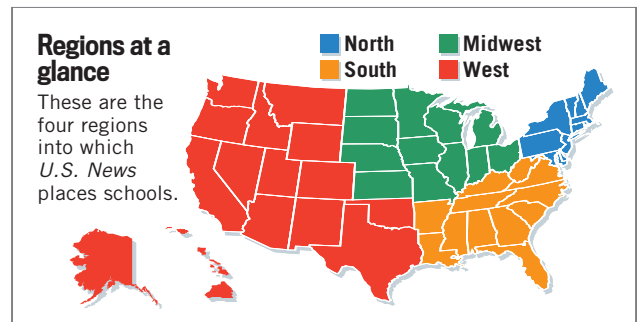


Best Baccalaureate Colleges

(By Region)

What Are the Baccalaureate Colleges?

These institutions focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs—in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor’s degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing, and education. The 319 colleges in this category are ranked within four geographic regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.



NORTH		Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
Rank	School (State) (*Public)												
1.	Cooper Union (NY)	100	4.1	94%	84% ⁶	67%	1%	9/1	46%	1250-1470	98%	11%	30%
2.	U.S. Coast Guard Acad. (CT)*	91	4.3	86%	72% ⁶	71%	0%	9/1	94%	1170-1340	94%	27%	N/A
3.	Bard Col. at Simon's Rock (MA)	67	3.6	81%	83% ⁶	88%	0%	8/1	79%	1155-1410 ⁹	81% ⁵	76%	7%
4.	U.S. Merch. Marine Acad. (NY)*	66	3.8	90%	74% ⁶	46% ⁴	2% ⁴	11/1	100%	1128-1302	53%	26%	N/A
5.	Elmira College (NY)	64	3.3	78%	61%	78%	0%	12/1	93%	1010-1250	68%	75%	52%
6.	Elizabethtown College (PA)	63	3.3	86%	69% ⁶	67%	1%	12/1	77%	1010-1210 ³	65%	58%	26%
6.	Messiah College (PA)	63	3.3	86%	75% ⁶	51%	2%	13/1	82%	1040-1280 ²	67%	79%	22%
8.	Lebanon Valley College (PA)	52	2.9	84%	70% ⁶	52%	1%	13/1	77%	970-1220 ⁹	71%	71%	23%
8.	Roger Williams University (RI)	52	3.4	79%	57%	41%	0.2%	13/1	65%	1000-1180 ³	37% ⁵	68%	9%
10.	Maine Maritime Academy*	50	3.1	84%	69% ⁶	48%	2%	13/1	86%	910-1110	31%	69%	16%
11.	Colby-Sawyer College (NH)	47	3.3	74%	60% ⁶	65%	0%	11/1	73%	880-1070	N/A	87%	18%
12.	Champlain College (VT)	44	3.0	83%	71% ⁶	53%	0%	19/1	52%	1010-1200 ³	15%	59%	5%
12.	Mass. Maritime Acad.*	44	3.1	81% ⁸	68% ⁶	N/A	N/A	15/1	N/A	920-1140	N/A	37%	10% ⁷
12.	Seton Hill University (PA)	44	3.2	74%	52% ⁶	62%	0%	14/1	60%	890-1110 ⁴	49%	63%	26%
15.	St. Joseph's College New York	43	2.6	77%	71% ⁶	67%	0.2%	15/1	57%	940-1120	N/A	74%	11%
15.	Stevenson University (MD)	43	3.1	80%	61% ⁶	67%	0%	14/1	55%	880-1100	45%	82%	9%
15.	Wilson College (PA)	43	2.8	65%	57%	86%	0%	9/1	71%	870-1070 ²	33%	48%	32%
18.	Univ. of Maine—Farmington*	40	2.9	73%	62%	70%	0.4%	14/1	87%	870-1120 ²	33%	71%	14%
18.	York College of Pennsylvania	40	2.8	80%	64%	38%	1%	21/1	64%	990-1180 ³	36%	64%	13%
20.	Endicott College (MA)	37	2.9	82%	57%	52%	0%	16/1	72%	980-1170	41%	48%	19%
21.	Cazenovia College (NY)	31	2.7	65%	46% ⁶	80%	0%	12/1	61%	870-1090 ²	34%	78%	11%
21.	SUNY—Maritime College*	31	3.0	74% ⁸	55% ⁶	33%	6%	15/1	78%	950-1150	29% ⁴	70%	5%
23.	St. Francis College (NY)†	30	2.9	74%	56% ⁶	44%	1%	16/1	64%	790-1040	N/A	88%	10%
24.	Curry College (MA)	28	2.8	68%	45% ⁶	64%	1%	10/1	51%	923-1109 ⁹	21% ⁵	66%	4%
24.	Delaware Valley College (PA)	28	2.6	73%	51% ⁶	54%	4%	15/1	73%	920-1120	38%	66%	11%
24.	Keuka College (NY)	28	2.7	69%	47% ⁶	52%	1%	16/1	80%	835-1060 ²	22%	75%	26%
24.	Vermont Technical College*	28	2.3	70%	58% ⁶	67%	0.3%	12/1	76%	860-1080	27%	58%	N/A
28.	Bay Path College (MA)	27	2.6	67%	49% ⁶	75%	0%	17/1	57%	880-1070	46%	76%	16%
29.	Wesley College (DE)	26	2.9	50%	40% ⁶	53%	0.2%	21/1	69%	800-980	56%	70%	29%
30.	Daniel Webster College (NH)	25	2.7	69%	40% ⁶	68%	0%	14/1	71%	960-1150	20%	77%	4%
30.	Vaughn Col. of Aero. & Tech. (NY)	25	2.8	69% ⁸	35% ⁶	73%	0%	11/1	68%	1042 ³	N/A	97%	2%
32.	Lasell College (MA)	24	2.6	65%	46% ⁶	71%	0%	14/1	63%	890-1060	22%	65%	21%

SOUTH

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
1.	Ouachita Baptist Univ. (AR)	100	3.3	75%	60%	58%	1%	11/1	93%	20-27	58%	69%	24%
2.	Erskine College (SC)	96	3.0	76%	67% ⁶	77%	0%	12/1	82%	983-1205	57%	66%	29%
3.	John Brown University (AR)	92	3.0	78%	64% ⁶	52%	0%	13/1	77%	21-28	65% ⁵	78%	27%
4.	Covenant College (GA)	87	2.9	74%	64% ⁶	56%	0.4%	14/1	90%	1000-1290	49% ⁵	65%	19%
5.	High Point University (NC)	86	3.4	79%	50% ⁶	78%	0.1%	14/1	74%	920-1140 ³	38%	73%	22%
6.	Milligan College (TN)	84	3.0	74%	55% ⁶	73%	1%	11/1	85%	20-26	65%	78%	28%
7.	LaGrange College (GA)	80	3.1	72%	48% ⁶	80%	1%	12/1	79%	900-1100	33% ⁵	57%	13%
7.	Tuskegee University (AL)	80	3.2	70%	47% ⁶	55%	11%	12/1	98%	18-21	54%	58%	20%
7.	University of the Ozarks (AR)	80	3.1	63%	49%	74%	0%	11/1	86%	19-25	40%	97%	19%
10.	Florida Southern College	78	2.9	70%	56% ⁶	62%	0%	13/1	81%	950-1200	50%	58%	17%
11.	Bryan College (TN)	77	3.0	72%	62%	56%	8%	14/1	76%	21-27 ³	53% ⁴	75%	12%
11.	King College (TN)	77	3.0	70%	57% ⁶	75%	0.3%	14/1	67%	21-26	49%	95%	18%
13.	Clafflin University (SC)	76	2.8	76%	61%	58%	0%	13/1	89%	820-1050	47%	45%	37%
13.	Lenoir-Rhyne College (NC)	76	3.0	69%	51% ⁶	72%	0.4%	13/1	80%	930-1140	58%	84%	31%
15.	University of Charleston (WV)	75	3.3	69%	44% ⁶	65%	4%	14/1	81%	20-25 ²	58%	67%	10%
16.	Coker College (SC)	72	2.9	71%	46% ⁶	78%	0%	10/1	96%	880-1070	42%	55%	17%
17.	Catawba College (NC)	69	3.0	73%	41% ⁶	59%	0.3%	15/1	86%	920-1150	45%	75%	26%
18.	Davis and Elkins College (WV)	68	2.9	66%	52% ⁶	78%	0%	10/1	87%	17-22	28% ⁵	75%	17%
19.	Flagler College (FL)	67	3.0	75%	57% ⁶	37%	0%	21/1	73%	1030-1200	48%	40%	18%
20.	Shorter College (GA)	62	2.8	69%	48% ⁶	63%	1%	11/1	80%	880-1100	50%	65%	14%
21.	Alderson-Broaddus Col. (WV)	60	2.7	68%	49% ⁶	80%	0%	10/1	82%	19-23	50%	70%	17%
22.	Campbellsville University (KY)	57	3.0	64%	39% ⁶	75%	0%	12/1	65%	18-24	38%	66%	12%
23.	Univ. of South Carolina-Aiken*	54	2.8	65%	42% ⁶	56%	0.1%	14/1	80%	890-1090	40%	51%	7%
24.	Univ. of the Cumberlands (KY)	53	2.9	62%	41% ⁶	52%	2%	18/1	85%	19-24	46%	80%	19%
24.	Winston-Salem State U. (NC)*	53	2.7	74%	51% ⁶	53%	1%	15/1	94%	790-950	19%	68%	7%
26.	Brescia University (KY)	52	2.7	72%	44% ⁶	82%	0%	10/1	80%	18-24	N/A	73%	N/A
26.	Elizabeth City State U. ¹ (NC)*	52	2.5	74% ⁸	48% ⁶	58% ⁴	2% ⁴	14/1 ⁴	82% ⁴	14-18 ⁴	17% ⁴	71% ⁴	5% ⁴
28.	Belmont Abbey College (NC)	51	2.8	58%	45% ⁶	59%	0%	16/1	71%	910-1120	29%	70%	11%
28.	Stillman College (AL)	51	3.0	63%	35% ⁶	66%	4%	17/1	97%	16-17 ³	25%	39%	4%
30.	Blue Mountain College (MS)	50	2.4	68%	49%	73%	3%	12/1	82%	18-23 ²	50%	50%	6%
31.	Newberry College (SC)	49	2.6	59%	49% ⁶	68%	0.3%	14/1	83%	870-1090	28%	73%	13%
31.	Southern Adventist Univ. (TN)	49	2.6	69%	52% ⁶	N/A	N/A	16/1	83%	19-25	N/A	68%	11%
33.	Anderson University (SC)	48	2.8	66%	42% ⁶	50%	0%	17/1	71%	890-1110	45%	85%	16%
33.	Oakwood University (AL)	48	2.7	70%	48% ⁶	53%	4%	13/1	82%	16-21	26%	57%	N/A
35.	Lander University (SC)*	46	2.5	62%	44%	60%	2%	14/1	86%	880-1100	44%	42%	11%
35.	Mars Hill College (NC)	46	2.8	67%	39%	72%	0%	12/1	71%	830-1080 ³	27%	69%	16%
35.	Methodist University (NC)	46	2.8	67%	35% ⁶	72%	0.3%	12/1	82%	880-1110	31%	73%	9%
35.	U. of South Carolina-Upstate*	46	2.8	64%	39% ⁶	60%	1%	17/1	80%	890-1070	40%	54%	4%
39.	Tennessee Wesleyan College	45	2.6	64%	40%	69%	2%	13/1	81%	19-24	43%	79%	14%
40.	Montreat College ¹ (NC)	44	2.7	57% ⁸	41% ⁶	87% ⁴	0% ⁴	29/1 ⁴	62% ⁴	18-22 ⁴	21% ⁴	62% ⁴	6% ⁴
40.	Shepherd University (WV)*	44	3.0	70%	38% ⁶	42%	1%	19/1	64%	19-24	N/A	88%	11%
42.	Bethune-Cookman Univ. (FL)	42	2.9	71% ⁸	38%	51% ⁴	2% ⁴	17/1	94%	14-18 ³	23%	25%	16%
43.	Averett University (VA)	41	2.6	59%	43% ⁶	69%	0%	11/1	75%	830-1000	21%	90%	9%
44.	Kentucky State University*	40	2.7	61%	28% ⁶	63%	1%	13/1	92%	15-19	N/A	38%	3%
45.	Concord University (WV)*	39	2.8	65%	34% ⁶	63%	3%	18/1	78%	19-24	47%	78%	12%
45.	Louisiana College	39	2.2	60%	45%	70%	0.3%	13/1	85%	17-24 ³	50% ⁴	78%	2%
47.	Miles College (AL)	38	2.5	65% ⁸	64% ⁶	N/A	N/A	13/1 ⁴	87% ⁴	16 ⁴	N/A	N/A	14% ⁴
48.	Bluefield College (VA)	37	2.5	64%	38% ⁶	87%	0%	12/1	60%	840-1030 ³	30%	50%	12%

Note: Key to footnotes, Page 119.

Best Baccalaureate Colleges

MIDWEST		Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
Rank	School (State) (*Public)												
1.	Taylor University (IN)	100	3.6	88%	78%	56%	4%	12/1	82%	23-30	68%	91%	39%
2.	Ohio Northern University	92	3.5	82%	66%	57%	1%	13/1	90%	23-29	65%	74%	25%
3.	Augustana College (SD)	86	3.7	79%	64%	51%	3%	12/1	83%	22-27	60%	82%	24%
4.	Cedarville University (OH)	80	3.2	83%	74%	64%	7%	15/1	91%	23-29 ³	65%	76%	7%
4.	Northwestern College (IA)	80	3.4	77%	60%	60%	1%	13/1	84%	22-27	56%	79%	24%
6.	Dordt College (IA)	79	3.3	83%	65%	56%	4%	15/1	90%	21-27 ³	48%	88%	41%
7.	Huntington University (IN)	77	3.2	75%	64%	75%	0%	12/1	83%	890-1252	53%	86%	26%
7.	Milwaukee Sch. of Engineering	77	3.7	76%	54%	42%	0%	13/1	76%	23-29	N/A	65%	14%
9.	Marietta College (OH)	75	3.3	73%	57%	68%	1%	12/1	87%	20-26 ³	53%	75%	26%
10.	Carthage College (WI)	74	3.4	75%	54%	54%	0%	14/1	81%	21-26	43%	77%	26%
10.	College of the Ozarks (MO)	74	3.3	83%	58%	59%	2%	14/1	87%	21-26	52%	12%	23%
12.	Buena Vista University (IA)	73	3.1	73%	58%	72%	0%	11/1	89%	19-24	40%	74%	11%
13.	Loras College (IA)	71	3.0	77%	67%	59%	0%	12/1	90%	20-25 ²	30%	74%	23%
13.	McKendree University (IL)	71	3.1	75%	58%	94%	0%	12/1	52%	21-26	51%	71%	17%
15.	Franklin College (IN)	69	3.1	74%	57%	66%	0%	12/1	80%	890-1100	45%	66%	24%
16.	Northwestern College (MN)	68	3.1	81%	59%	50%	4%	15/1	78%	22-27	55%	93%	15%
17.	Bethel College (IN)	66	3.0	86%	59%	73%	2%	14/1	74%	900-1170 ³	56%	86%	18%
18.	Bluffton University (OH)	64	3.0	74%	58%	65%	1%	13/1	80%	20-25	44%	61%	22%
18.	Concordia University (NE)	64	2.9	76%	57%	48%	0.3%	14/1	67%	21-27	51%	77%	26%
18.	Judson University (IL)	64	3.0	73%	54%	80%	3%	9/1	63%	20-25	51%	54%	7%
18.	Manchester College (IN)	64	3.1	69%	54%	60%	1%	13/1	92%	895-1128 ³	48%	73%	32%
22.	Adrian College (MI)	63	3.1	66%	47%	72%	1%	12/1	73%	20-25	46%	64%	19%
23.	Wilmington College (OH)	60	3.1	70%	59%	71%	0.4%	13/1	81%	18-23 ³	39%	83%	12% ⁴
24.	Mount Mercy College (IA)	59	2.7	74%	62%	74%	1%	11/1	75%	20-24 ³	39%	72%	19%
24.	St. Mary-of-the-Woods Col. (IN)	59	3.0	72%	52%	95%	0%	12/1	99%	890-1140 ³	41%	83%	27%
26.	Morningside College (IA)	58	3.0	70%	50%	50%	1%	17/1	72%	20-25	45%	74%	25%
27.	Trinity Christian College (IL)	57	2.8	76%	59%	58%	0.4%	12/1	74%	19-26	32%	89%	16%
28.	Eureka College (IL)	56	2.7	69%	55%	65%	0%	12/1 ⁴	83%	20-26	49%	78%	23%
28.	St. Joseph's College (IN)	56	2.9	72%	54%	77%	1%	15/1	86%	860-1090	33%	75%	21%
30.	Briar Cliff University (IA)	55	3.0	66%	50%	67%	1%	14/1	81%	19-23	29%	71%	21%
30.	Grace Col. and Seminary (IN)	55	2.5	76%	60%	63%	4%	17/1	71%	21-28	55%	90%	20%
30.	Greenville College (IL)	55	3.0	70%	53%	54%	8%	16/1	68%	20-26	39%	81%	26%
33.	Mt. Vernon Nazarene U. (OH)	54	2.9	73%	51%	60%	4%	13/1	72%	20-25	44%	77%	12%
33.	Quincy University (IL)	54	2.9	69%	51%	70%	0%	13/1	65%	19-24	32%	96%	21%
35.	University of Sioux Falls (SD)	53	2.9	69%	46%	68%	2%	15/1	65%	19-25	32%	97%	30%
36.	Culver-Stockton College (MO)	51	2.8	69%	49%	67%	0.4%	12/1	80%	18-24 ²	33%	76%	18%
37.	Bethany College (KS)	49	2.7	58%	47%	83%	1%	9/1	75%	20-25	45%	61%	N/A
38.	College of St. Mary (NE)	48	2.7	66%	48%	77%	1%	11/1	62%	17-24	31%	42%	19%
38.	Dana College (NE)	48	2.6	63%	49%	72%	0%	13/1	76%	20-25	30%	72%	18%
38.	Marian College (IN)	48	2.7	73%	51%	69%	2%	17/1	70%	870-1160	36%	62%	22%
38.	Tabor College (KS)	48	2.6	69%	49%	71%	2%	10/1	67%	19-26 ³	39%	100%	25%
38.	Tri-State University (IN)	48	2.5	65%	54%	61%	0%	14/1	87%	930-1150	46%	74%	17%
43.	Dakota State University (SD)*	47	2.7	68%	47%	58%	2%	15/1	91%	19-24	25%	97%	16%
43.	Defiance College (OH)	47	2.7	65%	49%	68%	1%	12/1	71%	18-23	30%	80%	16%
43.	Jamestown College (ND)	47	2.9	70%	51%	53%	3%	14/1	87%	19-25 ³	29%	79%	18%
46.	Northern State Univ. (SD)*	45	2.7	67%	45%	54%	3%	19/1	99%	19-25	31%	90%	18%
46.	Union College (NE)	45	2.1	72%	52%	69%	2%	13/1	84%	20-25	22%	43%	35%

WEST		Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
Rank	School (State) (*Public)	100	4.6	91%	78% ⁶	66%	0%	8/1	100%	1220-1350 ³	N/A	17%	N/A
2.	Master's Col. & Seminary (CA)	65	3.5	82%	58% ⁶	77%	5%	16/1	68%	970-1260	53% ⁵	84%	5%
2.	Oklahoma Baptist University	65	3.6	70%	55% ⁶	73%	2%	12/1	88%	21-27 ³	58%	75%	12%
4.	Vanguard U. of Southern Calif.	63	3.8	75%	54% ⁶	66%	5%	18/1	68%	860-1100 ³	49% ⁴	82%	12%
5.	California Maritime Academy*	60	3.5	85% ⁸	52% ⁶	N/A	N/A	21/1	N/A	1095 ⁹	N/A	78%	N/A
6.	Corban College (OR)	59	3.6	72%	53% ⁶	61%	1%	13/1	64%	955-1200	61%	81%	8%
7.	Mont. Tech of the U. of Mont.*	53	3.5	67%	40% ⁶	65%	3%	N/A	N/A	19-25 ³	38%	89%	18%
8.	Rocky Mountain College (MT)	52	3.0	71%	44% ⁶	77%	0%	10/1	68%	19-24 ⁴	43% ⁴	72% ⁴	21% ⁴
9.	Howard Payne University (TX)	44	3.4	61%	38% ⁶	74%	1%	11/1	75%	880-1090	40%	62%	8%
9.	Oregon Inst. of Technology*	44	3.4	69% ⁸	38% ⁶	57% ⁴	2% ⁴	14/1 ⁴	82% ⁴	N/A	55% ⁴	94%	4% ⁷
11.	Oklahoma Wesleyan University	43	2.8	64%	36% ⁶	89%	1%	8/1	51%	19-25	36%	50%	14%
12.	East Texas Baptist University	42	3.3	59%	40% ⁶	50%	1%	15/1	82%	18-23	40%	75%	9%
12.	McMurry University (TX)	42	3.2	61%	42%	60%	2%	14/1	81%	860-1080	37%	53%	9%
12.	Warner Pacific College (OR)	42	3.1	70%	47% ⁶	87%	0%	14/1	96%	868-1083	N/A	46%	9%
15.	U. of Science and Arts of Okla.*	41	3.3	64%	31% ⁶	71%	4%	16/1	81%	20-25	48%	94%	4%
16.	Northwest University (WA)	39	3.3	71%	42% ⁶	67%	4%	15/1	76%	900-1160	N/A	79%	3%
17.	Pacific Union College (CA)	37	3.0	74%	34% ⁶	67%	6%	15/1	95%	900-1150	N/A	75%	13%
17.	Schreiner University (TX)	37	2.9	64%	44% ⁶	52%	0%	13/1	78%	880-1100	38%	58%	5% ⁷

NORTH		Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
THIRD TIER (Schools ranked 33 through a tie at 47 are listed here alphabetically)													
	Columbia Union College (MD)	2.3	63%	32% ⁶	81% ⁴	1% ⁴	13/1	98% ⁴	720-986 ⁴	N/A	47%	N/A	
	Eastern Nazarene College (MA)	2.4	71%	46% ⁶	80%	2%	11/1	55%	870-1150	36% ⁵	62%	9%	
	Elms College ¹ (MA)	2.5	N/A	54% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Geneva College ¹ (PA)	2.7	77% ⁸	56% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12% ⁷	
	Lyndon State College ¹ (VT)*	2.5	65% ⁸	39% ⁶	71% ⁴	0.3% ⁴	20/1 ⁴	64% ⁴	19 ⁴	13% ⁴	91% ⁴	22% ⁴	
	Mount Aloysius College (PA)	2.6	67%	54%	67%	0%	14/1	61%	820-1010 ³	N/A	87%	10% ⁷	
	Mount Ida College (MA)	2.6	63%	28% ⁶	64%	1%	13/1	63%	770-960	N/A	78%	3%	
	New England College (NH)	2.5	63%	48% ⁶	71%	0%	14/1	68%	760-1000 ²	11%	70%	11%	
	Pennsylvania College of Technology*	2.7	69%	43% ⁶	57%	0%	19/1	82%	934 ²	N/A	95%	N/A	
	SUNY College of A&T-Cobleskill*	2.5	67%	52% ⁸	43%	6%	18/1	79%	790-1020 ²	10%	81%	8%	
	SUNY College of Technology-Alfred*	2.8	N/A	N/A	42%	2%	20/1	91%	850-1070 ⁹	N/A	65%	8% ⁷	
	SUNY College of Technology-Delhi*	2.6	75%	51% ⁶	51%	4%	16/1	85%	874-1050 ⁴	13%	67%	5%	
	SUNY-Farmingdale*	2.8	72%	25% ⁶	27%	1%	18/1	62%	870-1050	19% ⁵	52%	N/A	
	Unity College ¹ (ME)	2.3	67% ⁸	45% ⁸	53% ⁴	1% ⁴	12/1 ⁴	74% ⁴	860-1090 ⁴	27% ⁴	59% ⁴	4% ⁴	
	University of Maine-Fort Kent*	2.6	66% ⁸	39% ⁶	61%	0%	16/1	82%	796-1010 ⁹	17%	81%	6% ⁷	
	Univ. of Pittsburgh-Bradford*	2.6	66%	44% ⁶	56%	2%	14/1	76%	860-1090	30%	84%	9%	
	Univ. of Pittsburgh-Johnstown*	2.7	75%	59%	31%	4%	19/1	89%	920-1100 ³	35%	88%	2%	

FOURTH TIER (Schools ranked 50 through 63 are listed here alphabetically)													
	Baptist Bible College and Seminary ¹ (PA)	2.1	76% ⁸	45% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Becker College (MA)	2.3	61% ⁸	44% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	760-980 ³	N/A	70%	N/A	
	CUNY-Medgar Evers College*	2.3	57%	14% ⁶	34%	0%	16/1	65%	760-940 ⁹	N/A	100%	N/A	
	CUNY-New York City Col. of Technology*	2.8	76%	8%	34%	0.4%	17/1	62%	720-920 ²	N/A	88%	2%	
	CUNY-York College*	2.5	69%	27% ⁶	42%	5%	17/1	66%	730-930 ²	N/A	60%	N/A	
	Felician College ¹ (NJ)	2.3	64% ⁸	36% ⁶	74% ⁴	0.4% ⁴	9/1 ⁴	50% ⁴	N/A	N/A	64% ⁴	N/A	
	Fisher College (MA)	2.3	52%	31% ⁸	N/A	N/A	17/1	93%	840-940 ²	N/A	66%	2%	
	Hilbert College ¹ (NY)	2.4	80% ⁸	38% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Keystone College (PA)	2.4	70% ⁸	26% ⁶	79%	0%	12/1	48%	770-980	12%	95%	12%	
	Paul Smith's College ¹ (NY)	2.8	62% ⁸	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	40% ⁴	N/A	
	Southern Vermont College	2.3	58%	34% ⁶	68%	0%	N/A	N/A	820-980 ⁹	N/A	92%	N/A	
	Thomas College (ME)	2.5	66%	53% ⁶	54%	0%	18/1	51%	790-1010 ³	19%	81%	6%	
	University of Maine-Augusta*	2.7	55% ⁸	10% ⁶	67%	1%	19/1	73%	911 ⁴	N/A	57%	1%	
	Valley Forge Christian College (PA)	2.1	76%	42% ⁶	60%	6%	16/1	71%	860-1180	N/A	72%	N/A	

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SOUTH											
School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
THIRD TIER (Schools ranked 49 through 71 are listed here alphabetically)											
Alice Lloyd College (KY)	2.5	65%	33% ⁶	41%	0%	17/1	87%	18-24 ³	58%	47%	36%
Barton College (NC)	2.4	66%	41% ⁶	67%	0.4%	11/1	85%	830-1040 ³	31%	63%	9%
Bluefield State College (WV)*	2.1	62%	28% ⁶	68%	0%	14/1	81%	17-21 ³	N/A	91%	34%
Clayton State University (GA)*	2.7	60%	23% ⁶	42%	5%	19/1	81%	880-1050	52% ⁵	60%	2%
Clearwater Christian College (FL)	2.4	60%	43% ⁶	72%	7%	16/1	86%	870-1140	33% ⁵	93%	3%
Emmanuel College (GA)	2.2	65%	34% ⁶	72%	1%	17/1	75%	790-1140	N/A	41%	12%
Fairmont State University (WV)*	2.5	71%	41% ⁶	55%	5%	18/1	73%	17-22	24%	79%	7%
Faulkner University (AL)	2.6	59%	26% ⁶	76%	1%	19/1	86%	18-23	22%	59%	1%
Free Will Baptist Bible College (TN)	2.2	69%	41% ⁶	84%	0%	9/1	72%	17-23	37% ⁵	N/A	N/A
Lees-McRae College (NC)	2.5	59% ⁸	25% ⁶	72%	0%	12/1	100%	870-1080 ⁹	27% ⁵	74%	11% ⁴
Limestone College (SC)	2.2	67%	40% ⁶	69%	0%	13/1	94%	910-1100 ³	23%	59%	6%
Martin Methodist College (TN)	2.7	60% ⁸	25% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17-22	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina Wesleyan College ¹	2.4	55% ⁸	35% ⁶	82% ⁴	0% ⁴	N/A	58% ⁴	830-1040 ⁴	18% ⁴	71% ⁴	N/A
Ohio Valley University (WV)	2.2	66%	39% ⁶	75%	0%	14/1	62%	18-24	25%	56%	8%
Our Lady of Holy Cross College ¹ (LA)	2.6	83% ⁸	30% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reinhardt College (GA)	2.5	59%	29% ⁶	72%	0%	13/1	100%	870-1050 ³	N/A	72%	8% ⁴
Southern Arkansas University*	2.3	63%	40% ⁶	61%	3%	16/1	90%	17-23 ³	36%	73%	5%
Toccoa Falls College (GA)	2.3	70%	45% ⁶	59%	3%	7/1	85%	870-1160	37%	51%	5% ⁴
Univ. of Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	2.6	57%	31% ⁶	44%	5%	18/1	87%	14-18	24%	64%	7%
Virginia Intermont College	2.0	66%	37% ⁶	97%	0%	10/1	74%	780-1090	20% ⁴	69%	5%
Warner Southern College (FL)‡	2.3	67%	41% ⁶	73% ⁴	0% ⁴	16/1	48%	713-1073	27%	60%	1%
West Liberty State College (WV)*	2.4	68%	43% ⁶	56%	1%	18/1	82%	17-22	30%	83%	7%
Williams Baptist College (AR)	2.3	61%	39% ⁶	67%	0%	16/1	85%	22	N/A	64%	42%
FOURTH TIER (Schools ranked 72 through 95 are listed here alphabetically)											
Aquinas College ¹ (TN)	2.8	N/A	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Atlanta Christian College	2.2	N/A	33% ⁶	N/A	N/A	15/1	27%	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	9%
Benedict College (SC)	2.4	58%	27% ⁶	49%	7%	18/1	89%	630-860 ⁹	15%	83% ⁴	27%
Brewton-Parker College ¹ (GA)	2.2	56% ⁸	24% ⁶	88% ⁴	0% ⁴	9/1 ⁴	58% ⁴	16-20 ⁴	23% ⁴	61% ⁴	4% ⁴
Central Baptist College (AR)	2.1	N/A	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	16/1	58%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2% ⁷
Chowan University (NC)	2.2	47%	28% ⁶	63%	0%	16/1 ⁴	83%	760-940 ³	18% ⁴	56%	N/A
Concordia College (AL)	2.6	N/A	7% ⁶	N/A	N/A	10/1	67%	N/A ²	N/A	100%	N/A
Crichton College (TN)	2.3	60%	19% ⁶	70%	0%	14/1	77%	16-20	34% ⁴	24%	N/A
Florida Memorial College ¹	2.3	N/A	26% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Glenville State College (WV)*	2.2	64%	31% ⁶	56%	2%	18/1	87%	16-22	25%	100%	3%
LeMoyne-Owen College (TN)	2.3	48%	16% ⁶	95%	0%	8/1	78%	15-18 ³	N/A	68%	8%
Livingstone College (NC)	1.9	58%	28% ⁶	56%	1%	16/1	87%	660-850	6%	97%	12%
Louisiana State University-Alexandria ^{1*}	2.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Macon State College ¹ (GA)*	2.2	N/A	28% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	4% ⁷
Midway College (KY)	2.1	61%	24% ⁶	80% ⁴	0.3% ⁴	15/1	55%	18-22 ²	34% ⁴	78%	N/A
Mount Olive College (NC)	2.1	64%	31% ⁶	71%	0.3% ⁴	17/1	54%	850-1040 ³	29% ⁵	67%	5% ⁷
Shaw University (NC)	2.3	63% ⁸	30% ⁶	70%	2%	16/1	69%	650-850 ³	12%	45%	N/A
Southeastern University (FL)	2.2	68%	39% ⁶	35%	15%	30/1	78%	18-24	N/A	78%	2%
St. Augustine's College ¹ (NC)	2.3	58% ⁸	36% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Paul's College (VA)	2.0	48%	30% ⁶	67%	3%	18/1	89%	610-820	10%	94%	6%
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith ^{1*}	2.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4% ⁷
Virginia Union University	2.5	60%	31% ⁶	27% ⁴	3% ⁴	18/1	85%	660-830 ³	12% ⁴	61%	6%
Voorhees College ¹ (SC)	2.1	N/A	38% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia U. Inst. of Tech. ^{1*}	2.2	57% ⁸	36% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18-24 ⁴	22% ⁴	58% ⁴	N/A

MIDWEST

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THIRD TIER (Schools ranked 48 through a tie at 68 are listed here alphabetically)											
Blackburn College (IL)	2.6	62%	44% ⁶	70%	1%	15/1	77%	20-25 ³	43%	61%	26%
Central Methodist University (MO)	2.7	62%	41% ⁶	63%	3%	14/1	83%	19-24 ³	33%	67%	19%
Chadron State College (NE)*	2.5	69%	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Concordia University (MI)	2.7	72%	44%	85%	0%	12/1	49%	19-26	N/A	66%	N/A
Crown College (MN)	2.3	68%	53% ⁶	70%	1%	12/1	48%	19-24	28%	74%	5%
Dakota Wesleyan University (SD)	2.5	61% ⁸	40% ⁶	70%	1%	13/1	83%	18-23 ³	43%	68%	8% ⁷
Grand View College (IA)	2.6	67%	38% ⁶	81%	0%	13/1	75%	18-23	37%	98%	7%
Hannibal-LaGrange College (MO)	2.4	66%	46% ⁶	75% ⁴	0% ⁴	14/1	66%	19-24 ³	44%	96%	4%
Iowa Wesleyan College	2.6	55%	28% ⁶	74%	7%	12/1	77%	15-21	21%	64%	21%
Kansas Wesleyan University	2.7	57%	29% ⁶	N/A	0%	15/1	81%	N/A	N/A	61%	16% ⁷
Lake Erie College (OH)	2.4	69%	46% ⁶	81%	0%	13/1	63%	18-23	25%	29%	11%
Lake Superior State University ¹ (MI)*	2.8	61% ⁸	40% ⁶	40% ⁴	10% ⁴	17/1 ⁴	76% ⁴	18-24 ⁴	35% ⁴	91% ⁴	N/A
MacMurray College (IL)	2.5	65%	40%	59% ⁴	1% ⁴	12/1 ⁴	79% ⁴	17-22	13%	61%	27% ⁴
Mayville State University (ND)*	2.3	58%	35% ⁶	68%	0%	12/1	80%	17-22	32%	70%	17%
Midland Lutheran College (NE)	2.4	71%	50% ⁶	51%	2%	15/1	78%	18-23	21%	83%	21%
Missouri Southern State University*	2.7	63%	44% ⁶	52%	1%	16/1	88%	19-25	46%	99%	N/A
Ottawa University (KS)	2.5	63%	35% ⁶	60%	0%	18/1	89%	18-24 ²	20%	65%	11%
Rochester College (MI)	2.4	60%	30% ⁶	86%	0%	6/1	50%	18-25	28%	80%	7%
University of Dubuque (IA)	2.9	63%	39% ⁶	59%	1%	13/1	74%	18-23 ³	22%	70%	13%
University of Minnesota-Crookston*	2.6	67%	33% ⁶	61%	3%	16/1	75%	18-23 ³	23%	83%	9%
Valley City State University (ND)*	2.4	64%	47% ⁶	76%	1%	12/1	85%	18-23	25%	93%	20%
Waldorf College ¹ (IA)	2.5	63% ⁸	42% ⁶	67% ⁴	0% ⁴	12/1 ⁴	100% ⁴	18-24 ⁴	21% ⁴	57% ⁴	12% ⁴
York College (NE)	1.9	72%	42% ⁶	88%	0%	12/1	78%	18-26	37%	57%	11%
FOURTH TIER (Schools ranked 71 through 92 are listed here alphabetically)											
Bethany Lutheran College ¹ (MN)	2.7	N/A	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black Hills State University ¹ (SD)*	2.6	54% ⁸	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Central Christian College (KS)	2.0	57%	23%	76%	4%	14/1	76%	18-23 ³	20%	49%	12%
Central State University (OH)*	2.1	51%	25%	60%	1%	14/1	81%	14-18	16%	38%	23%
Dickinson State University (ND)*	2.4	62%	28% ⁶	68% ⁴	2% ⁴	18/1	64%	18-23 ³	19%	80%	13%
Finlandia University ¹ (MI)	2.1	N/A	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5% ⁷
Harris-Stowe State University (MO)*	2.2	53%	19%	70%	0%	15/1	58%	14-18	15%	76%	N/A
Indiana University East*	2.4	56%	19% ⁶	61%	2%	14/1	69%	800-1010	28% ⁵	82%	7%
Indiana University-Kokomo*	2.6	56%	26% ⁶	43%	4%	16/1	81%	850-1040	23%	83%	8%
Kendall College (IL)	2.1	N/A	13% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lincoln College (IL)	2.2	N/A	N/A	72%	0%	12/1	40%	16-18 ³	N/A	N/A	2%
Maranatha Baptist Bible College (WI)	2.2	74%	50% ⁶	61%	7%	15/1 ⁴	87% ⁴	20-25 ⁴	N/A	67%	11%
Missouri Valley College ¹	2.1	N/A	22% ⁶	49% ⁴	0% ⁴	13/1 ⁴	88% ⁴	18-27 ⁴	20% ⁴	49% ⁴	13% ⁴
Myers University ¹ (OH)	1.6	39% ⁸	24% ⁶	88% ⁴	0% ⁴	19/1 ⁴	39% ⁴	N/A	N/A	33% ⁴	N/A
North Central University (MN)	2.4	69%	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	18/1	63%	18-24 ³	N/A	88%	8%
Notre Dame College of Ohio ¹	2.6	72% ⁸	26% ⁶	N/A	N/A	13/1 ⁴	58% ⁴	18-21 ⁴	20% ⁴	52% ⁴	N/A
Peru State College ¹ (NE)*	1.9	63% ⁸	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Purdue Univ.-North Central (IN)*	2.8	52%	13% ⁶	62%	2%	17/1	65%	820-1030 ²	19%	87%	4%
Shawnee State University (OH)*	2.3	60%	26% ⁶	61%	3%	17/1	76%	18-22 ²	33%	100%	1%
Urbana University ¹ (OH)	2.1	N/A	38% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wilberforce University (OH)	2.5	62%	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	16/1	69%	N/A	N/A	52%	N/A
William Penn University (IA)	2.3	50%	22% ⁶	71%	0.4%	27/1	57%	17-20 ³	21% ⁴	53%	8%

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WEST												
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THIRD TIER (Schools ranked 19 through 27 are listed here alphabetically)												
Brigham Young University–Idaho ¹	3.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5% ⁷	
Concordia University–Austin (TX)	3.1	58%	34% ⁶	81%	0%	12/1	39%	850-1110 ³	29%	62%	3%	
Lewis-Clark State College (ID)*	3.3	58%	24% ⁶	63%	1%	14/1	81%	17-22 ⁹	21%	59%	3%	
Northwest Christian College (OR)	2.5	63%	34% ⁶	90%	0%	8/1	56%	870-1130 ³	32%	45%	N/A	
Northwestern Oklahoma State U.*	3.2	66%	29% ⁶	74%	1%	16/1	82%	18-23 ³	N/A	100%	N/A	
Rogers State University (OK)*	2.6	49%	36% ⁸	40%	1%	20/1	72%	17-22	27%	64%	3%	
Southwestern Assemblies of God Univ. (TX)	2.6	62%	35% ⁶	63%	5%	14/1	70%	21 ⁴	N/A	90% ⁴	N/A	
St. Gregory's University (OK)	2.7	58%	27% ⁶	92%	0%	13/1	57%	17-23 ²	34%	72%	8%	
University of Montana–Western*	3.0	60%	30% ⁶	62%	0%	N/A	N/A	17-22 ³	22%	97%	N/A	
FOURTH TIER (Schools ranked 28 through 36 are listed here alphabetically)												
Amer. Indian Col. of Assemblies of God ¹ (AZ)	2.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Bacone College ¹ (OK)	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Bethany College ¹ (CA)	2.8	N/A	28% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Langston University (OK)*	2.2	47% ⁸	32% ⁶	59%	4%	15/1	86%	14-18	15%	45%	2%	
Mid-America Christian University ¹ (OK)	2.5	51% ⁸	32% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65% ⁴	N/A	
Montana State Univ.–Northern ^{1*}	2.9	N/A	29% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ.*	2.4	52%	34% ⁶	78%	1%	14/1	87%	16-21 ²	N/A	100%	N/A	
Patten University (CA)	2.6	91% ⁸	9% ⁶	78%	0%	14/1	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Wiley College (TX)	2.0	55%	26% ⁶	71%	1%	16/1	84%	787 ⁹	8% ⁵	46%	11%	

Unranked Schools

NORTH												
School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate	
Boricensa College ¹ (NY)	1.7	N/A	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Fashion Inst. of Technology (NY)*	3.5	84%	52%	34%	0%	17/1	50%	N/A ²	40% ⁴	42%	1% ⁷	
Mitchell College (CT)	2.5	58% ⁸	25% ⁶	65%	0%	12/1	65%	870 ⁴	N/A	N/A	8%	
Newbury College ¹ (MA)	2.5	N/A	56% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Peirce College (PA)	2.4	62%	59% ⁶	91%	0%	17/1	40%	N/A ²	N/A	100% ⁴	1%	
Sojourner-Douglass College ¹ (MD)	2.2	38% ⁸	28% ⁸	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Woodbury College (VT)	2.4	N/A	64% ⁸	100%	0%	8/1	17%	N/A ²	N/A	87%	4%	
SOUTH												
Arkansas Baptist College ¹	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Dalton State College ¹ (GA)*	2.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22/1 ⁴	85% ⁴	N/A ²	N/A	65% ⁴	N/A	
Edward Waters College ¹ (FL)	1.8	40% ⁸	13% ⁶	83% ⁴	1% ⁴	7/1 ⁴	100% ⁴	N/A ²	8% ⁴	31% ⁴	0.1% ⁴	
Morris College ¹ (SC)	2.1	54% ⁸	36% ⁸	63% ⁴	0% ⁴	16/1 ⁴	90% ⁴	N/A ²	9% ⁴	100% ⁴	18% ⁴	
Philander Smith College ¹ (AR)	2.3	60% ⁸	18% ⁸	N/A	N/A	11/1 ⁴	76% ⁴	14-20 ⁴	33% ⁴	30% ⁴	N/A	
Thomas University ¹ (GA)	2.3	N/A	37% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	
West Virginia University–Parkersburg*	2.5	63%	17% ⁶	59%	2%	20/1	65%	16-21 ²	37% ⁵	100%	5%	
MIDWEST												
Baker College of Flint (MI)	1.9	N/A	24% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	100%	N/A	
East-West University ¹ (IL)	1.8	N/A	9% ⁶	N/A	N/A	20/1 ⁴	37% ⁴	N/A ²	N/A	77% ⁴	N/A	
Grace Bible College (MI)	2.0	68%	35% ⁶	73%	2%	14/1	75%	19-25 ⁹	38%	68%	N/A	
Lourdes College (OH)	2.4	60%	36% ⁶	61%	0%	11/1	65%	17-21 ⁴	19%	80%	10%	
Missouri Western State University ^{1*}	2.7	N/A	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	9% ⁷	
Robert Morris College (IL)	2.6	57%	70%	42%	1%	23/1	65%	N/A ²	20%	81%	2%	
University of Northwestern Ohio ¹	1.9	N/A	30% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	63% ⁴	N/A	
WEST												
Cogswell Polytechnical College (CA)	2.5	76%	46%	98%	0%	7/1	48%	N/A ²	N/A	61%	2%	
Dixie State College of Utah*	2.7	49%	33%	45%	3%	22/1	62%	18-23 ⁹	30% ⁵	72%	N/A	
Great Basin College ¹ (NV)	2.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Humphreys College ¹ (CA)	2.0	55% ⁸	59% ⁶	80% ⁴	0% ⁴	N/A	46% ⁴	N/A ²	N/A	81% ⁴	N/A	

WEST (CONTINUED)

School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
National Hispanic University ¹ (CA)	2.4	N/A	7% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paul Quinn College (TX)	1.5	36%	16% ⁶	77%	1%	5/1	65%	670-855 ³	N/A	N/A	6%
Southwestern Adventist Univ. (TX)	2.7	71%	36% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	820-1030 ³	N/A	48%	12% ⁷
Southwestern Christian College ¹ (TX)	3.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas College	1.9	46%	27% ⁶	60%	7%	18/1	88%	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
University of Houston–Downtown*	2.7	57%	14% ⁶	24%	3%	21/1	76%	N/A ²	N/A	99%	3%
Utah Valley State College ^{1*}	2.8	46% ⁸	33% ⁸	44% ⁴	4% ⁴	22/1 ⁴	59% ⁴	17-23 ⁴	19% ⁴	100% ⁴	2% ⁴
Western Governors University (UT)	2.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges

NORTH		SOUTH		MIDWEST		WEST	
Rank	School (State)	Rank	School (State)	Rank	School (State)	Rank	School (State)
1.	U.S. Coast Guard Acad. (CT)	1.	Univ. of South Carolina–Aiken	1.	Dakota State University (SD)	1.	U.S. Air Force Acad. (CO)
2.	U.S. Merch. Marine Acad. (NY)	2.	Winston-Salem State U. (NC)	2.	Northern State Univ. (SD)	2.	California Maritime Academy
3.	Maine Maritime Academy	3.	Elizabeth City State U. ¹ (NC)	3.	Missouri Southern State Univ.	3.	Mont. Tech of the U. of Mont.
4.	Mass. Maritime Academy	4.	Lander University (SC)	4.	Valley City State Univ. (ND)	4.	Oregon Inst. of Technology
		4.	U. of South Carolina–Upstate				

Key Criteria in Judging Schools

LOWEST ACCEPTANCE RATE

School (State) (*Public)	Rate
NORTH	
Cooper Union (NY)	11%
U.S. Merchant Marine Acad. (NY)*	26%
United States Coast Guard Acad. (CT)*	27%
Massachusetts Maritime Academy*	37%
Paul Smith's College ¹ (NY)	40% ⁴

SOUTH

Crichton College (TN)	24%
Bethune-Cookman University (FL)	25%
Kentucky State University*	38%
Stillman College (AL)	39%
Flagler College (FL)	40%

MIDWEST

College of the Ozarks (MO)	12%
Lake Erie College (OH)	29%
Myers University ¹ (OH)	33% ⁴
Central State University (OH)*	38%
College of St. Mary (NE)	42%

WEST

United States Air Force Acad. (CO)*	17%
Langston University (OK)*	45%
Northwest Christian College (OR)	45%
Warner Pacific College (OR)	46%
Wiley College (TX)	46%

HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE

School (State) (*Public)	Rate
NORTH	
Cooper Union (NY)	84% ⁶
Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA)	83% ⁶
Messiah College (PA)	75% ⁶
U.S. Merchant Marine Acad. (NY)*	74% ⁶
United States Coast Guard Acad. (CT)*	72% ⁶

SOUTH

Ersine College (SC)	67% ⁶
Covenant College (GA)	64% ⁶
John Brown University (AR)	64% ⁶
Miles College (AL)	64% ⁶
Bryan College (TN)	62%

MIDWEST

Taylor University (IN)	78%
Cedarville University (OH)	74% ⁶
Loras College (IA)	67% ⁶
Ohio Northern University	66% ⁶
Dordt College (IA)	65% ⁶

WEST

United States Air Force Acad. (CO)*	78% ⁶
Master's Col. and Seminary (CA)	58% ⁶
Oklahoma Baptist University	55% ⁶
Vanguard Univ. of Southern California	54% ⁶
Corban College (OR)	53% ⁶

HIGHEST PROPORTION OF CLASSES UNDER 20

School (State) (*Public)	Rate
NORTH	
Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA)	88%
Wilson College (PA)	86%
Columbia Union College (MD)	81% ⁴
Cazenovia College (NY)	80%
Eastern Nazarene College (MA)	80%

SOUTH

Virginia Intermont College	97%
LeMoyne-Owen College (TN)	95%
Brewton-Parker College ¹ (GA)	88% ⁴
Bluefield College (VA)	87%
Montreat College ¹ (NC)	87% ⁴

MIDWEST

St. Mary-of-the-Woods College (IN)	95%
McKendree University (IL)	94%
Myers University ¹ (OH)	88% ⁴
York College (NE)	88%
Rochester College (MI)	86%

WEST

St. Gregory's University (OK)	92%
Northwest Christian College (OR)	90%
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	89%
Warner Pacific College (OR)	87%
Concordia University–Austin (TX)	81%

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

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.
- † The school was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and appeared in a different category of schools in *America's Best Colleges 2008*.
N/A means not available.