penn. State University-Mont Alto (PA)*	4	8	5	24%	1101	48200	18	79%	27	13648	930										
73	Yavapai College (AZ)*	3	8	6	55%	307	32700	622	61%	476	1896	126										
74	Pikes Peak Community College (CO)*	4	6	6	46%	462	35867	357	61%	450	3227	371										
75	Mt. Hood Community College (OR)*	3	8	6	47%	443	36567	321	65%	265	4751	674										
76	CUNY Medgar Evers College (NY)*	3	8	5	43%	570	42933	89	71%	136	6332	758										
77	College of Southern Nevada (NV)*	4	6	6	44%	522	37267	273	56%	630	2700	272										
78	Paradise Valley Community College (AZ)*	3	8	6	37%	756	38600	205	61%	468	2046	138										
79	Miami Dade College (FL)*	3	8	6	35%	818	36467	329	76%	62	3486	425										
80	Hutchinson Community College (KS)*	4	8	6	32%	910	32600	634	65%	309	2720	279										
81	Oklahoma State-Oklahoma City (OK)*	3	7	6	49%	405	38200	223	60%	512	2859	308										
82	Seminole State College (FL)*	4	8	5	40%	629	35600	380	61%	475	3131	358										
83	Skagit Valley College (WA)*	4	6	6	44%	510	34400	473	70%	166	4200	596										
84	CUNY NYC College of Technology (NY)*	3	7	6	27%	1041	44600	48	77%	46	6369	759										
85	Community Coll. of Baltimore County (MD)*	4	6	5	42%	601	41800	109	60%	490	3442	414										
86	Shoreline Community College (WA)*	3	4	6	42%	593	45967	37	78%	40	3963	542										
87	Piedmont Virginia Community College (VA)*	4	8	6	33%	868	33967	504	62%	411	4235	605										
88	Westmoreland County Community Coll. (PA)*	4	9	5	38%	728	31667	705	69%	171	3870	523										
89	Harcum College (PA)	4	7	6	54%	309	41267	124	81%	20	21260	1161										
90	Hodges University (FL)	4	8	3	69%	91	42867	90	66%	264	13220	903										
91	American River College (CA)*	3	8	6	51%	364	34700	455	50%	791	1104	2										
92	Clark State Community College (OH)*	4	7	6	50%	387	32067	675	54%	689	3359	396										
93	Gateway Community College (CT)*	3	8	6	42%	585	35067	424	70%	151	3866	517										
94	Barton Community College (KS)*	4	6	6	41%	609	36067	347	61%	447	3008	333										
95	Grossmont College (CA)*	4	7	5	32%	911	38533	210	63%	351	1386	80										
96	Western Nebraska Community College (NE)	4	8	6	34%	837	30167	841	66%	245	2496	217										
97	Front Range Community College (CO)*	3	8	5	42%	582	39567	174	67%	222	3365	399										
98	Cameron University (OK)*	4	7	5	41%	615	39833	164	60%	503	5340	718										
99	Edison State Community College (OH)*	4	9	5	40%	645	32667	626	60%	488	4219	599										
100	Moraine Park Technical College (WI)*	3	8	4	69%	108	33800	512	73%	100	4151	581										

A NOTE ON METHODOLOGY: BEST COLLEGES FOR ADULT LEARNERS

We began with the 7,687 postsecondary institutions listed in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) as being active in the 2014–15 academic year. We then limited the sample to all colleges with a Carnegie basic classification in 2015 of between 1 and 23, excluding many certificate-granting institutions as well as special-focus institutions such as medical schools or rabbinical programs. We dropped fifty-eight colleges for being outside the fifty states and Washington, D.C., dropped seven colleges for closing or merging since 2014–15, dropped four colleges for not participating in any federal financial aid programs, and dropped the five service academies to be consistent with the main rankings. An additional 130 colleges were excluded for having fewer than 100 students in any of the last three years in which they were open.

The next sample restriction was to exclude colleges that did not have data on all of the outcome measures. Another 513 colleges were dropped for not participating in the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges, which is key in our rankings. Fifteen colleges did not have data on the percent of adult students, 315 colleges did not have data on average earnings of independent students, and we excluded 808 colleges that participated in the federal student loan program but did not report a separate repayment rate for independent students. As we used the percentage of adult students as one of our metrics, colleges with insufficient numbers of independent students to have a separate repayment rate for independent students were unlikely to score highly in this ranking anyway. For twenty colleges that served at least 75 percent adult students and did not have separate data on earnings or repayment rates for independent students, we instead used data for all students. Our resulting sample is 1,749 colleges, of which 571 are considered four-year colleges (based on Carnegie classification and whether they awarded more bachelor's degrees than certificates or associate's degrees) and 1,178 are two-year colleges. As a final precaution to weed out especially questionable colleges, we cross-checked all our rankings with the Department of Education's level-two Heightened Cash Monitoring List. We then randomly selected five schools on each of the two lists, checked their status on the less severe level-one Heightened Cash Monitoring List, verified their accreditation, and searched through local and national news clips over the past year for signs of problems.

We used the following seven metrics in constructing our inaugural rankings for adult students:

(1) **Ease of transfer/enrollment.** This is designed to reflect how easy it is for adult students to either initially enroll or transfer in a given college. It includes data from the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges on whether there is an orientation program for transfer students, whether transcript review is available prior to admission, whether students can transfer in at an upper level (seniors for four-year colleges and sophomores for two-year colleges), whether a college is test-optional for adult students or open admission (four-year colleges only), and whether a transfer advisor is available. Four-year colleges could score up to five points on this metric, while two-year colleges could score up to four points.

(2) **Flexibility of programs.** This metric considers whether colleges are flexible enough to meet the needs of adult students, and again is based on IPEDS and College Board data. Colleges receive a point if they allow credits to be earned by life experience/prior learning assessment, if credits can be earned via examination, if accelerated programs are available, if at least some distance programs are available, if independent study classes are available, if student-designed majors are allowed, if weekend and/or evening classes are offered, if academic support is available after 6 p.m., or if academic support is available on weekends. Colleges could earn a maximum of nine points on this metric.

(3) **Services available for adult students.** This is based on IPEDS and College Board data and reflects whether a college offers services that adult students are most likely to use. Colleges receive a point if they offer general services for adult students, financial aid counseling, on-campus daycare, counseling services, job placement services, or veterans' services. Colleges could earn at most six points on this metric.

(4) **The percent of adult students (age 25+) at the college.** This measure is from IPEDS and represents the percentage of undergraduate students who are age twenty-five or older, which is the age at which students are automatically considered as independent from their parents for financial aid purposes. We used this measure instead of the percentage of independent students from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard due to there being no missing data on this measure and the extremely strong correlation between the two measures.

(5) **Mean earnings of adult students ten years after entering college.** Here, we used newly released data from the College Scorecard to examine what the average earnings were for independent students a decade after they entered college regardless of whether they graduated or dropped out. (Independent students include all adult students, as well as younger students who are veterans or have children of their own—people who benefit from additional flexibility.) We would ideally like to compare this to students' earnings before they entered (or reentered) college, but this is still a big

step forward in showing which colleges seem to serve their adult students well.

(6) Loan repayment rates of adult students five years after entering repayment. We use this metric from the College Scorecard to see what percentage of a college's former independent students were able to pay down at least \$1 of their loan's principal five years after entering repayment (typically, six months after leaving college). For the 122 colleges (all two-year institutions) that did not participate in the federal student loan program and did not fully meet all students' financial need, we assigned those colleges a repayment rate of zero. Recent research by the Institute for College Access and Success showed that nearly one million students attend community colleges that will not offer their students federal loans, instead steering them to private loans with far less favorable terms to borrowers. Additionally, a new article by Mark Wiederspan of Arizona State University has found an empirical relationship between colleges that refuse to offer federal loans and worse academic outcomes for their students.

(7) Tuition and fees for in-district students. This metric comes from IPEDS and is a simple measure of affordability. We do not use net price in the adult student rankings because net price data is only available for first-time, full-time students—a far cry from this group of students.

We constructed the rankings by rescaling each of the first three measures to have a maximum score of five points each.

We then standardized each of the other four measures separately for two-year and four-year colleges to have a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one, trimming back a small number of observations that were more than five standard deviations away from the mean. The resulting rankings are then a sum of each of the seven measures, and we show the top 100 colleges in each sector.

A note on process: Initial decisions on what data to use, how to weigh that data, and which colleges to include in the rankings were made by *Washington Monthly* data manager and assistant professor of higher education at Seton Hall University Robert Kelchen, *Washington Monthly* guest editor and New America education program director Kevin Carey, *Washington Monthly* editor in chief Paul Glasstris, and Becky Klein-Collins, associate vice president for research and policy development at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning. We then presented those decisions to a vetting committee consisting of Shanna Smith Jaggars, director of student success research for the Office of Distance Education and E-Learning at Ohio State University and formerly assistant director of the Community College Research Center at Columbia University; and Jack Buckley, senior vice president for research at the College Board and formerly commissioner of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. With Jaggars's and Buckley's input, we adjusted the methodology, built the rankings, and ran the rankings past our vetting committee for final approval. —Eds.

AMERICA'S BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK COLLEGES 2016

OUR EXCLUSIVE LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT HELP NON-WEALTHY STUDENTS ATTAIN MARKETABLE DEGREES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES.

By Robert Kelchen

For the past four years, we've ranked America's colleges and universities based on their "Bang for the Buck"—that is, the extent to which they charge students who aren't rich a reasonable price for quality education that will advance them in their careers. Last fall, the Obama administration made our job a lot easier. It released a new data set, the "College Scorecard," that shows, for the first time, how much students earn ten years after enrolling at a given college and whether they're paying down at least some of the loan principal. It also reveals the percent of first-generation students each college enrolls, a key measure of its commitment to opportunity. We incorporated all this new data, and more, into our 2016 Best Bang for the Buck rankings, which are broken down by region and can be found starting on page 38. (We used the same data and methodology to create the social mobility portion of the main rankings, which begin on page 80; the methodology is explained beginning on page 114.)

The top Best Bang for the Buck colleges in each of our five regions reflect a diverse group of institutions. Harvard University (tops in the Northeast) does a relatively good job for an elite college in enrolling lower-income and first-generation students, and getting into Harvard is generally a ticket to economic success. Berea College (South) and College of the Ozarks (Midwest) are familiar to many in the higher education world for being tuition-free colleges that primarily serve low-income students. Cal State-Bakersfield is best in the West for serving large numbers of modest-income and first-generation students at a low price, and setting them up to earn, ten years after enrolling, \$49,800 a year, over \$10,000 more than do former students from other colleges who have similar backgrounds. The University of Mount Olive in North Carolina heads our Southeast list on the strength of a low net price of attendance for families making less than \$75,000 per year and outperforming its expected values for graduation rates, earnings, and loan repayment.

Across the regions, a few trends stand out. Some elite private colleges (such as Penn, Princeton, Duke, and Stanford) make the top twenty in their regions, but the lists are dominat-

ed by lesser-known private colleges and non-flagship public colleges. For example, CUNY Brooklyn College is one spot ahead of Yale in the Northeast and Trinity Washington College edges out Davidson College in the Southeast. University of California and California State University campuses make up nearly half of the top twenty in the West, highlighting the historical commitment of California citizens to their public colleges (even as the number of qualified students far exceeds available capacity).

Prospective students who don't have money to burn might also want to look at the bottom of our Best Bang lists to see which kinds of colleges they should probably avoid, and why. The University of Tulsa, 197th out of 199 colleges in the South, charges more than \$22,000 a year in tuition, even though its students go on to earn almost \$10,500 less per year than would be expected considering their backgrounds. If your family income is less than \$75,000 a year and you want to enroll at Hampshire College, the respected liberal arts school in Massachusetts, be aware that you'll pay, on average, \$24,000 a year to do so and ten years later will earn \$31,900 a year, nearly \$8,000 less than had you attended another school, even after taking the mix of majors into account.

Finally, in the future we would love to supplement these rankings with data not just on specific colleges but on different programs within each college. After all, a university that might be a great value for a physics major might not be so good for a communications major. The U.S. Department of Education has indicated that it may include program-level data in future updates to the College Scorecard tool. However, the federal government is years behind states such as Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia in making this important information available to the public—in part due to a congressional ban on student-level data that primarily serves to obscure colleges' true outcomes. [WM](#)

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BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK MIDWEST COLLEGES

*Public institution

°For-profit institution

	6-year graduation rate	Graduation rate rank	Predicted grad rate based on % of Pell recipients	Grad rate performance rank	Students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted % Pell based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	First-gen students	Predicted % first-gen based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	Median earnings	Predicted median earnings	Net price of attendance 10 years after entering college	Net price rank	% repaying \$1 in loan principal 5 years after leaving coll.	Repayment rank	Predicted repayment rate	Repay rate perf. rank			
1 College of the Ozarks (MO)	63%	22	45%	6	63%	47%	20	36%	35%	178	31200	25999	14	11014	24	100%*	1	82%	2
2 University of Michigan–Dearborn (MI)*	51%	183	50%	144	43%	30%	31	41%	30%	23	48150	44908	34	8799	14	82%	262	79%	106
3 Ripon College (WI)	71%	164	60%	12	36%	30%	75	33%	25%	48	43750	39111	18	16477	163	93%	177	88%	34
4 Kettering University (MI)	58%	106	66%	315	26%	20%	77	22%	23%	218	74650	57527	1	28471	364	95%	10	86%	10
5 Southwestern College (KS)	53%	167	33%	4	37%	33%	127	41%	36%	94	44300	40913	30	19684	298	85%	199	73%	3
6 Bethel College–Mishawaka (IN)	66%	49	47%	5	52%	39%	25	39%	38%	158	35450	36084	199	16213	187	86%	181	79%	18
7 Eastern Illinois University (IL)*	60%	87	54%	55	39%	40%	208	38%	37%	186	41850	35874	8	14468	128	89%	104	83%	26
8 Ottawa University–Ottawa (KS)	35%	266	38%	237	48%	35%	28	47%	35%	12	42700	34897	3	16000	185	79%	246	72%	47
9 Truman State University (MO)*	72%	26	69%	107	20%	17%	142	23%	22%	162	43950	42537	102	9973	26	94%	20	93%	173
10 Elmhurst College (IL)	74%	17	63%	21	34%	31%	133	36%	31%	106	50050	47915	61	16551	201	92%	52	89%	109
11 Lake Superior State University (MI)*	41%	213	36%	72	41%	33%	62	39%	33%	89	35900	33465	64	8794	3	79%	251	80%	245
12 University of Illinois at Chicago (IL)*	58%	249	61%	262	50%	32%	5	39%	31%	46	51950	51086	134	11353	79	90%	183	87%	61
13 Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (IN)	56%	60	40%	8	50%	46%	113	47%	40%	59	31300	29389	89	12878	69	80%	232	84%	292
14 Spring Arbor University (MI)	54%	150	50%	81	45%	36%	51	41%	35%	74	41150	38410	42	14596	132	86%	185	81%	53
15 Wilberforce University (OH)	43%	193	20%	2	84%	77%	72	44%	53%	344	32600	30052	59	16779	227	63%	339	44%	1
16 Missouri Southern State Univ. (MO)*	35%	264	36%	199	59%	39%	10	47%	37%	28	33200	32746	146	8140	2	72%	309	75%	270
17 Univ. of IL–Urbana–Champaign (IL)*	84%	47	82%	106	20%	17%	99	23%	21%	155	57350	55166	73	12402	106	95%	57	93%	108
18 Illinois Institute of Technology (IL)	65%	186	66%	190	32%	23%	38	32%	24%	42	66200	64248	84	15062	190	93%	101	88%	12
19 Baker University (KS)	55%	140	51%	91	38%	30%	58	39%	32%	66	50250	48202	65	16148	183	87%	146	81%	20
20 Univ. of Nebraska–Kearney (NE)*	55%	137	52%	98	35%	32%	131	39%	34%	102	39200	37993	110	12484	74	90%	69	85%	51
21 MO Univ. of Science & Tech. (MO)*	64%	207	66%	244	27%	13%	9	25%	20%	104	64700	62449	69	13234	126	92%	109	90%	92
22 Tiffin University (OH)	40%	289	33%	47	62%	46%	17	58%	39%	2	36950	34233	43	23414	345	78%	307	66%	4
23 Mt. Vernon Nazarene Univ. (OH)	57%	115	53%	85	43%	33%	46	41%	33%	50	41950	40453	95	17935	252	88%	124	83%	46
24 University of Notre Dame (IN)	95%	7	98%	242	12%	11%	192	10%	14%	291	69400	64442	17	13769	144	99%	2	98%	191
25 Saint Johns University (MN)	79%	90	71%	24	20%	23%	247	15%	21%	322	57550	53773	26	16853	181	98%	68	92%	25
26 Grand Valley State University (MI)*	67%	46	61%	53	36%	28%	56	32%	31%	181	40450	41425	223	13353	101	90%	88	88%	124
27 Valparaiso University (IN)	70%	29	66%	87	26%	21%	92	27%	25%	170	49100	48352	135	16408	196	94%	23	90%	80
28 Buena Vista University (IA)	50%	111	54%	266	50%	35%	22	39%	33%	73	38750	35752	48	16377	203	89%	77	86%	123
29 Mount Mercy University (IA)	66%	50	52%	9	35%	39%	268	35%	37%	244	43050	41730	106	18078	258	93%	34	87%	27
30 Milwaukee School of Engineering (WI)	56%	128	69%	360	28%	17%	39	28%	21%	62	64950	60718	19	17870	250	93%	39	86%	23
31 Ohio Northern University (OH)	67%	6	64%	119	24%	23%	172	26%	27%	220	53950	46663	4	20314	330	93%	35	92%	166
32 Baldwin Wallace University (OH)	69%	32	63%	49	32%	31%	187	35%	31%	124	44550	44475	164	16752	208	93%	38	87%	42
33 Park University (MO)	42%	270	27%	7	32%	45%	347	49%	42%	65	46100	46030	165	10512	38	81%	268	71%	6
34 Clarke University (IA)	69%	5	55%	11	39%	36%	137	38%	34%	103	40900	38322	58	19914	319	88%	97	89%	216
35 Univ. of Wisconsin–Eau Claire (WI)*	67%	44	65%	124	27%	29%	220	27%	31%	297	44400	43206	113	11481	48	94%	13	93%	146
36 Bradley University (IL)	76%	9	72%	89	27%	24%	135	26%	25%	183	52000	49029	38	19664	297	94%	22	92%	129
37 Western Illinois University (IL)*	55%	141	51%	78	43%	43%	202	39%	39%	213	42000	38181	22	15805	168	86%	180	80%	36
38 Simpson College (IA)	68%	196	61%	35	30%	27%	124	27%	24%	137	46800	43061	29	17876	234	95%	144	92%	99
39 Fort Hays State University (KS)*	42%	267	30%	14	28%	39%	340	42%	39%	147	38250	36433	77	10126	28	86%	191	81%	49
40 Malone University (OH)	58%	114	53%	80	42%	34%	64	42%	34%	44	39350	41440	263	16078	177	90%	87	82%	11
41 Cornell College (IA)	68%	195	70%	219	34%	23%	34	24%	20%	119	41600	40629	129	14986	113	94%	161	90%	75
42 Millikin University (IL)	59%	103	59%	179	40%	35%	102	36%	33%	139	43400	39763	24	16421	198	88%	141	85%	105
43 Michigan State University (MI)*	79%	72	71%	22	24%	26%	236	23%	28%	305	49750	47324	63	11226	75	91%	174	90%	183
44 Hamline University (MN)	65%	62	63%	140	38%	31%	63	26%	31%	304	46500	42737	23	17620	243	91%	59	90%	147
45 Cardinal Stritch University (WI)	49%	305	48%	155	43%	40%	100	47%	37%	16	50850	43164	2	17508	270	81%	330	76%	17
46 Univ. of Wisconsin–Stevens Point (WI)*	59%	93	59%	161	34%	32%	160	35%	34%	187	40100	42032	255	11522	49	95%	12	88%	19
47 University of Illinois–Springfield (IL)*	46%	235	50%	247	37%	34%	139	38%	32%	75	41450	41176	153	9015	15	85%	208	81%	66
48 Illinois State University (IL)*	72%	123	67%	56	26%	32%	314	31%	32%	221	45450	40625	20	14925	178	93%	93	89%	24
49 Drury University (MO)	55%	296	49%	41	64%	23%	1	45%	21%	1	33350	33944	195	19588	290	72%	346	81%	359
50 Western Michigan University (MI)*	55%	268	51%	66	39%	37%	128	32%	36%	284	43550	37730	12	14771	174	88%	241	84%	50

BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK MIDWEST COLLEGES

	6-year graduation rate	Graduation rate rank	Predicted grad rate based on % of Pell recipients, incoming SATs, etc.	Grad rate performance rank	Students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted % Pell based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	First-gen students	Predicted % first-gen based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	Median earnings	Predicted median earnings 10 years after entering college	Net price of attendance for families below \$75,000 income	Net price rank	% repaying \$1 in loan principal 5 years after leaving coll.	Repayment rank	Predicted repayment rate	Repay rate perf. rank			
51 Hanover College (IN)	69%	188	63%	52	31%	35%	270	30%	28%	153	45100	39128	11	16494	165	91%	215	89%	135
52 Indiana Wesleyan University (IN)	68%	35	57%	15	39%	27%	36	49%	31%	3	46700	46877	175	24951	352	84%	219	81%	78
53 Michigan Technological University (MI)*	65%	185	65%	164	26%	20%	52	24%	24%	201	60200	59718	145	10977	68	93%	99	92%	138
54 Knox College (IL)	80%	79	71%	18	28%	23%	83	22%	21%	167	42550	42358	157	16901	186	93%	192	91%	144
55 Pittsburg State University (KS)*	49%	211	45%	79	41%	36%	108	38%	37%	169	38700	39675	222	10498	37	84%	217	80%	72
56 College of Mount St. Joseph (OH)	56%	131	47%	30	33%	36%	253	37%	37%	194	41600	39654	70	14602	133	85%	211	81%	83
57 Muskingum University (OH)	50%	198	51%	193	42%	38%	125	42%	38%	115	40250	38521	83	15336	151	88%	129	82%	39
58 Grinnell College (IA)	88%	42	88%	170	23%	12%	33	14%	12%	135	45850	50378	330	11927	33	95%	132	95%	199
59 Augsburg College (MN)	62%	73	57%	61	43%	35%	54	28%	33%	302	44550	43614	125	17881	251	90%	82	86%	69
60 Ursuline College (OH)	49%	216	45%	93	47%	42%	110	42%	39%	133	42050	39543	50	13251	99	79%	300	78%	142
61 Wabash College (IN)	72%	157	66%	42	25%	29%	256	23%	24%	232	50750	44195	7	19121	277	92%	212	88%	89
62 Univ. of Wisconsin-Platteville (WI)*	53%	168	56%	254	31%	28%	147	35%	33%	150	45350	47365	259	11582	52	93%	43	84%	9
63 Ferris State University (MI)*	50%	202	49%	154	41%	37%	111	38%	37%	174	40750	38845	72	11604	53	83%	250	82%	190
64 College of Saint Benedict (MN)	81%	75	74%	33	24%	22%	159	18%	21%	270	46700	43547	40	17946	237	98%	86	98%	228
65 Denison University (OH)	83%	66	84%	216	18%	16%	161	21%	15%	70	48450	48741	182	14066	86	95%	125	94%	133
66 Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay (WI)*	49%	317	54%	287	32%	33%	206	42%	28%	5	40100	41235	224	11312	19	94%	156	87%	14
67 Eureka College (IL)	57%	56	53%	100	40%	36%	104	41%	33%	43	38100	37761	152	15603	162	85%	157	86%	239
68 Metropolitan State University (MN)*	34%	319	34%	175	42%	40%	150	36%	42%	311	43900	39582	16	13382	103	84%	234	77%	21
69 College of Saint Scholastica (MN)	65%	59	61%	94	31%	30%	177	30%	31%	235	49150	45803	31	18157	263	92%	55	91%	182
70 Saint Xavier University (IL)	52%	177	54%	220	50%	41%	50	46%	36%	26	46900	46371	141	14627	134	83%	247	81%	126
71 Southeast MO State University (MO)*	49%	217	48%	157	36%	31%	93	43%	34%	40	36050	36048	168	10329	34	81%	282	81%	217
72 Monmouth College (IL)	57%	278	53%	64	43%	43%	205	37%	33%	98	40100	38447	94	13650	70	86%	294	82%	70
73 Dominican University (IL)	64%	64	54%	27	44%	40%	115	46%	37%	35	45450	48083	291	14045	116	84%	222	85%	212
74 Indiana University-Bloomington (IN)*	77%	83	70%	31	18%	26%	330	24%	28%	298	45350	44616	139	8848	29	91%	145	91%	161
75 Saint Cloud State University (MN)*	47%	229	47%	176	30%	35%	277	31%	37%	317	41250	39719	93	12203	66	91%	62	84%	16
76 Hannibal-LaGrange University (MO)	49%	113	45%	74	36%	41%	279	44%	36%	41	33800	34141	183	14826	136	87%	118	83%	102
77 Bluffton University (OH)	59%	43	47%	19	40%	43%	233	41%	36%	96	39350	40380	215	19314	314	91%	58	84%	41
78 University of Evansville (IN)	65%	14	65%	173	26%	24%	149	27%	28%	233	41450	39469	86	17451	254	93%	44	93%	225
79 Central Christian College of Kansas (KS)	36%	260	36%	192	56%	49%	67	45%	38%	67	30950	30966	169	16444	205	82%	198	72%	13
80 Quincy University (IL)	52%	179	50%	136	43%	33%	47	40%	36%	107	37950	38630	204	15372	155	83%	249	80%	90
81 Marian University (WI)	52%	176	46%	60	40%	45%	282	45%	42%	134	41600	39576	68	16462	199	87%	147	83%	74
82 Waldorf University (IA)*	39%	238	36%	120	54%	50%	117	45%	40%	99	37150	34753	67	19280	313	84%	178	73%	7
83 Grace Coll. & Theological Seminary (IN)	61%	77	53%	36	34%	32%	158	29%	34%	307	33900	37861	323	14893	143	93%	32	86%	15
84 Saint Mary's Univ. of Minnesota (MN)	60%	84	53%	39	30%	34%	275	34%	35%	210	44300	44616	184	16891	218	91%	61	85%	33
85 Webster University (MO)	62%	70	56%	50	35%	32%	138	33%	31%	166	41250	41327	171	19086	284	88%	131	83%	58
86 Goshen College (IN)	71%	4	60%	20	31%	33%	230	27%	31%	282	37150	39819	270	16192	195	91%	54	90%	169
87 DePauw University (IN)	79%	89	80%	206	19%	22%	261	20%	20%	199	47950	44032	25	16932	188	96%	115	95%	154
88 Maryville University of Saint Louis (MO)	68%	165	51%	3	33%	29%	78	35%	30%	86	46400	46969	194	21604	341	86%	271	84%	85
89 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (MI)*	91%	25	90%	146	16%	18%	244	18%	19%	245	58400	59353	214	8869	30	93%	92	96%	321
90 Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	82%	69	78%	68	25%	20%	84	16%	18%	256	50200	49201	127	17042	193	96%	112	98%	268
91 Illinois College (IL)	67%	209	58%	23	35%	43%	323	37%	33%	95	38050	39486	232	13933	81	91%	225	85%	32
92 John Carroll University (OH)	74%	133	69%	54	27%	25%	154	22%	23%	214	51450	48956	54	17795	232	94%	166	94%	207
93 Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (WI)*	53%	169	54%	215	27%	36%	315	38%	37%	176	41700	40618	117	11887	64	92%	47	89%	91
94 Grace University (NE)	47%	142	48%	210	48%	40%	61	32%	34%	255	32550	37394	329	11999	45	89%	89	82%	45
95 Blackburn College (IL)	43%	192	49%	293	52%	41%	44	40%	36%	113	38100	36286	92	11900	44	76%	273	83%	335
96 Lake Forest College (IL)	69%	182	70%	203	33%	27%	73	27%	22%	92	49200	47245	82	18451	256	92%	202	89%	104
97 Wayne State College (NE)*	49%	214	53%	251	39%	39%	190	35%	37%	259	37100	36437	138	9704	22	86%	173	85%	172
98 Ashland University (OH)	57%	252	49%	16	30%	36%	312	39%	34%	108	40450	38737	96	19574	316	90%	188	82%	5
99 Trinity Christian College (IL)	57%	57	55%	142	35%	32%	141	37%	33%	101	41000	40778	155	19259	312	91%	63	85%	64
100 University of Wisconsin-Madison (WI)*	83%	53	81%	123	15%	19%	271	19%	22%	280	51750	52829	219	12499	109	96%	29	94%	103

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	6-year graduation rate	Graduation rate rank	Predicted grad rate based on % of Pell recipients, incoming SATs, etc.	Grad rate performance rank	Students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted % Pell based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	First-gen students	Predicted % first-gen based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	Median earnings	Predicted median earnings 10 years after entering college	Net price of attendance for families below \$75,000 income	Net price rank	% repaying \$1 in loan principal 5 years after leaving coll.	Repayment rank	Predicted repayment rate	Repay rate perf. rank				
1	Harvard University (MA)	97%	12	87%	18	11%	11%	105	21%	12%	17	82000	69361	9	4347	9	93%	124	92%	159
2	Amherst College (MA)	95%	33	91%	126	21%	9%	11	21%	9%	4	59650	53657	49	6253	3	N/A	231	88%	50
3	Maine Maritime Academy (ME)*	72%	6	52%	3	30%	38%	246	24%	35%	367	78300	50537	1	18422	231	94%	36	90%	85
4	MA Institute of Technology (MA)	92%	29	97%	345	19%	11%	22	18%	12%	38	91800	78652	6	6867	25	98%	13	97%	132
5	Williams College (MA)	96%	28	93%	176	19%	8%	16	18%	9%	16	58150	52820	58	8158	11	N/A	164	93%	100
6	Rutgers University-Camden (NJ)*	57%	173	52%	109	45%	40%	50	32%	37%	235	55650	45744	13	10192	44	90%	74	82%	4
7	Saint Joseph's College--New York (NY)	69%	59	51%	6	32%	36%	182	41%	36%	40	54900	47113	27	11383	61	88%	158	83%	40
8	CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College (NY)*	65%	103	56%	53	45%	27%	7	48%	23%	1	55250	59884	353	5824	10	90%	101	85%	47
9	Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MA)*	66%	86	66%	242	19%	33%	343	20%	33%	371	78750	62189	2	9091	31	91%	63	89%	129
10	University of Pennsylvania (PA)	96%	20	94%	193	14%	14%	93	18%	14%	63	76950	67556	24	9622	54	96%	34	95%	112
11	CUNY John Jay Col. of Crim. Just. (NY)*	43%	309	33%	41	55%	52%	63	48%	42%	42	46100	39993	40	4611	5	78%	339	74%	46
12	Princeton University (NJ)	97%	17	98%	281	12%	11%	78	18%	12%	33	74750	70124	83	6419	22	N/A	15	96%	95
13	St. Francis College (NY)	53%	138	41%	32	43%	50%	221	38%	41%	194	51300	38031	7	11682	53	78%	293	75%	110
14	University of Baltimore (MD)*	43%	313	33%	46	44%	47%	138	44%	42%	99	57250	44279	5	15510	162	77%	352	67%	2
15	Colgate University (NY)	91%	53	93%	294	11%	13%	130	15%	12%	64	61650	53223	28	11063	34	97%	88	95%	107
16	CUNY Brooklyn College (NY)*	52%	236	44%	60	49%	39%	21	43%	32%	12	45800	45371	208	5184	8	80%	315	77%	66
17	Yale University (CT)	97%	15	97%	235	13%	11%	68	20%	12%	22	66500	64572	153	7458	29	96%	33	94%	64
18	CUNY College of Staten Island (NY)*	48%	267	33%	14	45%	37%	34	50%	39%	13	43050	42799	217	7015	18	78%	350	75%	90
19	Haverford College (PA)	94%	40	92%	184	15%	10%	45	17%	10%	24	53700	53735	229	9147	19	N/A	171	93%	106
20	Cedar Crest College (PA)	63%	35	44%	7	43%	49%	195	49%	39%	15	44050	39099	79	15934	174	86%	152	84%	117
21	Bentley University (MA)	87%	2	73%	23	16%	25%	261	19%	24%	232	73100	63608	15	20076	247	97%	4	97%	188
22	Columbia Univ. in the City of NY (NY)	94%	24	91%	127	21%	15%	24	20%	15%	39	70400	69379	191	7992	35	92%	148	93%	268
23	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	92%	45	84%	48	16%	22%	211	16%	18%	189	64050	54515	19	16556	167	97%	93	96%	138
24	Colby College (ME)	91%	51	89%	185	11%	17%	214	14%	15%	133	55400	50673	77	9568	21	97%	114	96%	148
25	McDaniel College (MD)	71%	222	62%	45	32%	32%	108	31%	26%	47	47250	44039	113	14994	112	95%	172	86%	3
26	Rutgers University--Newark (NJ)*	65%	250	53%	12	48%	41%	23	32%	37%	254	55650	54672	193	9875	58	90%	216	86%	21
27	Bowdoin College (ME)	94%	37	94%	233	14%	12%	65	16%	11%	41	53600	55374	273	8541	14	97%	102	94%	74
28	SUNY Maritime College (NY)*	47%	280	60%	376	24%	34%	281	24%	32%	321	78250	63467	3	13941	113	92%	48	86%	25
29	Hamilton College (NY)	92%	48	91%	225	14%	13%	89	14%	12%	95	56500	53723	130	10171	24	95%	151	96%	232
30	Manhattan College (NY)	74%	25	65%	50	28%	31%	152	26%	31%	249	63650	55176	22	21904	291	94%	28	91%	67
31	CUNY Queens College (NY)*	56%	184	51%	134	38%	37%	86	45%	31%	3	48800	50476	276	4890	6	86%	212	86%	205
32	Lafayette College (PA)	90%	60	87%	161	11%	21%	305	13%	18%	256	68050	57307	14	15206	120	96%	135	96%	197
33	Cooper Un. Advance. of Sci. & Art (NY)	82%	1	79%	168	19%	12%	40	20%	16%	53	54250	53874	212	12154	60	88%	98	98%	373
34	Penn State--Schuylkill (PA)*	42%	259	37%	125	54%	57%	149	32%	45%	381	47350	38260	30	14696	128	89%	77	80%	10
35	La Salle University (PA)	66%	83	53%	20	36%	41%	178	37%	39%	190	53550	46577	33	21937	293	91%	68	85%	24
36	Dartmouth College (NH)	95%	22	93%	172	14%	14%	91	12%	14%	177	64750	64395	213	9021	46	97%	25	96%	147
37	Fairfield University (CT)	81%	9	72%	56	15%	24%	265	19%	26%	310	67650	54233	4	27432	367	97%	3	96%	176
38	SUNY--Binghamton (NY)*	80%	121	81%	259	28%	21%	26	24%	22%	88	59500	55438	95	12887	118	93%	110	93%	178
39	CUNY City College (NY)*	43%	316	46%	308	52%	37%	9	43%	31%	9	45750	46739	259	5111	7	79%	330	79%	200
40	Vassar College (NY)	92%	46	92%	231	22%	11%	13	13%	11%	77	48250	52829	342	8791	16	96%	131	96%	198
41	SUNY College at Brockport (NY)*	67%	72	59%	64	41%	38%	72	30%	34%	219	41400	41198	219	11592	65	90%	107	87%	93
42	Georgian Court University (NJ)	49%	258	44%	122	43%	50%	222	46%	45%	110	47200	39250	26	15713	165	87%	203	83%	56
43	CUNY Lehman College (NY)*	36%	346	33%	171	54%	49%	53	48%	39%	18	43250	46365	313	3190	2	78%	340	72%	16
44	College of New Jersey (NJ)*	86%	4	80%	94	18%	23%	192	22%	23%	130	57850	55818	144	13447	96	95%	11	98%	307
45	Lehigh University (PA)	87%	58	84%	139	15%	23%	309	17%	23%	284	75250	64869	16	17428	219	98%	10	96%	99
46	Penn State--Worthington Scranton (PA)*	47%	192	42%	112	48%	49%	122	32%	41%	335	47350	41965	70	11921	57	89%	77	88%	162
47	Houghton College (NY)	72%	211	61%	29	39%	27%	12	24%	24%	123	39550	36369	114	18496	210	93%	218	92%	144
48	New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJ)*	57%	305	52%	99	39%	31%	19	36%	30%	30	66150	65725	211	13978	148	91%	183	87%	14
49	College of the Atlantic (ME)	68%	247	65%	145	34%	24%	17	N/A	21%	68	28550	22947	55	16245	156	N/A	298	89%	272
50	Holy Family University (PA)	57%	174	44%	24	36%	48%	323	50%	44%	37	49600	45982	92	14337	126	86%	208	82%	51

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51 Barnard College (NY)	89%	63	89%	245	18%	18%	99	17%	15%	80	57550	54385	116	13004	64	96%	139	97%	260
52 Rosemont College (PA)	50%	252	43%	72	54%	51%	64	42%	44%	168	47550	41876	46	18888	225	81%	300	73%	6
53 Penn State–Wilkes-Barre (PA)*	50%	163	42%	68	35%	43%	236	32%	38%	292	47350	44859	140	11875	56	89%	77	82%	33
54 Wesleyan University (CT)	92%	47	92%	254	18%	14%	52	19%	12%	29	51500	53478	280	11381	36	95%	169	94%	173
55 SUNY–Geneseo (NY)*	78%	11	77%	196	23%	20%	62	18%	21%	185	48400	47463	187	13141	88	94%	19	97%	297
56 Towson University (MD)*	67%	80	61%	113	25%	37%	303	31%	34%	196	50450	46735	90	11692	66	91%	59	90%	153
57 Loyola University Maryland (MD)	83%	5	77%	87	14%	24%	292	15%	25%	355	63750	53384	11	23379	324	97%	1	99%	253
58 Hilbert College (NY)	45%	228	43%	195	47%	43%	55	38%	38%	114	40000	33427	48	13305	79	78%	288	82%	314
59 Wellesley College (MA)	92%	49	92%	262	19%	11%	29	14%	11%	70	55500	57394	278	10771	30	96%	128	99%	318
60 Penn State–Greater Allegheny (PA)*	44%	362	43%	197	50%	50%	104	32%	38%	281	47350	41016	43	14835	106	89%	284	79%	1
61 Brown University (RI)	95%	21	92%	146	15%	17%	139	16%	16%	128	60350	63782	310	8549	39	96%	30	95%	96
62 Molloy College (NY)	66%	87	60%	101	33%	34%	115	37%	34%	73	59200	53362	42	20065	246	87%	178	87%	175
63 College of Saint Elizabeth (NJ)	53%	217	34%	5	37%	61%	383	49%	51%	157	47550	39409	25	15326	153	82%	294	80%	124
64 Bates College (ME)	90%	61	89%	215	12%	16%	189	12%	14%	170	52600	52130	207	11507	38	N/A	91	95%	108
65 CUNY Hunter College (NY)*	49%	260	54%	322	41%	34%	39	43%	28%	2	45750	47525	279	6131	13	84%	257	87%	298
66 State Univ. of NY–New Paltz (NY)*	72%	36	66%	85	29%	34%	196	32%	30%	89	45600	45027	205	11509	63	90%	76	92%	291
67 University of Scranton (PA)	82%	7	71%	33	20%	27%	227	22%	30%	322	56900	48316	20	24973	342	94%	18	95%	238
68 Carlow University (PA)	59%	153	43%	10	36%	46%	282	40%	43%	206	39600	36696	115	15066	144	85%	245	82%	82
69 Bucknell University (PA)	90%	62	90%	246	11%	21%	300	14%	17%	197	69550	57775	10	20346	253	97%	97	98%	243
70 Wilkes University (PA)	58%	164	56%	190	33%	36%	150	37%	36%	92	50100	43149	35	21209	278	90%	71	86%	53
71 Pace University–New York (NY)	54%	207	56%	291	35%	33%	75	33%	35%	152	59400	49162	12	21121	274	88%	174	88%	217
72 Buffalo State College (NY)*	47%	278	48%	250	47%	51%	155	33%	43%	360	39150	33690	50	9280	33	83%	278	81%	140
73 Middlebury College (VT)	94%	38	94%	256	11%	15%	187	15%	13%	91	54000	54707	249	10546	26	96%	120	97%	202
74 Westminster College (PA)	77%	165	61%	4	31%	37%	210	28%	29%	164	45450	42045	106	18998	222	94%	193	92%	103
75 Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	86%	96	84%	194	14%	22%	274	18%	19%	126	56550	53392	117	13342	69	95%	150	94%	126
76 University of Pittsburgh–Bradford (PA)*	52%	145	49%	165	45%	47%	132	25%	39%	382	47850	41073	44	14858	135	91%	52	90%	170
77 Gannon University (PA)	65%	104	54%	39	32%	36%	175	32%	37%	233	46400	42453	86	17584	203	88%	143	87%	143
78 Providence College (RI)	86%	3	73%	21	13%	28%	347	16%	28%	374	59400	50633	18	24387	339	97%	2	97%	210
79 Trinity College (CT)	84%	108	84%	230	12%	23%	308	15%	18%	229	56850	53712	118	12080	49	96%	146	93%	83
80 St. Mary's College of Maryland (MD)*	80%	143	76%	117	16%	21%	194	19%	19%	140	49950	50048	232	10599	27	93%	213	93%	179
81 Montclair State University (NJ)*	63%	257	54%	26	37%	48%	338	41%	41%	115	50150	41567	31	18605	240	88%	280	84%	26
82 Union College (NY)	86%	100	86%	266	16%	19%	145	12%	16%	246	61800	55311	41	16126	150	96%	127	98%	275
83 Cornell University (NY)	93%	26	96%	311	16%	16%	103	13%	16%	208	70500	67677	132	12615	108	96%	37	97%	248
84 Niagara University (NY)	66%	92	56%	51	29%	39%	270	27%	37%	337	44450	39745	63	14905	140	90%	87	90%	212
85 Bay Path College (MA)	55%	197	51%	142	54%	46%	38	46%	41%	52	42600	36131	38	18284	215	80%	324	84%	350
86 Mansfield University of PA (PA)*	51%	244	48%	164	45%	43%	81	42%	42%	124	38300	34893	98	14410	127	84%	261	82%	111
87 Eastern Nazarene College (MA)#	52%	231	43%	49	46%	50%	156	42%	43%	144	44250	41678	128	16530	179	85%	234	80%	29
88 Syracuse University (NY)	81%	109	73%	36	27%	32%	233	20%	30%	365	56750	47285	23	20934	294	93%	99	92%	113
89 SUNY College at Cortland (NY)*	68%	64	67%	200	28%	39%	299	28%	34%	287	46650	41659	56	13909	111	92%	43	93%	220
90 Univ. of Pittsburgh–Greensburg (PA)*	51%	345	51%	228	47%	40%	37	25%	32%	306	47850	42586	62	14556	95	91%	250	89%	114
91 College of Mount Saint Vincent (NY)	55%	196	51%	138	53%	47%	43	38%	45%	309	52900	48024	59	17312	196	85%	238	84%	177
92 Penn. State Univ.–New Kensington (PA)*	49%	175	41%	74	36%	46%	279	32%	39%	313	47350	45815	172	11621	52	89%	77	85%	69
93 Canisius College (NY)	68%	67	61%	76	30%	32%	133	24%	33%	334	46700	43459	103	15330	154	88%	141	89%	227
94 Penn State–Altoona (PA)*	68%	13	52%	11	33%	41%	238	32%	37%	270	47350	42674	84	19373	256	89%	77	91%	250
95 Philad. Biblical Univ.–Langhorne (PA)	65%	99	55%	37	43%	40%	61	30%	39%	330	33350	35714	297	14821	136	90%	100	83%	20
96 Misericordia University (PA)	69%	56	59%	44	28%	36%	252	36%	35%	104	49250	43653	47	20668	263	89%	122	90%	241
97 Notre Dame of MD University (MD)	53%	218	44%	54	29%	42%	325	43%	37%	28	48750	44280	72	17001	188	84%	248	81%	58
98 Villanova University (PA)	89%	44	85%	118	12%	20%	302	13%	22%	345	72800	62698	17	21074	298	98%	12	97%	165
99 SUNY College at Oneonta (NY)*	70%	50	66%	157	29%	36%	212	26%	32%	265	43550	41329	137	12192	71	91%	67	93%	296
100 SUNY Fredonia (NY)*	65%	101	62%	158	35%	40%	186	25%	36%	359	41850	37749	81	13597	101	90%	108	91%	242

indicates colleges that were under the more severe level of heightened cash monitoring (HCM-2) by the U.S. Department of Education as of June 1, 2016. Eastern Nazarene College is on the list for major concerns with its financial aid programs.

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1 Berea College (KY)	63%	66	48%	2	85%	38%	1	44%	28%	4	34350	27472	3	2896	1	86%	77	74%	2
2 William Carey University (MS)	59%	19	45%	3	69%	37%	2	40%	32%	50	34950	30803	9	16827	141	75%	115	71%	20
3 John Brown University (AR)	65%	9	54%	6	32%	27%	91	34%	28%	70	46100	41817	8	15386	121	93%	3	86%	6
4 LeTourneau University (TX)	55%	33	54%	53	41%	29%	34	38%	26%	18	53750	45426	2	17725	156	84%	43	80%	19
5 Blue Mountain College (MS)	47%	32	46%	59	57%	43%	30	41%	36%	83	32100	28790	21	8881	15	79%	49	79%	60
6 Texas A&M Univ.-College Station (TX)*	79%	12	70%	5	22%	26%	178	30%	28%	116	53800	52218	47	7202	28	93%	11	90%	15
7 Tougaloo College (MS)	51%	119	35%	1	88%	65%	6	35%	45%	195	30450	26892	13	10883	40	55%	187	50%	10
8 Texas A&M International Univ. (TX)*	42%	92	33%	7	58%	54%	106	49%	45%	97	45800	44060	40	3739	3	77%	100	76%	57
9 Texas Woman's University (TX)*	44%	142	43%	51	48%	45%	101	43%	41%	129	45000	33901	1	7698	39	79%	132	77%	40
10 Louisiana College (LA)	43%	90	44%	86	47%	42%	88	40%	39%	141	39850	36960	17	11599	74	87%	22	76%	3
11 Univ. of Science & Arts of Okla. (OK)*	42%	168	40%	35	45%	42%	112	46%	32%	9	32650	29639	23	5380	2	73%	152	73%	66
12 Williams Baptist College (AR)	41%	59	44%	99	51%	42%	61	49%	36%	16	31800	29261	32	11134	60	79%	51	78%	49
13 Brescia University (KY)	34%	101	47%	186	51%	45%	80	49%	36%	12	37950	34558	18	10145	34	83%	25	78%	18
14 Arkansas Tech University (AR)*	42%	94	38%	32	45%	35%	48	51%	37%	10	35750	32464	11	9034	38	71%	131	76%	149
15 Oklahoma State University--Main (OK)*	61%	62	54%	10	29%	28%	125	30%	29%	137	43550	40162	16	11752	90	88%	54	84%	13
16 University of Oklahoma--Norman (OK)*	66%	47	60%	12	25%	23%	124	31%	27%	93	46500	40593	6	14394	125	86%	69	86%	51
17 University of Tennessee--Martin (TN)*	47%	61	45%	39	47%	35%	33	48%	35%	13	35000	34451	70	6729	9	71%	138	76%	158
18 Lyon College (AR)	49%	131	56%	170	47%	29%	14	38%	24%	6	37900	39756	125	11374	52	88%	67	82%	8
19 Tennessee Technological Univ. (TN)*	51%	112	52%	97	37%	29%	43	43%	32%	17	38400	36695	46	11054	85	86%	74	83%	16
20 Southeastern OK State Univ. (OK)*	30%	162	22%	15	49%	42%	70	51%	40%	26	35600	34823	65	7610	20	73%	124	73%	67
21 East Central University (OK)*	34%	139	29%	26	48%	36%	35	51%	39%	20	35550	33636	37	6935	10	69%	149	76%	172
22 Vanderbilt University (TN)	93%	2	95%	104	14%	13%	129	13%	14%	154	61800	61847	85	7394	31	94%	8	95%	112
23 Tusculum College (TN)	33%	145	42%	175	60%	40%	15	53%	39%	8	41250	35648	4	17069	146	75%	113	73%	39
24 Murray State University (KY)*	53%	39	48%	24	35%	35%	135	41%	36%	76	36350	37028	102	8443	26	83%	56	83%	71
25 Trinity University (TX)	81%	1	75%	22	15%	17%	149	18%	20%	160	54400	52732	42	17551	152	95%	1	97%	89
26 Sam Houston State University (TX)*	51%	111	47%	25	42%	44%	160	43%	39%	99	42250	36675	7	10710	78	80%	121	79%	36
27 Henderson State University (AR)*	33%	140	41%	163	54%	42%	42	46%	39%	56	36250	30883	5	8825	32	69%	144	73%	138
28 Southern Nazarene University (OK)	44%	79	45%	78	51%	45%	74	38%	41%	168	45350	42127	14	15685	129	85%	34	79%	9
29 Christian Brothers University (TN)	57%	26	55%	40	44%	35%	58	37%	31%	71	47700	47817	87	7029	12	71%	136	78%	170
30 Centenary College of Louisiana (LA)	56%	105	63%	171	35%	28%	66	30%	23%	61	41750	39260	31	16398	126	92%	30	84%	4
31 Rice University (TX)	92%	3	95%	111	17%	13%	81	16%	14%	121	62350	67176	174	8258	51	96%	2	96%	69
32 University of Texas--Tyler (TX)*	43%	84	47%	115	37%	32%	90	41%	34%	57	42900	40894	35	9368	44	80%	79	82%	103
33 So. Arkansas Univ.--Campus (AR)*	32%	148	37%	124	52%	43%	55	49%	39%	38	35750	32956	22	8063	22	69%	150	70%	92
34 Oklahoma Baptist University (OK)	52%	16	50%	42	34%	30%	99	29%	29%	147	35300	34398	66	14309	107	87%	13	89%	81
35 University of Texas--El Paso (TX)*	39%	169	35%	28	60%	44%	10	44%	42%	123	41250	41156	81	6151	18	77%	151	80%	152
36 Mississippi Univ. for Women (MS)*	40%	106	44%	114	51%	43%	63	43%	39%	94	35600	34279	51	9416	45	76%	108	75%	53
37 Tennessee Wesleyan College (TN)	44%	44	48%	108	48%	41%	79	46%	36%	29	37150	37586	93	11117	59	79%	58	83%	123
38 Texas Lutheran University (TX)	47%	31	50%	101	40%	45%	170	41%	37%	87	43750	40574	24	15684	130	84%	21	78%	12
39 Georgetown College (KY)	57%	100	61%	126	34%	29%	83	30%	25%	74	43550	40730	28	15706	113	90%	44	87%	26
40 Asbury University (KY)	69%	4	61%	14	35%	29%	75	24%	29%	179	36050	36041	84	20977	187	93%	5	89%	21
41 Austin Peay State University (TN)*	36%	120	36%	68	53%	36%	21	46%	38%	48	35550	34465	55	10124	62	67%	153	72%	136
42 Transylvania University (KY)	72%	36	72%	65	27%	15%	31	21%	16%	88	41800	43933	130	16884	133	95%	14	93%	34
43 Milligan College (TN)	57%	27	56%	63	36%	31%	98	34%	31%	109	37800	39686	129	13951	103	90%	9	86%	22
44 Campbellsville University (KY)	41%	98	37%	27	42%	42%	140	48%	39%	42	32200	31696	73	12985	89	80%	81	77%	29
45 Dillard University (LA)	38%	179	41%	119	76%	62%	25	43%	43%	144	34950	33019	38	15346	109	65%	166	52%	1
46 Saint Edward's University (TX)	68%	6	59%	8	34%	30%	97	34%	31%	104	45850	46946	113	16400	136	85%	35	88%	126
47 Belhaven University (MS)	45%	75	42%	43	54%	40%	29	38%	36%	113	39500	38750	67	20146	182	77%	105	69%	5
48 Central Baptist College (AR)	36%	80	36%	61	45%	48%	162	47%	38%	44	35400	35529	86	10892	54	73%	88	71%	44
49 Northeastern State University (OK)*	30%	160	27%	33	50%	40%	50	44%	39%	81	36000	35464	71	6461	8	69%	145	76%	173
50 Western Kentucky University (KY)*	50%	56	46%	30	39%	34%	92	43%	37%	62	35450	36352	105	11215	72	77%	97	80%	119

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51 Nicholls State University (LA)*	41%	102	39%	47	39%	36%	115	51%	38%	11	36450	40295	168	8376	25	75%	110	74%	50
52 LA State Univ./Agri. & Mech. Coll. (LA)*	66%	49	71%	159	20%	24%	180	29%	27%	127	46300	45405	64	8414	53	89%	37	88%	42
53 King College (TN)	52%	46	49%	44	45%	37%	62	54%	35%	2	37550	43399	188	15356	120	84%	41	80%	23
54 Centre College (KY)	84%	10	82%	50	16%	12%	96	16%	14%	118	46250	47413	111	17580	145	95%	15	95%	68
55 Our Lady of Holy Cross College (LA)	27%	137	31%	112	49%	58%	192	50%	45%	77	41250	38096	26	12029	71	79%	50	75%	25
56 Texas State Univ.–San Marcos (TX)*	56%	87	54%	46	36%	40%	179	38%	37%	134	44350	43159	56	10893	82	86%	71	84%	32
57 St. Mary's University (TX)	58%	24	55%	34	52%	39%	36	45%	36%	41	47500	52003	175	16649	139	84%	42	83%	55
58 Southwestern University (TX)	73%	34	69%	29	27%	29%	155	24%	24%	143	47700	46848	63	19493	171	95%	19	89%	11
59 Northwestern OK State Univ. (OK)*	32%	149	33%	84	41%	47%	181	47%	42%	85	36200	35322	59	5793	5	75%	109	78%	106
60 University of Texas–Austin (TX)*	80%	11	80%	73	27%	24%	95	28%	24%	91	52450	56193	160	12276	100	92%	17	92%	88
61 Sewanee–University of the South (TN)	79%	21	79%	83	18%	18%	131	16%	17%	155	42600	43020	95	13243	76	90%	45	94%	131
62 Union College (KY)	34%	133	39%	131	58%	40%	16	52%	39%	14	35900	33031	20	15544	124	66%	158	72%	161
63 Tennessee State University (TN)*	35%	176	30%	18	67%	56%	26	42%	46%	180	36600	34314	36	9053	65	60%	189	60%	48
64 Maryville College (TN)	55%	108	56%	93	43%	35%	60	38%	28%	30	37350	39545	133	13798	86	84%	90	84%	74
65 Lee University (TN)	52%	43	53%	75	38%	25%	39	37%	30%	59	33250	35696	140	12689	88	78%	91	83%	147
66 AR State Univ.–Main (AR)*	37%	117	45%	165	46%	31%	27	48%	32%	5	33000	35217	136	9430	47	72%	130	76%	146
67 University of North Texas (TX)*	49%	115	55%	155	36%	34%	118	37%	33%	90	42950	43196	90	6380	21	81%	117	82%	94
68 University of Phoenix–Louisiana (LA)*	15%	193	15%	60	70%	46%	7	N/A	43%	28	N/A	27302	10	16969	144	N/A	176	58%	86
69 University of St. Thomas (TX)	50%	54	52%	90	34%	29%	84	40%	31%	43	48600	48563	83	18447	162	85%	33	85%	70
70 Bryan College–Dayton (TN)	54%	35	48%	19	35%	39%	167	40%	34%	72	34400	39007	178	13364	96	86%	27	83%	28
71 Southwestern Christian University (OK)	35%	89	29%	21	64%	45%	17	50%	39%	27	28700	33467	170	18618	174	66%	120	61%	17
72 Xavier University of Louisiana (LA)	45%	74	53%	164	58%	37%	11	34%	35%	157	47650	46344	52	19805	179	73%	125	68%	14
73 University of Central Arkansas (AR)*	41%	99	48%	153	40%	30%	54	39%	34%	79	38000	38612	100	9583	50	75%	118	79%	145
74 Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)	46%	69	41%	23	40%	44%	164	45%	39%	68	43650	42087	44	19383	173	82%	61	80%	41
75 Sul Ross State University (TX)*	26%	175	30%	123	61%	51%	51	53%	47%	73	37700	36330	48	9981	57	69%	143	73%	128
76 Mississippi College (MS)	56%	29	57%	71	37%	32%	89	30%	31%	148	38650	41096	139	13965	104	83%	59	83%	64
77 University of Arkansas–Pine Bluff (AR)*	27%	138	31%	116	72%	65%	72	43%	46%	164	28200	26885	54	8100	6	46%	173	48%	95
78 Midwestern State University (TX)*	43%	85	44%	88	38%	42%	169	40%	39%	136	39150	39749	99	8117	23	79%	85	81%	113
79 McNeese State University (LA)*	39%	109	41%	96	36%	38%	150	46%	37%	36	37250	38064	104	7509	17	73%	127	77%	133
80 Austin College (TX)	75%	28	69%	17	29%	26%	109	23%	21%	130	49050	51344	134	18478	159	92%	32	91%	62
81 Freed–Hardeman University (TN)	52%	42	58%	143	35%	28%	67	27%	30%	167	36750	36870	88	16057	132	87%	20	86%	58
82 University of the Ozarks (AR)	48%	30	50%	92	40%	33%	77	40%	33%	58	33000	39492	184	14344	108	82%	28	79%	33
83 Alcorn State University (MS)*	35%	124	28%	16	80%	54%	4	39%	48%	193	30900	28816	34	13874	101	48%	191	52%	134
84 Texas A&M University–Commerce (TX)*	44%	141	39%	13	50%	52%	157	47%	43%	101	38500	35533	27	8977	64	72%	165	76%	165
85 Tarleton State University (TX)*	42%	93	47%	128	44%	47%	158	43%	41%	128	41000	38870	33	13520	99	82%	64	83%	85
86 University of Phoenix–Oklahoma (OK)*	13%	196	13%	58	68%	46%	9	N/A	43%	21	N/A	26719	12	16719	140	N/A	182	57%	104
87 Middle Tennessee State University (TN)*	46%	130	49%	125	45%	40%	78	40%	37%	102	36450	35872	74	8474	55	77%	148	79%	125
88 Northwestern State Univ. of LA (LA)*	38%	116	38%	72	40%	36%	103	47%	37%	33	35150	36410	114	8749	29	67%	154	73%	155
89 Bellarmine University (KY)	65%	8	65%	64	23%	23%	138	29%	28%	139	45200	46177	107	20814	186	93%	4	91%	47
90 University of Texas–Arlington (TX)*	41%	159	46%	148	40%	39%	126	44%	36%	45	47550	46883	69	11936	93	81%	112	80%	31
91 University of Central Oklahoma (OK)*	35%	125	39%	109	35%	37%	145	40%	38%	119	38700	37702	57	10142	63	78%	93	80%	114
92 West Texas A&M University (TX)*	42%	97	48%	144	38%	41%	159	42%	39%	103	40700	40452	79	9501	49	80%	80	83%	124
93 Alice Lloyd College (KY)	40%	172	44%	136	57%	50%	68	52%	36%	3	32750	34456	122	10802	36	75%	140	79%	144
94 Texas Tech University (TX)*	60%	67	63%	121	29%	34%	183	33%	32%	138	46650	45712	61	12083	95	88%	48	87%	52
95 University of Texas at Dallas (TX)*	66%	48	70%	139	36%	21%	13	34%	23%	25	50500	59490	195	9447	67	87%	65	90%	141
96 Kentucky Wesleyan College (KY)	38%	72	48%	179	49%	44%	93	41%	36%	78	37150	36219	62	15133	117	78%	62	80%	96
97 Wayland Baptist University (TX)	34%	135	31%	36	32%	41%	191	47%	42%	89	42650	41359	53	13444	97	75%	116	72%	35
98 Eastern Kentucky University (KY)*	39%	107	48%	176	43%	39%	100	44%	37%	60	34000	34372	94	9417	46	77%	103	82%	156
99 University of Phoenix–Tennessee (TN)*	16%	191	15%	55	72%	46%	5	N/A	44%	19	N/A	27779	49	17605	154	N/A	183	58%	116
100 East Texas Baptist University (TX)	34%	96	40%	137	47%	51%	166	42%	40%	126	37150	34241	29	16538	142	77%	63	76%	54

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1	University of Mount Olive (NC)	42%	87	26%	6	53%	58%	179	46%	43%	69	40950	33140	12	11819	46	87%	48	65%	1
2	Georgetown University (DC)	94%	4	92%	81	13%	17%	183	16%	17%	104	81750	65039	2	12583	92	96%	10	95%	93
3	Washington and Lee University (VA)	89%	19	93%	179	10%	15%	191	9%	13%	151	74800	56054	1	10931	19	95%	53	97%	176
4	American Public Univ. System (WV)°	33%	193	31%	76	32%	30%	116	57%	30%	1	N/A	42399	6	9222	21	74%	171	66%	36
5	Salem College (NC)	64%	103	53%	9	58%	35%	4	34%	27%	32	34900	31465	37	12681	51	86%	136	80%	48
6	University of Florida (FL)*	86%	18	76%	7	32%	24%	54	32%	24%	22	52150	53000	140	7970	22	91%	70	89%	85
7	Amer. InterCont. Univ.—Atlanta (GA)°	22%	244	11%	17	81%	62%	17	53%	52%	81	42750	29918	3	18731	187	56%	231	44%	14
8	Trinity Washington University (DC)	37%	176	25%	15	67%	56%	55	52%	50%	78	49600	40112	5	14537	106	64%	211	58%	40
9	Davidson College (NC)	93%	11	88%	56	13%	18%	186	10%	15%	170	56200	51649	23	9847	13	N/A	31	94%	73
10	Columbia College (SC)	45%	115	44%	101	60%	38%	10	43%	37%	43	33600	30056	32	15290	114	83%	102	73%	20
11	Coker College (SC)	50%	52	40%	27	57%	51%	83	47%	40%	26	34900	33370	77	15004	110	84%	74	68%	8
12	Warner University (FL)	38%	111	30%	32	66%	63%	113	49%	45%	68	43000	34899	11	14562	104	75%	129	63%	16
13	James Madison University (VA)*	81%	2	71%	19	14%	28%	241	21%	28%	204	53750	45644	10	12988	81	96%	1	97%	155
14	Georgia Institute of Tech.—Main (GA)*	81%	31	83%	163	19%	13%	70	18%	17%	87	72750	68774	34	8511	31	95%	17	95%	118
15	Duke University (NC)	95%	3	99%	194	14%	13%	127	13%	14%	113	75150	68271	16	9043	39	97%	6	98%	157
16	Columbia International University (SC)	66%	24	54%	10	50%	36%	38	21%	33%	242	30800	31295	130	14008	97	91%	23	83%	25
17	New College of Florida (FL)*	68%	80	72%	180	29%	17%	36	21%	16%	50	N/A	28902	53	8421	6	89%	106	89%	140
18	Mercer University (GA)	62%	96	60%	79	42%	27%	13	37%	28%	13	47000	42672	27	17745	190	83%	157	76%	17
19	Brenau University (GA)	45%	113	37%	31	47%	46%	130	46%	41%	61	44050	37580	13	15476	118	82%	112	75%	39
20	Piedmont College (GA)	49%	86	47%	87	51%	44%	79	39%	39%	96	38950	32963	15	15318	115	87%	76	81%	50
21	University of NC—Greensboro (NC)*	55%	136	54%	91	44%	42%	112	32%	37%	178	38150	35703	57	9453	43	90%	84	80%	6
22	University of Richmond (VA)	84%	32	85%	131	19%	20%	143	20%	17%	65	60000	56735	42	12581	50	95%	59	93%	94
23	Agnes Scott College (GA)	70%	74	64%	38	44%	34%	53	23%	27%	155	41100	36085	21	17162	144	87%	125	82%	49
24	West Virginia Wesleyan College (WV)	59%	49	53%	43	36%	35%	131	37%	36%	83	42300	38591	29	15943	128	88%	54	83%	52
25	Citadel: The Military College of SC (SC)*	68%	21	56%	14	24%	32%	207	23%	33%	223	54150	51484	48	14354	103	91%	29	83%	38
26	Mary Baldwin College (VA)	44%	214	41%	70	52%	47%	88	40%	36%	55	39150	32361	14	17095	142	86%	131	77%	21
27	Full Sail University (FL)°	70%	13	41%	1	63%	36%	3	43%	34%	20	34400	36560	184	30475	250	76%	160	68%	26
28	University of North Florida (FL)*	51%	77	51%	124	34%	31%	100	36%	29%	35	42700	43439	139	8221	14	86%	78	83%	78
29	University of NC—Chapel Hill (NC)*	90%	9	85%	47	21%	24%	170	18%	23%	166	51150	53462	178	8139	25	97%	9	94%	64
30	Voorhees College (SC)	32%	161	21%	23	85%	71%	43	52%	51%	90	28200	28903	134	13780	87	57%	202	40%	7
31	Francis Marion University (SC)*	41%	142	41%	113	56%	49%	82	41%	43%	119	33450	35000	162	12047	65	86%	80	70%	4
32	Lander University (SC)*	46%	62	45%	112	49%	54%	175	38%	41%	135	34850	32419	60	13146	73	90%	27	80%	34
33	Shorter University (GA)	46%	60	42%	67	46%	48%	148	46%	40%	36	44650	35060	9	16909	164	74%	139	77%	179
34	Regent University (VA)	47%	185	37%	8	51%	34%	5	39%	34%	52	41300	40255	85	16897	178	79%	186	77%	84
35	Georgia Regents University (GA)*	32%	243	35%	173	43%	38%	84	N/A	36%	173	N/A	36302	88	6896	15	95%	21	89%	28
36	University of Central Florida (FL)*	67%	69	61%	30	37%	30%	59	35%	29%	31	43950	49046	231	11857	83	89%	95	84%	41
37	Univ. of North Carolina—Charlotte (NC)*	54%	141	53%	100	40%	37%	92	30%	35%	182	42000	44018	171	9764	49	93%	45	84%	10
38	Florida Memorial University (FL)	39%	108	26%	12	86%	65%	14	54%	48%	34	29850	26292	41	15945	131	41%	230	43%	153
39	Embry-Riddle Aero. U.—Dayt. Beach (FL)	56%	55	52%	72	30%	29%	129	37%	31%	42	61350	48883	4	31903	255	87%	67	82%	59
40	University of Mobile (AL)	44%	71	49%	181	51%	37%	42	40%	34%	38	39050	32753	17	16946	165	75%	128	78%	171
41	Florida State University (FL)*	77%	41	71%	35	32%	24%	56	29%	25%	66	45050	48141	197	13208	105	90%	85	88%	92
42	University of Virginia—Main (VA)*	94%	5	90%	57	12%	19%	213	17%	20%	133	60350	59935	107	10160	57	95%	20	95%	135
43	Converse College (SC)	59%	50	58%	110	44%	39%	89	32%	35%	121	34600	30168	22	17140	161	89%	40	90%	145
44	VA Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ. (VA)*	83%	26	77%	37	17%	22%	195	19%	25%	191	57700	54173	38	15024	136	95%	16	95%	115
45	Virginia Military Institute (VA)*	73%	59	71%	86	16%	34%	252	17%	26%	216	59900	55523	25	9806	12	95%	58	92%	74
46	Mars Hill College (NC)	40%	95	36%	59	69%	53%	30	39%	42%	144	33850	33365	103	16431	150	79%	104	74%	71
47	University of Georgia (GA)*	82%	27	78%	55	24%	25%	136	21%	26%	172	47050	46580	104	10245	59	91%	63	93%	177
48	Alderson Broaddus College (WV)	44%	75	47%	168	48%	45%	111	45%	36%	17	42400	38833	40	14481	101	78%	107	78%	141
49	Univ. of NC—Pembroke (NC)*	34%	191	34%	116	54%	49%	93	37%	45%	211	34850	35088	124	9171	20	82%	111	73%	24
50	Elizabeth City State University (NC)*	41%	144	30%	13	71%	60%	48	39%	50%	228	31850	31646	111	1466	1	52%	242	57%	225

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	6-year graduation rate	Graduation rate rank	Predicted grad rate based on incoming SATs, etc.	Grad rate performance rank	Students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted % Pell based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	First-gen students	Predicted % first-gen based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	Median earnings 10 years after entering college	Median earnings rank	Predicted median earnings	Net price of attendance	Net price rank	% repaying \$1 in loan principal 5 years after leaving coll.	Repayment rank	Predicted repayment rate	Repay. rate perf. rank			
51	University of Mary Washington (VA)*	74%	6	65%	26	16%	28%	226	25%	30%	177	49750	48642	80	14819	108	95%	4	95%	134
52	Chowan University (NC)	25%	210	26%	134	68%	69%	142	42%	50%	209	35350	29365	19	16371	148	76%	127	58%	5
53	Saint Leo University (FL)	44%	125	38%	46	47%	43%	103	49%	42%	28	43500	42814	93	16196	135	76%	159	70%	43
54	Radford University (VA)*	59%	47	55%	66	28%	42%	236	31%	40%	214	42300	39772	49	12784	78	92%	18	88%	70
55	Averett University (VA)	35%	135	40%	175	49%	53%	165	44%	41%	73	42850	32112	7	18311	193	77%	118	74%	104
56	North Greenville University (SC)	53%	65	56%	162	39%	27%	50	30%	27%	72	32300	35055	200	16941	153	91%	26	83%	33
57	Digital Media Arts College (FL)*	39%	106	35%	69	69%	41%	2	39%	35%	62	N/A	33426	43	17375	172	50%	216	56%	216
58	Appalachian State University (NC)*	68%	20	65%	77	26%	28%	147	24%	28%	163	37600	42681	237	9330	23	94%	8	92%	100
59	Longwood University (VA)*	64%	34	57%	42	23%	39%	245	32%	39%	196	42700	38936	28	14925	111	91%	25	91%	128
60	Univ. of South Carolina—Upstate (SC)*	39%	107	41%	150	46%	51%	187	38%	41%	117	36550	35159	78	12629	63	85%	64	78%	51
61	FL Agricultural & Mechanical Univ. (FL)*	40%	218	40%	114	64%	52%	27	41%	43%	106	39300	38844	105	11227	70	64%	237	56%	9
62	Florida International University (FL)*	52%	156	50%	89	58%	37%	1	40%	33%	33	46100	53547	248	10510	61	81%	170	79%	87
63	Southern Polytechnic State Univ. (GA)*	37%	172	51%	247	41%	25%	26	33%	28%	59	52350	53069	137	10158	34	78%	146	75%	82
64	Winston-Salem State University (NC)*	44%	123	37%	39	58%	55%	99	37%	47%	221	33950	34746	142	7656	11	67%	200	64%	83
65	College of William and Mary (VA)*	90%	8	91%	130	12%	17%	205	13%	19%	192	56750	60773	213	8299	29	97%	5	96%	97
66	University of South Carolina—Aiken (SC)*	41%	91	43%	142	41%	50%	210	35%	40%	171	37450	37343	114	10709	27	87%	50	81%	66
67	University of South Florida—Main (FL)*	62%	92	59%	61	42%	32%	39	39%	30%	12	42800	48968	239	8802	33	82%	166	83%	169
68	Emmanuel College (GA)	42%	81	39%	75	50%	55%	176	38%	42%	145	32600	31046	76	11775	45	78%	109	79%	152
69	Edward Waters College (FL)	21%	234	23%	141	89%	69%	18	50%	48%	86	27850	29364	153	12239	58	50%	215	40%	35
70	Univ. of Virginia's College—Wise (VA)*	42%	228	41%	90	39%	48%	216	43%	36%	29	36750	36666	116	8277	5	81%	167	78%	95
71	Spelman College (GA)	71%	64	63%	20	50%	48%	117	22%	35%	250	47700	38138	8	30614	256	78%	177	64%	3
72	Marshall University (WV)*	44%	119	45%	126	43%	37%	81	43%	37%	41	35550	35597	119	7221	9	72%	187	79%	239
73	Clearwater Christian College (FL)	47%	56	50%	151	50%	42%	68	25%	36%	238	35650	36653	144	16171	141	93%	14	85%	46
74	George Mason University (VA)*	67%	72	66%	106	27%	30%	181	28%	30%	127	57500	55636	69	14935	132	93%	44	90%	67
75	Stetson University (FL)	63%	36	65%	140	37%	26%	52	28%	26%	79	44450	45416	148	20089	202	90%	32	88%	105
76	Old Dominion University (VA)*	51%	163	47%	62	34%	38%	196	35%	36%	103	44200	45117	143	11280	71	85%	134	79%	19
77	Everglades University (FL)	57%	25	34%	2	63%	47%	32	47%	41%	46	41500	43022	154	26258	247	72%	148	68%	89
78	Virginia State University (VA)*	44%	122	30%	5	69%	56%	44	41%	52%	231	35950	34272	67	12566	72	53%	238	54%	150
79	Talladega College (AL)	51%	48	35%	4	75%	56%	21	45%	42%	70	28950	32922	210	11450	40	34%	243	44%	241
80	Georgia State University (GA)*	52%	152	49%	58	51%	38%	23	32%	35%	142	42250	44290	172	14282	117	79%	188	75%	62
81	Bluefield College (VA)	43%	78	38%	60	37%	52%	237	48%	42%	48	43450	39342	33	18928	200	85%	65	78%	60
82	William Peace University (NC)	37%	242	42%	195	55%	52%	97	32%	38%	199	36750	35015	71	17545	154	89%	103	74%	2
83	East Carolina University (NC)*	58%	118	59%	145	33%	38%	202	28%	35%	210	40250	39972	110	11221	69	92%	61	86%	27
84	Catawba College (NC)	52%	43	46%	48	44%	50%	190	35%	39%	153	38750	35499	47	20807	222	89%	34	83%	58
85	Flagler College—St. Augustine (FL)	62%	10	58%	63	31%	40%	209	31%	34%	139	38350	34619	36	18281	192	89%	33	93%	189
86	Lenoir-Rhyne University (NC)	51%	79	50%	105	44%	43%	119	35%	39%	160	39000	36847	56	17054	159	84%	96	82%	110
87	Clemson University (SC)*	82%	28	77%	41	18%	25%	212	18%	26%	208	49050	53346	219	11081	66	96%	12	94%	77
88	Oglethorpe University (GA)	56%	149	62%	209	41%	28%	34	25%	24%	82	45650	41212	24	17043	140	79%	172	82%	190
89	Limestone College (SC)	36%	131	38%	148	53%	49%	104	51%	39%	6	36800	36444	109	21315	225	77%	119	62%	12
90	West Virginia University (WV)*	57%	124	57%	133	27%	32%	197	35%	33%	74	44400	41133	45	8164	26	83%	152	87%	228
91	Clayton State University (GA)*	30%	215	33%	159	59%	52%	78	40%	43%	124	39300	37276	63	11434	56	67%	203	64%	76
92	Univ. of NC—Wilmington (NC)*	70%	14	67%	71	29%	28%	128	25%	27%	116	40150	44490	230	10799	44	87%	62	92%	217
93	Florida Gulf Coast University (FL)*	46%	109	51%	188	34%	38%	169	40%	36%	57	43200	44117	146	11829	62	87%	69	85%	96
94	Barton College (NC)	47%	58	41%	51	51%	56%	185	40%	42%	111	37900	34289	39	19491	204	82%	86	80%	106
95	North Carolina Wesleyan College (NC)	31%	167	30%	102	66%	59%	75	49%	44%	47	39200	35154	35	18675	196	62%	190	58%	86
96	Wake Forest University (NC)	87%	16	87%	119	12%	22%	240	12%	22%	232	61600	55658	18	19658	209	98%	3	97%	116
97	West Virginia Univ. Inst. of Tech. (WV)*	21%	231	40%	252	40%	48%	203	35%	38%	136	44400	41117	46	6774	2	83%	82	82%	123
98	University of Montevallo (AL)*	45%	114	52%	198	41%	32%	67	36%	34%	76	35050	35143	120	13876	93	81%	120	82%	146
99	DeVry University—Florida (FL)*	39%	158	24%	3	63%	40%	6	N/A	39%	9	N/A	34249	70	23750	230	58%	225	62%	205
100	Univ. of S. Florida—St. Petersburg (FL)*	36%	180	47%	237	40%	37%	106	39%	32%	37	42800	43223	128	9970	32	82%	113	81%	127

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		6-year graduation rate	Graduation rate rank	Predicted grad rate based on % of Pell recipients, incoming SATs, etc.	Grad rate performance rank	Students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted % Pell based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	First-gen students	Predicted % first-gen based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	Median earnings	Predicted median earnings 10 years after entering college	Earnings performance rank	Net price of attendance	Net price rank	% repaying \$1 in loan principal 5 years after leaving coll.	Repayment rank	Predicted repayment rate	Repay rate perf. rank		
1	CA State University-Bakersfield (CA)*	40%	140	33%	46	61%	50%	39	55%	45%	22	49800	39113	8	6225	7	83%	129	75%	6
2	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	90%	20	96%	167	13%	4%	43	12%	6%	53	80900	62700	3	13097	60	N/A	30	98%	95
3	California Maritime Academy (CA)*	57%	29	49%	40	35%	37%	118	24%	34%	195	79750	58355	2	11855	47	90%	37	89%	93
4	University of WA-Tacoma (WA)*	49%	103	44%	63	47%	41%	57	33%	40%	185	52850	41599	6	6823	10	93%	16	83%	4
5	CA State University-Stanislaus (CA)*	51%	90	34%	4	58%	49%	45	57%	45%	13	45200	40801	28	5905	5	85%	112	77%	9
6	Arizona State-West (AZ)*	59%	51	41%	2	50%	29%	9	N/A	31%	60	N/A	37303	86	7590	13	82%	139	70%	2
7	Stanford University (CA)	95%	6	92%	68	17%	15%	88	21%	15%	42	77900	70472	14	5465	11	97%	10	93%	30
8	Univ. of California-Merced (CA)*	59%	119	56%	70	60%	40%	2	46%	37%	30	N/A	50511	12	9947	54	N/A	138	86%	88
9	Brigham Young University-Provo (UT)	78%	42	74%	62	36%	19%	7	14%	22%	188	57750	48775	13	10864	70	97%	9	95%	67
10	Brigham Young University-Idaho (ID)	52%	47	46%	61	43%	30%	30	22%	32%	194	38150	34855	50	7197	4	94%	13	85%	13
11	CA State Univ.-San Bernardino (CA)*	44%	127	33%	17	59%	53%	56	56%	47%	29	48350	43222	24	5976	6	80%	151	76%	42
12	University of California-Davis (CA)*	82%	33	76%	45	43%	30%	13	40%	28%	9	58200	54796	47	11203	74	93%	48	92%	83
13	University of California-San Diego (CA)*	86%	21	79%	32	43%	26%	5	38%	25%	4	60150	61348	115	10226	58	94%	32	93%	84
14	Utah State University (UT)*	50%	147	44%	39	36%	29%	46	33%	32%	109	42850	35540	17	10768	69	93%	61	85%	3
15	Soka University of America (CA)	85%	35	71%	5	30%	26%	65	26%	21%	58	N/A	35071	76	9978	17	N/A	110	87%	33
16	CA State University-Los Angeles (CA)*	38%	152	32%	56	65%	54%	41	60%	48%	8	46600	46301	89	3635	2	84%	122	76%	11
17	Evergreen State College (WA)*	56%	69	45%	19	44%	29%	19	31%	34%	145	32850	27920	25	10515	42	82%	137	80%	76
18	Fresno Pacific University (CA)	59%	53	47%	14	58%	40%	11	47%	39%	35	42350	39721	52	14631	98	85%	115	80%	37
19	University of CA-Santa Barbara (CA)*	81%	39	74%	31	38%	28%	32	37%	27%	14	53700	54116	103	10747	67	93%	50	89%	19
20	Univ. of California-Los Angeles (CA)*	91%	12	85%	42	36%	26%	23	34%	23%	11	59750	60194	104	9852	50	92%	70	93%	112
21	University of California-Riverside (CA)*	67%	84	67%	98	57%	34%	1	44%	33%	7	51050	52974	126	9489	45	90%	101	89%	79
22	University of WA Bothell (WA)*	66%	26	52%	7	34%	38%	150	33%	38%	165	52850	51624	70	7744	16	93%	16	90%	50
23	University of Colorado-Denver (CO)*	42%	168	46%	154	28%	35%	187	34%	34%	119	77150	50547	1	12687	88	85%	155	85%	108
24	Pomona College (CA)	95%	11	93%	90	17%	8%	40	25%	8%	1	51750	58364	181	6425	3	N/A	107	90%	72
25	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	76%	64	69%	36	35%	13%	3	N/A	15%	95	N/A	26932	26	17094	109	N/A	124	92%	134
26	CA State University-Sacramento (CA)*	43%	131	44%	117	51%	46%	58	45%	42%	84	48500	42929	22	8164	18	87%	88	84%	61
27	Arizona State-East (AZ)*	59%	49	51%	37	39%	25%	25	N/A	28%	86	N/A	39747	116	9620	32	82%	139	77%	32
28	Washington State University (WA)*	67%	86	55%	6	33%	37%	153	34%	36%	138	47300	41282	23	12990	92	91%	87	87%	22
29	CA State University-Chico (CA)*	58%	60	47%	22	40%	40%	110	38%	39%	127	46700	43404	41	11407	55	88%	71	84%	46
30	University of California-Irvine (CA)*	86%	22	75%	9	43%	35%	42	39%	31%	39	56650	59552	144	9834	49	93%	45	94%	109
31	CA State University-Fresno (CA)*	50%	150	45%	52	55%	53%	84	50%	45%	52	44900	41273	42	5367	9	85%	153	83%	58
32	CA State University-Long Beach (CA)*	61%	45	54%	48	47%	44%	74	44%	36%	32	48750	50230	122	7620	15	89%	62	89%	98
33	University of California-Berkeley (CA)*	91%	13	89%	93	32%	20%	18	32%	19%	3	63350	66085	141	9920	53	92%	65	94%	144
34	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	92%	17	95%	136	13%	12%	99	12%	11%	100	64050	62118	61	10985	25	N/A	39	95%	52
35	University of Utah (UT)*	60%	114	52%	21	32%	29%	73	29%	31%	136	50500	46268	33	12728	90	92%	68	89%	29
36	University of Washington-Seattle (WA)*	82%	32	72%	11	25%	25%	104	33%	26%	41	52850	56302	152	7919	27	93%	49	91%	60
37	CA State Univ.-Dominguez Hills (CA)*	30%	172	28%	95	60%	61%	119	55%	51%	67	46350	43408	48	2316	1	77%	161	74%	59
38	University of Montana-Western (MT)*	47%	71	39%	47	43%	45%	120	41%	38%	80	31000	33064	128	8286	8	88%	55	84%	54
39	Arizona State University (AZ)*	60%	118	58%	82	36%	27%	35	37%	30%	34	46550	42689	38	9825	48	84%	159	85%	129
40	Central Washington University (WA)*	53%	83	49%	73	36%	41%	159	40%	40%	126	45850	41631	30	11736	61	89%	57	85%	47
41	CA State University-Northridge (CA)*	47%	113	38%	29	50%	53%	137	48%	45%	73	45900	44205	63	9468	30	84%	123	81%	63
42	Saint Martin's University (WA)	50%	99	46%	74	37%	34%	78	38%	36%	87	48000	45003	46	16599	111	90%	52	81%	7
43	Eastern Oregon University (OR)*	30%	173	31%	115	50%	49%	98	46%	44%	103	38000	31569	16	13137	80	83%	134	76%	15
44	Western Washington University (WA)*	69%	19	63%	49	25%	28%	132	27%	31%	156	44350	43449	77	12033	68	93%	15	93%	101
45	Western Oregon University (OR)*	45%	123	45%	100	44%	41%	83	43%	41%	98	39850	36204	34	14792	99	86%	103	81%	28
46	CA Poly. St. U.-San Luis Obispo (CA)*	72%	14	75%	124	20%	26%	160	25%	23%	85	61150	58071	45	12839	78	95%	4	98%	145
47	College of Idaho (ID)	64%	117	55%	23	36%	32%	69	37%	27%	18	38750	41947	148	15206	91	91%	118	84%	8
48	CA State Univ.-Channel Islands (CA)*	55%	73	43%	16	41%	47%	162	44%	42%	92	N/A	46979	93	11917	64	86%	98	84%	73
49	Montana Tech/Univ. of Montana (MT)*	46%	74	50%	133	35%	24%	37	39%	28%	17	41500	46844	169	10710	31	84%	94	78%	34
50	CA State University-San Marcos (CA)*	47%	112	47%	102	43%	48%	157	44%	42%	96	46450	45250	71	8533	21	89%	60	86%	74

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	6-year graduation rate	Graduation rate rank	Predicted grad rate based on % of Pell recipients	Grad rate performance rank	Students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted % Pell based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	First-gen students	Predicted % first-gen based on ACT/SAT and admit rates	Median earnings	Predicted median earnings	10 years after entering college	Earnings performance rank	Net price of attendance	Net price rank	% repaying \$1 in loan principal 5 years after leaving coll.	Repayment rank	Predicted repayment rate	Repay rate perf. rank		
51	University of Wyoming (WY)*	54%	132	58%	146	24%	23%	97	31%	28%	77	46450	43627	56	9122	39	91%	85	88%	43
52	San Diego State University (CA)*	66%	89	61%	50	40%	42%	141	41%	35%	51	49300	51429	131	8641	36	90%	106	87%	35
53	Southern Utah University (UT)*	39%	144	45%	160	39%	36%	76	34%	34%	123	38050	34637	37	12978	79	89%	66	81%	12
54	Eastern Washington University (WA)*	46%	120	43%	78	39%	44%	163	36%	42%	173	41650	39120	54	10004	37	87%	82	83%	38
55	CA State Univ.–Monterey Bay (CA)*	40%	139	47%	159	48%	48%	100	45%	41%	72	45050	43522	66	7597	14	86%	97	84%	69
56	University of Phoenix–Idaho (ID)°	12%	191	21%	177	68%	53%	27	55%	43%	12	56500	38578	4	18325	126	57%	182	65%	178
57	University of California–Santa Cruz (CA)*	75%	52	67%	24	44%	32%	17	39%	31%	36	45550	54032	191	12043	81	92%	79	89%	45
58	Arizona State–Downtown Phoenix (AZ)*	58%	124	45%	3	41%	31%	26	N/A	32%	110	N/A	38552	80	9416	44	82%	165	89%	192
59	University of Southern California (CA)	91%	15	90%	99	23%	19%	59	22%	19%	68	65250	63950	72	17327	121	95%	24	95%	97
60	University of Redlands (CA)	71%	16	64%	43	27%	28%	111	35%	29%	57	56200	55497	82	21049	147	93%	20	89%	49
61	Heritage University (WA)	16%	196	20%	145	77%	60%	14	63%	53%	19	35500	32907	53	10705	43	72%	172	70%	81
62	Oregon State University (OR)*	62%	108	53%	18	33%	31%	79	30%	32%	134	46700	45977	85	15106	108	91%	90	88%	48
63	Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)*	46%	79	37%	33	35%	44%	182	39%	37%	89	48500	49640	114	12276	57	88%	54	84%	53
64	CA State Poly. Univ.–Pomona (CA)*	53%	81	56%	122	45%	37%	52	43%	34%	28	53450	58975	178	8763	22	90%	43	87%	65
65	Santa Clara University (CA)	85%	1	82%	79	15%	16%	113	17%	18%	125	68950	63104	21	24862	176	96%	2	100%	160
66	University of the Pacific (CA)	65%	95	72%	185	41%	29%	16	34%	28%	50	64750	54170	10	24040	178	91%	81	93%	146
67	Northwest Christian University (OR)	48%	109	45%	80	52%	43%	50	40%	40%	124	38450	37694	81	16487	110	86%	105	81%	39
68	NM Inst. of Mining and Tech (NM)*	46%	122	58%	190	29%	26%	81	29%	25%	69	53400	55195	130	9337	28	93%	21	85%	10
69	Gonzaga University (WA)	82%	2	74%	41	19%	21%	124	16%	24%	183	52900	49290	35	22417	159	95%	3	97%	127
70	University of La Verne (CA)	59%	121	48%	8	46%	48%	149	49%	40%	25	54550	52848	67	17704	124	85%	156	81%	31
71	Linfield College–McMinnville (OR)	69%	92	64%	58	25%	31%	168	33%	26%	45	50750	46426	31	20391	136	95%	76	92%	51
72	Pacific Lutheran University (WA)	69%	18	65%	67	29%	29%	103	26%	31%	169	46800	45067	62	19969	131	95%	8	93%	91
73	California Institute of Technology (CA)	92%	8	100%	184	11%	8%	70	N/A	10%	81	82100	88282	176	7978	29	100%	1	100%	105
74	California State Univ.–Fullerton (CA)*	53%	135	55%	121	42%	46%	167	45%	39%	46	47700	49374	121	5983	12	89%	121	86%	56
75	George Fox University (OR)	64%	40	58%	55	36%	32%	71	27%	33%	170	44200	44018	94	20604	141	93%	14	89%	41
76	University of Hawaii–Hilo (HI)*	38%	149	38%	109	46%	45%	101	38%	42%	164	35900	35960	97	8896	24	84%	125	81%	70
77	Pepperdine University (CA)	82%	34	74%	27	21%	29%	188	22%	27%	167	60450	56432	36	19056	133	94%	42	92%	77
78	Mt. Sierra College (CA)*	31%	153	20%	26	71%	51%	10	54%	43%	16	48100	48175	98	20277	150	60%	176	57%	64
79	Brigham Young University–Hawaii (HI)	49%	65	48%	101	30%	38%	180	25%	32%	179	38850	39431	105	9888	20	91%	29	93%	126
80	San Diego Christian College (CA)	43%	94	37%	60	58%	53%	62	42%	41%	102	36100	35135	79	24109	183	90%	41	73%	1
81	University of Arizona (AZ)*	61%	111	60%	97	33%	32%	89	32%	32%	114	45100	44772	90	12317	85	88%	127	87%	92
82	Regis University (CO)	59%	54	56%	84	28%	24%	67	39%	29%	26	52300	51967	88	19051	125	85%	111	86%	117
83	Woodbury University (CA)	48%	107	40%	34	51%	47%	72	41%	42%	133	44600	43634	75	22183	156	86%	102	80%	21
84	Sonoma State University (CA)*	55%	72	51%	76	30%	40%	185	38%	39%	137	46050	45766	91	12735	75	89%	56	89%	99
85	University of Idaho (ID)*	56%	130	49%	35	41%	39%	80	33%	36%	150	40850	41104	101	12050	82	87%	142	88%	123
86	National University (CA)	43%	129	41%	94	33%	42%	184	45%	38%	48	56550	50448	19	22131	154	84%	120	80%	44
87	Whittier College (CA)	66%	104	55%	10	37%	40%	129	36%	30%	54	46550	48951	135	20293	134	89%	136	82%	14
88	Trident University International (CA)°	48%	156	40%	20	15%	33%	198	51%	34%	2	N/A	65154	39	13078	93	79%	173	77%	66
89	Humboldt State University (CA)*	41%	134	48%	157	50%	39%	34	37%	39%	132	37650	39818	134	11760	62	84%	119	83%	85
90	University of Montana (MT)*	49%	155	49%	110	39%	29%	29	34%	32%	90	34450	38816	159	12261	84	88%	132	85%	55
91	Univ. of Phoenix–Oregon (OR)°	18%	183	21%	128	65%	55%	44	55%	44%	15	56500	44423	9	18990	130	57%	182	69%	188
92	Mount St. Mary's College (CA)	64%	37	52%	15	58%	50%	48	47%	45%	93	51750	52671	113	23138	166	85%	117	87%	150
93	Mills College (CA)	65%	36	66%	120	48%	27%	8	29%	28%	108	42300	42236	96	21736	151	87%	95	94%	182
94	Willamette University (OR)	78%	56	74%	66	21%	22%	109	16%	20%	162	49700	44634	27	22697	164	93%	93	96%	149
95	Univ. of CO–Colorado Springs (CO)*	47%	116	51%	143	32%	31%	95	30%	33%	144	42200	44481	138	12460	73	87%	83	85%	78
96	Occidental College (CA)	86%	30	84%	88	22%	18%	66	16%	16%	120	51050	54961	155	16479	105	94%	84	97%	147
97	Westmont College (CA)	78%	55	73%	59	21%	24%	142	18%	21%	148	48300	44653	40	24213	175	97%	51	95%	87
98	University of Nevada–Reno (NV)*	53%	136	53%	108	29%	33%	164	38%	34%	62	46550	45317	73	13134	95	86%	148	86%	102
99	Embry–Riddle Aero. Univ.–Prescott (AZ)	57%	28	52%	64	28%	26%	82	37%	29%	33	61350	53852	18	32037	196	87%	67	84%	75
100	Fort Lewis College (CO)*	38%	179	38%	103	33%	35%	133	32%	29%	79	34650	32941	65	12684	52	76%	175	75%	90

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*Public institution
 °For-profit institution

	SOCIAL MOBILITY								RESEARCH					SERVICE			
	Graduation rate rank	Grad rate performance rank	Pell performance rank	First-gen performance rank	Earnings performance rank	Net price rank	Repayment rank	Repayment rate performance rank	Research expenditures rank	Bachelor's to PhD rank	Science & engineering PhDs rank	Faculty awards rank	Faculty in National Academies rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service rank	Community service rank
1 Stanford University (CA)	7	79	112	48	19	3	11	35	9	4	3	2	2	73	238	14	101
2 Harvard University (MA)	1	11	143	27	4	1	86	134	10	11	16	1	4	148	218	70	194
3 MA Institute of Technology (MA)	19	248	43	65	3	9	6	111	12	2	11	4	3	181	36	201	194
4 University of California–San Diego (CA)*	37	35	7	5	189	64	51	105	5	43	22	5	7	38	203	34	13
5 University of Pennsylvania (PA)	4	113	137	97	11	52	25	102	16	23	33	9	9	88	225	25	118
6 Texas A&M University–College Station (TX)*	74	18	221	111	96	11	73	47	19	104	11	78	62	157	2	10	25
7 University of California–Berkeley (CA)*	25	115	24	4	225	60	88	221	21	16	1	8	6	33	205	50	120
8 University of California–Los Angeles (CA)*	24	47	26	10	165	57	98	176	7	36	10	20	13	44	143	136	45
9 Georgetown University (DC)	12	104	219	173	2	126	24	89	94	33	122	93	71	5	155	111	54
10 University of California–Davis (CA)*	55	50	18	8	52	86	68	100	22	54	18	53	22	53	193	23	87
11 Duke University (NC)	9	243	134	182	22	40	12	186	6	12	37	10	15	25	57	149	129
12 University of California–Riverside (CA)*	121	128	1	7	200	50	131	92	110	146	58	29	58	70	248	3	3
13 Yale University (CT)	2	144	107	35	84	13	22	62	20	3	39	6	8	58	67	201	194
14 University of Washington–Seattle (WA)*	54	13	144	47	243	17	69	68	3	62	15	23	16	12	108	38	194
15 Princeton University (NJ)	3	184	121	57	35	7	7	83	70	5	43	7	5	115	148	201	194
16 Georgia Institute of Technology–Main (GA)*	59	204	66	130	43	29	38	131	23	39	17	13	27	153	62	163	64
17 University of CA–Santa Barbara (CA)*	62	34	31	14	164	73	72	25	79	60	47	36	11	26	211	99	111
18 University of Florida (FL)*	36	10	41	32	176	18	119	73	24	42	5	77	68	30	87	194	194
19 Brigham Young University–Provo (UT)	79	72	8	273	13	76	10	77	177	35	129	144	154	188	93	201	75
20 University of NC–Chapel Hill (NC)*	31	65	201	229	214	22	19	48	8	37	24	33	39	31	122	118	11
21 University of Michigan–Ann Arbor (MI)*	28	125	184	185	181	36	66	246	2	30	2	37	29	29	130	142	61
22 Vanderbilt University (TN)	17	199	125	168	154	12	63	225	31	27	59	22	24	64	89	15	46
23 Columbia Univ. in the City of NY (NY)	10	78	57	66	113	20	99	199	11	13	26	18	10	57	242	201	194
24 University of Notre Dame (IN)	8	205	138	216	33	155	2	143	96	24	82	39	104	42	13	41	85
25 CA State University–Fresno (CA)*	223	61	108	61	48	2	198	66	236	248	267	183	159	193	102	1	20
26 Utah State University (UT)*	221	43	53	133	20	74	85	7	99	186	130	112	159	197	123	5	194
27 Cornell University (NY)	15	210	142	200	63	129	28	189	15	9	20	34	21	19	181	201	112
28 University of Wisconsin–Madison (WI)*	49	110	209	207	185	125	27	71	4	34	7	25	20	13	131	122	126

SOCIAL MOBILITY: The first column shows the percentage of students graduating within six years, and the second column shows the predicted rate of graduation (based on incoming ACT/SAT scores, Pell Grant percentages, and other measures; see our full methodology on page 114). The third and fourth columns show the difference between the actual and predicted percentages of Pell Grant recipients and first-generation students based on ACT/SAT scores and the percentage of students admitted. The fifth column shows the difference between actual and predicted earnings of all students (dropouts and graduates) ten years after starting college after controlling for student demographics and majors, living costs, and other factors. The sixth column shows the net price of attending that institution, or the average price that first-time, full-time students who have a family income below \$75,000 per year and receive financial aid to pay for college after subtracting need-based financial aid. The final two columns reflect the actual and predicted performance of the percentage of students who repaid at least \$1 in principal on their loans within five years of entering repayment.

RESEARCH: The first column shows total research expenditures. The second shows the school's ranking in the number of bachelor's recipients who go on to receive PhDs, relative to school size. The third ranks the school by the number of science and engineering PhDs awarded. The fourth column shows the school's ranking by the number of faculty receiving prestigious awards, relative to the number of full-time faculty. The fifth column ranks the school by the number of faculty who are members of the National Academies, relative to the number of full-time faculty.

SERVICE: The first column ranks the school by the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps, relative to school size. The second column ranks the school by the percentage of students who serve in ROTC. The third gives the percentage of funds in federal work-study money that goes to community service (versus non-community service). The fourth column shows the school's rank on a combined measure of the number of students participating in community service and the total number of service hours performed, both relative to school size. The fifth column shows the school's rank on a combined measure of the percent of students doing community service, the number of hours of community service per student, whether any staff were employed in community service, if any service courses were offered, or if the institution provides scholarships for community service.

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SOCIAL MOBILITY

RESEARCH

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29	Dartmouth College (NH)	6	95	135	187	142	38	16	128	84	10	123	27	31	50	197	148	49	
30	VA Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ. (VA)*	50	51	231	253	50	186	37	121	37	57	34	161	80	51	3	134	80	
31	Arizona State University (AZ)*	163	98	37	38	45	55	207	200	47	152	36	124	60	120	84	40	106	
32	Washington State University (WA)*	123	4	205	179	23	139	117	27	61	182	72	104	81	94	76	132	162	
33	University of IL-Urbana-Champaign (IL)*	43	97	83	117	78	121	46	79	27	46	4	35	35	76	127	201	194	
34	California Institute of Technology (CA)	21	276	87	109	284	19	1	154	53	1	65	3	1	204	286	201	194	
35	University of California-Irvine (CA)*	38	9	49	44	228	56	64	165	59	78	28	30	28	71	214	58	194	
36	Rice University (TX)	22	214	75	116	266	25	29	156	112	8	84	38	19	14	187	96	154	
37	Mercer University (GA)	153	101	11	26	38	219	218	10	186	126	245	247	159	86	80	164	41	
38	Michigan State University (MI)*	76	27	178	232	71	88	126	141	35	92	25	75	89	99	146	62	105	
39	University of Utah (UT)*	161	26	90	178	39	131	95	34	39	116	45	89	70	155	160	173	158	
40	Washington University in St Louis (MO)	11	213	233	209	244	114	23	228	25	21	62	16	18	27	206	146	1	
41	Univ. of California-Merced (CA)*	165	86	3	31	12	61	172	115	199	298	199	86	159	163	286	201	194	
42	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)	44	160	92	215	14	292	8	139	123	25	100	21	41	170	5	145	145	
43	College of William and Mary (VA)*	30	166	242	257	255	26	9	95	156	19	198	62	159	6	88	97	27	
44	Illinois Institute of Technology (IL)	138	157	38	33	83	188	79	17	180	40	137	149	67	138	34	54	189	
45	Purdue University-Main (IN)*	101	131	258	212	178	66	58	55	32	71	8	45	47	136	31	33	179	
46	University of Southern California (CA)	26	139	79	91	101	211	42	145	26	98	27	51	37	85	126	201	144	
47	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	16	196	202	202	216	128	35	230	1	14	21	17	12	48	140	183	194	
48	University of NC-Greensboro (NC)*	190	117	105	243	70	49	140	1	208	213	179	143	159	214	228	160	29	
49	Brown University (RI)	5	88	167	154	242	30	21	88	55	6	80	15	36	45	271	201	194	
50	Tufts University (MA)	20	232	175	219	102	149	14	206	100	22	105	66	53	7	194	104	135	
51	SUNY-Binghamton (NY)*	65	162	59	122	40	138	75	144	136	63	112	135	133	114	240	172	82	
52	Syracuse University (NY)	58	23	244	287	9	250	70	103	138	103	106	120	103	77	137	45	59	
53	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (MN)*	87	106	172	223	278	99	94	172	14	88	9	24	40	40	154	26	60	
54	University of Virginia-Main (VA)*	13	75	260	195	140	63	40	152	51	28	41	59	38	18	27	201	194	
55	University of Georgia (GA)*	51	73	149	240	136	65	111	218	56	68	50	106	113	63	144	138	55	
56	University of MD-College Park (MD)*	46	129	152	161	191	95	82	119	36	58	138	131	65	54	113	180	34	
57	Villanova University (PA)	32	71	268	282	8	251	5	138	228	96	234	243	141	98	10	82	48	
58	Case Western Reserve University (OH)	70	281	61	204	68	246	41	233	44	20	87	47	32	35	178	29	16	
59	University of Central Florida (FL)*	120	37	54	50	271	106	152	22	106	228	83	113	155	196	121	201	5	
60	University of Colorado-Denver (CO)*	262	239	266	152	1	130	201	162	46	255	116	70	48	149	250	201	194	
61	Rutgers University-New Brunswick (NJ)*	68	91	68	58	184	182	132	204	34	91	30	87	57	143	156	46	176	
62	SUNY at Albany (NY)*	135	107	124	230	59	134	145	67	58	106	102	101	107	113	202	30	47	
63	University of Connecticut (CT)*	52	67	246	143	187	166	56	78	73	90	46	129	157	103	139	60	19	
64	Western Michigan University (MI)*	193	70	95	210	26	178	159	33	205	155	144	236	159	133	68	185	33	
65	University of Illinois at Chicago (IL)*	174	217	5	39	122	93	129	45	52	124	49	72	86	147	183	201	194	
66	Florida State University (FL)*	81	49	42	96	237	145	142	87	76	113	60	156	98	93	77	166	163	
67	Michigan Technological University (MI)*	136	145	56	155	134	81	76	106	141	47	143	26	111	46	7	201	194	
68	MO Univ. of Science & Technology (MO)*	146	206	15	75	75	146	89	63	170	84	132	122	109	131	6	201	194	
69	Ohio State University-Main (OH)*	48	45	80	22	293	175	189	245	18	105	13	63	52	56	97	68	89	
70	University of Texas-Austin (TX)*	69	159	82	79	249	118	103	185	30	61	6	55	30	112	167	13	194	
71	Indiana State University (IN)*	266	153	218	183	44	62	231	58	263	261	223	254	159	243	95	11	2	
72	Emory University (GA)	27	165	73	194	254	233	39	160	33	31	86	12	33	15	255	109	65	
73	Rutgers University-Newark (NJ)*	141	5	55	236	114	59	132	26	182	203	161	176	120	228	232	201	155	
74	University of South Florida-Main (FL)*	149	82	28	24	283	34	235	205	40	168	66	90	101	97	78	66	115	

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75	Oregon State University (OR)*	152	21	101	174	128	189	123	56	78	147	77	97	122	66	59	184	177
76	University of Arizona (AZ)*	156	122	116	139	145	119	156	124	29	80	32	67	43	141	83	55	187
77	Indiana University-Bloomington (IN)*	84	36	265	226	126	35	109	130	88	130	51	56	91	81	166	201	122
78	Florida International University (FL)*	211	116	2	52	291	68	241	76	113	252	107	102	149	200	233	8	28
79	Brandeis University (MA)	29	93	109	254	215	193	33	171	137	18	140	14	25	20	282	141	137
80	University of Missouri-Columbia (MO)*	105	130	169	201	141	164	124	126	77	107	64	141	95	127	92	4	165
81	Colorado State Univ.-Fort Collins (CO)*	144	194	176	218	211	96	100	96	62	127	67	105	92	28	40	108	51
82	New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJ)*	182	62	40	55	138	161	113	23	121	200	147	168	93	282	208	126	174
83	Boston College (MA)	23	158	225	239	53	229	17	167	162	55	145	44	102	34	115	137	78
84	University of Idaho (ID)*	188	38	102	191	160	112	175	191	126	115	150	186	159	39	39	87	88
85	University of Oklahoma-Norman (OK)*	128	41	115	81	25	172	180	123	74	101	85	155	156	137	44	201	194
86	Tennessee Technological Univ. (TN)*	217	186	35	9	93	82	186	50	230	204	225	244	159	252	101	91	171
87	Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte (NC)*	200	127	84	244	203	54	87	3	196	243	126	148	159	223	82	181	116
88	Oklahoma State University-Main (OK)*	158	39	117	135	54	100	164	41	107	145	89	163	116	231	134	88	194
89	North Carolina State Univ.-Raleigh (NC)*	93	109	238	263	287	39	60	86	45	70	23	74	61	105	32	112	92
90	Lehigh University (PA)	35	84	273	251	7	212	3	93	179	44	133	98	45	95	147	201	194
91	Wake Forest University (NC)	34	147	285	286	24	236	4	127	92	32	160	32	63	62	75	187	104
92	University of Chicago (IL)	18	268	96	169	294	97	34	254	48	7	47	11	14	8	272	86	194
93	University of Texas-El Paso (TX)*	281	81	9	120	149	5	273	260	135	167	148	177	159	221	158	78	124
94	Clemson University (SC)*	53	55	259	270	258	83	30	60	103	81	79	109	125	89	20	168	149
95	University of Delaware (DE)*	60	85	297	278	67	123	57	159	95	85	78	49	76	87	125	98	72
96	Pepperdine University (CA)	56	30	269	235	42	231	61	90	258	123	267	221	159	140	235	24	24
97	University of California-Santa Cruz (CA)*	90	29	23	41	296	111	104	54	102	50	95	84	44	17	283	201	194
98	LA State Univ./Agri. & Mech. Coll. (LA)*	133	254	223	123	119	27	150	108	68	156	60	173	134	172	120	125	147
99	Northwestern University (IL)	14	192	122	172	202	195	26	193	28	26	29	19	26	52	241	201	194
100	Drew University (NJ)	124	94	160	260	98	240	80	30	267	29	260	262	56	16	286	123	31
101	University of Wyoming (WY)*	198	234	133	106	62	42	114	52	149	110	141	134	121	118	16	201	194
102	Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	33	265	123	234	76	267	15	239	72	15	44	50	23	139	189	17	100
103	Texas Woman's University (TX)*	253	123	88	125	5	15	259	104	251	249	154	262	159	277	257	201	194
104	Sam Houston State University (TX)*	216	77	183	89	29	71	247	98	247	268	210	259	159	273	129	201	69
105	California State Univ.-Fullerton (CA)*	201	188	235	53	195	4	153	65	217	275	267	188	151	187	190	81	44
106	George Washington University (DC)	66	251	270	281	82	242	32	149	85	74	97	57	75	4	41	64	128
107	Stony Brook University (NY)*	114	275	34	19	274	69	146	187	82	114	57	64	54	207	254	49	139
108	Old Dominion University (VA)*	218	83	232	170	180	90	194	12	131	262	136	179	159	238	14	114	103
109	Univ. of South Carolina-Columbia (SC)*	95	175	188	208	265	151	65	37	86	170	73	103	143	145	54	107	39
110	Temple University (PA)*	122	42	139	177	108	220	161	99	90	231	104	123	137	134	170	37	142
111	Clarkson University (NY)	102	60	128	288	36	237	48	174	222	49	192	41	159	119	4	201	194
112	Maryville University of Saint Louis (MO)	115	2	74	68	168	252	181	59	275	257	267	262	159	282	245	147	35
113	West Virginia University (WV)*	184	170	236	108	57	23	215	271	97	176	98	114	153	209	45	197	98
114	Georgia State University (GA)*	206	76	19	199	205	168	260	43	120	240	114	125	159	130	212	61	134
115	University of Montana (MT)*	228	156	30	119	261	117	165	64	155	164	184	164	159	32	196	72	167
116	Montclair State University (NJ)*	148	16	284	147	15	227	168	28	245	272	254	215	159	229	263	200	185
117	East Carolina University (NC)*	175	185	241	271	146	87	105	13	181	245	182	209	159	210	65	57	151
118	University of the Pacific (CA)	142	277	22	59	6	271	110	224	246	120	252	262	159	154	270	92	153
119	San Diego State University (CA)*	130	57	189	60	207	32	139	39	129	192	251	110	159	83	116	201	194
120	University of Kansas (KS)*	151	220	187	213	110	194	155	216	66	82	68	60	97	101	71	158	36

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121	University of Iowa (IA)*	107	172	230	225	61	137	101	136	41	87	42	48	46	106	159	201	194
122	Southern IL University—Carbondale (IL)*	246	245	81	138	32	162	236	101	142	108	115	198	159	142	58	171	157
123	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)	47	68	166	205	16	295	13	75	192	38	181	52	106	168	8	201	194
124	University of Alabama at Birmingham (AL)*	207	105	58	76	218	154	257	137	42	134	88	195	66	198	90	83	114
125	Saint Louis University—Main (MO)	104	53	255	141	100	290	106	51	166	165	148	116	145	110	152	80	4
126	Illinois State University (IL)*	98	64	253	165	34	181	71	24	212	191	242	220	159	159	161	201	194
127	Marquette University (WI)	75	119	264	256	79	261	62	173	203	73	173	94	159	59	11	190	37
128	Duquesne University (PA)	89	63	283	294	28	248	83	197	218	133	190	232	131	79	150	65	12
129	DePaul University (IL)	106	31	47	88	69	265	197	220	241	215	214	222	159	117	234	84	110
130	University of Nebraska—Omaha (NE)*	252	260	185	156	80	70	173	81	233	233	241	234	159	186	153	93	43
131	Ashland University (OH)	177	19	251	77	92	235	134	6	275	179	267	194	159	257	286	56	183
132	Iowa State University (IA)*	108	126	200	267	152	84	81	140	69	102	35	85	94	150	55	201	194
133	Trinity International University—Illinois (IL)	229	69	4	73	247	216	209	49	275	153	267	262	159	282	286	153	26
134	University of Nebraska—Lincoln (NE)*	129	229	267	233	222	136	91	133	71	93	75	139	138	75	135	127	17
135	Tennessee State University (TN)*	289	56	25	237	73	41	297	120	214	218	230	206	159	255	188	94	125
136	University of Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh (PA)*	64	138	227	124	282	263	120	209	13	64	31	31	42	60	51	74	71
137	Wright State University—Main (OH)*	272	179	131	84	153	180	221	57	163	184	182	258	147	213	74	90	32
138	Bowling Green State Univ.—Main (OH)*	189	198	249	132	21	199	220	231	229	154	168	166	159	126	73	156	79
139	Auburn University (AL)*	110	230	194	245	206	190	137	236	108	135	71	201	152	166	12	18	81
140	University of Houston (TX)*	237	297	44	12	238	80	219	203	111	222	69	58	72	237	191	198	8
141	Texas Tech University (TX)*	162	224	234	140	116	113	157	129	105	174	91	65	118	201	132	159	127
142	Loyola University—Chicago (IL)	99	207	32	149	156	278	143	226	165	139	154	233	159	61	138	20	23
143	University of North Texas (TX)*	224	252	100	78	159	6	242	196	167	229	110	126	129	185	180	135	84
144	Central Michigan University (MI)*	180	178	180	206	56	109	187	192	225	217	214	248	159	161	177	169	113
145	Saint John Fisher College (NY)	97	17	239	262	169	226	121	164	275	236	267	208	159	202	246	73	6
146	University of La Verne (CA)	170	8	199	25	94	218	203	38	275	264	267	262	159	208	264	69	192
147	University of Oregon (OR)*	117	33	252	248	210	147	144	182	124	121	119	100	78	21	169	191	170
148	University of MD—Baltimore County (MD)*	150	280	86	128	269	153	136	91	140	76	19	111	159	135	195	79	141
149	FL Agricultural & Mechanical Univ. (FL)*	275	142	21	176	137	89	295	2	164	117	228	187	159	191	26	201	194
150	Miami University—Oxford (OH)*	67	74	228	15	120	244	217	289	197	83	177	192	159	47	85	129	50
151	Northern Illinois University (IL)*	210	208	147	159	89	208	190	46	204	209	168	181	159	164	118	52	150
152	Middle Tennessee State University (TN)*	244	228	71	92	131	28	271	237	242	280	247	253	159	219	174	51	123
153	University of Rochester (NY)	41	143	151	242	259	203	55	201	75	17	70	54	17	36	136	201	194
154	University of MA—Amherst (MA)*	94	197	136	231	234	148	138	263	89	79	63	61	82	69	173	110	172
155	Cardinal Stritch University (WI)	227	136	85	13	17	213	243	20	275	290	261	262	159	282	286	201	194
156	University of Texas—Arlington (TX)*	270	246	118	34	129	108	238	82	133	242	99	153	139	240	168	139	181
157	Boston University (MA)	42	141	274	276	135	283	20	116	54	53	39	40	59	43	133	124	94
158	University of Mass.—Dartmouth (MA)*	230	226	148	163	221	140	200	132	191	235	231	83	159	190	268	7	42
159	George Mason University (VA)*	126	140	217	190	88	183	84	53	127	221	76	193	144	123	86	201	194
160	Clark University (MA)	71	52	204	261	292	223	74	163	239	41	202	42	49	3	275	177	86
161	Mississippi State University (MS)*	164	193	106	198	223	177	212	175	83	144	111	219	136	269	63	12	109
162	Ball State University (IN)*	171	237	214	164	65	115	174	169	227	210	219	170	159	169	162	128	131
163	IN Univ./Purdue Univ.—Indianapolis (IN)*	267	222	256	112	105	98	223	122	63	288	214	130	90	245	182	47	57
164	Regent University (VA)	238	14	6	69	112	204	258	72	275	298	252	262	159	282	237	201	194
165	University at Buffalo (NY)*	100	54	196	211	179	105	151	184	50	178	56	71	85	124	231	201	194
166	Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ)	73	135	99	171	18	254	49	244	185	100	172	95	77	268	215	179	194

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167	University of South Dakota (SD)*	209	133	161	188	143	165	169	148	183	254	213	133	159	246	163	22	119
168	Penn State—Main (PA)*	39	12	292	94	224	253	148	194	17	66	14	96	73	121	25	201	194
169	Texas State Univ.—San Marcos (TX)*	187	111	222	131	107	78	182	85	171	258	214	210	159	218	149	188	182
170	Adelphi University (NY)	143	137	193	127	74	276	141	42	271	246	206	178	159	176	274	35	40
171	Georgia Regents University (GA)*	295	221	72	241	115	10	45	14	275	298	267	262	159	282	286	201	194
172	University of Louisville (KY)*	204	212	119	72	246	91	213	181	91	190	109	92	123	162	94	201	30
173	University of San Francisco (CA)	111	203	179	189	49	273	130	211	250	163	264	175	159	49	99	120	22
174	New York University (NY)	45	257	120	186	147	299	93	253	38	67	53	68	51	108	267	6	70
175	Arizona State—Downtown Phoenix (AZ)*	172	3	27	134	117	47	229	296	275	298	267	262	159	282	286	201	194
176	Florida Institute of Technology (FL)	195	103	263	1	230	293	158	5	219	56	187	228	74	249	9	106	140
177	University of Vermont (VT)*	86	89	243	295	290	122	54	198	117	122	146	43	105	11	157	103	156
178	American University (DC)	72	190	278	289	161	288	78	223	158	97	176	151	159	2	107	28	73
179	Seton Hall University (NJ)	132	149	140	153	27	259	160	110	238	208	234	140	159	146	72	201	166
180	Robert Morris University (PA)	178	44	213	146	163	238	147	36	275	295	267	199	159	282	223	21	138
181	Azusa Pacific University (CA)	139	121	229	145	99	281	77	29	249	259	267	205	159	92	111	154	90
182	University of Mississippi (MS)*	167	249	181	203	133	116	226	273	119	198	167	229	159	224	28	75	76
183	Indiana University of Penn.—Main (PA)*	212	182	240	214	51	197	191	125	265	183	222	237	159	247	49	189	96
184	Portland State University (OR)*	264	174	145	166	193	127	208	212	157	276	163	197	135	84	253	182	14
185	University of Rhode Island (RI)*	154	180	257	284	66	167	154	241	122	128	127	132	112	125	164	140	159
186	Edgewood College (WI)	181	118	159	220	166	209	102	44	275	286	267	262	159	262	224	186	83
187	Kent State University—Kent (OH)*	205	151	113	3	121	210	264	243	193	212	125	182	146	216	119	192	102
188	San Francisco State University (CA)*	235	263	191	93	199	72	183	202	184	232	267	204	159	116	251	43	93
189	University of Louisiana at Lafayette (LA)*	243	259	237	23	197	8	266	188	145	234	195	231	159	222	199	77	146
190	Kansas State University (KS)*	169	168	155	222	192	157	122	84	93	140	101	189	158	132	46	201	194
191	University of the Cumberlands (KY)	265	150	89	45	233	191	269	281	275	237	267	262	159	265	1	133	173
192	University of Southern Mississippi (MS)*	234	266	33	167	124	104	282	262	160	89	156	224	159	275	61	113	161
193	University of Tennessee (TN)*	116	223	36	121	257	101	205	282	64	86	54	115	119	109	79	201	194
194	University of Nevada—Reno (NV)*	202	152	226	71	104	144	188	150	132	177	120	69	99	160	112	201	194
195	University of Nevada—Las Vegas (NV)*	269	273	248	74	155	58	251	287	174	238	165	246	159	189	145	2	169
196	University of Denver (CO)	83	108	130	142	235	269	135	213	213	148	254	136	159	37	210	89	63
197	Drexel University (PA)	119	187	174	113	37	296	112	109	115	188	93	118	88	235	117	174	180
198	University of Massachusetts—Lowell (MA)*	197	181	171	70	286	103	179	151	148	256	158	180	159	278	165	48	133
199	Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)	140	231	64	238	183	255	96	147	176	119	206	190	159	261	60	62	193
200	Howard University (DC)	155	66	60	291	172	277	288	8	168	65	141	200	64	22	24	101	194
201	Northern Arizona University (AZ)*	222	211	69	98	127	124	246	261	187	199	220	191	159	78	52	199	194
202	University of Memphis (TN)*	260	176	46	100	130	77	294	298	161	216	152	207	159	227	47	161	58
203	Tulane University of Louisiana (LA)	80	236	163	80	288	284	166	250	98	51	118	127	132	10	91	44	7
204	Seattle Pacific University (WA)	96	59	110	266	262	247	18	21	264	112	239	262	159	9	209	201	194
205	Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)*	179	261	220	197	220	198	206	208	87	201	52	73	96	107	207	32	107
206	Montana State University (MT)*	225	282	127	217	267	179	67	32	116	149	177	142	159	91	37	201	117
207	University of San Diego (CA)	85	189	282	224	251	264	53	117	244	143	211	159	159	24	22	121	21
208	University of Arkansas (AR)*	159	271	208	102	194	79	170	179	114	166	113	174	110	178	114	105	194
209	Louisiana Tech University (LA)*	219	169	289	85	241	16	227	180	194	181	192	242	159	258	142	39	143
210	Univ. of Massachusetts—Boston (MA)*	268	218	207	87	245	45	225	70	150	260	189	107	140	263	261	95	175
211	University of Texas at Dallas (TX)*	131	241	13	16	298	48	177	257	125	158	93	158	84	248	259	201	194
212	Colorado School of Mines (CO)*	103	262	192	196	77	257	50	190	154	45	128	46	55	96	48	201	194

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213	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (WI)*	259	279	146	157	72	184	195	146	152	220	108	165	150	144	222	19	194
214	East Tennessee State University (TN)*	263	219	39	28	139	159	284	301	232	219	228	214	159	242	109	16	164
215	University of New Hampshire–Main (NH)*	78	24	276	292	209	232	44	153	101	109	157	91	159	41	81	201	194
216	University of Kentucky (KY)*	166	291	211	150	204	110	162	183	60	142	55	81	124	128	53	201	194
217	University of Missouri–St. Louis (MO)*	248	102	157	37	231	107	214	31	206	230	186	230	130	194	243	201	194
218	Barry University (FL)	283	216	158	144	174	241	237	4	260	173	258	262	159	215	260	151	62
219	University of Cincinnati–Main (OH)*	147	96	156	30	252	228	256	292	43	185	74	80	83	152	103	162	130
220	Union University (TN)	137	58	129	56	285	249	193	61	275	150	267	262	159	173	204	117	56
221	Florida Atlantic University (FL)*	257	227	173	104	263	85	222	40	173	223	158	212	114	184	217	100	184
222	University of Maine (ME)*	173	80	132	269	253	176	115	94	130	95	163	150	128	182	100	201	194
223	Fordham University (NY)	63	155	212	252	212	285	118	267	209	125	168	99	127	65	98	71	18
224	Trident University International (CA)*	232	25	299	2	46	141	252	74	275	298	267	262	159	282	286	201	194
225	University of New Mexico–Main (NM)*	239	146	195	64	281	31	253	251	81	141	92	88	108	67	42	201	194
226	University of Colorado–Boulder (CO)*	109	238	186	250	272	217	108	229	49	75	38	76	50	23	50	201	194
227	University of Toledo (OH)*	245	120	78	62	109	142	275	275	144	202	131	146	159	234	124	201	194
228	Widener University–Main (PA)	192	112	296	162	118	274	196	107	272	226	237	262	159	250	29	9	66
229	Yeshiva University (NY)	40	7	150	300	250	243	43	238	67	99	139	28	34	282	286	201	194
230	Texas A&M University–Commerce (TX)*	249	46	182	90	60	37	286	276	255	285	257	202	159	279	276	201	194
231	Ohio University–Main (OH)*	134	20	262	18	158	206	250	268	153	162	153	147	159	158	110	201	194
232	Liberty University (VA)	226	22	141	29	125	262	249	16	275	294	267	261	159	276	201	201	194
233	Wichita State University (KS)*	255	233	45	51	148	135	232	222	151	239	187	223	159	270	286	201	194
234	South Dakota State University (SD)*	183	114	224	275	226	160	92	69	146	194	175	257	159	165	106	201	194
235	University of Alabama–Huntsville (AL)*	236	264	29	49	264	174	245	248	128	138	191	167	148	260	192	131	191
236	University of West Florida (FL)*	240	235	126	99	273	53	230	178	210	180	261	262	159	122	17	201	194
237	University of Dayton (OH)	82	173	293	299	132	282	31	168	134	111	220	262	159	68	43	175	67
238	Northeastern University (MA)	61	278	164	118	280	260	90	195	118	129	90	82	115	82	175	119	178
239	Fairleigh Dickinson U.–Metro. (NJ)	233	6	298	95	85	200	202	18	274	292	238	241	159	282	285	201	194
240	Kennesaw State University (GA)*	258	283	103	227	123	169	248	240	252	291	265	217	159	217	216	116	121
241	University of Texas–San Antonio (TX)*	300	303	51	82	198	51	263	278	172	266	162	196	159	236	35	102	97
242	Eastern Michigan University (MI)*	284	285	91	151	186	102	265	215	243	225	244	239	159	241	141	170	190
243	SUNY Coll. of Envir. Science & Forestry (NY)*	112	148	250	265	303	163	125	265	201	52	201	262	159	1	229	157	10
244	Wilmington University (DE)	293	90	291	11	90	171	272	15	275	297	267	250	159	282	265	201	194
245	University of St. Thomas (MN)	91	32	279	301	95	280	36	135	266	160	267	256	159	111	18	201	194
246	University of North Dakota (ND)*	203	250	286	285	103	173	97	113	139	169	180	185	159	203	33	201	194
247	University of Miami (FL)	57	177	198	181	295	279	116	170	57	69	103	79	69	72	219	143	152
248	Trevecca Nazarene University (TN)	215	40	76	83	248	207	211	114	275	263	267	262	159	282	252	201	194
249	St. John's University–New York (NY)	176	163	247	184	41	287	234	274	259	273	202	262	159	205	184	27	77
250	Benedictine University (IL)	208	167	203	114	162	205	192	177	270	244	265	262	159	282	269	76	186
251	Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi (TX)*	279	258	153	105	150	150	244	219	211	175	254	262	159	180	38	201	194
252	Georgia Southern University (GA)*	214	293	104	259	213	185	240	214	221	284	267	260	159	171	104	85	148
253	Valdosta State University (GA)*	276	295	94	246	64	158	268	142	269	287	267	249	159	174	64	201	194
254	New Mexico State University–Main (NM)*	251	183	111	20	276	43	280	290	109	151	134	154	159	199	66	201	194
255	Lamar University (TX)*	294	200	162	110	58	187	289	283	254	269	240	211	159	267	284	167	132
256	North Carolina A&T State University (NC)*	250	28	48	296	217	24	300	277	178	187	195	225	159	271	23	201	194
257	Texas Christian University (TX)	88	270	294	228	196	266	107	235	235	132	243	184	159	226	30	67	91
258	University of Hawaii–Manoa (HI)*	185	256	215	136	297	44	128	280	65	159	95	108	79	100	69	201	194

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

SOCIAL MOBILITY

RESEARCH

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Rank	University	SOCIAL MOBILITY								RESEARCH				SERVICE				
		Graduation rate rank	Grad rate performance rank	Pell performance rank	First-gen performance rank	Earnings performance rank	Net price rank	Repayment rank	Repayment rate performance rank	Research expenditures rank	Bachelor's to PhD rank	Science & engineering PhDs rank	Faculty awards rank	Faculty in National Academies rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service rank	Community service rank
259	North Dakota State University–Main (ND)*	199	286	275	293	182	132	59	112	104	172	135	121	159	233	105	201	194
260	University of Alabama (AL)*	127	272	261	160	236	225	216	286	159	196	124	171	159	212	128	31	52
261	Suffolk University (MA)	191	92	290	258	111	275	163	118	262	289	214	251	159	220	266	42	168
262	Morgan State University (MD)*	297	124	14	268	91	152	301	247	216	157	226	145	159	264	96	201	194
263	Jackson State University (MS)*	261	15	12	277	232	156	302	269	175	161	209	262	159	282	19	201	194
264	Clark Atlanta University (GA)	277	48	10	297	55	300	296	11	231	94	231	203	159	74	186	201	194
265	Cleveland State University (OH)*	288	269	67	46	175	196	278	217	147	251	204	162	159	254	244	150	194
266	Wayne State University (MI)*	296	292	17	63	97	92	290	302	80	207	81	117	126	211	262	201	194
267	University of Akron–Main (OH)*	274	195	50	17	201	202	283	288	143	214	120	172	142	225	172	194	194
268	University of Missouri–Kansas City (MO)*	231	255	210	103	219	215	254	266	188	211	166	226	159	80	249	201	38
269	University of Northern Colorado (CO)*	241	299	245	180	86	192	178	166	248	189	200	227	159	104	176	201	194
270	Idaho State University (ID)*	298	240	20	101	173	170	276	294	202	197	211	160	159	251	221	201	194
271	Grand Canyon University (AZ)°	299	99	62	6	31	268	291	264	275	296	267	262	159	281	236	193	194
272	Oakland University (MI)*	254	288	271	107	151	67	224	242	215	278	208	238	159	230	277	152	194
273	Spalding University (KY)	282	171	170	129	167	201	261	80	275	270	267	262	159	282	247	201	194
274	University of South Alabama (AL)*	286	301	70	67	188	94	281	270	169	205	227	119	159	239	56	201	194
275	Texas Wesleyan University (TX)	278	164	114	54	47	224	285	279	275	171	267	262	159	282	230	201	194
276	Univ. of MD Eastern Shore (MD)*	291	87	168	264	30	133	298	256	234	193	249	262	159	175	281	201	194
277	Southern Methodist University (TX)	77	225	177	175	229	258	127	255	190	131	174	169	100	102	239	201	194
278	University of West Georgia (GA)*	273	247	165	249	177	120	267	97	257	265	267	262	159	272	278	201	194
279	Argosy University–Phoenix Online (AZ)°	303	287	16	137	10	303	277	9	275	298	267	262	159	282	286	201	194
280	Immaculata University (PA)	196	1	303	158	87	289	204	19	275	282	267	262	159	282	286	201	194
281	Prairie View A&M University (TX)*	285	100	98	298	279	33	299	272	223	227	258	240	159	266	15	201	188
282	Texas A&M University–Kingsville (TX)*	290	242	52	36	240	46	287	299	207	279	245	255	159	282	171	201	194
283	American International College (MA)	271	134	197	255	81	221	270	210	275	277	267	262	159	244	220	201	194
284	Baylor University (TX)	92	244	190	221	171	291	149	252	220	77	171	252	159	192	21	201	194
285	University of Louisiana–Monroe (LA)*	280	253	93	42	190	14	292	300	256	241	234	262	159	280	256	201	194
286	Boise State University (ID)*	287	284	97	115	268	143	233	259	189	281	248	138	159	129	185	201	194
287	Nova Southeastern University (FL)	256	267	65	40	256	272	274	207	224	283	116	262	159	282	286	130	136
288	Dallas Baptist University (TX)	194	132	287	192	260	234	262	285	275	195	267	262	159	282	258	115	15
289	Gardner-Webb University (NC)	213	161	300	126	208	239	255	227	275	206	267	262	159	232	151	155	99
290	University of Arkansas at Little Rock (AR)*	301	300	77	21	277	75	293	297	226	271	194	216	117	206	273	36	160
291	Lipscomb University (TN)	160	274	216	193	299	230	167	234	275	136	267	262	159	156	198	196	68
292	University of Tulsa (OK)	113	201	254	148	301	256	185	258	200	48	204	137	87	167	279	178	53
293	Lindenwood University (MO)	247	294	206	86	157	245	239	155	275	293	267	262	159	274	200	201	194
294	Catholic University of America (DC)	118	209	302	302	106	302	47	157	198	72	195	152	159	55	70	53	194
295	University of Hartford (CT)	186	202	295	279	239	286	176	158	261	250	267	245	159	256	280	176	108
296	Biola University (CA)	125	215	154	274	289	294	52	161	275	118	249	262	159	177	213	201	194
297	Hofstra University (NY)	157	298	272	247	170	297	184	291	253	224	224	235	159	195	179	59	74
298	The New School (NY)	145	154	281	290	144	301	171	232	237	274	151	128	159	183	286	201	194
299	University of New Orleans (LA)*	292	302	277	43	300	21	279	284	195	137	184	157	159	179	226	201	194
300	Shenandoah University (VA)	242	290	301	280	227	270	199	249	275	247	267	262	159	151	286	165	95
301	Lesley University (MA)	220	289	280	283	270	298	210	293	273	253	267	262	159	90	286	144	9
302	Andrews University (MI)	168	191	288	303	302	222	228	295	268	59	261	213	159	259	286	201	194
303	Texas Southern University (TX)*	302	296	63	272	275	214	303	303	240	267	231	218	159	253	227	201	194

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	Graduation rate rank	Grad rate performance rank	Pell performance rank	First-gen performance rank	Earnings performance rank	Net price rank	Repayment rank	Repayment rate performance rank	Research expenditures rank	Bachelor's to PhD rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service rank	Community service rank	
1	Berea College (KY)	144	4	1	6	9	1	178	4	143	95	106	139	20	23
2	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	21	206	32	38	2	46	1	103	20	1	112	86	9	134
3	Amherst College (MA)	2	57	21	12	14	3	117	37	11	11	131	111	138	134
4	Williams College (MA)	1	81	28	22	17	6	66	66	12	6	125	116	138	134
5	Haverford College (PA)	6	87	58	27	122	14	73	72	28	5	26	139	100	96
6	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	49	211	95	142	121	67	81	208	2	12	43	139	1	3
7	Washington and Lee University (VA)	24	179	172	170	1	28	49	172	69	88	114	45	8	33
8	Pomona College (CA)	3	92	31	3	223	4	118	60	17	7	90	120	130	118
9	Colgate University (NY)	17	151	129	61	7	30	11	73	27	36	88	139	16	124
10	Swarthmore College (PA)	7	165	43	36	225	37	21	89	21	2	63	139	125	38
11	Wesleyan University (CT)	13	128	65	34	169	33	70	105	5	14	58	139	84	121
12	Davidson College (NC)	9	53	165	185	29	19	5	42	42	25	110	38	94	9
13	Knox College (IL)	57	15	56	92	114	116	112	83	143	65	2	139	3	41
14	Carleton College (MN)	8	169	78	96	235	56	35	204	9	3	3	139	76	70
15	Bowdoin College (ME)	4	117	82	45	160	10	17	52	15	17	23	139	138	134
16	Middlebury College (VT)	5	129	162	87	141	23	25	124	32	31	13	137	23	97
17	Wellesley College (MA)	15	130	39	66	165	25	29	194	3	13	68	60	138	134
18	Ripon College (WI)	108	11	53	25	28	103	106	20	143	100	62	9	61	42
19	Grinnell College (IA)	27	121	25	68	207	38	61	109	18	10	7	139	138	134
20	New College of Florida (FL)*	120	180	19	46	64	9	164	126	64	9	93	139	138	134
21	Colby College (ME)	16	88	181	117	26	16	22	94	43	27	22	134	138	134
22	Agnes Scott College (GA)	112	33	30	174	23	123	176	26	81	46	29	90	22	130
23	Bates College (ME)	19	105	163	140	110	34	12	74	34	42	47	139	64	12
24	McDaniel College (MD)	109	19	113	52	51	75	74	7	143	151	72	6	32	55
25	University of Richmond (VA)	43	133	124	60	50	41	71	64	16	64	86	39	92	63

SOCIAL MOBILITY: The first column shows the percentage of students graduating within six years, and the second column shows the predicted rate of graduation (based on incoming ACT/SAT scores, Pell Grant percentages, and other measures; see our full methodology on page 114). The third and fourth columns show the difference between the actual and predicted percentages of Pell Grant recipients and first-generation students based on ACT/SAT scores and the percentage of students admitted. The fifth column shows the difference between actual and predicted earnings of all students (dropouts and graduates) ten years after starting college after controlling for student demographics and majors, living costs, and other factors. The sixth column shows the net price of attending that institution, or the average price that first-time, full-time students who have a family income below \$75,000 per year and receive financial aid to pay for college after subtracting need-based financial aid. The final two columns reflect the actual and predicted performance of the percentage of students who repaid at least \$1 in principal on their loans within five years of entering repayment.

RESEARCH: The first column shows total research expenditures. The second shows the school's ranking in the number of bachelor's recipients who go on to receive PhDs, relative to school size.

SERVICE: The first column ranks the school by the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps, relative to school size. The second column ranks the school by the percentage of students who serve in ROTC. The third gives the percentage of funds in federal work-study money that goes to community service (versus non-community service). The fourth column shows the school's rank on a combined measure of the number of students participating in community service and the total number of service hours performed, both relative to school size. The fifth column shows the school's rank on a combined measure of the percent of students doing community service, the number of hours of community service per student, whether any staff were employed in community service, if any service courses were offered, or if the institution provides scholarships for community service.

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26 College of the Holy Cross (MA)	10	22	178	148	6	107	14	90	86	91	177	15	55	51
27 Bucknell University (PA)	20	126	212	156	3	191	16	143	13	38	42	32	138	71
28 Salem College (NC)	139	12	4	31	47	42	187	22	143	145	128	139	138	134
29 Hamilton College (NY)	14	110	99	93	62	21	53	136	26	43	53	139	138	134
30 Allegheny College (PA)	68	36	107	178	75	176	69	134	68	39	10	103	25	26
31 Barnard College (NY)	23	125	106	77	54	45	37	149	25	24	49	123	138	134
32 Saint Johns University (MN)	62	21	148	201	38	113	3	17	53	80	132	2	43	116
33 Claremont McKenna College (CA)	12	167	104	88	73	29	4	46	10	55	147	10	138	134
34 College of Saint Benedict (MN)	53	24	90	158	56	147	10	132	57	154	19	115	13	105
35 Denison University (OH)	48	144	91	35	130	57	47	77	93	47	24	128	70	62
36 Mary Baldwin College (VA)	208	71	60	55	10	121	181	6	143	185	201	3	4	90
37 Kalamazoo College (MI)	59	118	81	133	128	87	86	142	78	26	11	139	97	57
38 Vassar College (NY)	11	115	24	75	208	11	32	122	52	16	121	121	138	134
39 Smith College (MA)	35	120	76	125	218	59	78	219	14	15	40	139	30	117
40 Lafayette College (PA)	18	73	217	184	4	79	33	121	38	44	83	72	138	134
41 Spelman College (GA)	105	17	85	237	5	238	208	2	46	37	44	25	105	10
42 Willamette University (OR)	76	56	117	175	21	220	101	188	33	71	16	117	37	5
43 Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	36	93	200	114	55	48	48	84	24	85	148	139	99	50
44 Franklin College (IN)	161	30	170	85	52	126	163	78	143	192	101	78	2	29
45 St. Mary's College of Maryland (MD)*	56	51	167	118	124	24	109	108	98	58	31	139	58	133
46 College of the Atlantic (ME)	119	64	29	63	16	95	170	159	143	74	9	139	138	134
47 Westminster College (PA)	77	2	177	138	49	169	90	67	143	97	206	139	12	52
48 Union College (NY)	38	134	138	180	12	93	28	161	37	89	137	56	44	109
49 Tougaloo College (MS)	195	3	3	229	44	27	228	23	30	98	206	50	138	134
50 Soka University of America (CA)	39	7	66	41	93	20	121	32	143	219	163	139	138	134
51 Virginia Military Institute (VA)*	95	90	239	223	31	18	68	43	88	162	164	1	138	134
52 DePauw University (IN)	61	137	153	109	37	117	36	92	99	63	39	92	10	134
53 Centre College (KY)	46	99	64	78	146	137	56	117	79	67	55	59	24	49
54 Susquehanna University (PA)	88	28	195	161	24	158	54	80	111	147	119	33	5	56
55 Cornell College (IA)	121	145	26	58	95	74	92	40	130	78	158	139	48	123
56 Ursinus College (PA)	73	37	121	79	27	205	88	100	91	45	36	139	134	77
57 Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	83	27	5	84	19	120	145	167	143	69	206	139	138	134
58 Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	51	54	57	147	94	118	34	170	97	72	81	41	71	45
59 Macalester College (MN)	25	166	63	164	231	81	7	182	49	19	1	102	90	132
60 Connecticut College (CT)	44	153	186	182	116	52	44	144	41	52	41	139	35	110
61 Simpson College (IA)	122	26	75	69	39	145	82	54	143	168	156	139	96	48
62 Earlham College (IN)	106	150	46	132	204	72	105	30	80	22	8	139	138	134
63 Lawrence University (WI)	71	67	89	129	112	182	62	106	95	41	45	139	78	85
64 Illinois Wesleyan University (IL)	58	124	96	76	92	189	40	101	84	70	30	76	103	22
65 Lake Forest College (IL)	113	135	52	47	72	155	122	56	106	126	67	139	112	40
66 Occidental College (CA)	37	89	67	110	199	104	84	184	44	62	89	139	21	83
67 Southwestern University (TX)	94	61	142	107	99	180	79	25	105	66	95	131	49	68
68 Lyon College (AR)	199	216	7	7	163	32	172	16	132	169	145	139	110	126
69 Juniata College (PA)	82	75	141	83	101	144	59	86	110	49	59	139	119	93

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70 Houghton College (NY)	103	14	22	112	53	157	110	93	143	117	82	57	138	134		
71 Wabash College (IN)	102	32	151	130	11	174	128	48	56	87	54	139	138	134		
72 Linfield College–McMinville (OR)	114	45	179	33	32	193	55	45	126	130	97	139	104	47		
73 Dickinson College (PA)	40	140	213	218	87	114	65	201	45	102	12	11	60	54		
74 Alfred University (NY)	157	138	72	131	20	90	165	133	7	141	195	85	79	134		
75 Dillard University (LA)	222	171	16	116	74	82	222	3	6	121	199	47	138	134		
76 Moravian Coll./Moravian Theo. Sem. (PA)	97	6	192	95	34	195	111	51	143	155	159	70	34	125		
77 Monmouth College (IL)	172	50	118	53	80	50	182	38	143	164	144	139	75	104		
78 Reed College (OR)	66	228	35	89	239	91	51	138	31	4	5	97	138	134		
79 Illinois College (IL)	126	18	202	49	151	55	140	18	143	166	196	139	56	14		
80 Centenary College of Louisiana (LA)	181	218	44	32	67	100	123	8	143	79	206	139	128	108		
81 Hanover College (IN)	115	39	156	80	15	105	133	79	143	81	73	139	138	134		
82 John Carroll University (OH)	90	41	86	122	66	141	98	118	100	134	165	17	111	58		
83 Whittier College (CA)	127	8	136	39	179	190	166	13	121	125	77	139	33	89		
84 Hobart William Smith Colleges (NY)	72	177	143	214	98	171	85	180	48	158	38	139	6	24		
85 Trinity College (CT)	41	114	218	172	57	40	42	55	35	92	140	110	138	134		
86 Lewis & Clark College (OR)	81	160	62	151	220	216	30	114	19	73	35	87	26	1		
87 Oberlin College (OH)	31	217	135	154	238	66	39	198	46	8	37	139	27	36		
88 St. Olaf College (MN)	30	123	108	194	209	71	9	186	54	35	61	139	133	69		
89 Saint Norbert College (WI)	93	69	161	62	147	128	96	125	128	143	96	27	18	30		
90 College of Idaho (ID)	142	20	69	19	190	78	132	9	143	171	32	81	138	134		
91 Univ. of Science & Arts of Okla. (OK)*	213	77	79	9	58	2	217	113	143	183	192	139	138	134		
92 Albion College (MI)	98	72	169	144	68	159	114	116	67	51	152	139	62	95		
93 Gettysburg College (PA)	45	147	198	195	81	94	15	147	70	111	48	69	113	67		
94 Whitman College (WA)	29	80	171	193	232	209	31	176	76	21	14	139	7	91		
95 Hiram College (OH)	141	10	80	18	186	185	179	21	143	106	146	112	126	59		
96 Austin College (TX)	87	34	77	91	177	156	125	104	120	54	60	139	118	127		
97 Georgetown College (KY)	174	178	55	42	60	88	144	47	143	150	197	61	124	106		
98 Hollins University (VA)	163	139	70	56	71	143	197	203	143	113	25	139	80	80		
99 Wheaton College (IL)	26	62	18	183	227	92	2	163	61	33	94	8	138	134		
100 Maryville College (TN)	183	143	36	20	175	53	196	128	143	131	142	139	123	19		
101 Drury University (MO)	182	31	2	1	139	181	218	230	143	182	170	101	131	134		
102 Transylvania University (KY)	100	122	20	54	173	115	52	62	143	68	102	80	138	134		
103 Oglethorpe University (GA)	177	207	17	90	30	119	205	193	143	132	104	125	108	75		
104 College of Wooster (OH)	85	172	97	102	168	68	80	63	59	50	46	139	138	134		
105 Westminster College (MO)	116	58	139	70	183	140	138	50	143	120	155	139	28	60		
106 Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	64	136	100	126	134	47	148	205	62	82	34	139	138	134		
107 Kenyon College (OH)	22	84	216	188	219	35	50	171	71	29	15	139	138	134		
108 Claflin University (SC)	205	16	13	197	127	124	226	27	23	215	206	18	46	76		
109 Univ. of Pittsburgh—Greensburg (PA)*	194	112	48	212	18	63	136	76	143	214	186	34	138	113		
110 Furman University (SC)	47	43	185	190	133	217	13	68	36	48	111	16	47	131		
111 Muhlenberg College (PA)	34	40	236	159	65	165	19	98	114	129	157	122	74	74		
112 Stonehill College (MA)	50	25	230	200	25	215	27	153	127	167	69	48	86	17		
113 Hope College (MI)	67	63	111	127	167	110	23	102	22	90	108	132	138	134		

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114 University of Minnesota–Morris (MN)*	143	181	84	169	132	22	152	187	55	124	135	139	51	134
115 Rhodes College (TN)	60	185	102	123	152	188	103	177	131	77	138	62	68	2
116 Elizabethtown College (PA)	92	35	201	24	136	198	67	44	137	139	133	139	134	8
117 Goucher College (MD)	131	168	174	202	83	200	60	57	122	112	18	79	63	78
118 Saint Mary's College (IN)	80	76	103	152	63	146	8	107	143	108	107	21	138	134
119 Wittenberg University (OH)	136	197	54	40	138	212	135	165	123	83	64	139	31	31
120 Doane College–Crete (NE)	155	113	94	37	86	173	134	71	63	173	176	127	52	122
121 Fisk University (TN)	200	68	51	239	115	179	224	14	1	57	118	51	138	134
122 Penn State–Greater Allegheny (PA)*	207	96	109	198	13	70	160	5	66	219	206	139	138	134
123 Mount Holyoke College (MA)	54	192	101	145	158	101	41	175	143	18	71	105	138	134
124 Pitzer College (CA)	42	86	224	149	205	102	120	135	113	84	56	126	53	16
125 Alma College (MI)	146	161	112	100	41	130	146	199	143	122	183	98	106	28
126 Augustana College (IL)	79	95	193	106	91	162	115	185	87	109	116	139	83	65
127 Univ. of Wisconsin–Green Bay (WI)*	198	187	120	8	144	31	87	11	60	201	200	100	138	134
128 Wells College (NY)	171	59	38	139	82	136	194	120	143	153	21	139	138	134
129 Scripps College (CA)	33	175	123	97	191	142	6	169	112	28	28	84	138	134
130 Presbyterian College (SC)	125	116	229	233	189	44	43	19	143	149	124	5	101	18
131 Washington & Jefferson College (PA)	84	78	209	108	149	202	102	130	74	116	78	24	15	86
132 Manhattanville College (NY)	166	111	159	104	42	183	159	24	143	199	190	133	40	100
133 Coe College (IA)	117	154	110	120	166	150	89	110	89	101	126	36	41	107
134 Assumption College (MA)	96	48	187	119	59	194	77	87	143	195	168	74	127	34
135 Massachusetts Coll. of Liberal Arts (MA)*	193	91	115	67	202	39	193	123	143	213	122	139	45	25
136 Judson College (AL)	217	163	45	21	76	69	216	209	143	128	206	20	57	98
137 Lycoming College (PA)	145	49	190	94	117	133	151	97	138	127	181	44	81	87
138 St. John's College (MD)	123	222	8	115	35	219	173	224	143	20	166	139	138	134
139 Skidmore College (NY)	32	55	228	225	210	54	57	173	40	75	130	139	88	111
140 Millsaps College (MS)	128	183	189	81	195	170	186	179	90	23	85	30	107	13
141 Wofford College (SC)	55	23	164	222	153	154	46	75	143	103	162	4	89	134
142 Le Moyne College (NY)	104	13	176	191	123	166	147	151	143	174	205	64	38	92
143 Heidelberg University (OH)	196	164	73	23	85	153	192	139	58	191	136	88	134	94
144 Emory and Henry College (VA)	203	190	175	103	108	85	189	99	143	152	194	139	42	4
145 Northland College (WI)	190	189	41	98	215	61	175	141	143	93	4	139	138	134
146 Saint Mary's College of California (CA)	151	141	154	86	8	233	158	115	143	188	153	94	11	82
147 Univ. of NH–Manchester (NH)*	156	5	234	236	88	86	76	31	143	219	161	139	138	114
148 Central College (IA)	124	108	183	192	148	129	119	181	143	148	139	139	59	7
149 Bethel College–North Newton (KS)	179	131	92	213	154	139	169	61	143	114	206	139	50	37
150 Siena College (NY)	74	29	208	219	131	192	83	178	39	177	169	37	73	27
151 Wesleyan College (GA)	187	83	233	48	100	49	219	189	143	94	206	114	54	21
152 Beloit College (WI)	63	74	116	157	222	111	107	160	142	30	52	139	138	134
153 Penn State–Beaver (PA)*	209	42	194	167	45	60	160	15	72	219	206	139	138	134
154 Guilford College (NC)	169	65	23	43	126	206	211	212	143	159	150	129	95	72
155 Wartburg College (IA)	129	149	184	208	137	172	91	119	143	135	99	139	134	15
156 Whitworth University (WA)	86	94	149	111	201	196	95	154	135	138	70	52	117	20
157 Westmont College (CA)	75	47	150	153	40	226	20	85	96	123	151	104	138	134

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158 Saint Vincent College (PA)	99	9	226	206	170	132	108	70	143	140	87	139	115	134
159 Univ. of Virginia's College-Wise (VA)*	214	101	204	30	120	7	202	65	141	207	203	29	138	134
160 William Jewell College (MO)	147	199	147	65	203	178	116	81	143	133	65	96	102	11
161 Fort Lewis College (CO)*	221	119	140	71	78	43	213	91	83	187	74	139	138	134
162 Saint Michael's College (VT)	65	66	191	196	211	214	18	137	51	157	17	77	114	43
163 Shepherd University (WV)*	216	231	180	11	155	13	200	157	101	203	173	139	98	101
164 Birmingham Southern College (AL)	140	223	158	134	196	138	167	150	143	61	57	46	65	64
165 University of Wisconsin-Parkside (WI)*	232	227	98	17	181	17	204	156	119	209	180	113	66	66
166 Albright College (PA)	189	191	128	16	142	199	157	10	143	179	206	136	72	119
167 Spring Hill College (AL)	167	210	166	82	164	99	199	196	143	165	143	53	17	32
168 Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)	134	214	152	162	180	221	143	202	115	56	92	82	14	35
169 Bethany College (WV)	202	106	214	150	33	160	198	29	143	176	206	139	116	120
170 SUNY Potsdam (NY)*	191	201	59	135	113	36	180	190	118	172	175	31	138	134
171 William Peace University (NC)	223	195	68	211	77	135	155	1	143	219	206	40	138	134
172 Saint Anselm College (NH)	89	82	221	204	43	223	38	168	143	161	171	73	93	79
173 Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	91	209	173	230	22	229	94	220	143	59	141	83	39	112
174 Bridgewater College (VA)	164	186	238	99	96	127	129	59	143	180	123	124	129	39
175 Wheaton College (MA)	70	79	144	179	143	210	26	95	104	118	76	119	138	134
176 Colorado College (CO)	28	173	222	215	236	64	58	214	50	40	50	135	132	46
177 St. Lawrence University (NY)	52	162	127	171	206	109	97	210	129	99	33	63	138	134
178 University of Puget Sound (WA)	78	146	93	163	90	235	24	192	85	76	6	138	138	134
179 Univ. of North Carolina-Asheville (NC)*	159	213	47	128	230	15	188	227	29	156	75	139	138	134
180 Randolph-Macon College (VA)	160	204	227	160	105	201	104	39	143	86	167	58	122	84
181 Hendrix College (AR)	107	203	33	44	226	167	141	166	73	53	79	89	138	134
182 Penn State-Berks (PA)*	178	52	197	141	48	152	160	49	125	219	206	95	138	134
183 Elmira College (NY)	162	97	105	59	79	207	174	183	143	178	80	13	138	134
184 Bryn Athyn Coll. of the New Church (PA)	201	198	211	146	70	12	203	112	116	219	206	139	138	134
185 Concordia College-Moorhead (MN)	110	156	131	221	176	108	63	197	117	115	84	67	138	134
186 Randolph College (VA)	197	233	134	181	36	161	126	69	143	119	120	139	138	134
187 Martin University (IN)	238	60	10	15	46	122	231	34	143	219	206	139	138	134
188 Alice Lloyd College (KY)	218	188	49	5	157	26	215	215	143	219	206	139	138	134
189 University of Maine-Machias (ME)*	230	104	207	28	172	8	207	58	108	219	206	139	138	134
190 Covenant College (GA)	168	229	34	232	109	134	127	207	143	142	51	139	138	134
191 Fairleigh Dick. U.-Coll. Florham (NJ)	180	100	188	14	107	177	191	41	143	200	204	130	138	134
192 Hartwick College (NY)	173	194	74	105	118	208	149	96	136	144	66	139	138	134
193 Erskine College and Seminary (SC)	175	70	206	238	161	98	100	12	143	110	206	139	138	134
194 Sweet Briar College (VA)	152	107	219	187	119	204	93	28	82	136	103	139	138	134
195 Morehouse College (GA)	185	103	37	234	171	237	229	146	4	104	113	7	87	53
196 Luther College (IA)	69	102	168	216	188	186	64	211	107	60	91	139	138	134
197 Bloomfield College (NJ)	224	85	88	57	103	148	223	35	143	219	206	139	120	128
198 Arcadia University (PA)	150	159	132	73	129	211	156	152	77	208	109	107	138	103
199 Mount St. Mary's University (MD)	135	132	231	173	102	224	72	33	143	196	202	12	121	88
200 University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown (PA)*	186	196	205	209	69	97	136	174	143	181	184	68	138	129
201 Ouachita Baptist University (AR)	165	202	130	121	162	83	177	162	124	160	174	35	138	134

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202 Pine Manor College (MA)	226	127	126	29	61	77	221	217	143	219	100	139	138	134
203 Marlboro College (VT)	153	46	61	177	228	231	139	111	143	32	27	139	138	134
204 Meredith College (NC)	154	109	210	205	111	187	99	53	143	175	160	108	138	134
205 Southern Virginia University (VA)	229	236	9	165	89	131	171	82	143	219	182	19	138	134
206 Bethany Lutheran College (MN)	192	193	42	228	185	62	131	131	143	219	206	66	138	134
207 Lynchburg College (VA)	176	148	232	189	150	175	168	129	143	194	134	139	69	81
208 Virginia Wesleyan College (VA)	204	212	122	101	84	197	183	36	143	189	172	23	138	134
209 Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	133	152	237	226	159	151	130	88	140	107	105	14	138	134
210 Roanoke College (VA)	137	155	215	186	193	222	113	148	102	170	154	139	82	73
211 Gordon College (MA)	101	142	196	227	221	213	45	164	133	137	115	49	67	115
212 Schreiner University (TX)	219	224	71	50	145	96	212	228	143	218	206	139	36	134
213 Warren Wilson College (NC)	188	232	83	224	237	168	154	191	143	163	20	139	91	6
214 Davis & Elkins College (WV)	210	176	157	4	217	65	209	155	143	204	187	139	138	134
215 Washington College (MD)	111	184	235	155	174	203	75	127	143	146	117	139	138	134
216 Hampshire College (MA)	118	219	133	220	224	225	150	225	94	34	129	106	29	134
217 University of Pikeville (KY)	228	220	27	2	200	76	220	231	143	219	206	43	138	134
218 LaGrange College (GA)	206	221	146	124	97	149	210	195	143	205	188	139	138	134
219 Bethune-Cookman University (FL)	215	38	14	137	104	112	236	236	143	212	206	42	138	134
220 SUNY-Purchase College (NY)*	149	182	220	210	197	73	184	213	65	198	178	139	138	134
221 Eckerd College (FL)	138	158	199	166	229	227	185	226	103	96	98	109	77	44
222 Carthage College (WI)	148	174	145	74	182	230	142	145	134	184	185	118	138	134
223 Emmanuel College (MA)	158	215	225	176	192	232	153	206	143	202	127	75	19	61
224 Allen University (SC)	234	157	6	51	233	58	235	158	143	219	206	71	138	134
225 West Virginia State University (WV)*	236	235	182	13	214	5	225	237	8	216	191	26	138	134
226 Johnson C. Smith University (NC)	211	44	125	217	140	164	232	234	139	211	206	54	85	102
227 Bennington College (VT)	130	225	114	231	213	218	124	218	143	105	149	139	138	134
228 Philander Smith College (AR)	220	98	12	72	212	84	237	233	92	219	179	91	138	134
229 Stillman College (AL)	235	230	11	136	125	125	233	223	143	186	206	93	138	134
230 Virginia Union University (VA)	231	170	119	207	194	163	230	140	143	190	206	28	109	99
231 King's College (NY)	170	208	87	143	135	228	190	222	143	217	206	55	138	134
232 Cheyney University of PA (PA)**	233	205	40	113	184	51	238	232	109	210	198	99	138	134
233 Ave Maria University (FL)	184	200	137	199	198	106	214	235	143	219	206	139	138	134
234 Holy Cross College (IN)	227	237	160	203	178	89	201	200	143	219	206	65	138	134
235 Paine College (GA)	237	226	50	235	156	80	234	229	75	206	189	22	138	134
236 Thiel College (PA)	225	234	155	64	216	184	206	221	143	193	206	139	138	134
237 Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	212	239	203	168	106	236	195	216	143	197	193	139	138	134
238 American Jewish University (CA)	132	1	223	26	187	239	227	239	143	219	206	139	138	134
239 East-West University (IL)	239	238	15	10	234	234	239	238	143	219	206	139	138	134

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1 Truman State University (MO)*	38	231	240	257	209	91	42	277	210	5	12	64	215	118
2 Trinity University (TX)	12	140	355	364	188	387	16	393	108	2	26	352	205	82
3 SUNY–Geneseo (NY)*	14	260	223	388	245	201	31	447	151	9	7	226	77	49
4 Valparaiso University (IN)	42	192	175	267	260	335	47	140	149	8	18	115	55	61
5 CA State University–Stanislaus (CA)*	288	8	107	26	68	14	297	29	152	383	224	433	15	137
6 James Madison University (VA)*	9	46	590	544	25	196	5	389	56	73	30	80	46	57
7 Providence College (RI)	2	19	598	620	19	581	2	340	177	51	43	56	1	70
8 Evergreen State College (WA)*	215	43	43	400	58	110	375	204	222	43	10	433	303	298
9 CA State Univ.–San Bernardino (CA)*	400	37	148	57	56	15	429	120	27	372	234	144	14	214
10 Western Washington University (WA)*	52	119	369	436	249	161	54	311	45	99	3	433	88	129
11 Rutgers University–Camden (NJ)*	194	146	178	454	15	100	131	16	71	157	107	268	303	161
12 CA State University–Bakersfield (CA)*	463	99	95	41	12	17	357	18	130	168	215	433	303	298
13 College of New Jersey (NJ)*	3	127	450	320	162	218	17	469	201	14	102	209	277	8
14 CA State University–Sacramento (CA)*	418	372	164	226	49	41	235	174	21	404	123	117	2	291
15 Pacific Lutheran University (WA)	50	164	311	489	182	468	26	256	262	27	5	23	266	47
16 Creighton University (NE)	27	467	290	437	103	502	50	559	8	10	113	59	122	60
17 Gonzaga University (WA)	6	89	354	539	91	542	15	410	155	53	2	61	105	139
18 St. John's College (NM)	242	455	60	628	145	478	255	456	335	1	8	433	303	298
19 Columbia International University (SC)	83	22	59	616	343	241	98	13	335	56	4	433	303	298
20 Milligan College (TN)	198	317	186	213	429	236	148	144	335	20	15	433	136	4
21 University of Mary Washington (VA)*	29	75	569	494	231	271	24	312	182	23	11	267	134	181
22 Citadel: The Military College of SC (SC)*	69	35	487	591	133	255	117	34	268	230	143	1	156	130
23 Fairfield University (CT)	11	73	522	541	4	613	3	302	39	52	151	384	85	209
24 CA State University–Los Angeles (CA)*	484	138	97	18	288	4	333	33	54	330	260	376	40	213
25 NM Inst. of Mining and Tech (NM)*	379	607	247	189	426	70	66	31	5	7	450	367	303	298
26 Buffalo State College (NY)*	351	341	389	600	50	67	367	257	115	17	97	247	151	169
27 Hamline University (MN)	108	275	129	478	84	394	95	245	297	48	67	292	56	151
28 Bradley University (IL)	22	199	232	290	118	458	46	225	121	47	87	230	169	56
29 University of Redlands (CA)	41	94	326	136	261	499	65	148	161	62	38	371	20	138
30 CA State University–Chico (CA)*	185	49	324	341	104	128	191	130	107	191	64	433	28	222
31 Baldwin Wallace University (OH)	54	122	293	194	306	349	62	75	287	39	91	255	160	107
32 Eastern Illinois University (IL)*	147	134	330	293	41	259	166	54	187	116	161	88	164	92
33 Southwestern College (KS)	262	3	224	150	100	459	285	2	335	127	174	433	78	199
34 CA State University–Northridge (CA)*	358	67	385	200	184	76	336	178	15	382	252	337	16	35
35 Kettering University (MI)	178	540	154	339	1	620	25	22	86	59	347	433	94	298
36 Santa Clara University (CA)	4	218	332	331	42	587	6	507	98	22	71	92	243	104
37 CUNY City College (NY)*	416	431	48	20	384	8	446	330	3	197	199	262	303	298
38 University of Scranton (PA)	8	38	481	556	20	589	30	377	263	26	175	42	159	190
39 Loyola University Maryland (MD)	5	115	548	597	13	562	1	405	221	25	312	45	188	188
40 CA Poly. St. U.–San Luis Obispo (CA)*	35	405	453	227	114	188	19	449	18	107	29	201	153	287
41 University of WA–Tacoma (WA)*	330	158	157	547	9	22	58	7	118	555	450	199	303	298
42 Millersville University of PA (PA)*	123	109	534	264	387	248	144	167	225	60	75	168	19	24
43 University of Baltimore (MD)*	414	52	361	269	5	303	488	9	66	418	450	433	280	94
44 Nazareth College (NY)	37	200	300	592	113	560	100	475	335	41	79	397	13	2
45 Embry-Riddle Aero. U.–Dayt. Beach (FL)	216	219	292	129	7	632	230	98	16	214	334	3	214	245
46 Drake University (IA)	36	434	291	491	44	538	41	462	180	21	16	164	291	240
47 CA State Univ.–Dominguez Hills (CA)*	568	264	339	179	119	2	482	172	79	425	296	237	10	79
48 Bethel College–Mishawaka (IN)	85	4	64	247	354	327	260	42	335	228	218	228	219	20
49 Arizona State–West (AZ)*	160	7	21	156	267	32	381	4	335	492	450	433	303	298
50 Univ. of Wisconsin–Eau Claire (WI)*	75	248	349	458	228	133	29	242	166	105	52	264	111	166

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51	Lebanon Valley College (PA)	31	96	531	349	240	543	7	105	335	13	226	433	236	66		
52	Stetson University (FL)	122	382	88	254	380	473	126	219	220	29	61	46	185	48		
53	Humboldt State University (CA)*	437	502	84	353	443	151	313	234	41	72	9	433	221	196		
54	Grand Valley State University (MI)*	78	131	123	285	382	212	142	214	47	202	104	335	251	3		
55	Alaska Pacific University (AK)	308	25	600	224	305	622	243	220	202	4	1	433	303	298		
56	University of Michigan–Dearborn (MI)*	291	280	71	36	107	53	384	185	51	162	383	211	303	277		
57	West Virginia Wesleyan College (WV)	164	121	304	273	86	316	192	91	298	93	450	433	125	42		
58	University of Northern Iowa (IA)*	91	182	505	587	206	192	85	336	87	66	89	225	32	114		
59	Southern IL Univ.–Edwardsville (IL)*	297	442	191	306	473	245	263	170	9	221	244	57	5	164		
60	William Carey University (MS)	155	14	2	81	76	354	506	136	335	186	450	274	303	298		
61	St. Mary's University (TX)	177	206	72	64	568	344	332	272	205	36	293	20	79	27		
62	John Brown University (AR)	107	50	173	128	72	296	60	32	335	151	182	322	303	298		
63	Augsburg College (MN)	127	147	118	469	246	408	134	116	172	131	55	249	170	12		
64	CA State University–Long Beach (CA)*	140	105	215	72	404	36	175	307	22	359	112	239	244	247		
65	CUNY Brooklyn College (NY)*	282	81	93	31	281	9	421	157	40	240	251	418	303	298		
66	Saint Joseph's College–New York (NY)	53	6	436	141	27	127	198	100	335	473	428	433	303	298		
67	SUNY Fredonia (NY)*	102	212	442	599	77	223	158	390	284	65	45	433	255	125		
68	Xavier University of Louisiana (LA)	383	536	24	350	220	466	522	104	36	16	126	82	302	152		
69	CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College (NY)*	103	69	31	2	572	13	151	112	102	394	440	386	303	298		
70	CUNY Hunter College (NY)*	328	456	136	10	425	16	330	451	4	163	263	405	303	298		
71	La Salle University (PA)	84	18	428	398	29	529	119	68	170	113	371	215	186	203		
72	CUNY John Jay Col. of Crim. Just. (NY)*	407	47	225	145	37	6	458	111	42	504	427	263	303	298		
73	Millikin University (IL)	172	325	190	216	89	337	211	184	335	85	450	433	141	36		
74	Elmhurst College (IL)	30	45	228	167	157	342	83	190	323	300	73	425	176	256		
75	Univ. of Minnesota–Duluth (MN)*	190	539	430	580	417	144	44	252	11	226	50	123	6	258		
76	Converse College (SC)	171	303	172	401	66	370	159	365	335	61	198	282	134	147		
77	Mills College (CA)	110	385	20	291	308	522	249	599	93	12	14	433	303	298		
78	Tusculum College (TN)	537	567	26	9	47	366	503	230	335	556	450	433	4	9		
79	Columbia College (SC)	385	286	18	131	95	286	364	10	335	561	450	433	43	142		
80	University of Dallas (TX)	60	413	211	596	395	539	152	564	335	3	20	70	303	298		
81	Elizabeth City State University (NC)*	444	34	80	601	296	1	620	563	82	490	379	26	53	1		
82	Wayne State College (NE)*	331	433	296	397	265	84	253	275	324	290	401	18	3	156		
83	Mississippi Univ. for Women (MS)*	461	446	119	172	218	73	497	265	235	68	387	373	59	91		
84	Towson University (MD)*	81	148	557	411	85	146	106	269	101	329	144	178	69	45		
85	Bentley University (MA)	1	20	519	447	16	472	4	318	335	479	221	433	229	174		
86	LeTourneau University (TX)	231	277	69	21	23	397	337	131	216	165	287	433	303	298		
87	Asbury University (KY)	57	92	149	481	312	498	72	139	335	11	207	179	303	298		
88	Hood College (MD)	90	87	325	456	315	429	190	267	335	15	39	66	303	298		
89	Niagara University (NY)	92	62	526	577	60	276	138	342	125	133	267	19	228	46		
90	University of North Florida (FL)*	294	338	216	105	366	42	262	155	68	339	116	163	140	180		
91	Western Illinois University (IL)*	226	172	319	333	81	311	259	72	106	187	359	93	64	220		
92	CA State Univ.–Monterey Bay (CA)*	458	513	298	195	200	33	257	196	63	550	81	433	22	73		
93	Gannon University (PA)	104	44	426	449	79	389	188	263	309	184	450	51	45	51		
94	Mercyhurst College (PA)	97	104	321	157	505	374	344	481	147	77	110	62	23	14		
95	Texas A&M International Univ. (TX)*	421	56	208	180	181	5	480	280	91	537	412	240	72	272		
96	Butler University (IN)	24	368	403	509	36	586	11	394	239	37	154	219	204	140		
97	Simmons College (MA)	71	569	427	493	116	548	45	578	240	91	6	145	35	80		
98	CUNY Queens College (NY)*	207	168	284	12	418	7	261	335	10	318	310	388	303	298		
99	Univ. of NC–Wilmington (NC)*	44	211	288	382	561	115	213	532	14	140	62	433	95	171		
100	American Public Univ. System (WV)*	529	229	260	1	18	64	513	28	335	561	450	433	303	298		

TOP 100 BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES

*Public institution

°For-profit institution

Rank	College	SOCIAL MOBILITY								RESEARCH				SERVICE	
		Graduation rate rank	Grad rate performance rank	Pell performance rank	First-gen performance rank	Earnings performance rank	Net price rank	Repayment rank	Repayment rate performance rank	Research expenditures rank	Bachelor's to PhD rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service rank	Community service rank
1	Cooper Un. Advance. of Science & Art (NY)	1	64	49	73	96	56	52	219	27	1	12	83	66	65
2	College of the Ozarks (MO)	17	6	18	96	22	30	1	3	54	81	98	16	64	29
3	Goshen College (IN)	6	17	133	166	170	114	23	89	54	2	2	87	66	65
4	Cedar Crest College (PA)	18	5	167	19	23	107	75	69	54	10	25	87	7	36
5	Calvin College (MI)	3	90	75	222	167	196	7	183	5	3	7	30	59	31
6	California Maritime Academy (CA)*	31	26	121	215	2	48	31	84	11	150	22	14	66	65
7	Texas Lutheran University (TX)	73	153	153	63	42	102	87	31	54	13	14	87	1	16
8	Maine Maritime Academy (ME)*	4	4	186	221	1	164	12	55	24	150	98	12	66	65
9	University of Evansville (IN)	12	112	95	120	64	143	18	120	35	9	6	67	45	28
10	Ohio Northern University (OH)	10	74	103	113	13	203	16	87	32	21	90	54	2	65
11	Loras College (IA)	15	111	162	201	60	122	8	119	54	34	4	87	25	6
12	Montana Tech/Univ. of Montana (MT)*	78	160	35	17	210	28	92	30	1	71	37	87	66	46
13	Augustana College (SD)	11	157	120	225	72	96	6	178	16	15	19	71	12	25
14	Blue Mountain College (MS)	75	105	23	61	36	12	123	100	54	12	98	87	60	65
15	Wilberforce University (OH)	105	3	53	209	50	129	193	2	28	5	98	87	66	65
16	Taylor University (IN)	2	114	48	185	160	199	17	182	25	6	20	87	43	13
17	University of Mount Olive (NC)	114	10	159	77	10	47	66	1	54	124	98	87	66	65
18	Eureka College (IL)	33	66	72	34	98	100	86	127	54	40	98	87	3	38
19	Coker College (SC)	58	24	58	39	71	88	91	7	39	144	98	87	26	44
20	Brigham Young University-Idaho (ID)	50	47	27	212	37	4	10	16	54	118	80	39	66	65
21	Buena Vista University (IA)	57	170	22	50	45	119	36	62	54	33	86	20	60	45
22	Clarke University (IA)	7	12	85	68	49	195	55	117	54	64	98	87	32	4
23	St. Francis College (NY)	42	15	179	147	4	44	139	67	54	78	98	86	66	65
24	Mars Hill College (NC)	124	52	17	162	93	120	133	41	54	111	70	87	5	10
25	Northwestern College (IA)	19	127	84	208	159	177	4	97	54	16	36	87	21	3
26	Marietta College (OH)	23	80	127	122	127	170	34	80	54	17	13	87	35	41
27	Lake Superior State University (MI)*	117	50	45	57	56	10	132	132	19	47	67	87	66	65
28	Hastings College (NE)	29	121	114	107	76	147	33	123	54	26	23	87	34	18
29	University of South Carolina-Aiken (SC)*	119	142	194	177	103	27	69	35	15	43	38	79	18	49
30	Penn State Erie-Behrend Coll. (PA)*	9	13	112	112	192	176	39	112	4	19	95	19	66	65
31	University of Pittsburgh-Bradford (PA)*	48	62	126	229	14	85	25	102	22	31	28	11	66	65
32	Ottawa University-Ottawa (KS)	163	155	29	6	11	111	129	24	54	58	32	87	66	65
33	Kentucky Wesleyan College (KY)	141	212	68	60	87	90	142	151	54	20	45	87	10	30
34	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff (AR)*	196	168	56	144	78	6	212	150	2	97	98	5	66	65
35	Berry College (GA)	21	217	70	146	140	171	13	163	31	7	5	87	66	65
36	Voorhees College (SC)	175	21	26	101	122	70	196	5	54	69	98	2	66	65
37	Huntington University (IN)	24	25	134	196	149	105	14	70	54	41	98	87	6	62
38	Adrian College (MI)	32	43	100	93	129	125	100	137	54	84	18	52	4	65
39	Oklahoma Baptist University (OK)	46	77	73	106	88	73	64	131	54	14	40	73	66	65
40	Cedarville University (OH)	5	123	88	223	116	181	3	168	54	11	24	6	66	65
41	Carroll College (MT)	13	86	192	192	121	206	5	153	54	4	11	10	66	65
42	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (IN)	35	9	77	41	65	62	118	170	54	77	51	87	66	65
43	Warner University (FL)	140	28	93	76	9	77	167	9	54	143	98	87	66	65
44	Trinity Christian College (IL)	34	96	86	67	100	184	28	33	54	37	98	87	54	24
45	Missouri Southern State Univ. (MO)*	162	130	7	21	94	7	179	159	54	108	31	87	66	65
46	University of Mount Union (OH)	16	34	122	89	74	217	22	74	54	24	85	70	60	34
47	University of South Carolina-Upstate (SC)*	135	146	166	135	75	60	83	27	34	140	43	34	20	42
48	University of Maine-Farmington (ME)*	36	54	66	160	124	75	27	121	54	74	9	87	66	65
49	Averett University (VA)	161	172	147	82	6	162	148	63	54	48	98	87	13	65
50	Defiance College (OH)	63	35	102	54	80	211	81	21	54	49	98	87	65	5

SOCIAL MOBILITY: The first column shows the percentage of students graduating within six years, and the second column shows the predicted rate of graduation (based on incoming ACT/SAT scores, Pell Grant percentages, and other measures; see our full methodology on page 114). The third and fourth columns show the difference between the actual and predicted percentages of Pell Grant recipients and first-generation students based on ACT/SAT scores and the percentage of students admitted. The fifth column shows the difference between actual and predicted earnings of all students (dropouts and graduates) ten years after starting college after controlling for student demographics and majors, living costs, and other factors. The sixth column shows the net price of attending that institution, or the average price that first-time, full-time students who have a family income below \$75,000 per year and receive financial aid to pay for college after subtracting need-based financial aid. The final two columns reflect the actual and predicted performance of the percentage of students who repaid at least \$1 in principal on their loans within five years of entering repayment.

RESEARCH: The first column shows total research expenditures. The second shows the school's ranking in the number of bachelor's recipients who go on to receive PhDs, relative to school size.

SERVICE: The first column ranks the school by the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps, relative to school size. The second column ranks the school by the percentage of students who serve in ROTC. The third gives the percentage of funds in federal work-study money that goes to community service (versus non-community service). The fourth column shows the school's rank on a combined measure of the number of students participating in community service and the total number of service hours performed, both relative to school size. The fifth column shows the school's rank on a combined measure of the percent of students doing community service, the number of hours of community service per student, whether any staff were employed in community service, if any service courses were offered, or if the institution provides scholarships for community service.

BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES

SOCIAL MOBILITY

RESEARCH

SERVICE

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51	Univ. of Wisconsin-Superior (WI)*	129	192	65	129	77	34	93	167	9	88	88	55	40	65
52	Bennett College for Women (NC)	112	36	41	194	19	194	204	136	54	54	3	65	66	65
53	Dordt College (IA)	14	71	79	195	157	209	2	60	54	22	98	87	30	56
54	University of Montana-Western (MT)*	72	32	123	81	158	8	60	46	43	93	72	87	66	65
55	Tennessee Wesleyan College (TN)	95	163	61	18	114	35	134	181	54	83	98	87	39	51
56	Penn State-Schuylkill (PA)*	115	51	137	227	8	80	39	18	54	150	98	87	66	61
57	Emmanuel College (GA)	109	67	156	163	69	46	141	133	54	150	98	87	17	8
58	Shorter University (GA)	83	59	125	45	7	131	173	164	54	45	74	87	66	65
59	Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ.-Prescott (AZ)	28	49	90	35	12	229	68	59	54	68	98	1	66	65
60	Huntingdon College (AL)	90	118	109	97	214	144	135	107	54	25	64	21	8	50
61	Blackburn College (IL)	104	187	37	71	67	50	155	198	54	56	16	87	66	65
62	Penn State-Altoona (PA)*	8	7	185	180	24	188	39	141	21	135	94	7	66	65
63	Hilbert College (NY)	93	85	78	103	15	67	137	175	54	150	98	44	57	63
64	Manchester College (IN)	40	63	181	99	181	160	51	130	54	18	98	87	56	9
65	Warner Pacific College (OR)	110	109	67	23	212	192	71	32	54	150	15	87	48	1
66	Lander University (SC)*	85	104	154	152	57	65	29	12	54	117	93	15	66	65
67	Hannibal-LaGrange University (MO)	59	55	161	32	112	84	72	51	54	150	98	87	53	20
68	Grand View University (IA)	67	117	64	153	135	117	54	95	54	112	84	60	27	32
69	Brescia University (KY)	167	222	62	2	35	24	99	38	54	123	98	87	66	65
70	Williams Baptist College (AR)	121	150	40	5	51	37	128	79	54	150	98	87	66	65
71	Unity College (ME)	60	169	20	65	230	154	65	99	47	150	1	87	41	7
72	Iowa Wesleyan College (IA)	182	218	107	52	125	161	171	187	54	32	33	87	11	2
73	West Liberty University (WV)*	123	188	144	75	79	25	160	222	18	94	98	87	29	52
74	Penn State-Worthington Scranton (PA)*	70	45	118	210	21	51	39	93	54	150	98	56	66	65
75	Florida Memorial University (FL)	136	14	4	44	33	108	218	134	54	107	77	32	66	65
76	University of Mobile (AL)	97	176	25	47	17	132	166	157	54	73	98	58	66	65
77	Catawba College (NC)	49	41	168	171	39	207	48	28	54	99	41	87	66	33
78	Brigham Young University-Hawaii (HI)	61	102	187	187	119	21	24	145	54	38	50	64	66	65
79	Bluefield College (VA)	103	53	212	58	25	174	85	29	54	122	98	87	31	55
80	Penn State-Wilkes-Barre (PA)*	54	27	184	188	54	49	39	26	48	150	98	50	66	65
81	Alderson Broaddus College (WV)	100	162	91	25	32	76	140	118	49	76	58	87	66	65
82	Briar Cliff University (IA)	88	140	96	92	134	136	62	49	54	98	98	87	58	15
83	Wisconsin Lutheran College (WI)	22	98	104	148	201	79	9	56	54	30	98	84	66	65
84	Culver-Stockton College (MO)	86	99	89	111	68	94	163	190	54	102	98	87	23	58
85	Bluffton University (OH)	26	16	135	62	132	186	26	22	54	60	98	87	66	65
86	East Texas Baptist University (TX)	165	184	146	91	46	123	143	86	54	55	98	87	50	17
87	Flagler College-St. Augustine (FL)	20	58	190	159	29	158	38	174	54	66	21	87	66	65
88	Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)*	84	23	191	88	137	59	58	45	23	137	83	87	66	65
89	Talladega College (AL)	51	8	11	78	193	40	227	221	54	50	60	45	66	65
90	Keystone College (PA)	128	75	94	49	177	63	138	154	54	150	98	85	46	21
91	Wilmington College (OH)	111	148	101	22	163	169	90	61	54	95	98	87	42	23
92	Benedict College (SC)	184	89	14	108	208	134	225	204	8	72	89	23	16	26
93	Penn State-Brandywine (PA)*	122	159	207	204	20	31	39	94	54	96	98	49	66	65
94	Univ. of Minnesota-Crookston (MN)*	77	70	218	131	216	20	76	110	40	129	92	87	28	37
95	University of the Ozarks (AR)	66	138	57	42	223	74	106	58	54	29	98	87	66	65
96	Penn. State Univ.-New Kensington (PA)*	62	31	198	199	70	43	39	48	54	150	98	35	66	65
97	Concordia College-New York (NY)	89	57	197	136	40	92	113	40	54	105	53	87	66	65
98	University of Phoenix-Idaho (ID)*	223	206	24	9	3	163	199	214	54	150	98	87	66	65
99	Clearwater Christian College (FL)	71	147	43	224	131	112	19	20	54	150	27	18	66	65
100	College of St. Joseph (VT)	149	18	165	84	73	127	115	14	54	150	98	87	55	65

A NOTE ON METHODOLOGY: 4-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

There are two primary goals to our methodology. First, we considered no single category to be more important than any other. Second, the final rankings needed to reflect excellence across the full breadth of our measures, rather than reward an exceptionally high focus on, say, research. Thus, all three main categories were weighted equally when calculating the final score. In order to ensure that each measurement contributed equally to a college's score within any given category, we standardized each data element so that each had a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one. The data was also adjusted to account for statistical outliers. No college's performance in any single area was allowed to exceed five standard deviations from the mean of the data set. All measures use an average of the three most recent years of data in an effort to get a better picture of a college's performance rather than statistical noise. Thanks to rounding, some colleges have the same overall score. We have ranked them according to their pre-rounding results.

To establish the set of colleges included in the rankings, we started with the 1,863 colleges in the fifty states that are listed in the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and have a 2015 Carnegie basic classification of research, master's, baccalaureate, and baccalaureate/associate's colleges, are not exclusively graduate colleges, participate in federal financial aid programs, and plan to be open in fall 2016. As the Carnegie classifications were updated this year for the first time in five years, some colleges switched categories or moved into or out of our sample. This represents the first major update to our ranking categories since 2011. We then excluded 356 baccalaureate and baccalaureate/associate's-level colleges which reported that at least half of the undergraduate degrees awarded in 2012 were below the bachelor's-degree level, as well as eighteen colleges with fewer than 100 undergraduate students in any year they were open between fall 2012 and fall 2014, and an additional seventy-eight colleges with fewer than fifty students in the federal graduation rate cohort (first-time, full-time students) between 2012 and 2014.

Next, we decided to exclude the five federal military academies (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Navy) because their unique missions make them difficult to evaluate using our methodology. Our rankings

are based in part on the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants and the percentage of students enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), whereas the service academies provide all students with free tuition (and thus no Pell Grants or student loans) and commission graduates as officers in the armed services (and thus not the ROTC program). This resulted in a final sample of 1,406 colleges and includes public, private nonprofit, and for-profit colleges. As a final precaution to weed out especially questionable colleges, we cross-checked every ranking with the Department of Education's second-level Heightened Cash Monitoring List. Then we randomly selected five schools on each of the lists, checked their status on the less drastic first-level Heightened Cash Monitoring List for signs of instability, verified their accreditation, and searched through local and national news clips over the past year for signs of problems.

The social mobility portion of the rankings changed significantly this year in response to newly available data on student outcomes from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, with four of the eight factors contributing to the social mobility score coming from the Scorecard data. A college's graduation rate (from the IPEDS) counted for 20 percent of the social mobility score, with half of that being determined by the reported graduation rate and the other half coming from comparing the reported graduation rate to a predicted graduation rate based on the percentage of Pell recipients and first-generation students, the percentage of students receiving student loans, the admit rate, the racial/ethnic and gender makeup of the student body, the number of students (overall and full-time), and whether a college is primarily residential. We estimated this predicted graduation rate measure in a regression model separately for each classification using average data from the last three years, imputing for missing data when necessary. Colleges with graduation rates that are higher than the "average" college with similar stats score better than colleges that match or, worse, undershoot the mark. A few colleges had predicted graduation rates over 100 percent, which we then trimmed back to 100 percent.

We used IPEDS data for the percentage of a college's students receiving Pell Grants and College Scorecard data on the percentage of first-generation students in order to get at colleges' commitments to educating a diverse group of students. (Graduation rates for these groups of students aren't available yet in federal data, but Pell graduation rates should be coming in a year or two.) We then estimated predicted percentages of Pell recipients and first-generation students based on regressions using admit rates and ACT/SAT scores. The gaps between actual and predicted percentages counted for 20 percent of a college's score, with 13.33 percent for Pell

performance and 6.67 percent for first-generation performance. We measured a college's affordability by using data from IPEDS on the average net prices paid by first-time, full-time, in-state students with family incomes below \$75,000 per year over the last three years. We focused on these income categories due to our interest in affordability for students from lower- to middle-income families. Net price counted for 20 percent of the social mobility score.

We have wanted to include more data on students' economic outcomes for years, and now the College Scorecard provides us with that opportunity. The first metric we used compares the median earnings of a college's former students (graduates and dropouts alike) ten years after initial enrollment to predicted earnings based on the variables used to predict graduation rates, as well as two other factors designed to take colleges' missions and locations into account. We adjusted for a college's mix of bachelor's degrees awarded, using STEM, education, business, health, social science, and liberal arts as broad degree categories. We also adjusted for regional living costs using fair market rent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to account for the fact that \$40,000 per year in the rural South goes much farther than \$40,000 per year in the Washington metropolitan area. This metric is worth 20 percent of the social mobility score.

The other new metric is a student loan repayment rate, reflecting the percentage of students who paid down at least \$1 in principal within five years of leaving college and entering repayment. We had previously used data on the percentage of students defaulting on their loans within three years of entering repayment, but the repayment rate is a far better measure of students' economic circumstances. We use the raw repayment rate for 10 percent of the social mobility score and a regression-adjusted repayment rate (using the same predictors as the graduation rate metric) for another 10 percent.

The research score for national universities is based on five measurements: the total amount of an institution's research spending (from the Center for Measuring University Performance and the National Science Foundation); the number of science and engineering PhDs awarded by the university; the number of undergraduate alumni who have gone on to receive a PhD in any subject, relative to the size of the college; the number of faculty receiving prestigious awards, relative to the number of full-time faculty; and the number of faculty in the National Academies, relative to the number of full-time faculty. For national universities, we weighted each of these components equally to determine a college's final score in the category. For liberal arts colleges, master's universities, and baccalaureate colleges, which do not have extensive doctoral programs, science and engineering PhDs were

excluded and we gave double weight to the number of alumni who go on to get PhDs. Faculty awards and National Academy membership were not included in the research score for these institutions because such data is available for only a relative handful of these colleges.

We determined the community service score by measuring each college's performance in four equally weighted measures. We judged military service by collecting data on the size of each college's Air Force, Army, and Navy ROTC programs and dividing by the number of students. We similarly measured national service by dividing the number of alumni currently serving in the Peace Corps by total enrollment. The final two measures are based on data reported to the Corporation for National and Community Service by colleges and universities in their applications for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. One measure is the percentage of federal work-study grant money spent on community service projects. The second measure is more complicated and includes the percent of students doing community service, the number of hours of community service per student, whether any staff were employed in community service, if any service courses were offered, or if the institution provides scholarships for community service. Colleges that did not submit applications in a given year had no data and were given zeros on these measures. (Our advice to those colleges: If you care about service, believe you do a good job of promoting it, and want the world to know, then fill out the application!) —Eds.