

Best Liberal Arts Colleges

The Top 50

2001 graduation rate

Rank	School (State)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Graduation and retention rank	Average freshman retention rate	2001 graduation rate		Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)	Faculty resources rank	% of classes under 20 ('01)
						Predicted	Actual			
1.	Amherst College (MA)	100	4.8	1	97%	89%	94%	+5	8	68%
2.	Swarthmore College (PA)	99	4.7	3	96%	92%	92%	None	5	72%
	Williams College (MA)	99	4.8	2	97%	91%	93%	+2	14	64%
4.	Wellesley College (MA)	94	4.6	7	95%	88%	90%	+2	20	61%
5.	Carleton College (MN)	92	4.5	9	95%	88%	89%	+1	10	62%
	Pomona College (CA)	92	4.3	9	99%	89%	90%	+1	13	78%
7.	Bowdoin College (ME)	91	4.4	7	94%	88%	89%	+1	66	62%
	Middlebury College (VT)	91	4.3	9	96%	85%	88%	+3	29	71%
9.	Davidson College (NC)	90	4.1	5	96%	87%	90%	+3	1	71%
10.	Haverford College (PA)	89	4.3	5	96%	90%	92%	+2	26	72%
11.	Wesleyan University (CT)	88	4.3	9	96%	86%	90%	+4	48	64%
12.	Grinnell College (IA)	87	4.3	21	92%	84%	84%	None	6	66%
13.	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	86	4.1	18	94%	88%	86%	-2	33	68%
	Smith College (MA)	86	4.4	28	90%	82%	83%	+1	14	71%
15.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	85	4.2	28	95%	92%	80%	-12	46	66%
	Vassar College (NY)	85	4.1	15	93%	83%	87%	+4	16	70%
	Washington and Lee University (VA)	85	3.8	15	94%	88%	89%	+1	6	63%
18.	Colby College (ME)	83	4.0	14	93%	80%	88%	+8	63	58%
	Colgate University (NY)	83	4.0	9	94%	82%	89%	+7	33	57%
	Hamilton College (NY)	83	3.8	20	93%	76%	85%	+9	10	70%
21.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	82	4.2	33	91%	86%	80%	-6	17	76%
22.	Bates College (ME)	81	4.0	18	94%	81%	87%	+6	88	58%
23.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	80	4.1	34	91%	80%	78%	-2	20	69%
	Oberlin College (OH)	80	4.2	40	89%	80%	77%	-3	33	66%
25.	Trinity College (CT)	79	3.8	25	91%	77%	85%	+8	37	70%
26.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	78	3.7	4	94%	80%	90%	+10	88	54%
	Macalester College (MN)	78	4.1	36	91%	82%	80%	-2	53	67%
28.	Barnard College (NY)	77	4.0	21	94%	83%	85%	+2	129	67%
29.	Bucknell University (PA)	75	3.8	15	94%	79%	86%	+7	95	54%
	Colorado College	75	3.8	34	92%	78%	80%	+2	17	64%
	Connecticut College	75	3.6	30	92%	78%	82%	+4	88	59%
	Kenyon College (OH)	75	3.8	25	92%	77%	84%	+7	78	64%
	Lafayette College (PA)	75	3.5	21	93%	72%	84%	+12	37	61%
	Scripps College (CA)	75	3.7	58	86%	76%	77%	+1	66	70%
	University of the South (TN)	75	3.6	40	89%	82%	79%	-3	3	71%
36.	Bard College (NY)	73	3.4	98	85%	80%	67%	-13	2	85%
	Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	73	3.6	30	92%	80%	80%	None	53	52%
38.	Union College (NY)	72	3.4	25	93%	77%	80%	+3	53	56%
39.	DePauw University (IN)	71	3.4	40	88%	76%	79%	+3	20	72%
40.	Whitman College (WA)	70	3.2	47	92%	82%	76%	-6	29	68%
41.	Furman University (SC)	69	3.4	49	92%	78%	77%	-1	71	52%
	Rhodes College (TN)	69	3.5	61	90%	80%	72%	-8	66	63%
	Skidmore College (NY)	69	3.3	49	91%	65%	77%	+12	53	67%
44.	Centre College (KY)	68	3.3	71	87%	76%	73%	-3	53	57%
	Dickinson College (PA)	68	3.4	40	89%	68%	80%	+12	76	65%
	Gettysburg College (PA)	68	3.3	54	87%	73%	76%	+3	48	68%
	Occidental College (CA)	68	3.5	49	90%	78%	75%	-3	117	58%
	Wabash College (IN)	68	3.2	94	84%	72%	67%	-5	10	80%
49.	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	67	3.4	82	91%	75%	66%	-9	17	94%
50.	Illinois Wesleyan University	66	3.0	40	91%	76%	80%	+4	95	58%
	Lawrence University (WI)	66	3.2	71	87%	77%	71%	-6	71	71%
	Willamette University (OR)	66	3.1	49	88%	76%	82%	+6	20	63%

-Bachelor's (Nationally)

What Are Liberal Arts Colleges-Bachelor's?

The nation's 217 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the liberal arts disciplines. Most are private institutions, but 21 are public; the top five publics appear below.

% of classes of 50 or more ('01)	Student/faculty ratio ('01)	% of faculty who are full time ('01)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('01)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('01)	Acceptance rate ('01)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
5%	8/1	95%	2	1320-1510	83% ⁶	19%	16	1	65%
2%	8/1	94%	1	1360-1530	88%	26%	2	6	56%
6%	8/1	97%	3	1310-1510	82%	24%	5	4	61%
2%	9/1	88%	15	1250-1440	65%	43%	1	8	53%
1%	10/1	93%	14	1280-1460	68%	37%	21	1	64%
1%	9/1	90%	5	1360-1520	84%	29%	5	30	47%
6%	10/1	93%	6	1280-1440 ²	79% ⁶	24%	7	5	57%
6%	11/1	97%	7	1340-1470	72%	23%	3	24	49%
.2%	11/1	98%	13	1235-1410	75% ⁶	35%	27	9	53%
5%	9/1	98%	7	1280-1450	81% ⁶	33%	19	24	49%
6%	9/1	98%	11	1270-1460	72%	26%	19	29	48%
1%	10/1	99%	27	1250-1440	63%	65%	10	22	49%
1%	9/1	96%	7	1310-1480	81%	29%	13	18	50%
5%	9/1	98%	30	1160-1370	59%	54%	13	34	46%
5%	9/1	95%	4	1390-1540	89%	34%	12	48	42%
1%	9/1	93%	16	1280-1430	63%	34%	21	48	42%
1%	11/1	97%	10	1270-1420	77%	35%	27	9	53%
4%	11/1	94%	16	1250-1410	64%	34%	30	18	50%
1%	11/1	95%	20	1240-1400	61% ⁶	37%	34	33	46%
2%	9/1	96%	23	1200-1370	61%	35%	25	7	54%
3%	9/1	92%	35	1210-1380 ³	62% ⁶	60%	10	34	45%
5%	10/1	96%	19	1270-1400 ²	57% ⁶	33%	30	22	49%
4%	10/1	92%	35	1170-1350 ²	51%	49%	27	31	47%
4%	10/1	95%	16	1240-1430	66%	36%	52	43	43%
3%	9/1	92%	71	1190-1360	48% ⁶	30%	9	17	50%
.2%	12/1	94%	25	1140-1320	60%	43%	52	12	52%
1%	11/1	89%	22	1240-1440	65%	50%	34	73	37%
10%	10/1	83%	12	1250-1410	78% ⁶	33%	58	73	37%
3%	12/1	97%	35	1200-1370 ³	60%	39%	55	60	38%
0%	9/1	93%	50	1190-1370	50%	69%	43	83	36%
4%	11/1	92%	23	24-32	55%	34%	23	34	45%
4%	10/1	95%	39	1180-1380	55% ⁶	66%	55	48	42%
2%	11/1	95%	27	1160-1330	57%	39%	39	83	36%
3%	11/1	86%	50	1170-1360	45%	64%	3	12	52%
0%	10/1	91%	75	1130-1310	43%	74%	23	34	45%
.2%	9/1	80%	32	1240-1410 ¹¹	61%	44%	18	31	47%
.3%	11/1	95%	39	1170-1370	55% ⁶	55%	39	83	36%
1%	11/1	95%	35	1130-1320	55%	41%	58	48	42%
0%	10/1	92%	43	1100-1290	52%	53%	50	99	34%
1%	10/1	87%	25	1220-1400	62%	54%	71	24	49%
.2%	11/1	95%	32	1180-1370	60%	61%	81	24	48%
.3%	12/1	91%	31	26-30	58%	64%	67	18	50%
2%	11/1	98%	69	1150-1320	36% ⁶	42%	43	43	43%
.4%	11/1	95%	42	25-29	55%	77%	63	3	63%
.4%	12/1	92%	66	1150-1320 ²	47%	64%	61	57	40%
.2%	11/1	86%	43	1150-1310	51%	53%	55	52	41%
3%	10/1	90%	39	1100-1300	58%	48%	48	52	41%
2%	10/1	100%	75	1096-1300	36%	55%	13	24	48%
1%	6/1	92%	50	1150-1350	34% ⁶	37%	52	66	37%
2%	12/1	94%	32	26-30	47%	59%	30	114	32%
1%	11/1	92%	46	25-30	43%	68%	39	18	50%
0%	10/1	91%	48	1140-1300	55%	84%	105	60	38%

Note: Key to footnotes, Page 92. Peer assessment survey by Market Facts Inc.

Top 5 Public Liberal Arts Colleges

School (State)

1. Virginia Military Institute
2. St. Mary's College of Maryland
3. Mary Washington College (VA)
4. University of Minnesota-Morris
5. U. of North Carolina-Asheville

Key Criteria in Judging Schools

LOWEST ACCEPTANCE RATE

School (State)	Rate
Amherst College (MA)	19%
Middlebury College (VT)	23%
Bowdoin College (ME)	24%
Williams College (MA)	24%
Swarthmore College (PA)	26%
Wesleyan University (CT)	26%
University of Judaism (CA)	27%
Paine College (GA)	28%
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	29%
Pomona College (CA)	29%
Trinity College (CT)	30%

HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE

Amherst College (MA)	94%
Williams College (MA)	93%
Haverford College (PA)	92%
Swarthmore College (PA)	92%
College of the Holy Cross (MA)	90%
Davidson College (NC)	90%
Pomona College (CA)	90%
Wellesley College (MA)	90%
Wesleyan University (CT)	90%

HIGHEST PROPORTION OF CLASSES UNDER 20

University of Judaism (CA)	100%
Marlboro College (VT)	96%
Principia College (IL)	96%
St. John's College (NM)	96%
Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	94%
Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	93%
Rosemont College (PA)	91%

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			Predicted	Actual	Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)							
SECOND TIER (RANKING BEGINS AT 53; SCHOOLS ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)												
Agnes Scott College (GA)	3.2	80%	73%	71%	-2	81%	0%	87%	1070-1300	42%	74%	45%
Albion College (MI)	2.9	84%	70%	72%	+2	77%	.3%	99%	22-27	31%	87%	45%
Allegheny College (PA)	3.0	84%	72%	71%	-1	61%	3%	94%	1080-1290	37%	79%	36%
Alma College (MI)	2.7	86%	71%	75%	+4	57%	2%	87%	22-27	37%	82%	31%
Augustana College (IL)	2.8	86%	66%	72%	+6	54%	3%	86%	23-29	31%	77%	38%
Austin College (TX)	2.9	85%	73%	72%	-1	58%	1%	89%	1100-1290	40%	80%	33%
Beloit College (WI)	3.2	90%	69%	69%	None	76%	0%	94%	1120-1340	40%	66%	41%
Bennington College (VT)	2.8	80%	72%	82%	+10	89%	0%	85%	1070-1320	48%	65%	36%
Birmingham-Southern College (AL)	3.0	84%	76%	79%	+3	59%	.3%	90%	24-29	43%	92%	35%
Coe College (IA)	2.8	81%	66%	58%	-8	75%	0%	82%	22-27	28%	77%	31%
College of St. Benedict (MN)	2.6	88%	65%	76%	+11	43%	.4%	95%	23-27	43%	82%	33%
College of Wooster (OH)	3.3	86%	72%	73%	+1	67%	2%	92%	1070-1290	35%	72%	38%
Cornell College (IA)	2.9	81%	66%	63%	-3	69%	0%	91%	22-27	26%	70%	36%
Denison University (OH)	3.3	87%	69%	73%	+4	66%	.2%	99%	1110-1310	50%	58%	41%
Drew University (NJ)	3.0	86%	77%	78%	+1	75%	2%	92%	1100-1320	39%	72%	36%
Earlham College (IN)	3.6	86%	70%	68%	-2	68%	4%	95%	1080-1330	26%	80%	35%
Goucher College (MD)	3.0	79%	69%	65%	-4	75%	.4%	76%	1100-1290	31%	73%	38%
Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	3.1	91%	68%	81%	+13	52%	4%	90%	23-29	39%	76%	38%
Hampshire College (MA)	2.9	79% ⁹	71%	56% ⁹	-15	73%	0%	95%	1150-1340 ²	26% ⁶	59%	N/A
Hanover College (IN)	2.7	83%	70%	68%	-2	72%	1%	96%	1020-1250	31%	80%	31%
Hendrix College (AR)	3.1	84%	72%	62%	-10	53%	2%	95%	25-31	41%	82%	42%
Hillsdale College (MI)	2.2	88%	72%	71%	-1	75%	1%	87%	23-29	42%	85%	29%
Hobart and William Smith Col. (NY)	3.1	85%	66%	74%	+8	61%	2%	96%	1070-1240	30% ⁶	69%	37%
Hollins University (VA)	2.7	80%	67%	65%	-2	77%	0%	90%	1000-1260	24%	81%	45%
Hope College (MI)	2.9	87%	67%	72%	+5	55%	2%	88%	22-28	33%	89%	37%
Juniata College (PA)	2.5	87%	66%	73%	+7	64%	2%	90%	1060-1250	39%	79%	37%
Kalamazoo College (MI)	3.2	89%	80%	73%	-7	61%	0%	97%	26-31	43%	78%	31%
Knox College (IL)	3.0	87%	73%	71%	-2	64%	1%	92%	24-29	34%	72%	36%
Lake Forest College (IL)	2.9	77%	63%	67%	+4	57%	.4%	80%	23-28	23%	69%	28%
Lewis and Clark College (OR)	3.2	82%	73%	62%	-11	65%	2%	80%	1160-1350 ²	36%	67%	31%
Luther College (IA)	2.8	86%	67%	72%	+5	42%	2%	91%	22-28	35%	83%	39%
Millsaps College (MS)	3.0	84%	72%	70%	-2	66%	.3%	98%	23-29	46%	86%	32%
Mills College (CA)	3.2	79%	67%	61%	-6	89%	1%	79%	1010-1270	39%	85%	36%
Muhlenberg College (PA)	2.8	92%	67%	83%	+16	53%	2%	85%	1104-1284 ²	37%	35%	38%
Ohio Wesleyan University	3.1	79%	68%	58%	-10	58%	1%	88%	1100-1320 ³	32%	79%	37%
Pitzer College (CA)	3.5	84%	68%	59%	-9	56%	2%	90%	1110-1310	32%	54%	30%
Presbyterian College (SC)	2.7	87%	66%	73%	+7	63%	0%	88%	1040-1200	29%	78%	24%
Principia College (IL)	2.0	88%	64%	75%	+11	96%	0%	85%	1020-1270 ³	19%	93%	24%
Randolph-Macon Wmn.'s Col. (VA)	2.9	77%	69%	60%	-9	79%	0%	91%	1050-1290	43%	87%	52%
Reed College ¹² (OR)	3.9	87% ⁹	85%	70%	-15	67%	4%	98%	1240-1420 ³	51%	71%	25% ⁸
Southwestern University (TX)	3.1	88%	76%	66%	-10	66%	.4%	88%	1130-1320	52%	59%	31%
Spelman College (GA)	3.4	90%	61%	76%	+15	38%	4%	91%	990-1170	33%	49%	13%
St. John's University (MN)	2.9	91%	60%	74%	+14	43%	.4%	92%	23-28	23%	85%	38%
St. Lawrence University (NY)	3.2	84%	67%	71%	+4	66%	1%	94%	1040-1240	36%	61%	36%
St. Mary's College of Maryland*	2.9	85%	69%	72%	+3	63%	1%	87%	1120-1330	45% ⁶	71%	22%
St. Olaf College (MN)	3.5	92%	72%	80%	+8	41%	3%	82%	25-29 ³	49%	76%	36%
Sweet Briar College (VA)	2.9	81%	65%	73%	+8	89%	0%	83%	995-1235	33%	81%	44%
Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	2.4	85%	75%	78%	+3	93%	0%	98%	1170-1340	35% ⁶	87%	36%
Transylvania University (KY)	2.7	79%	75%	66%	-9	61%	0%	94%	23-28	42%	87%	52%
University of Puget Sound (WA)	3.1	85%	74%	72%	-2	53%	1%	94%	1160-1340	45%	67%	19%
Ursinus College (PA)	2.8	89%	71%	79%	+8	76%	.4%	85%	1100-1310 ²	40%	78%	30%
Virginia Military Institute*	2.8	84%	56%	70%	+14	67%	0%	87%	1040-1220	15%	63%	34%
Washington and Jefferson Col. (PA)	2.8	85%	63%	70%	+7	57%	0%	93%	1000-1200	32%	85%	27%
Washington College (MD)	2.7	80%	62%	66%	+4	72%	1%	88%	1050-1250 ³	42%	73%	33%
Wells College (NY)	2.6	78%	68%	66%	-2	81%	0%	89%	1010-1220	26%	88%	34%
Westminster College (PA)	2.6	88%	61%	75%	+14	68%	.2%	88%	970-1177	24%	86%	38%
Wheaton College (IL)	3.1	94%	82%	87%	+5	51%	3%	86%	1220-1410	60%	57%	39%
Wheaton College (MA)	3.2	85%	65%	71%	+6	67%	6%	92%	1100-1290 ²	29%	61%	40%
Wittenberg University (OH)	2.8	84%	69%	73%	+4	55%	0%	86%	24-28	39%	83%	28%
Wofford College (SC)	2.9	89%	72%	79%	+7	59%	1%	87%	1120-1310	50%	82%	37%

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			Predicted	Actual	Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)							
THIRD TIER (RANKING BEGINS AT 113; SCHOOLS ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)												
Albertson College (ID)	2.2	60% ⁹	64%	46% ⁹	-18	80%	1%	96%	22-27	31%	98%	16%
Albright College (PA)	2.2	78%	55%	62%	+7	63%	1%	87%	910-1120	19%	73%	24%
Antioch College (OH)	2.6	76%	68%	45%	-23	85%	0%	100%	22-28 ⁴	N/A	82%	32%
Bethany College (WV)	2.3	82%	58%	55%	-3	69%	1%	95%	900-1140	26%	71%	31%
Chatham College (PA)	2.3	73%	56%	50%	-6	70%	0%	96%	950-1180	8%	77%	34%
Concordia College—Moorhead (MN)	2.4	80%	62%	66%	+4	48%	2%	91%	21-27	28%	86%	28%
Eckerd College (FL)	2.6	78%	70%	66%	-4	46%	0%	89%	1020-1250	23%	78%	22%
Emory and Henry College (VA)	2.5	72%	54%	58%	+4	61%	0%	86%	888-1148	26%	78%	51%
Erskine College (SC)	2.2	81%	68%	70%	+2	70%	0%	84%	1020-1250 ³	32%	72%	35%
Fisk University (TN)	2.5	89%	60%	61%	+1	68%	1%	85%	16-21	14%	65%	33%
Georgetown College (KY)	2.4	79%	66%	61%	-5	56%	0%	89%	21-27	38%	95%	17%
Gordon College (MA)	2.3	86%	63%	68%	+5	58%	7%	86%	1100-1290	28%	78%	35%
Goshen College (IN)	2.5	78%	63%	64%	+1	69%	4%	85%	970-1280 ³	28%	46%	40%
Guilford College (NC)	2.7	76%	67%	72%	+5	65%	1%	76%	1020-1250	19%	79%	25%
Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	2.8	76%	67%	54%	-13	70%	.3%	89%	1010-1230	13%	77%	40%
Hartwick College ¹ (NY)	2.6	76% ¹⁰	62%	60% ⁷	-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	1010-1220 ⁵	21% ⁵	89% ⁵	25% ⁸
Hiram College (OH)	2.5	77%	66%	67%	+1	75%	0%	86%	20-27	30%	89%	36%
Houghton College (NY)	2.2	85%	67%	73%	+6	61%	2%	93%	1040-1290	34%	91%	30%
Huntingdon College (AL)	2.3	75%	59%	50%	-9	71%	0%	84%	21-27	49%	82%	29%
Lycoming College (PA)	2.3	78%	55%	71%	+16	59%	2%	89%	960-1190	22%	79%	25%
Lyon College (AR)	2.5	78%	76%	54%	-22	71%	1%	89%	23-28	46%	78%	28%
Marlboro College (VT)	2.2	69%	64%	48%	-16	96%	0%	86%	1100-1310	13%	87%	51%
Mary Washington College (VA)*	2.8	85%	63%	69%	+6	40%	4%	82%	1120-1290	44%	55%	30%
McDaniel College (MD)	2.4	85%	71%	72%	+1	63%	0%	81%	1010-1210	61% ⁶	80%	33%
Monmouth College (IL)	2.4	79%	56%	69%	+13	61%	1%	84%	21-26 ³	20%	79%	30%
Moravian College (PA)	2.4	82%	63%	72%	+9	61%	1%	78%	1030-1250 ³	25%	68%	24%
Morehouse College (GA)	3.2	85%	64%	62%	-2	57%	1%	89%	940-1360	43%	77%	16%
Nebraska Wesleyan University	2.5	80%	60%	62%	+2	58%	3%	82%	22-27	23%	93%	25%
Oglethorpe University (GA)	2.7	80%	73%	52%	-21	70%	0%	71%	1100-1330	44%	86%	N/A
Randolph-Macon College (VA)	2.9	78%	58%	64%	+6	67%	0%	83%	1020-1170 ³	12%	80%	32%
Ripon College (WI)	2.7	86%	64%	66%	+2	67%	1%	84%	21-26	21%	84%	42%
Roanoke College (VA)	2.7	77%	61%	62%	+1	61%	0%	87%	1000-1200	25%	74%	28%
Rosemont College (PA)	1.9	76%	56%	70%	+14	91%	0%	51%	920-1190 ³	37% ⁶	81%	25%
Salem College (NC)	2.3	80%	64%	59%	-5	78%	0%	80%	980-1210	28%	76%	44%
Siena College (NY)	2.4	88%	61%	75%	+14	44%	0%	82%	1020-1200 ³	22% ⁶	69%	28%
St. Anselm College (NH)	2.3	83%	55%	73%	+18	51%	2%	90%	1020-1200	16%	75%	33%
St. John's College (NM)	3.1	82% ⁹	81%	54%	-27	96%	1%	99%	1200-1300 ²	24%	86%	N/A
St. John's College ¹ (MD)	3.5	81% ¹⁰	80%	66% ¹⁰	-14	N/A	N/A	N/A	1230-1410 ⁵	33% ⁵	78% ⁵	N/A
St. Vincent College (PA)	2.0	86%	70%	68%	-2	54%	0%	84%	950-1200	26%	84%	30%
Susquehanna University (PA)	2.7	87%	66%	77%	+11	43%	.2%	85%	1040-1230 ²	28%	76%	26%
University of Dallas	2.6	82%	63%	64%	+1	49%	1%	77%	1090-1330	47%	85%	27%
University of Judaism (CA)	2.0	82%	69%	67%	+2	100%	0%	N/A	1035-1305	50%	27%	N/A
University of Minnesota—Morris*	2.4	81%	60%	68%	+8	64%	7%	100%	23-28	45%	84%	16%
U. of North Carolina—Asheville*	2.8	78%	57%	53%	-4	53%	1%	80%	1050-1260	24%	59%	11%
Wesleyan College (GA)	2.4	68%	69%	46%	-23	85%	0%	83%	1040-1260	36%	74%	36%
Westminster College (MO)	2.3	75%	66%	60%	-6	63%	0%	85%	21-27	18%	88%	25%
Westmont College (CA)	2.4	84%	69%	69%	None	59%	4%	82%	1110-1300	44%	75%	33%
Whittier College (CA)	2.8	75%	56%	53%	-3	60%	2%	82%	980-1210	27% ⁶	80%	26%
William Jewell College (MO)	2.4	79%	65%	60%	-5	80%	.3%	84%	21-27	37%	80%	25%
FOURTH TIER (RANKING BEGINS AT 162; SCHOOLS ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)												
Adrian College (MI)	2.4	73%	54%	43%	-11	70%	.4%	83%	19-25 ³	14%	90%	24%
Arkansas Baptist College	1.5	33% ⁹	N/A	48%	N/A	74%	0%	71%	N/A ²	10%	100%	5%
Barber Scotia College (NC)	1.5	55% ⁹	24%	12% ¹⁰	-12	65% ⁴	1% ⁴	88% ⁴	689 ⁴	3% ⁴	51% ⁴	8% ⁴
Bennett College (NC)	1.7	67%	35%	34%	-1	69% ⁴	1% ⁴	97%	764	N/A	62%	13%
Bethel College (TN)	1.8	58%	30%	21%	-9	66%	1%	84%	9-28 ³	12%	63%	18%
Blackburn College (IL)	1.8	60%	51%	42% ⁹	-9	78%	1%	82%	20-24 ³	13%	68%	43%
Bridgewater College (VA)	2.2	77%	53%	61%	+8	57%	3%	93%	920-1160	31%	87%	24%
Burlington College (VT)	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	95% ⁵	N/A
Christendom College (VA)	1.6	81%	70%	65%	-5	53%	0%	81%	1110-1350	25% ⁶	81%	32%
Christian Heritage College ¹ (CA)	1.4	71% ¹⁰	48%	47% ¹⁰	-1	N/A	N/A	69% ⁴	1005 ⁴	15% ⁴	79% ⁵	5% ⁴
Christopher Newport Univ. (VA)*	1.9	74%	33%	34%	+1	31%	3%	81%	1040-1205	17%	48%	15%
Coastal Carolina University (SC)*	2.0	67%	35%	37%	+2	36%	7%	81%	940-1120	12%	74%	7%

School (State)(*Public college)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	2001 graduation rate			% of classes under 20 ('01)	% of classes of 50 or more ('01)	% of faculty who are full time ('01)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('01)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('01)	Acceptance rate ('01)	Avg. alumni giving rate
			Predicted	Actual	Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)							
College of the Atlantic ¹ (ME)	2.2	90% ¹⁰	81%	62% ¹⁰	-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	1223 ⁵	18% ⁵	75% ⁵	N/A
Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	2.0	77%	60%	63%	+3	54%	4%	87%	910-1230	29% ⁴	70%	34%
Evergreen State College (WA)*	2.9	69%	53%	56%	+3	N/A	N/A	92%	1020-1250	7% ⁶	82%	8%
Fort Lewis College (CO)*	2.2	56%	35%	28%	-7	51%	4%	87%	17-22	6%	84%	12%
Franklin Pierce College (NH)	2.0	65%	33%	44%	+11	68%	2%	72%	840-1050	6%	81%	9%
Greensboro College (NC)	2.2	61%	45%	46%	+1	74%	0%	74%	830-1060	2%	78%	18%
Hastings College (NE)	2.3	77%	61%	58%	-3	66%	2%	86%	21-27 ³	22%	80%	18%
Judson College (AL)	1.9	62%	53%	33%	-20	85%	1%	97%	20-25	16% ⁶	81%	38%
King College (TN)	2.1	73%	67%	46%	-21	71%	1%	81%	980-1240 ³	30%	64%	15%
Lane College (TN)	1.6	74%	18%	29%	+11	66%	2%	100%	18-23	28%	39%	16%
Lees-McRae College (NC)	1.8	77%	41%	30% ⁹	-11	70%	1%	87%	840-1050	10%	84%	11%
Lindsey Wilson College (KY)	1.6	53%	30%	22%	-8	68%	1%	85%	16-22 ²	13%	73%	6%
Long Isl. U.—Southampton Col. (NY)	1.9	71%	58%	44%	-14	76%	1%	59%	876-1302	22%	67%	12%
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	2.1	80%	56%	57%	+1	73%	0%	41%	870-1150 ³	25%	57%	23%
Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts* 2.2	72%	40%	37%	-3	65%	0%	86%	950-1127 ³	N/A	70%	18%	
Mesa State College (CO)*	1.7	60%	29%	29%	None	49%	6%	85%	17-23	10%	84%	12%
Mount St. Clare College (IA)	1.7	65%	40%	37%	-3	68%	0%	70%	17-23	7%	75%	18%
Muskingum College (OH)	2.4	79%	55%	61%	+6	55%	.4%	83%	19-25 ³	27%	86%	21%
Olivet College (MI)	2.0	72%	38%	27%	-11	63%	1%	71%	18-25 ³	20% ⁶	88%	13%
Paine College (GA)	2.0	64%	21%	26%	+5	64%	0%	91%	680-870	N/A	28%	7%
Pine Manor College (MA)	1.8	72% ⁹	34%	49%	+15	81%	0%	71%	20 ⁴	7% ⁶	73%	22%
Richard Stockton Col. of N.J.*	2.2	83%	51%	62%	+11	29%	2%	80%	1010-1180	19%	45%	23%
Schreiner University (TX)	1.9	66%	47%	23%	-24	69%	0%	89%	870-1140	15%	69%	12%
Seton Hill College (PA)	2.3	68%	59%	55%	-4	65%	.4%	87%	870-1080 ²	21%	78%	33%
Shawnee State University (OH)*	1.8	58%	29%	38%	+9	53%	3%	73%	17-22 ²	13% ⁵	100%	1%
St. Andrews Presbyterian Col. (NC)	2.0	60%	52%	35% ⁹	-17	74%	.4%	67%	860-1120	N/A	87%	19%
St. Augustine's College (NC)	1.8	62%	38%	30%	-8	55%	1%	87%	620-1350	3%	41%	12%
Stephens College (MO)	2.3	68%	53%	50%	-3	85%	0%	87%	20-26 ³	37%	82%	23%
Talladega College (AL)	1.8	69%	49%	39%	-10	63%	1%	94%	15-20	14% ⁵	70%	N/A
Texas A&M Univ.—Galveston*	2.2	72%	62%	27% ⁹	-35	66%	6%	N/A	1096-1112 ³	48%	87%	1% ⁴
Tougaloo College ¹ (MS)	2.0	78% ⁹	33%	48% ⁹	+15	62% ⁴	0% ⁴	87% ⁴	18 ⁴	N/A	99% ⁴	9% ⁴
University of Hawaii—Hilo*	2.3	60%	36%	30%	-6	52%	3%	90%	880-1110	16%	63%	11%
Univ. of Maine—Presque Isle*	2.0	63%	15%	42%	+27	73%	0%	76%	N/A ²	5%	49%	7%
Univ. of Pittsburgh—Bradford*	1.8	67%	37%	38%	+1	67%	2%	82%	900-1100	5%	82%	14%
Univ. of Pittsburgh—Greensburg*	1.8	74%	49%	45%	-4	36%	7%	78%	920-1100 ³	9%	78%	N/A
University of Virginia—Wise*	2.3	68%	48%	42%	-6	70%	1%	86%	840-1060	22%	77%	11%
Virginia Union University ¹	2.0	64% ⁹	24%	22% ⁹	-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	724 ⁵	N/A	95% ⁵	13% ⁸
Virginia Wesleyan College	2.1	63%	54%	36%	-18	84%	0%	84%	880-1080	13%	80%	9%
Warner Pacific College (OR)	1.8	71%	59%	35%	-24	77%	0%	82%	26 ⁴	N/A	77% ⁴	14% ⁴
Western State College of Colorado*	1.8	56%	35%	27%	-8	46%	2%	92%	19-24 ³	6%	85%	12%
West Virginia Wesleyan College	2.2	76%	58%	58%	None	48%	1%	81%	920-1130	20%	86%	16%

FOOTNOTES:

1. School refused to fill out *U.S. News* survey.
2. SAT I and/or ACT not required for some or all applicants by school.
3. Data not submitted in the form requested by *U.S. News*.
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6. Data based on fewer than 51 percent of enrolled freshmen.

7. Data reported to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.
8. Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.
9. Average graduation or freshman retention rates for fewer than four years when school didn't report to *U.S. News* rates for the most recent year or years.
10. Graduation rate or freshman retention rate reported to Wintergreen/Orchard House Inc.
11. SAT I and/or ACT not required for some or all applicants by school, and data not submitted in form requested by *U.S. News*. N/A means not available.
12. School refused to fill out *U.S. News* survey. Data from school's Web site were used.