

Best Liberal Arts

2006 graduation rate

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Graduation and retention rank	Average freshman retention rate	2006 graduation rate		Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)	Faculty resources rank	% of classes under 20 ('06)
						Predicted	Actual			
1.	Williams College (MA)	100	4.7	2	97%	96%	96%	None	1	75%
2.	Amherst College (MA)	98	4.7	1	97%	92%	96%	+4	6	68%
3.	Swarthmore College (PA)	95	4.6	4	96%	95%	92%	-3	2	76%
4.	Wellesley College (MA)	93	4.5	7	95%	88%	93%	+5	8	64%
5.	Carleton College (MN)	90	4.4	11	97%	90%	93%	+3	10	64%
5.	Middlebury College (VT)	90	4.2	4	95%	92%	94%	+2	10	70%
7.	Bowdoin College (ME)	89	4.3	4	98%	91%	92%	+1	20	64%
7.	Pomona College (CA)	89	4.2	3	99%	94%	94%	None	12	73%
9.	Davidson College (NC)	87	4.2	11	96%	91%	91%	None	2	72%
10.	Haverford College (PA)	86	4.1	7	96%	92%	94%	+2	19	75%
11.	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	84	4.0	15	96%	92%	88%	-4	12	79%
11.	Grinnell College (IA)	84	4.3	21	92%	86%	90%	+4	15	66%
11.	Vassar College (NY)	84	4.1	13	95%	87%	91%	+4	12	69%
11.	Wesleyan University (CT)	84	4.2	7	96%	88%	90%	+2	45	64%
15.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	82	4.1	26	95%	96%	85%	-11	37	62%
15.	Washington and Lee University (VA)	82	3.9	17	95%	92%	86%	-6	6	68%
17.	Colgate University (NY)	81	4.0	13	94%	86%	89%	+3	20	63%
17.	Hamilton College (NY)	81	3.7	21	93%	82%	88%	+6	2	77%
17.	Smith College (MA)	81	4.3	30	91%	81%	85%	+4	28	70%
20.	Oberlin College (OH)	80	4.2	37	92%	85%	85%	None	20	71%
20.	United States Naval Academy‡ (MD)*	80	4.0	21	96%	79%	87%	+8	75	53%
22.	Colby College (ME)	79	4.0	21	93%	88%	87%	-1	45	61%
22.	United States Military Academy‡ (NY)*	79	4.0	41	92%	76%	85%	+9	102	96%
24.	Bates College (ME)	78	4.0	17	95%	85%	90%	+5	61	63%
24.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	78	4.1	34	94%	85%	78%	-7	35	70%
26.	Colorado College	77	3.8	41	92%	80%	84%	+4	8	68%
26.	Macalester College (MN)	77	4.1	34	93%	87%	85%	-2	45	66%
28.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	76	4.0	48	93%	80%	83%	+3	33	66%
28.	Scripps College (CA)	76	3.7	56	90%	81%	73%	-8	20	78%
30.	Barnard College (NY)	75	3.9	17	95%	88%	87%	-1	102	70%
30.	Bucknell University (PA)	75	3.8	15	95%	84%	89%	+5	68	55%
32.	Kenyon College (OH)	74	3.8	30	93%	85%	88%	+3	51	69%
33.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	73	3.6	7	96%	84%	92%	+8	98	55%
34.	Lafayette College (PA)	72	3.4	17	94%	84%	90%	+6	33	62%
34.	Trinity College (CT)	72	3.6	30	92%	81%	83%	+2	82	62%
36.	Occidental College (CA)	71	3.7	48	91%	75%	82%	+7	75	64%
37.	Bard College (NY)	70	3.4	92	88%	82%	74%	-8	5	78%
37.	Furman University (SC)	70	3.5	30	92%	85%	86%	+1	41	57%
37.	Whitman College (WA)	70	3.3	26	94%	87%	88%	+1	15	73%
40.	Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	69	3.5	41	91%	84%	81%	-3	45	53%
40.	Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	69	3.6	53	88%	77%	77%	None	15	65%
40.	Union College (NY)	69	3.3	28	93%	79%	86%	+7	35	67%
40.	University of Richmond (VA)	69	3.6	37	91%	87%	83%	-4	30	59%
44.	Centre College (KY)	68	3.4	48	90%	80%	81%	+1	56	59%
44.	Connecticut College	68	3.5	28	92%	83%	86%	+3	98	63%
44.	Dickinson College (PA)	68	3.4	45	91%	80%	82%	+2	37	71%
47.	Skidmore College (NY)	67	3.4	45	92%	74%	80%	+6	51	69%
48.	Gettysburg College (PA)	66	3.3	56	91%	77%	80%	+3	45	68%
49.	DePauw University (IN)	65	3.4	56	92%	77%	81%	+4	41	65%
49.	Pitzer College (CA)	65	3.5	88	87%	71%	76%	+5	61	68%
49.	Rhodes College (TN)	65	3.5	56	86%	84%	78%	-6	56	73%

Colleges

What Are Liberal Arts Colleges? The nation's 266 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half their degrees in the arts and sciences. Most are private institutions, but 27 are public; the top five publics are listed below.

% of classes of 50 or more ('06)	Student/faculty ratio ('06)	% of faculty who are full time ('06)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('06)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('06)	Acceptance rate ('06)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
3%	7/1	95%	2	1320-1520	90% ⁵	19%	4	4	58%
4%	8/1	97%	4	1330-1530	86%	19%	10	2	61%
2%	8/1	94%	6	1320-1530	83%	19%	5	9	51%
1%	9/1	88%	9	1310-1470	85% ⁵	36%	5	11	50%
1%	9/1	96%	13	1330-1490	78%	32%	24	1	64%
4%	9/1	94%	9	1270-1480	82%	22%	7	5	57%
3%	10/1	94%	8	1300-1480 ²	82%	22%	11	7	55%
1%	8/1	95%	3	1370-1520	87%	18%	8	19	47%
0%	10/1	98%	14	1250-1440	79% ⁵	30%	24	8	54%
2%	8/1	96%	5	1290-1500	88% ⁵	26%	15	19	47%
0.4%	9/1	91%	6	1310-1490	84%	22%	15	22	47%
0%	8/1	93%	24	1250-1460	64%	45%	21	35	42%
1%	8/1	96%	17	1300-1450	67%	30%	8	60	37%
5%	9/1	97%	15	1290-1480	68%	28%	19	10	51%
5%	9/1	96%	1	1420-1550	94%	30%	13	35	41%
1%	9/1	99%	12	1300-1470	81%	27%	31	13	49%
2%	10/1	94%	20	1260-1430	68% ⁵	28%	30	27	44%
0.4%	10/1	93%	15	1260-1460 ²	74% ⁵	33%	21	17	49%
5%	9/1	97%	46	1140-1370	61%	53%	19	67	36%
3%	9/1	92%	17	1290-1460	71% ⁵	34%	31	54	38%
0%	9/1	97%	37	1160-1370 ³	63%	14%	3	163	22%
4%	10/1	87%	22	1270-1440	63%	33%	37	13	49%
0%	7/1	100%	57	1170-1370 ³	47%	15%	1	76	34%
4%	10/1	95%	26	1270-1400 ²	62% ⁵	32%	37	23	45%
3%	8/1	95%	33	1200-1420	62% ⁵	44%	24	33	43%
0%	10/1	93%	24	1240-1400	66% ⁵	34%	21	86	33%
2%	11/1	88%	22	1260-1450	66%	39%	43	30	43%
3%	10/1	95%	52	1210-1390 ²	54% ⁵	53%	24	24	44%
1%	11/1	88%	17	1250-1430	75% ⁵	45%	15	6	57%
8%	10/1	83%	9	1280-1450	84%	26%	45	73	35%
2%	12/1	98%	21	1230-1390	71% ⁵	33%	57	73	35%
1%	10/1	94%	30	1230-1420	58% ⁵	33%	45	30	43%
1%	11/1	92%	30	1190-1370 ²	64% ⁵	34%	50	19	47%
2%	11/1	94%	28	1200-1380	62%	37%	31	76	34%
4%	11/1	88%	41	1210-1390	54% ⁵	43%	24	13	49%
1%	10/1	87%	33	1190-1380	61% ⁵	42%	57	27	44%
0%	9/1	80%	26	1240-1440 ⁴	63% ⁵	29%	18	33	43%
0.2%	11/1	94%	37	1180-1380	64%	56%	64	27	44%
0.3%	10/1	83%	33	1230-1410	58%	47%	67	24	45%
1%	10/1	91%	41	1180-1360 ²	58% ⁵	46%	41	51	39%
0%	11/1	90%	77	1130-1320	42% ⁵	71%	43	30	44%
1%	11/1	93%	40	1130-1320 ²	64% ⁵	43%	50	60	37%
0.3%	10/1	92%	52	1190-1350	53% ⁵	46%	31	147	24%
0%	10/1	92%	33	25-29	63%	60%	79	3	59%
1%	10/1	85%	55	1230-1420 ⁹	52% ⁵	38%	41	54	38%
0%	12/1	95%	43	1200-1370 ²	53% ⁵	43%	57	42	40%
1%	9/1	88%	57	1160-1350	49% ⁵	39%	50	60	37%
0.2%	11/1	86%	28	1220-1360 ²	66% ⁵	41%	61	60	37%
0%	10/1	92%	63	1130-1320	50%	68%	57	73	35%
0%	11/1	88%	63	1130-1330 ²	38% ⁵	37%	31	60	36%
1%	11/1	92%	43	26-30	52%	49%	85	38	41%

Note: Key to footnotes, Page 91.

Top Five Public Liberal Arts Colleges

School (State)

1. U.S. Naval Academy (MD)
2. U.S. Military Academy (NY)
3. Virginia Military Institute
4. New College of Florida
4. St. Mary's College of Maryland

Key Criteria in Judging Schools

LOWEST ACCEPTANCE RATE

School (State) (*Public)	Rate
U.S. Naval Academy (MD)*	14%
U.S. Military Academy (NY)*	15%
Pomona College (CA)	18%
Amherst College (MA)	19%
Brigham Young U.-Hawaii	19%
Swarthmore College (PA)	19%
Williams College (MA)	19%
Tougaloo College (MS)	20% ⁴
Bowdoin College (ME)	22%
Claremont McKenna Col. (CA)	22%
Middlebury College (VT)	22%

HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE

Amherst College (MA)	96%
Williams College (MA)	96%
Haverford College (PA)	94%
Middlebury College (VT)	94%
Pomona College (CA)	94%
Carleton College (MN)	93%
Wellesley College (MA)	93%
Bowdoin College (ME)	92%
Col. of the Holy Cross (MA)	92%
Swarthmore College (PA)	92%

HIGHEST PROPORTION OF CLASSES UNDER 20

American Jewish U. (CA)	100%
Thomas Aquinas Col. (CA)	100%
Principia College (IL)	96% ⁴
U.S. Military Academy (NY)*	96%
College of the Atlantic (ME)	94%
Pine Manor College (MA)	91%
Wesleyan College (GA)	90% ⁴
Bennington College (VT)	89%
Marlboro College (VT)	89% ⁴
Sweet Briar College (VA)	89%

America's Best Colleges

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	2006 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 ('06)	% of classes of 50 or more ('06)	% of faculty who are full time ('06)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('06)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('06)	Acceptance rate ('06)	Avg. alumni giving rate
					Predicted	Actual							
52.	Denison University (OH)	64	3.4	89%	79%	76%	56%	0.4%	97%	1170-1370 ²	52% ⁵	39%	39%
52.	Wabash College (IN)	64	3.3	86%	74%	72%	76%	1%	99%	1070-1273	39%	51%	39%
54.	Reed College ¹⁰ (OR)	63	3.9	87% ⁸	85%	75%	67%	4%	97%	1280-1460 ³	67% ⁵	40%	29% ⁷
54.	St. Olaf College (MN)	63	3.6	93%	79%	85%	49%	4%	82%	25-30	51%	65%	35%
56.	Lawrence University (WI)	62	3.3	88%	78%	79%	72%	1%	94%	26-31 ²	34%	56%	48%
56.	Wheaton College (MA)	62	3.3	86%	72%	75%	70%	4%	90%	1180-1350 ²	53% ⁵	41%	32%
58.	St. Lawrence University (NY)	61	3.2	89%	68%	76%	68%	1%	96%	1100-1280 ²	33%	59%	37%
59.	Illinois Wesleyan University	60	3.1	93%	80%	80%	62%	1%	89%	26-30	46%	52%	25%
59.	Southwestern University (TX)	60	3.1	87%	82%	73%	80%	0.2%	89%	1115-1335	50%	65%	32%
59.	Wheaton College (IL)	60	3.2	94%	85%	89%	48%	2%	85%	1220-1460	58%	56%	28%
59.	Wofford College (SC)	60	2.9	90%	77%	79%	70%	1%	91%	1150-1350	61%	57%	37%
63.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	59	3.3	82%	76%	67%	75%	0%	91%	1085-1310	36%	47%	45%
63.	Drew University (NJ)	59	3.2	86%	77%	76%	68%	2%	84%	1060-1280 ²	37% ⁵	64%	41%
63.	Hobart & Wm. Smith Col. (NY)	59	3.2	85%	68%	74%	67%	1%	96%	1090-1280 ²	40% ⁵	65%	34%
63.	Willamette University (OR)	59	3.1	89%	76%	77%	70%	0.4%	86%	1160-1360	47%	75%	28%
67.	Beloit College (WI)	58	3.2	92%	76%	72%	76%	0%	91%	1160-1380	35%	67%	40%
67.	Kalamazoo College (MI)	58	3.2	88%	82%	78%	64%	1%	96%	26-30	43%	69%	34%
69.	Earlham College (IN)	57	3.5	85%	70%	70%	64%	3%	95%	1100-1350	31% ⁵	68%	30%
69.	Ursinus College (PA)	57	2.9	91%	76%	78%	78%	1%	91%	1100-1340 ²	47%	47%	32%
71.	College of Wooster (OH)	56	3.3	87%	73%	73%	68%	1%	86%	1100-1320	27%	80%	30%
71.	Hendrix College (AR)	56	3.2	84%	77%	66%	63%	0%	88%	25-31	46%	85%	33%
71.	Muhlenberg College (PA)	56	2.8	93%	76%	86%	61%	1%	82%	1120-1320 ²	45% ⁵	44%	31%
71.	Virginia Military Institute*	56	3.0	83%	55%	73%	75%	0%	87%	1030-1220	12%	57%	34%
75.	Austin College (TX)	55	3.0	86%	75%	75%	64%	3%	87%	1140-1340 ³	48%	76%	28%
75.	Berea College‡ (KY)	55	3.3	82%	50%	61%	69%	0.2%	90%	21-25	27%	29%	22%
75.	Birmingham-Southern Col. (AL)	55	3.0	84% ⁸	76%	69%	73%	0%	91%	23-29	34%	62%	31%
75.	Spelman College (GA)	55	3.4	91%	61%	79%	57%	1%	86%	980-1160	32%	37%	19%
75.	St. John's University (MN)	55	3.1	90%	69%	82%	41%	0%	94%	23-27	19%	89%	41%
80.	Knox College (IL)	54	3.0	88%	76%	76%	67%	1%	91%	25-30 ²	34%	74%	33%
80.	Lewis and Clark College (OR)	54	3.2	85%	76%	70%	60%	2%	80%	1210-1380 ²	40%	58%	19%
80.	Univ. of Puget Sound (WA)	54	3.1	86%	78%	74%	55%	0%	93%	1145-1350	39%	65%	17%
83.	Sweet Briar College (VA)	53	2.9	78%	71%	70%	89%	0%	87%	980-1235	24%	80%	28%
83.	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	53	2.4	87%	75%	85%	100%	0%	94%	1170-1400	36% ⁵	65%	33%
85.	Allegheny College (PA)	52	3.0	88%	74%	77%	58%	2%	93%	1110-1310	41%	63%	34%
85.	Principia College ¹ (IL)	52	2.1	87% ⁸	64%	79% ⁶	96% ⁴	0% ⁴	94% ⁴	21-30 ⁴	38% ⁴	89% ⁴	24% ⁴
87.	Millsaps College (MS)	51	2.9	82%	71%	65%	68%	0.4%	97%	23-29	41%	86%	32%
87.	New College of Florida*	51	2.8	82%	N/A	67%	68%	2%	92%	1250-1430	49%	49%	31%
87.	St. Mary's Col. of Maryland*	51	2.8	88%	67%	80%	59%	1%	83%	1120-1340	46% ⁵	56%	19%
87.	Transylvania University (KY)	51	2.8	84%	75%	72%	62%	0%	94%	23-28	41%	83%	50%
91.	Augustana College (IL)	50	2.8	86%	73%	78%	59%	1%	86%	23-28	27%	75%	34%
91.	Goucher College (MD)	50	3.0	83%	71%	71%	81%	1%	81%	1090-1300	28% ⁵	70%	27%
91.	Hanover College (IN)	50	2.7	79%	72%	66%	82%	0%	98%	1030-1280	34%	64%	25%
91.	Lyon College (AR)	50	2.6	73%	66%	65%	76%	1%	93%	23-29	41%	69%	49%
91.	Randolph College (VA)	50	2.7	78%	74%	65%	83%	0%	92%	1020-1280	35%	89%	39%
91.	St. Mary's College‡ (IN)	50	2.6	86%	69%	72%	63%	1%	84%	23-27	32%	80%	30%
97.	Cornell College (IA)	49	2.9	82%	66%	66%	61%	0%	95%	24-29	31%	62%	32%
97.	Hillsdale College (MI)	49	2.3	86%	74%	75%	77%	0.4%	88%	24-30	43%	75%	27%
97.	Hollins University (VA)	49	2.7	75%	65%	70%	82%	0%	86%	970-1270	28%	84%	42%
97.	Hope College (MI)	49	3.0	89%	72%	76%	50%	2%	86%	23-28	30%	81%	31%
97.	Juniata College (PA)	49	2.7	86%	71%	79%	61%	4%	91%	1090-1270 ⁹	36%	65%	37%
97.	Lake Forest College (IL)	49	2.9	80%	68%	69%	63%	0%	79%	24-28 ²	32%	63%	25%
97.	Luther College (IA)	49	3.0	84%	72%	75%	51%	2%	89%	22-27	30%	81%	30%
97.	Ohio Wesleyan University	49	3.0	80%	72%	64%	54%	1%	89%	1080-1320	36%	63%	30%
97.	Washington College (MD)	49	2.8	88%	70%	72%	72%	0.3%	83%	1020-1230	37%	60%	27%
106.	Bennington College (VT)	48	2.9	82%	78%	59%	89%	1%	87%	1090-1320 ²	31% ⁵	66%	24%
106.	Coe College (IA)	48	2.8	82%	66%	64%	69%	1%	78%	22-28	34%	68%	34%
106.	College of St. Benedict (MN)	48	2.7	89%	72%	80%	41%	0%	94%	23-27	42%	84%	32%
106.	Hampden-Sydney Col. (VA)	48	2.8	79%	65%	65%	68%	0%	94%	1010-1220	9%	69%	41%
106.	Presbyterian College (SC)	48	2.6	84%	69%	78%	64%	0.2%	85%	1010-1230 ³	30%	78%	35%
106.	St. Michael's College‡ (VT)	48	2.6	89%	64%	78%	60%	2%	88%	1010-1210	23%	73%	23%
106.	Stonehill College‡ (MA)	48	2.7	89%	75%	85%	44%	0.4%	77%	1090-1250	50%	54%	23%

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106.	Susquehanna University (PA)	48	2.7	87%	68%	83%	54%	0%	85%	1020-1230 ²	32%	79%	24%
106.	Washington & Jefferson (PA)	48	2.8	85%	65%	68%	69%	1%	88%	1020-1220	30%	36%	25%
106.	Westmont College (CA)	48	2.4	88%	74%	77%	59%	3%	84%	1110-1300	44%	65%	36%
116.	Albion College (MI)	47	2.8	86%	71%	74%	54%	1%	91%	23-28	27%	81%	36%
116.	Calvin College‡ (MI)	47	2.9	87%	72%	75%	35%	1%	91%	23-29	29%	96%	33%
118.	Berry College‡ (GA)	46	2.8	77%	73%	62%	69%	1%	90%	1060-1270	35%	72%	26%
118.	Fisk University (TN)	46	2.6	84%	38%	56%	68%	1%	78%	19-23	27%	68%	21%
118.	Hampshire College (MA)	46	2.8	80%	76%	63%	68%	0%	84%	1150-1360 ²	25% ⁵	56%	25%
118.	Wittenberg University (OH)	46	2.8	81%	71%	67%	57%	0.4%	89%	22-27	32%	82%	22%
122.	Linfield College‡ (OR)	44	2.5	84%	64%	73%	59%	2%	80%	1030-1230	37%	73%	23%
122.	Randolph-Macon Col. (VA)	44	2.7	77%	65%	61%	73%	0%	81%	980-1180	18%	58%	21%
122.	Siena College (NY)	44	2.6	87%	64%	77%	35%	0%	81%	1020-1200	23%	55%	22%
122.	Wells College (NY)	44	2.6	75%	62%	50%	82%	0%	84%	1000-1200	26%	71%	28%

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			Predicted	Actual								

THIRD TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 126 THROUGH A TIE AT 184 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)

Albertson College (ID)	2.1	78%	68%	65%	-3	77%	2%	82%	22-28 ³	40%	74%	17%
Albright College (PA)	2.3	78%	57%	58%	+1	61%	0.3%	88%	920-1110 ³	19%	78%	22%
Alma College (MI)	2.6	80%	70%	70%	None	62%	2%	88%	21-26 ³	31%	70%	32%
American Jewish University (CA)	2.1	73%	78%	59%	-19	100%	0%	41%	952-1263	N/A	78%	10%
Asbury College‡ (KY)	2.3	80%	68%	63%	-5	65%	0%	80%	21-27	34%	63%	29%
Bethany College (WV)	2.2	75%	57%	70%	+13	74%	2%	88%	870-1100 ³	12%	89%	25%
Bethel College‡ (KS)	2.0	74%	55%	58%	+3	73%	2%	88%	21-28	27%	75%	29%
Carroll College‡ (MT)	2.3	78%	62%	61%	-1	62%	2%	82%	21-26	22%	71%	23%
Carson-Newman College‡ (TN)	2.3	69%	59%	61%	+2	59%	1%	87%	19-25	27%	63%	15%
Cedar Crest College‡ (PA)	2.1	85%	57%	64%	+7	72%	2%	72%	950-1160	26%	63%	33%
Centenary College of Louisiana‡	2.5	80%	68%	57%	-11	67%	0%	82%	22-28 ³	37%	65%	18%
Central College‡ (IA)	2.5	80%	63%	68%	+5	61%	1%	77%	21-26 ³	25%	80%	26%
Clarke College‡ (IA)	2.2	78%	59%	67%	+8	79%	0%	80%	19-24 ³	23%	66%	24%
College of the Atlantic (ME)	2.3	83%	76%	64%	-12	94%	0%	87%	1090-1360 ²	41%	66%	29%
Concordia College-Moorhead (MN)	2.6	79%	67%	70%	+3	45%	2%	91%	21-27	27%	84%	29%
Dillard University‡ (LA)	2.4	69%	45%	45%	None	73%	2%	92%	16-20 ³	8%	87%	N/A
Doane College‡ (NE)	2.2	77%	59%	66%	+7	80%	0%	78%	20-26 ³	14%	79%	39%
Eckerd College (FL)	2.7	85%	67%	59%	-8	45%	1%	86%	1000-1230	17% ⁵	72%	25%
Emory and Henry College (VA)	2.6	70%	58%	58%	None	76%	0%	83%	948-1160	20%	75%	38%
Georgetown College (KY)	2.4	79%	68%	60%	-8	56%	0%	86%	21-26	26%	98%	13%
Gordon College (MA)	2.3	87%	69%	72%	+3	65%	3%	85%	1070-1290 ³	24%	83%	22%
Goshen College (IN)	2.6	82%	62%	61%	-1	65%	4%	87%	990-1260	29%	76%	30%
Grove City College‡ (PA)	2.3	91%	79%	80%	+1	37%	8%	87%	1165-1388	59%	57%	23%
Guilford College (NC)	2.8	72%	65%	60%	-5	60%	0%	85%	1020-1240 ²	20% ⁵	73%	18%
Hartwick College (NY)	2.7	76%	62%	54%	-8	62%	1%	84%	950-1190 ²	18%	78%	26%
Hastings College (NE)	2.3	74%	60%	62%	+2	66%	0%	85%	20-26	16%	81%	30%
Hiram College (OH)	2.5	79%	66%	57%	-9	N/A	N/A	78%	20-25	23%	88%	20%
Houghton College (NY)	2.5	83%	66%	71%	+5	63%	2%	90%	1040-1300	31%	93%	25%
Illinois College‡	2.4	75%	60%	55%	-5	63%	0%	94%	21-26	21%	73%	27%
Lycoming College (PA)	2.4	84%	60%	66%	+6	64%	2%	87%	950-1140	19%	76%	24%
Marlboro College ¹ (VT)	2.2	78% ⁸	66%	50% ⁶	-16	89% ⁴	0% ⁴	N/A	24-32 ⁴	33% ⁴	58% ⁴	39% ⁴
Maryville College‡ (TN)	2.3	71%	62%	55%	-7	64%	0.2%	86%	22-28	26%	78%	39%
Meredith College‡ (NC)	2.3	76%	62%	63%	+1	68%	1%	73%	930-1150	21%	94%	20%
Merrimack College‡ (MA)	2.1	83%	64%	70%	+6	53%	0.4%	84%	1050-1170 ³	20%	72%	17%
Millikin University‡ (IL)	2.4	78%	62%	68%	+6	58%	2%	78%	20-25	17%	72%	25%
Monmouth College (IL)	2.4	81% ⁸	58%	61% ⁶	+3	51% ⁴	0% ⁴	87%	20-26 ³	15%	77%	34% ⁴
Moravian College (PA)	2.5	85%	67%	70%	+3	67%	0%	79%	1020-1210	24%	65%	24%
Morehouse College (GA)	3.2	86%	62%	54%	-8	39%	3%	90%	960-1170	17% ⁵	55%	18%
Mount Union College‡ (OH)	2.4	79%	57%	63%	+6	56%	1%	79%	20-25 ³	17%	79%	33%
Nebraska Wesleyan University	2.5	81%	63%	70%	+7	60%	3%	75%	22-27 ³	24%	84%	22%
Oglethorpe University (GA)	2.7	82%	72%	61%	-11	81%	0%	79%	1020-1230	33%	80%	11% ⁷
Ripon College (WI)	2.5	86%	65%	75%	+10	53%	2%	83%	21-27	26%	78%	36%
Roanoke College (VA)	2.7	79%	65%	65%	None	58%	0%	91%	980-1190	21%	74%	23%
Russell Sage College‡ (NY)	2.3	81%	47%	67%	+20	56%	0%	85%	1000-1210 ²	31%	78%	21%

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			Predicted	Actual	Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)							
THIRD TIER (CONTINUED) (SCHOOLS RANKED 126 THROUGH A TIE AT 184 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)												
Salem College (NC)	2.3	77%	60%	52%	-8	84%	0%	80%	1000-1250 ³	36%	69%	29%
Simpson College‡ (IA)	2.4	80%	65%	69%	+4	68%	1%	80%	22-26	27%	88%	26%
St. Anselm College (NH)	2.4	84%	65%	69%	+4	55%	4%	90%	1000-1200	23%	71%	23%
St. John's College ¹ (NM)	3.2	N/A	69%	58% ⁶	-11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. John's College ¹ (MD)	3.4	N/A	85%	70% ⁶	-15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Norbert College‡ (WI)	2.5	84%	67%	72%	+5	52%	0.3%	82%	22-26	29%	88%	20%
St. Vincent College (PA)	2.0	87%	63%	71%	+8	45%	0%	76%	940-1160 ³	20%	78%	18%
University of Minnesota-Morris*	2.5	83%	59%	57%	-2	72%	3%	98%	21-27	28%	80%	16%
U. of North Carolina-Asheville*	2.8	79%	56%	54%	-2	55%	1%	86%	1050-1270	18%	71%	7%
Warren Wilson College‡ (NC)	2.4	62%	63%	53%	-10	85%	0%	93%	1060-1290 ³	18%	74%	20%
Wartburg College‡ (IA)	2.6	77%	65%	64%	-1	49%	3%	85%	21-27	36%	85%	23%
Wesleyan College (GA)	2.4	69%	66%	58%	-8	90% ⁴	0% ⁴	85%	970-1220	31% ⁵	38%	34%
Westminster College (PA)	2.4	84%	63%	78%	+15	66%	1%	85%	950-1170	23%	78%	29%
Westminster College (MO)	2.4	76%	68%	62%	-6	62%	0%	88%	22-27	17%	79%	38%
Whittier College (CA)	2.9	76%	61%	62%	+1	57%	2%	86%	960-1180	27%	58%	23%
William Jewell College (MO)	2.5	78%	68%	63%	-5	73%	1%	75%	22-28	38%	63%	19%
Wisconsin Lutheran College‡	1.8	78%	68%	61%	-7	70%	1%	82%	21-27	20%	85%	17%

FOURTH TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 187 THROUGH 248 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)												
Albertus Magnus College‡ (CT)	2.1	72%	58%	54%	-4	84%	0%	40%	928 ²	3%	51%	20%
Atlantic Union College‡ (MA)	1.9	62% ⁸	28%	37% ⁶	+9	85%	0.4%	82%	715-910 ³	N/A	49%	8% ⁷
Baker University‡ (KS)	2.1	75%	60%	62%	+2	70%	0.4%	39%	20-26	21%	62%	15%
Bennett College (NC)	2.0	66%	30%	34%	+4	71%	0%	87%	710-890 ⁹	3%	56%	31%
Bloomfield College‡ (NJ)	1.8	67%	25%	33%	+8	77%	1%	54%	770-950	1%	43%	10%
Brevard College‡ (NC)	2.2	57%	49%	33%	-16	81%	0%	84%	797-1203	5%	67%	8%
Bridgewater College (VA)	2.2	75%	59%	65%	+6	55%	1%	89%	900-1110	13%	85%	21%
Brigham Young Univ.-Hawaii‡	2.1	71%	60%	49%	-11	50%	3%	84%	20-26 ²	17% ⁵	19%	10%
California State U.-Monterey Bay ^{1*}	2.3	74% ⁸	N/A	34% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	2% ⁷
Christopher Newport Univ. (VA)*	2.2	74%	48%	51%	+3	40%	3%	86%	1060-1240	17%	52%	9%
Coastal Carolina University (SC)*	2.0	69%	45%	42%	-3	32%	6%	78%	960-1130 ³	12%	68%	9%
Colorado State Univ.-Pueblo ^{1*}	2.0	62%	32%	31%	-1	44%	9%	77%	18-23	2% ⁴	96%	8%
Concordia College‡ (NY)	2.4	76%	52%	57%	+5	55%	1%	64%	890-1090 ³	9%	70%	10%
Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	2.0	77%	62%	61%	-1	64%	3%	85%	900-1200	21%	75%	30%
Evangel University‡ (MO)	1.6	72% ⁸	53%	41%	-12	62% ⁴	2% ⁴	84% ⁴	18-25 ⁴	17% ⁴	79%	7% ⁴
Ferrum College‡ (VA)	2.1	55%	38%	28%	-10	56%	0%	87%	780-970	5%	91%	17%
Fort Lewis College (CO)*	2.0	58%	37%	32%	-5	53%	2%	90%	18-23 ³	8%	73%	5%
Franklin Pierce College ¹ (NH)	2.2	64% ⁸	42%	48% ⁶	+6	65% ⁴	2% ⁴	75% ⁴	870-1070 ⁴	1% ⁴	74% ⁴	10% ⁴
Green Mountain College‡ (VT)	2.0	66%	49%	36%	-13	57%	0%	85%	18-23 ⁴	9% ⁴	85%	10% ⁴
Greensboro College (NC)	2.3	68% ⁸	47%	40% ⁸	-7	81% ⁴	0.3% ⁴	74% ⁴	836-1020 ³	9% ⁴	62%	20% ⁴
Huntingdon College (AL)	2.1	70%	64%	52%	-12	66%	2%	75%	20-25	26%	61%	29%
Huston-Tillotson University‡ (TX)	1.7	52%	23%	27%	+4	N/A	N/A	78%	700-920 ⁹	N/A	78%	N/A
Jarvis Christian College‡ (TX)	1.6	48%	15%	20%	+5	53%	2%	89%	610 ⁹	5%	75%	4%
Johnson C. Smith University‡ (NC)	1.9	62%	34%	40%	+6	51%	0%	92%	853-1007 ³	40%	38%	20%
Judson College (AL)	2.0	59%	58%	36%	-22	88%	0%	81%	17-22 ³	17%	82%	38%
Kentucky Wesleyan College‡	2.1	68%	53%	42%	-11	63%	0%	68%	18-23	16%	78%	26%
Lambuth University‡ (TN)	1.8	61%	56%	39%	-17	76%	1%	78%	20-26	34%	53%	26%
Lane College (TN)	1.6	68%	37%	61%	+24	40%	1%	N/A	16-18	45%	30%	39%
Lindsey Wilson College (KY)	1.8	50%	34%	26%	-8	67%	0.2%	82%	17-23 ⁹	11%	70%	7%
Marymount Manhattan Col. (NY)	2.2	70%	57%	41%	-16	79%	0%	56%	960-1170 ²	N/A	76%	8%
Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts*	2.1	74%	44%	52%	+8	67%	0%	75%	870-1120	N/A	71%	12%
McPherson College‡ (KS)	2.0	67%	44%	27%	-17	75%	1%	97%	19-24	N/A	88%	25%
Mesa State College (CO)*	1.8	57%	33%	33%	None	58%	5%	76%	17-22 ³	6%	82%	2%
Metropolitan State Col. of Denver ^{1*}	1.8	61%	32%	24%	-8	34%	6%	65%	17-22	2% ⁵	77%	3% ⁷
North Greenville University‡ (SC)	1.8	72%	49%	41%	-8	62%	1%	83%	900-1150	20%	47%	3%
Northland College‡ (WI)	2.2	74%	56%	43% ⁶	-13	69%	0%	79%	22-27 ³	27%	57%	19%
Olivet College (MI)	2.1	64%	41%	29%	-12	62%	1%	62%	17-23 ³	16% ⁴	53%	18%
Paine College (GA)	2.0	62%	23%	30%	+7	71%	0%	88%	680-870	N/A	39%	5%
Peace College‡ (NC)	2.0	64%	46%	37%	-9	66%	1%	79%	830-1040 ³	5%	76%	17%
Pine Manor College (MA)	1.8	63%	37%	39%	+2	91%	0%	69%	720-940	8% ⁴	71%	23%
Sierra Nevada College ¹ ‡ (NV)	1.5	73% ⁸	47%	24% ⁶	-23	N/A	N/A	54% ⁴	820-1204 ⁴	N/A	84% ⁴	N/A
Simpson University‡ (CA)	2.2	61%	48%	49%	+1	63%	4%	61%	870-1130 ³	16%	55%	11%
St. Andrews Presbyterian Col. (NC)	2.1	68%	49%	35%	-14	76%	1%	75%	920-1160 ⁴	N/A	73%	21%

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			Predicted	Actual									
FOURTH TIER (CONTINUED) (SCHOOLS RANKED 187 THROUGH 248 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)													
Stephens College (MO)	2.3	70%	66%	56%	-10	69%	0%	74%	21-26 ⁹	21%	76%	13% ⁷	
Sterling College‡ (KS)	1.8	65%	54%	44%	-10	65%	3%	86%	18-24 ³	6%	65%	16%	
St. Francis College‡ (NY)	2.2	75%	51%	60%	+9	45%	1%	63%	790-1040	N/A	91%	12%	
SUNY College–Old Westbury‡*	2.1	74%	46%	33%	-13	32%	0.2%	75%	873-1050 ³	2%	55%	2%	
SUNY–Purchase College‡*	2.4	75%	49%	49%	None	62%	8%	67%	990-1210 ³	10% ⁵	30%	9% ⁴	
Talladega College (AL)	1.9	52% ⁸	27%	36% ⁶	+9	N/A	N/A	95%	N/A	20%	38% ⁴	18%	
Texas Lutheran University‡	2.5	69%	58%	55%	-3	56%	0%	76%	900-1150	22%	71%	22%	
Thiel College‡ (PA)	2.1	63%	48%	53%	+5	55%	1%	80%	800-1050	8%	76%	31%	
Tougaloo College (MS)	1.9	76% ⁸	33%	46% ⁶	+13	N/A	N/A	98%	20 ⁴	25% ⁴	20% ⁴	36%	
University of Hawaii–Hilo*	2.3	66%	39%	31%	-8	51%	2%	78%	880-1160	23%	58%	N/A	
University of Maine–Machias‡*	1.9	69%	34%	32%	-2	77%	0%	65%	850-1060	6%	84%	2%	
University of Virginia–Wise*	2.2	71%	41%	45%	+4	68%	0.2%	83%	850-1060	18%	81%	18% ⁴	
Univ. of Wisconsin–Green Bay‡*	2.1	78%	50%	53%	+3	25%	16%	83%	20-25	N/A	70%	6%	
Univ. of Wisconsin–Parkside‡*	1.9	64%	38%	31%	-7	47%	9%	82%	17-22 ²	7%	81%	8%	
Virginia Wesleyan College	2.4	65%	50%	42%	-8	73%	0%	73%	870-1070	10%	84%	11%	
Western State College of Colorado*	1.8	60% ⁸	42%	31%	-11	49%	1%	90%	18-26 ³	7%	63%	N/A	
West Virginia State University‡*	2.0	59% ⁸	26%	26% ⁸	None	N/A	N/A	83% ⁴	18 ³	N/A	N/A	3% ⁷	
West Virginia Wesleyan College	2.2	75%	59%	56%	-3	64%	0.3%	77%	20-26	24%	96%	21%	
Wingate University‡ (NC)	2.0	71%	54%	48%	-6	51%	0.3%	85%	900-1110 ⁹	17%	50%	37%	

Unranked Schools

Allen University ¹ ‡ (SC)	1.6	40% ⁸	20%	22% ⁶	+2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baptist Bible College ¹ † (MO)	1.4	N/A	N/A	34% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Beacon College† (FL)	1.8	89%	N/A	76% ⁸	N/A	100%	0%	97%	N/A ²	N/A	50%	60% ⁴
Bryn Athyn Col. of New Church‡ (PA)	1.6	67%	65%	22% ⁶	-43	95%	0%	74%	910-1150	N/A	93%	N/A
Burlington College (VT)	2.2	59% ⁸	37%	30% ⁶	-7	100%	0%	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	86%	2%
College of St. Thomas More† (TX)	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Excelsior College (NY)	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	72%	0%	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Granite State College (NH)*	1.6	42%	N/A	N/A	N/A	94%	0%	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	100%	2%
Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	3.1	89%	73%	77% ⁶	+4	56%	2%	89%	23-28 ⁴	35%	78%	31%
Martin University ¹ ‡ (IN)	1.8	N/A	27%	44% ⁶	+17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pikeville College‡ (KY)	1.7	53% ⁸	43%	34% ⁶	-9	59%	0%	95%	16-22 ²	N/A	100%	17%
Rust College‡ (MS)	1.8	56% ⁸	22%	26% ⁶	+4	N/A	N/A	98% ⁴	14-17 ⁹	N/A	48%	N/A
Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	3.5	89%	79%	75% ⁶	-4	93%	1%	94%	N/A ²	33% ⁵	46%	33%
Sheldon Jackson College ¹ ‡ (AK)	1.7	N/A	50%	11% ⁶	-39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shimer College (IL)	1.7	N/A	63%	31% ⁶	-32	100%	0%	90%	N/A ²	N/A	74%	16%
Thomas Edison State Col. (NJ)*	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thomas More Col. of Lib. Arts† (NH)	1.9	73%	53%	61% ⁶	+8	44%	13%	88%	N/A	N/A	85%	33%
Univ. of Maine–Presque Isle ¹ *	1.9	62% ⁸	28%	36% ⁶	+8	63% ⁴	0% ⁴	72% ⁴	780-1030 ⁴	8% ⁴	86% ⁴	0.3% ⁴

FOOTNOTES:

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

- data, are given here for fewer than four years because school didn't report rates for the most recent year or years to U.S. News.
9. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants, and data not submitted in form requested by U.S. News. Data may be based on fewer than 50 percent of enrolled freshmen.
 10. School refused to fill out U.S. News survey. Data from school's website were used.
- † New to America's Best Colleges rankings this year.
 ‡ School was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2006 and appeared in a different category of schools in America's Best Colleges 2007.
 § Peer assessment score taken from America's Best Colleges 2007.
 N/A means not available.