

U.S. News college ranking trends 2014

[U.S. News and World Report](#) 2014-15 rankings of colleges and universities were released Tuesday. These tables show the top 150 drawn from each of two U.S. News lists of national universities and national liberal arts colleges. Other ranking data were drawn from previously published lists. Note that the data represent rankings as they were originally published, omitting any midyear changes that may have occurred for particular schools. Rankings with an asterisk signify a change in a school's classification, a listing of "unranked" or "second tier," or a lack of comparable information. The formula for the rankings – using measures such as admission rates, graduation rates, faculty resources, financial resources and results of peer surveys – is controversial. Critics say it is more about prestige and selectivity than school performance, but U.S. News says its method gives consumers information they want. – Nick Anderson. [Related: U.S. News college rankings: Amid predictability, some major shifts](#)



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

National universities

NAME	STATE	SECTOR	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	CHANGE SINCE 2010- 11	ANNUAL CHANGE
Princeton University	NJ	private	1	1	1	1	2	1	0
Harvard University	MA	private	2	2	1	1	1	-1	0
Yale University	CT	private	3	3	3	3	3	0	0
Columbia University	NY	private	4	4	4	4	4	0	0
Stanford University	CA	private	4	5	6	5	5	1	1
University of Chicago	IL	private	4	5	4	5	9	5	1

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	MA	private	7	7	6	5	7	0	0
Duke University	NC	private	8	7	8	10	9	1	-1
University of Pennsylvania	PA	private	8	7	8	5	5	-3	-1
California Institute of Technology	CA	private	10	10	10	5	7	-3	0
Dartmouth College	NH	private	11	10	10	11	9	-2	-1
Johns Hopkins University	MD	private	12	12	13	13	13	1	0
Northwestern University	IL	private	13	12	12	12	12	-1	-1
Washington University in St. Louis	MO	private	14	14	14	14	13	-1	0
Cornell University	NY	private	15	16	15	15	15	0	1
Brown University	RI	private	16	14	15	15	15	-1	-2
University of Notre Dame	IN	private	16	18	17	19	19	3	2
Vanderbilt University	TN	private	16	17	17	17	17	1	1
Rice University	TX	private	19	18	17	17	17	-2	-1
University of California-Berkeley	CA	public	20	20	21	21	22	2	0
Emory University	GA	private	21	20	20	20	20	-1	-1
Georgetown University	DC	private	21	20	21	22	21	0	-1
University of California-Los Angeles	CA	public	23	23	24	25	25	2	0
University of Virginia	VA	public	23	23	24	25	25	2	0
Carnegie Mellon University	PA	private	25	23	23	23	23	-2	-2
University of Southern California	CA	private	25	23	24	23	23	-2	-2
Tufts University	MA	private	27	28	28	29	28	1	1
Wake Forest University	NC	private	27	23	27	25	25	-2	-4
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	MI	public	29	28	29	28	29	0	-1
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	NC	public	30	30	30	29	30	0	0
Boston College	MA	private	31	31	31	31	31	0	0
New York University	NY	private	32	32	32	33	33	1	0
College of William and Mary	VA	public	33	32	33	33	31	-2	-1
University of Rochester	NY	private	33	32	33	35	37	4	-1
Brandeis University	MA	private	35	32	33	31	34	-1	-3

Georgia Institute of Technology	GA	public	35	36	36	36	35	0	1
University of California-San Diego	CA	public	37	39	38	37	35	-2	2
Case Western Reserve University	OH	private	38	37	37	38	41	3	-1
University of California-Davis	CA	public	38	39	38	38	39	1	1
Lehigh University	PA	private	40	41	38	38	37	-3	1
University of California-Santa Barbara	CA	public	40	41	41	42	39	-1	1
Boston University	MA	private	42	41	51	53	56	14	-1
Northeastern University	MA	private	42	49	56	62	69	27	7
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	NY	private	42	41	41	50	41	-1	-1
University of California-Irvine	CA	public	42	49	44	45	41	-1	7
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	IL	public	42	41	46	45	47	5	-1
University of Wisconsin-Madison	WI	public	47	41	41	42	45	-2	-6
Pennsylvania State University	PA	public	48	37	46	45	47	-1	-11
University of Florida	FL	public	48	49	54	58	53	5	1
University of Miami	FL	private	48	47	44	38	47	-1	-1
University of Washington	WA	public	48	52	46	42	41	-7	4
Yeshiva University	NY	private	48	47	46	45	50	2	-1
University of Texas-Austin	TX	public	53	52	46	45	45	-8	-1
George Washington University	DC	private	54	52	51	50	51	-3	-2
Ohio State University	OH	public	54	52	56	55	56	2	-2
Pepperdine University	CA	private	54	57	54	55	53	-1	3
Tulane University	LA	private	54	52	51	50	51	-3	-2
Fordham University	NY	private	58	57	58	53	56	-2	-1
Southern Methodist University	TX	private	58	60	58	62	56	-2	2
Syracuse University	NY	private	58	62	58	62	55	-3	4
University of Connecticut	CT	public	58	57	63	58	69	11	-1
Brigham Young University-Provo	UT	private	62	62	68	71	75	13	0

Clemson University	SC	public	62	62	68	68	64	2	0
Purdue University-West Lafayette	IN	public	62	68	65	62	56	-6	6
University of Georgia	GA	public	62	60	63	62	56	-6	-2
University of Maryland at College Park	MD	public	62	62	58	55	56	-6	0
University of Pittsburgh	PA	public	62	62	58	58	64	2	0
Texas A&M University-College Station	TX	public	68	69	65	58	63	-5	1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	MA	private	68	62	65	62	64	-4	-6
Rutgers-New Brunswick	NJ	public	70	69	68	68	64	-6	-1
American University	DC	private	71	75	77	82	79	8	4
Baylor University	TX	private	71	75	77	75	79	8	4
University of Iowa	IA	public	71	73	72	71	72	1	2
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	MN	public	71	69	68	68	64	-7	-2
Virginia Tech	VA	public	71	69	72	71	69	-2	-2
Clark University	MA	private	76	75	83	94	86	10	-1
Indiana University-Bloomington	IN	public	76	75	83	75	75	-1	-1
Marquette University	WI	private	76	75	83	82	75	-1	-1
Miami University-Oxford (Ohio)	OH	public	76	75	89	90	79	3	-1
Stevens Institute of Technology	NJ	private	76	82	75	88	86	10	6
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	NY	public	76	86	77	82	79	3	10
Texas Christian University	TX	private	76	82	92	97	99	23	6
University of Delaware	DE	public	76	75	75	75	75	-1	-1
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	MA	public	76	91	97	94	99	23	15
Michigan State University	MI	public	85	73	72	71	79	-6	-12
University of California-Santa Cruz	CA	public	85	86	77	75	72	-13	1
University of Vermont	VT	public	85	82	92	82	94	9	-3
Binghamton University-SUNY	NY	public	88	97	89	90	86	-2	9
Colorado School of Mines	CO	public	88	91	77	75	72	-16	3

Stony Brook-State University of New York	NY	public	88	82	92	111	99	11	-6
University of Alabama	AL	public	88	86	77	75	79	-9	-2
University of Colorado-Boulder	CO	public	88	86	97	94	86	-2	-2
University of Denver	CO	private	88	91	83	82	86	-2	3
University of Tulsa	OK	private	88	86	83	75	93	5	-2
Drexel University	PA	private	95	97	83	88	86	-9	2
Florida State University	FL	public	95	91	97	101	104	9	-4
North Carolina State University-Raleigh	NC	public	95	101	106	101	111	16	6
University of San Diego	CA	private	95	91	92	97	94	-1	-4
St. Louis University	MO	private	99	101	92	90	86	-13	2
University of Missouri	MO	public	99	97	97	90	94	-5	-2
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	NE	public	99	101	101	101	104	5	2
University of New Hampshire	NH	public	99	97	106	101	104	5	-2
Auburn University	AL	public	103	91	89	82	85	-18	-12
University at Buffalo-SUNY	NY	public	103	109	106	111	120	17	6
University of Dayton	OH	private	103	112	115	101	99	-4	9
Iowa State University	IA	public	106	101	101	97	94	-12	-5
Loyola University Chicago	IL	private	106	101	106	119	117	11	-5
University of Kansas	KS	public	106	101	106	101	104	-2	-5
University of Oklahoma	OK	public	106	101	101	101	111	5	-5
University of Oregon	OR	public	106	109	115	101	111	5	3
University of San Francisco	CA	private	106	117	106	119	117	11	11
University of Tennessee	TN	public	106	101	101	101	104	-2	-5
University of California-Riverside	CA	public	113	112	101	97	94	-19	-1
University of South Carolina	SC	public	113	112	115	111	111	-2	-1
University of St. Thomas	MN	private	113	112	113	115	124	11	-1
Catholic University of America	DC	private	116	121	120	119	120	4	5
Duquesne University	PA	private	116	121	120	119	120	4	5
Illinois Institute of Technology	IL	private	116	109	113	111	111	-5	-7

Michigan Technological University	MI	public	116	117	120	115	117	1	1
University of the Pacific	CA	private	116	112	106	101	99	-17	-4
Clarkson University	NY	private	121	121	115	119	124	3	0
Colorado State University	CO	public	121	121	134	128	124	3	0
DePaul University	IL	private	121	121	134	132	136	15	0
Temple University	PA	public	121	121	125	132	132	11	0
University of Arizona	AZ	public	121	119	120	124	120	-1	-2
Rutgers-Newark	NJ	public	126	142	115	143	143	17	16
Seton Hall University	NJ	private	126	128	131	132	136	10	2
University at Albany-SUNY	NY	public	126	128	131	138	143	17	2
Arizona State University	AZ	public	129	142	139	132	143	14	13
Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge	LA	public	129	135	134	128	124	-5	6
Ohio University	OH	public	129	135	131	124	124	-5	6
University of Cincinnati	OH	public	129	135	139	143	156	27	6
University of Kentucky	KY	public	129	119	125	124	129	0	-10
University of Utah	UT	public	129	121	125	124	129	0	-8
Hofstra University	NY	private	135	135	134	128	139	4	0
New School	NY	private	135	135	125	128	139	4	0
University of Arkansas	AR	public	135	128	134	132	132	-3	-7
George Mason University	VA	public	138	141	139	138	143	5	3
Missouri University of Science and Technology	MO	public	138	128	125	*	129	-9	-10
Oregon State University	OR	public	138	142	139	138	139	1	4
Washington State University	WA	public	138	128	125	115	111	-27	-10
Illinois State University	IL	public	142	152	156	160	156	14	10
Kansas State University	KS	public	142	135	139	143	132	-10	-7
St. John Fisher College	NY	private	142	142	151	143	*	n/a	0
Howard University	DC	private	145	142	120	115	104	-41	-3
Oklahoma State University	OK	public	145	142	139	132	132	-13	-3
St. John's University (NY)	NY	private	145	152	147	152	143	-2	7
University of Texas-Dallas	TX	public	145	142	151	143	143	-2	-3
Adelphi University	NY	private	149	152	155	152	159	10	3
New Jersey Institute of Technology	NJ	public	149	150	139	138	139	-10	1

San Diego State University	CA	public	149	152	165	164	183	34	3
University of Alabama-Birmingham	AL	public	149	152	151	143	151	2	3
University of Illinois-Chicago	IL	public	149	128	147	150	143	-6	-21
University of Maryland Baltimore County	MD	public	149	158	160	157	159	10	9
University of Mississippi	MS	public	149	150	151	143	143	-6	1

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Williams College	MA	private	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Amherst College	MA	private	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
Swarthmore College	PA	private	3	3	3	3	3	0	0
Wellesley College	MA	private	4	7	6	6	4	0	3
Bowdoin College	ME	private	5	4	6	6	6	1	-1
Pomona College	CA	private	5	4	4	4	6	1	-1
Middlebury College	VT	private	7	4	4	5	4	-3	-3
Carleton College	MN	private	8	7	8	6	8	0	-1
Claremont McKenna College	CA	private	8	9	10	9	11	3	1
Haverford College	PA	private	8	9	9	10	9	1	1
Davidson College	NC	private	11	9	12	11	9	-2	-2
Vassar College	NY	private	11	13	10	14	12	1	2
United States Naval Academy	MD	public	13	12	14	14	16	3	-1
Washington and Lee University	VA	private	14	14	14	12	14	0	0
Colby College	ME	private	15	22	18	21	23	8	7
Hamilton College	NY	private	15	14	16	17	18	3	-1
Harvey Mudd College	CA	private	15	16	12	18	18	3	1
Wesleyan University	CT	private	15	17	17	12	12	-3	2
Bates College	ME	private	19	22	22	21	21	2	3
Grinnell College	IA	private	19	17	22	19	18	-1	-2

Smith College	MA	private	19	20	18	19	14	-5	1
Colgate University	NY	private	22	20	18	21	21	-1	-2
Oberlin College	OH	private	23	25	26	24	23	0	2
Macalester College	MN	private	24	24	24	25	26	2	0
Scripps College	CA	private	24	25	24	29	23	-1	1
United States Military Academy	NY	public	24	17	18	14	16	-8	-7
Bryn Mawr College	PA	private	27	30	26	25	30	3	3
Colorado College	CO	private	27	31	28	27	26	-1	4
United States Air Force Academy	CO	public	27	25	31	33	*	n/a	-2
Kenyon College	OH	private	30	32	32	33	32	2	2
University of Richmond	VA	private	30	25	28	27	32	2	-5
Barnard College	NY	private	32	32	28	33	26	-6	0
Bucknell University	PA	private	32	32	32	29	30	-2	0
College of the Holy Cross	MA	private	34	25	32	29	32	-2	-9
Lafayette College	PA	private	35	36	39	40	38	3	1
Pitzer College	CA	private	35	35	43	42	46	11	0
Dickinson College	PA	private	37	45	46	47	47	10	8
Franklin and Marshall College	PA	private	37	45	46	42	41	4	8
Skidmore College	NY	private	37	45	43	49	41	4	8
Whitman College	WA	private	37	41	43	42	38	1	4
Mount Holyoke College	MA	private	41	38	32	29	26	-15	-3
Soka University of America	CA	private	41	41	49	64	*	n/a	0
Union College	NY	private	41	41	41	40	41	0	0
Occidental College	CA	private	44	41	39	37	36	-8	-3
Bard College	NY	private	45	38	36	51	38	-7	-7
Centre College	KY	private	45	49	52	42	47	2	4
Connecticut College	CT	private	45	45	41	37	41	-4	0
Sewanee-University of the South	TN	private	45	38	36	33	32	-13	-7
Trinity College	CT	private	45	36	38	37	36	-9	-9
Gettysburg College	PA	private	50	50	46	47	47	-3	0
Denison University	OH	private	51	50	49	49	51	0	-1
DePauw University	IN	private	51	54	54	53	51	0	3

Furman University	SC	private	51	52	49	42	41	-10	1
Rhodes College	TN	private	54	54	52	51	47	-7	0
St. Olaf College	MN	private	54	52	55	53	51	-3	-2
St. John's College	MD	private	56	123	133	139	166	110	67
St. Lawrence University	NY	private	56	56	56	53	55	-1	0
Wheaton College	IL	private	56	57	56	57	55	-1	1
Lawrence University	WI	private	59	59	56	60	67	8	0
Sarah Lawrence College	NY	private	59	*	*	*	*	n/a	n/a
Beloit College	WI	private	61	59	63	60	55	-6	-2
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	NY	private	61	61	60	64	67	6	0
Wabash College	IN	private	61	57	56	53	58	-3	-4
Gustavus Adolphus College	MN	private	64	76	85	81	79	15	12
Kalamazoo College	MI	private	64	61	68	68	71	7	-3
Muhlenberg College	PA	private	64	65	70	81	75	11	1
Virginia Military Institute	VA	public	64	65	70	71	62	-2	1
Willamette University	OR	private	64	61	63	57	59	-5	-3
Berea College	KY	private	69	76	75	71	67	-2	7
College of Wooster	OH	private	69	65	63	71	71	2	-4
Hillsdale College	MI	private	69	82	96	*	88	19	13
Wheaton College	MA	private	69	65	60	62	59	-10	-4
Agnes Scott College	GA	private	73	89	75	68	67	-6	16
Earlham College	IN	private	73	65	82	68	75	2	-8
Illinois Wesleyan University	IL	private	73	65	70	71	62	-11	-8
St. John's University (MN)	MN	private	73	76	75	71	62	-11	3
Lewis & Clark College	OR	private	77	74	70	71	75	-2	-3
Reed College	OR	private	77	74	75	57	54	-23	-3
Thomas Aquinas College	CA	private	77	61	82	71	71	-6	-16
Wofford College	SC	private	77	65	63	64	62	-15	-12
Allegheny College	PA	private	81	82	82	86	93	12	1
Hendrix College	AR	private	81	82	70	86	81	0	1
Knox College	IL	private	81	82	75	71	75	-6	1
Spelman College	GA	private	81	65	68	62	59	-22	-16
Transylvania University	KY	private	81	76	75	81	88	7	-5
University of Puget Sound	WA	private	81	76	85	81	81	0	-5

New College of Florida	FL	public	87	89	87	94	99	12	2
Southwestern University	TX	private	87	65	60	71	62	-25	-22
Austin College	TX	private	89	82	63	64	81	-8	-7
Bennington College	VT	private	89	100	100	102	122	33	11
College of St. Benedict	MN	private	89	94	96	90	81	-8	5
Luther College	IA	private	89	94	100	86	81	-8	5
Millsaps College	MS	private	89	82	90	85	93	4	-7
St. John's College	NM	private	89	*	*	*	187	98	n/a
St. Mary's College of Maryland	MD	public	89	89	87	90	88	-1	0
St. Mary's College	IN	private	96	76	87	90	93	-3	-20
Washington and Jefferson College	PA	private	96	97	90	102	101	5	1
Westmont College	CA	private	96	94	90	90	99	3	-2
Albion College	MI	private	99	100	112	102	111	12	1
College of the Atlantic	ME	private	99	93	90	116	131	32	-6
Drew University	NJ	private	99	107	100	94	79	-20	8
Hope College	MI	private	99	100	100	94	88	-11	1
Ohio Wesleyan University	OH	private	99	100	108	102	105	6	1
St. Michael's College	VT	private	99	89	90	99	93	-6	-10
Augustana College	IL	private	105	100	96	86	88	-17	-5
Cornell College	IA	private	105	97	90	94	81	-24	-8
Goucher College	MD	private	105	110	110	121	111	6	5
Hampden-Sydney College	VA	private	105	97	108	94	111	6	-8
Juniata College	PA	private	105	100	100	102	81	-24	-5
Stonehill College	MA	private	105	115	100	112	105	0	10
Washington College	MD	private	105	107	96	110	93	-12	2
Hollins University	VA	private	112	110	112	116	105	-7	-2
Hanover College	IN	private	113	115	112	116	114	1	2
Ripon College	WI	private	113	120	124	116	105	-8	7
Siena College	NY	private	113	126	112	112	114	1	13
Calvin College	MI	private	116	100	110	102	101	-15	-16
Susquehanna University	PA	private	116	115	124	116	114	-2	-1
Sweet Briar College	VA	private	116	110	100	99	101	-15	-6
Westminster College	PA	private	116	115	124	121	119	3	-1

Coe College	IA	private	120	120	112	102	101	-19	0
Lake Forest College	IL	private	120	110	100	99	105	-15	-10
St. Anselm College	NH	private	120	120	130	139	122	2	0
St. Norbert College	WI	private	123	134	138	127	127	4	11
Birmingham-Southern College	AL	private	124	115	124	102	93	-31	-9
Eckerd College	FL	private	124	141	138	144	137	13	17
Linfield College	OR	private	124	123	112	121	105	-19	-1
Presbyterian College	SC	private	124	126	121	121	119	-5	2
Randolph-Macon College	VA	private	124	134	112	127	131	7	10
Berry College	GA	private	129	126	124	121	122	-7	-3
Concordia College-Moorhead	MN	private	129	138	133	139	137	8	9
Goshen College	IN	private	129	141	140	139	137	8	12
McDaniel College	MD	private	129	126	140	139	122	-7	-3
Moravian College	PA	private	133	138	140	127	131	-2	5
Morehouse College	GA	private	133	126	124	127	127	-6	-7
Randolph College	VA	private	133	134	112	112	114	-19	1
Roanoke College	VA	private	133	126	133	133	158	25	-7
Wesleyan College	GA	private	133	161	145	151	158	25	28
Whittier College	CA	private	133	126	145	133	137	4	-7
Alma College	MI	private	139	126	130	133	137	-2	-13
Central College	IA	private	139	134	151	144	144	5	-5
Gordon College	MA	private	139	138	130	144	131	-8	-1
Grove City College	PA	private	139	141	133	133	127	-12	2
Houghton College	NY	private	139	141	140	133	137	-2	2
Principia College	IL	private	139	107	121	112	127	-12	-32
Simpson College	IA	private	139	154	145	151	144	5	15
University of Minnesota-Morris	MN	public	139	154	161	144	152	13	15
Wittenberg University	OH	private	139	123	121	121	114	-25	-16
Centenary College of Louisiana	LA	private	148	167	170	171	*	n/a	19
Hiram College	OH	private	148	156	167	156	152	4	8
Nebraska Wesleyan University	NE	private	148	146	145	144	152	4	-2
Oglethorpe University	GA	private	148	165	164	157	166	18	17

Salem College	NC	private	148	156	*	*	166	18	8
St. Vincent College	PA	private	148	146	145	157	152	4	-2
Wells College	NY	private	148	141	133	127	144	-4	-7

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