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## National Universities: Top Schools

Methodology

Rank	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	2005 actual graduation rate	Faculty resources rank	% of classes w/50 or more ('05)	% faculty who are full time ('05)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('05)	Acceptance rate ('05)	Alumni giving rank											
	Overall score	Graduation & retention rank	2005 predicted graduation rate	2005 overperf. (+)/ underperf. (-)	% of classes w/fewer than 20 ('05)	Student/faculty ratio ('05)	Selectivity rank	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class	Financial resources rank	Avg. alumni giving rate										
1.	Princeton University(NJ)	100	4.9	2	98%	94%	97%	+3	2	74%	10%	5/1	91%	4	1380-1560	94% <sup>5</sup>	11%	13	1	61%
2.	Harvard University(MA)	99	4.9	1	97%	94%	98%	+4	3	69%	13%	7/1	92%	1	1400-1580	96%	9%	8	6	44%
3.	Yale University(CT)																			
4.	California Institute of Technology																			
4.	Stanford University(CA)																			
4.	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology																			
7.	University of Pennsylvania																			
8.	Duke University(NC)																			
9.	Dartmouth College(NH)																			
9.	Columbia University(NY)																			
9.	University of Chicago																			
12.	Cornell University(NY)																			
12.	Washington University in St. Louis																			
14.	Northwestern University(IL)																			
15.	Brown University(RI)																			
16.	Johns Hopkins University(MD)																			
17.	Rice University(TX)																			
18.	Vanderbilt University(TN)																			
18.	Emory University(GA)																			
20.	University of Notre Dame(IN)																			



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27. U. of North Carolina—Chapel Hill \*
27. Univ. of Southern California
27. Tufts University(MA)
30. Wake Forest University(NC)
31. College of William and Mary(VA) \*
31. Brandeis University(MA)
33. Lehigh University(PA)
34. Univ. of Wisconsin—Madison \*
34. Boston College
34. New York University
34. University of Rochester(NY)
38. Case Western Reserve Univ.(OH)
38. Univ. of California—San Diego \*
38. Georgia Institute of Technology \*
41. U. of Illinois—Urbana - Champaign \*
42. University of Washington \*
42. Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.(NY)
44. University of California—Irvine \*
44. Tulane University(LA) 11
44. Yeshiva University(NY)
47. Pennsylvania State U.—University Park \*
47. University of Texas—Austin \*
47. University of California—Davis \*
47. Univ. of California—Santa Barbara \*
47. University of Florida \*
52. George Washington University(DC)
52. Syracuse University(NY)
54. Pepperdine University(CA)



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- 57. University of Pittsburgh \*
- 57. Boston University
- 60. Miami University—Oxford(OH) \*
- 60. Texas A&M Univ.—College Station \*
- 60. University of Georgia \*
- 60. Rutgers—New Brunswick(NJ) \*
- 64. Purdue Univ.—West Lafayette(IN) \*
- 64. University of Iowa \*
- 64. Worcester Polytechnic Inst.(MA)
- 67. University of Connecticut \*
- 67. University of Delaware \*
- 67. Univ. of Minnesota—Twin Cities \*
- 70. Clemson University(SC) \*
- 70. Southern Methodist University(TX)
- 70. Brigham Young Univ.—Provo(UT)
- 70. Indiana University—Bloomington \*
- 70. Michigan State University \*
- 70. Fordham University(NY)
- 76. Univ. of California—Santa Cruz \*
- 77. Virginia Tech \*
- 77. University of Colorado—Boulder \*
- 77. St. Louis University
- 77. Stevens Institute of Technology(NJ)
- 81. North Carolina State U.—Raleigh \*
- 81. Baylor University(TX)
- 81. Marquette University(WI)
- 81. Iowa State University \*
- 81. Clark University(MA)
- 86. American University(DC)
- 86. SUNY—Binghamton \*
- 88. University of Tulsa(OK)



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88. University of Kansas \*
88. Univ. of Missouri—Columbia \*
98. University of Arizona \*
98. University of the Pacific(CA)
98. Northeastern University(MA)
98. Univ. of Massachusetts—Amherst \*
98. Univ. of Nebraska—Lincoln \*
98. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry \*
98. SUNY—Stony Brook \*
105. University of New Hampshire \*
105. Texas Christian University
105. University of Dayton(OH)
105. University of San Diego
105. Illinois Institute of Technology
110. Ohio University \*
110. Florida State University \*
112. University of Missouri—Rolla \*
112. University of Kentucky \*
112. Loyola University Chicago
112. Washington State University \*
112. University of San Francisco
112. Univ. of South Carolina—Columbia \*
112. Drexel University(PA)
112. University of Oklahoma \*
120. University of Utah \*
120. University of Oregon \*



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- 120. Catholic University of America(DC)
- 120. University at Buffalo—SUNY \*
- 124. Colorado State University \*
- 124. Kansas State University \*
- 124. New Jersey Inst. of Technology \*

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\* denotes a public school

N/A means not available.

1. School refused to fill out U.S. News statistical survey. Data that appear may be from school in previous years or from the National Center for Education Statistics unless otherwise noted.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. Data not submitted in the form requested by U.S. News.
4. Data reported to U.S. News in previous years.
5. Data based on fewer than 51 percent of enrolled freshmen.
6. Some or all data reported to the NCAA and/or the National Center for Education Statistics.
7. Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.
8. Average graduation or freshman retention rates, normally based on four years of data, are given here for fewer than four years because school didn't report rates for the most recent year or years to U.S. News.
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10. School refused to fill out U.S. News survey. Data from school's website were used.
11. School was unable to complete the survey because of 2005's Hurricane Katrina; last year's data were used to calculate the rankings and are displayed here.