

Best

National Liberal

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Graduation and retention rank	Average freshman retention rate	2013 graduation rate		Over-performance(+) Under-performance(-)	Faculty resources rank
							Predicted	Actual		
1.	Williams College (MA)	100	4.7	4.7	3	97%	94%	95%	+1	3
2.	Amherst College (MA)	96	4.6	4.6	1	98%	93%	96%	+3	16
3.	Swarthmore College (PA)	94	4.5	4.5	4	96%	95%	93%	-2	10
4.	Wellesley College (MA)	93	4.4	4.6	12	96%	91%	91%	None	9
5.	Bowdoin College (ME)	92	4.3	4.5	4	96%	93%	93%	None	14
5.	Pomona College (CA)	92	4.3	4.5	1	98%	94%	96%	+2	25
7.	Middlebury College (VT)	91	4.3	4.4	4	96%	93%	94%	+1	33
8.	Carleton College (MN)	90	4.3	4.4	4	97%	91%	92%	+1	16
8.	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	90	4.1	4.5	12	96%	93%	93%	None	5
8.	Haverford College (PA)	90	4.0	4.3	4	97%	94%	93%	-1	5
11.	Davidson College (NC)	88	4.2	4.3	9	96%	93%	92%	-1	4
11.	Vassar College (NY)	88	4.2	4.6	9	96%	90%	94%	+4	22
13.	United States Naval Academy (MD)*	87	4.1	4.8	20	97%	79%	88%	+9	52
14.	Washington and Lee University (VA)	86	3.7	4.2	15	95%	93%	90%	-3	2
15.	Colby College (ME)	85	4.0	4.3	15	94%	87%	93%	+6	20
15.	Hamilton College (NY)	85	3.8	4.3	15	95%	90%	93%	+3	10
15.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	85	4.3	4.6	23	98%	95%	91%	-4	57
15.	Wesleyan University (CT)	85	4.1	4.5	9	96%	90%	92%	+2	40
19.	Bates College (ME)	84	4.0	4.3	20	93%	86%	93%	+7	45
19.	Grinnell College (IA)	84	4.2	4.3	28	94%	88%	86%	-2	20
19.	Smith College (MA)	84	4.2	4.5	35	93%	82%	86%	+4	29
22.	Colgate University (NY)	83	3.9	4.3	20	94%	87%	91%	+4	22
23.	Oberlin College (OH)	82	4.1	4.3	31	93%	88%	88%	None	22
24.	Macalester College (MN)	81	4.0	4.3	28	95%	88%	87%	-1	29
24.	Scripps College (CA)	81	3.7	4.4	33	93%	89%	84%	-5	19
24.	United States Military Academy (NY)*	81	4.1	4.8	41	95%	78%	84%	+6	81
27.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	80	4.0	4.3	50	91%	85%	84%	-1	25
27.	Colorado College	80	3.8	4.1	23	96%	85%	87%	+2	10
27.	United States Air Force Acad. (CO)*	80	4.0	4.7	50	90%	80%	85%	+5	57
30.	Kenyon College (OH)	79	3.8	4.2	28	94%	90%	89%	-1	33
30.	University of Richmond (VA)	79	3.7	4.1	41	94%	86%	85%	-1	7
32.	Barnard College (NY)	78	3.9	4.4	15	96%	87%	90%	+3	91
32.	Bucknell University (PA)	78	3.8	4.3	15	94%	88%	91%	+3	76
34.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	76	3.5	4.0	12	95%	86%	91%	+5	52
35.	Lafayette College (PA)	75	3.4	4.0	23	94%	87%	88%	+1	45
35.	Pitzer College (CA)	75	3.5	4.3	48	92%	76%	82%	+6	33
37.	Dickinson College (PA)	74	3.6	4.1	48	90%	81%	85%	+4	25
37.	Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	74	3.6	4.0	35	93%	85%	87%	+2	49
37.	Skidmore College (NY)	74	3.5	4.2	35	94%	78%	86%	+8	40
37.	Whitman College (WA)	74	3.4	4.1	31	94%	85%	88%	+3	40
41.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	73	4.0	4.2	50	91%	83%	82%	-1	76
41.	Soka University of America (CA)	73	2.3	3.0	23	96%	76%	84%	+8	1
41.	Union College (NY)	73	3.2	4.0	35	93%	83%	88%	+5	16
44.	Occidental College (CA)	72	3.7	4.0	35	93%	83%	88%	+5	81
45.	Bard College (NY)	71	3.4	4.0	77	88%	88%	74%	-14	15
45.	Centre College (KY)	71	3.4	4.1	44	91%	81%	82%	+1	84
45.	Connecticut College	71	3.5	4.1	44	90%	84%	84%	None	73
45.	Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	71	3.5	4.1	61	88%	80%	78%	-2	36
45.	Trinity College (CT)	71	3.5	4.1	41	91%	81%	86%	+5	91
50.	Gettysburg College (PA)	70	3.4	3.9	44	90%	86%	84%	-2	52

Arts Colleges

% of classes under 20 ('13)	% of classes of 50 or more ('13)	Student/faculty ratio ('13)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('13)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('13)	Acceptance rate ('13)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
75%	3%	7/1	5	1330-1540	88% ⁵	18%	4	2	58%
71%	3%	8/1	5	1350-1530	86% ⁵	14%	10	6	53%
75%	2%	8/1	3	1350-1530	89% ⁵	14%	8	16	43%
73%	0.4%	7/1	8	1310-1510	83% ⁵	29%	8	11	47%
71%	2%	9/1	5	1360-1510 ²	83% ⁵	15%	13	5	53%
68%	2%	8/1	2	1380-1540	92% ⁵	14%	7	25	38%
62%	3%	9/1	12	1280-1490	74% ⁵	18%	3	6	53%
66%	1%	9/1	8	1340-1520	79% ⁵	21%	25	4	54%
85%	1%	9/1	11	1320-1500	74% ⁵	12%	13	16	43%
82%	0.3%	9/1	3	1310-1490	95% ⁵	23%	12	13	45%
72%	0%	10/1	33	1230-1440 ³	81% ⁵	26%	27	3	55%
64%	1%	8/1	17	1310-1480	66%	24%	13	47	32%
68%	0%	9/1	24	1180-1380	54%	7%	2	123	20%
73%	0.2%	8/1	8	30-33	80% ⁵	18%	25	15	44%
71%	2%	10/1	19	1260-1430 ²	64% ⁵	26%	27	22	39%
74%	1%	9/1	14	1300-1470	72% ⁵	27%	21	18	42%
60%	5%	9/1	1	1400-1560	97%	19%	17	59	29%
72%	5%	9/1	14	1310-1490	67% ⁵	20%	45	13	45%
68%	3%	10/1	24	1260-1430 ²	56% ⁵	24%	34	6	53%
68%	0%	9/1	21	28-32	63% ⁵	35%	22	31	37%
68%	5%	9/1	31	1220-1450 ²	62% ⁵	43%	19	36	35%
66%	2%	9/1	13	1270-1450	76% ⁵	27%	38	21	40%
77%	2%	9/1	21	1270-1455	62% ⁵	30%	31	37	34%
71%	1%	10/1	21	1240-1460	64% ⁵	34%	45	25	38%
84%	1%	10/1	17	1280-1453	75% ⁵	36%	22	19	41%
92%	0%	7/1	52	1180-1385 ³	46%	9%	4	63	29%
75%	3%	8/1	28	1210-1470	65% ⁵	40%	19	25	38%
64%	0%	10/1	19	1220-1430 ²	66% ⁵	22%	31	131	19%
75%	0%	8/1	24	29-32	55%	15%	4	177	12%
67%	0%	10/1	24	1230-1410	65% ⁵	38%	34	31	36%
67%	0%	8/1	28	1210-1410	64% ⁵	31%	22	75	26%
73%	10%	10/1	14	1240-1440	77% ⁵	21%	56	75	25%
58%	3%	9/1	28	1200-1400	62% ⁵	30%	42	51	31%
65%	2%	10/1	52	1220-1390 ²	57% ⁵	33%	50	9	51%
60%	1%	10/1	33	1180-1370	62% ⁵	34%	31	40	34%
71%	0%	10/1	47	1210-1400 ²	55% ⁵	15%	27	40	33%
76%	0%	9/1	43	1190-1365 ²	46% ⁵	45%	59	65	28%
63%	0.4%	9/1	33	1220-1410 ²	56% ⁵	36%	42	65	27%
73%	1%	9/1	45	1130-1350	45% ⁵	35%	47	73	26%
66%	1%	9/1	36	1220-1422	61%	57%	62	35	36%
66%	4%	10/1	60	1220-1430 ²	57% ⁵	47%	38	48	31%
98%	0%	8/1	52	1080-1340	50% ⁵	43%	1	131	19%
72%	0%	10/1	46	1220-1400 ²	64% ⁵	37%	50	43	33%
58%	0.2%	10/1	38	1210-1400	51% ⁵	42%	62	86	25%
77%	1%	10/1	63	1170-1380 ²	58% ⁵	38%	13	22	39%
60%	0%	10/1	42	26-31	52%	69%	71	10	50%
67%	2%	9/1	60	1240-1410 ²	52% ⁵	37%	42	51	31%
61%	1%	11/1	47	26-30 ²	42% ⁵	60%	56	25	38%
60%	2%	9/1	66	1150-1330	23% ⁵	32%	27	43	33%
68%	0.3%	10/1	32	1200-1370 ²	69% ⁵	42%	61	92	24%

What Is a National Liberal Arts College?

The country's 249 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences, which include such disciplines as English, the biological and physical sciences, history, foreign languages and the visual and performing arts but exclude professional disciplines such as business, education and nursing. There are 221 private and 27 public liberal arts colleges; one is for-profit. The top 10 public colleges appear below.

The Top 10 Public Colleges

Rank School (State)

1. United States Naval Academy (MD)
2. United States Military Academy (NY)
3. United States Air Force Acad. (CO)
4. Virginia Military Institute
5. New College of Florida
6. St. Mary's College of Maryland
7. University of Minnesota-Morris
8. U. of North Carolina-Asheville
9. Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts
10. Purchase College-SUNY

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51.	Denison University (OH)	68	3.3	3.9	90%	82%	81%	73%	0%	27-31 ²	45%	46%	29%
51.	DePauw University (IN)	68	3.4	3.9	91%	79%	79%	65%	0%	25-29	49% ⁵	61%	30%
51.	Furman University (SC)	68	3.4	3.9	89%	84%	84%	53%	0.2%	1130-1340 ²	48% ⁵	64%	26%
54.	Rhodes College (TN)	67	3.4	4.1	91%	82%	79%	68%	0%	27-31	50% ⁵	58%	36%
54.	St. Olaf College (MN)	67	3.6	4.0	94%	82%	87%	54%	3%	26-31	54% ⁵	59%	23%
56.	St. John's College (MD)	65	3.4	3.9	86%	75%	65%	97%	1%	1140-1410 ²	19% ⁵	87%	21%
56.	St. Lawrence University (NY)	65	3.2	3.7	91%	74%	80%	64%	1%	1120-1310 ²	34% ⁵	46%	27%
56.	Wheaton College (IL)	65	3.3	3.9	95%	84%	87%	57%	5%	27-32	58% ⁵	70%	26%
59.	Lawrence University (WI)	64	3.1	3.9	89%	79%	82%	76%	2%	26-31 ²	42% ⁵	73%	33%
59.	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	64	3.4	4.2	87%	76%	69%	93%	1%	1150-1350 ²	35% ⁵	77%	19%
61.	Beloit College (WI)	63	3.2	3.8	89%	75%	78%	74%	0%	24-30 ²	29%	68%	25%
61.	Hobart & William Smith Colleges (NY)	63	3.2	3.8	88%	74%	79%	65%	0.4%	1120-1290 ²	36% ⁵	50%	29%
61.	Wabash College (IN)	63	3.3	3.8	86%	73%	69%	73%	2%	1028-1250	33%	70%	38%
64.	Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	62	3.2	3.7	92%	73%	82%	60%	1%	24-30 ²	33%	63%	27%
64.	Kalamazoo College (MI)	62	3.3	3.9	92%	80%	77%	60%	2%	25-30	38% ⁵	67%	29%
64.	Muhlenberg College (PA)	62	2.8	3.5	92%	79%	86%	71%	1%	1140-1340 ²	45% ⁵	46%	18%
64.	Virginia Military Institute*	62	3.1	3.8	84%	60%	76%	64%	0.2%	1050-1250	16%	48%	31%
64.	Willamette University (OR)	62	3.2	3.8	88%	78%	78%	63%	0%	1080-1310	41%	58%	17%
69.	Berea College (KY)	61	3.3	3.4	80%	47%	62%	70%	0%	22-26	25%	34%	18%
69.	College of Wooster (OH)	61	3.1	3.7	89%	74%	75%	71%	1%	25-30	40% ⁵	56%	26%
69.	Hillsdale College (MI)	61	2.5	3.5	97%	80%	81%	72%	1%	27-31	56% ⁵	50%	21%
69.	Wheaton College (MA)	61	3.4	4.0	86%	82%	76%	69%	2%	1110-1340 ²	37% ⁵	74%	25%
73.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	60	3.1	3.7	82%	72%	72%	71%	0%	1010-1310 ²	40%	67%	41%
73.	Earlham College (IN)	60	3.3	3.9	85%	73%	71%	73%	3%	1150-1340 ²	29% ⁵	64%	25%
73.	Illinois Wesleyan University	60	3.0	3.6	90%	79%	78%	66%	1%	25-30	45%	58%	20%
73.	St. John's University (MN)	60	3.2	3.7	90%	71%	79%	57%	1%	23-28	22%	75%	27%
77.	Lewis & Clark College (OR)	59	3.3	3.8	86%	81%	74%	69%	1%	1180-1370 ²	39% ⁵	63%	20%
77.	Reed College ¹ (OR)	59	3.7	4.4	92% ⁸	86%	78% ⁶	N/A	N/A	1280-1470 ⁹	N/A	49%	26% ⁷

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Pomona College in California, tied at No. 5

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77.	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	59	2.7	3.0	87%	80%	80%	100%	0%	1160-1340	29% ⁵	81%	61%
77.	Wofford College (SC)	59	2.9	3.6	89%	80%	82%	58%	0.2%	1080-1260	42%	69%	32%
81.	Allegheny College (PA)	58	3.0	3.5	87%	76%	79%	64%	1%	1070-1290	41%	65%	24%
81.	Hendrix College (AR)	58	3.3	3.9	85%	77%	68%	66%	0.3%	26-32	46%	80%	25%
81.	Knox College (IL)	58	3.0	3.5	88%	77%	79%	75%	1%	25-30 ²	26%	75%	33%
81.	Spelman College (GA)	58	3.4	3.8	89%	64%	68%	63%	3%	850-1215	31%	41%	34%
81.	Transylvania University (KY)	58	2.8	3.3	87%	75%	72%	74%	0%	24-30	39%	83%	37%
81.	University of Puget Sound (WA)	58	3.2	3.7	87% ⁸	77%	78%	57%	0.3%	1120-1330 ³	26% ⁵	85%	16%
87.	New College of Florida*	57	3.0	3.9	83%	74%	66%	77%	1%	1190-1380	41%	69%	21%
87.	Southwestern University (TX)	57	3.1	3.6	86%	79%	70%	71%	1%	1055-1280	37%	52%	21%
89.	Austin College (TX)	56	3.1	3.7	82%	74%	72%	66%	1%	1100-1330 ³	35%	59%	12% ⁷
89.	Bennington College (VT)	56	2.8	3.7	85%	72%	67%	89%	0.4%	1180-1380 ²	44% ⁶	65%	25%
89.	College of St. Benedict (MN)	56	3.1	3.4	89%	75%	82%	57%	1%	23-28	33%	76%	19%
89.	Luther College (IA)	56	3.1	3.5	87%	69%	76%	56%	1%	23-29	32%	72%	25%
89.	Millsaps College (MS)	56	3.0	3.6	80%	74%	64%	84%	0%	23-28	31%	47%	20%
89.	St. John's College (NM)‡	56	3.1	4.1	74%	74%	57%	95%	0%	1160-1450 ²	25% ⁵	93%	14%
89.	St. Mary's College of Maryland*	56	2.9	3.6	88%	70%	79%	65%	1%	1070-1310 ³	28% ⁵	73%	11%
96.	St. Mary's College (IN)	55	3.0	3.9	87%	71%	71%	57%	1%	23-28 ³	27% ⁵	86%	30%
96.	Washington and Jefferson Col. (PA)	55	2.8	3.5	83% ⁸	71%	77%	65%	0%	1050-1230 ²	37%	40%	17%
96.	Westmont College (CA)	55	2.9	3.2	87%	77%	76%	59%	3%	1060-1310	29%	70%	24%
99.	Albion College (MI)	54	2.8	3.4	79%	70%	74%	70%	1%	22-28	21%	56%	23%
99.	College of the Atlantic (ME)	54	2.7	3.3	85%	70%	69%	93%	0%	1110-1330 ²	10%	73%	39%
99.	Drew University (NJ)	54	2.9	3.4	79%	71%	69%	73%	0.3%	990-1220	31% ⁵	77%	21%
99.	Hope College (MI)	54	3.1	3.6	89%	73%	73%	54%	2%	24-29	34%	70%	23%
99.	Ohio Wesleyan University	54	3.0	3.7	83%	71%	69%	68%	0%	22-27 ²	32% ⁵	75%	23%
99.	St. Michael's College (VT)	54	2.8	3.4	89%	68%	75%	56%	1%	1060-1290 ²	26%	75%	17%
105.	Augustana College (IL)	53	2.9	3.4	86%	71%	78%	64%	1%	22-27 ⁹	24%	59%	27%
105.	Cornell College (IA)	53	2.9	3.8	82%	69%	68%	71%	0%	23-29	39%	59%	23%
105.	Goucher College (MD)	53	3.1	3.7	84%	70%	68%	77%	1%	1010-1280 ²	31% ⁵	72%	18%
105.	Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	53	2.8	3.3	79%	66%	62%	73%	0%	1005-1215	13%	55%	32%
105.	Juniata College (PA)	53	2.7	3.5	87%	71%	75%	69%	2%	1040-1260 ⁹	34%	74%	28%
105.	Stonehill College (MA)	53	2.8	3.5	88%	77%	85%	55%	1%	1030-1230 ²	31%	71%	15%
105.	Washington College (MD)	53	2.8	3.7	83%	72%	68%	62%	1%	1050-1280 ²	33% ⁵	66%	21%
112.	Hollins University (VA)	52	2.6	3.5	70%	63%	60%	90%	0%	970-1220	24%	69%	31%
113.	Hanover College (IN)	51	2.7	3.4	81%	73%	72%	74%	0%	1000-1200	32%	67%	22%
113.	Ripon College (WI)	51	2.6	3.2	85%	64%	74%	73%	2%	21-28	23%	75%	31%
113.	Siena College (NY)	51	2.8	3.3	87%	65%	80%	44%	0%	1000-1200 ³	24%	58%	17%
116.	Calvin College (MI)	50	2.9	3.4	87%	71%	73%	35%	2%	23-29 ²	30%	70%	25%
116.	Susquehanna University (PA)	50	2.8	3.1	84%	70%	75%	55%	0%	1020-1230 ²	26%	72%	15%
116.	Sweet Briar College (VA)	50	2.6	3.4	74%	68%	57%	88%	0%	938-1210	30%	84%	33%
116.	Westminster College (PA)	50	2.6	3.2	86%	61%	77%	70%	1%	920-1150	17%	73%	20%
120.	Coe College (IA)	49	2.8	3.3	80%	69%	67%	72%	1%	23-28	31%	62%	21%
120.	Lake Forest College (IL)	49	2.9	3.6	84%	72%	64%	60%	1%	23-28 ²	27% ⁵	57%	24%
120.	St. Anselm College (NH)	49	2.7	3.1	86%	68%	74%	60%	3%	1060-1230 ²	22%	74%	20%
123.	St. Norbert College (WI)	48	2.7	3.4	83%	67%	74%	45%	1%	22-27	27%	82%	18%
124.	Birmingham-Southern Col. (AL)	47	2.8	3.3	81% ⁸	72%	62%	62%	1%	23-27	24%	64%	28%
124.	Eckerd College (FL)	47	2.9	3.6	81%	64%	66%	45%	1%	1030-1220	N/A	72%	N/A
124.	Linfield College (OR)	47	2.7	3.4	83%	67%	68%	64%	1%	980-1200	34% ⁴	92%	15%
124.	Presbyterian College (SC)	47	2.6	3.4	82%	70%	68%	62%	0%	1000-1210 ²	35%	66%	16%
124.	Randolph-Macon College (VA)	47	2.7	3.4	78%	64%	61%	72%	0%	970-1180	14%	64%	36%
129.	Berry College (GA)	46	2.8	3.5	78%	71%	60%	50%	0.2%	24-29	32%	60%	20%
129.	Concordia College-Moorhead (MN)	46	2.8	3.4	84%	69%	71%	50%	1%	22-28	30%	78%	19%
129.	Goshen College (IN)	46	2.6	3.3	79%	67%	70%	68%	1%	950-1250	25%	55%	25%
129.	McDaniel College (MD)	46	2.7	3.4	83%	69%	72%	63%	0%	1000-1210 ³	26%	76%	16%
133.	Moravian College (PA)	45	2.4	3.0	78%	67%	74%	67%	1%	940-1170 ²	19%	80%	16%
133.	Morehouse College (GA)	45	3.2	3.8	82%	55%	54%	48%	2%	900-1110	21%	67%	23%
133.	Randolph College (VA)	45	2.5	3.2	77%	67%	52%	84%	0%	970-1200	17%	83%	21%
133.	Roanoke College (VA)	45	2.8	3.3	80%	65%	64%	57%	1%	980-1190	18%	73%	20%
133.	Wesleyan College (GA)	45	2.7	3.5	79%	62%	64%	85%	0.3%	880-1130	N/A	43%	27%
133.	Whittier College (CA)	45	3.0	3.4	83%	67%	66%	55%	1%	930-1150 ³	23%	63%	21%
139.	Alma College (MI)	44	2.6	3.2	80%	65%	61%	71%	2%	22-27 ³	27%	69%	22%
139.	Central College (IA)	44	2.6	3.2	81%	65%	65%	60%	0.3%	21-26	21%	66%	18%
139.	Gordon College (MA)	44	2.6	3.3	82%	71%	72%	67%	3%	1015-1292 ³	34% ⁵	43%	8%
139.	Grove City College (PA)	44	2.4	3.0	90%	81%	82%	46%	5%	1079-1334	41%	81%	21%

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139.	Houghton College (NY)	44	2.4	3.0	87%	67%	73%	73%	2%	980-1235	35%	91%	18%
139.	Principia College (IL)	44	2.2	2.9	80% ⁸	76%	82%	N/A	N/A	918-1223	26% ⁵	84%	N/A
139.	Simpson College (IA)	44	2.6	3.2	80%	63%	65%	72%	1%	21-27	29%	88%	16%
139.	University of Minnesota–Morris*	44	2.8	3.6	82%	59%	63%	55%	4%	23-28 ³	31%	58%	13%
139.	Wittenberg University (OH)	44	2.5	3.7	77%	67%	63%	54%	1%	23-28 ²	22%	89%	12%
148.	Centenary College of Louisiana	43	2.3	3.2	71%	70%	59%	83%	0.4%	22-28	25%	66%	13%
148.	Hiram College (OH)	43	2.4	3.4	76%	60%	66%	78%	0%	19-25	12%	57%	14%
148.	Nebraska Wesleyan University	43	2.6	3.4	79%	63%	68%	65%	2%	22-26	23%	77%	15%
148.	Oglethorpe University (GA)	43	2.7	3.4	78%	63%	62%	84%	0%	1030-1240	20%	56%	14%
148.	Salem College (NC)	43	2.4	3.1	77%	63%	64%	90%	0%	1000-1200	39%	58%	23%
148.	St. Vincent College (PA)	43	2.4	2.9	83%	64%	70%	55%	0%	910-1150	20%	69%	20%
148.	Wells College (NY)	43	2.7	3.6	73% ⁸	63%	58%	89%	0%	930-1070 ⁴	32%	60%	23%
155.	Carthage College (WI)	42	2.5	3.4	76%	63%	65%	64%	0.1%	21-27	21%	70%	14%
155.	Georgetown College (KY)	42	2.5	3.6	75%	67%	57%	79%	0%	20-25	20%	86%	14%
155.	Illinois College	42	2.5	2.8	81%	62%	64%	70%	1%	19-25 ²	22%	61%	25%
155.	William Jewell College (MO)	42	2.5	3.4	75%	69%	59%	72%	0%	22-28 ²	23%	58%	11%
159.	College of Idaho	41	2.6	3.1	85%	67%	67%	60%	1%	21-27	26%	68%	34%
159.	Lycoming College (PA)	41	2.5	3.2	81%	60%	64%	62%	1%	930-1150 ²	19%	72%	19%
159.	U. of North Carolina–Asheville*	41	2.9	3.4	80%	58%	60%	50%	2%	1100-1290	22%	69%	8%
159.	Wartburg College (IA)	41	2.6	3.4	79%	66%	63%	50%	2%	21-26 ³	26%	78%	23%
159.	Westminster College (MO)	41	2.5	3.2	79%	65%	68%	65%	0%	21-27	28%	69%	16%
164.	Doane College (NE)	40	2.2	3.1	76%	53%	61%	74%	1%	21-26 ³	20%	72%	21%
165.	Fisk University (TN)	39	2.6	3.4	N/A	54%	52%	68%	1%	17-23	N/A	21%	24%
165.	Hartwick College (NY)	39	2.6	3.4	74%	63%	58%	62%	0.2%	1010-1230 ²	20%	84%	16%
165.	Lyon College (AR)	39	2.6	3.1	67%	65%	50%	68%	1%	23-28	29%	59%	17%
165.	Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts*	39	2.5	3.3	75%	49%	57%	72%	0.2%	910-1150 ³	25% ⁵	67%	10%

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						Predicted	Actual						
165.	Monmouth College (IL)	39	2.6	2.9	75%	58%	59%	67%	0.3%	20-25	15%	64%	20%
165.	Warren Wilson College (NC)	39	2.6	3.3	68%	68%	51%	84%	0%	1010-1250	22%	70%	11%
171.	Purchase College-SUNY*	38	2.4	3.3	82%	48%	60%	77%	1%	980-1180 ³	13% ⁵	33%	4%
172.	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	37	2.4	3.0	78%	62%	63%	69%	2%	863-1128	16%	65%	23%
172.	Emory and Henry College (VA)	37	2.5	3.1	73%	55%	48%	74%	0%	880-1120 ³	26% ⁴	66%	30% ⁴
172.	Guilford College (NC)	37	2.8	3.2	74%	58%	57%	55%	0%	970-1220 ²	11%	68%	13%
172.	Northland College (WI)	37	2.3	3.0	71%	61%	58%	70%	0%	21-27	18%	59%	11%
176.	Ouachita Baptist University (AR)	36	2.2	3.2	79%	65%	60%	54%	1%	21-27	29%	70%	18%
177.	Albright College (PA)	34	2.5	3.1	74%	58%	54%	63%	1%	930-1130 ²	20%	62%	11%
178.	Bridgewater College (VA)	33	2.4	3.0	75%	57%	60%	43%	0%	930-1130	20%	55%	18%
178.	Erskine College (SC)	33	2.3	3.3	68% ⁸	65%	58%	79%	0.3%	910-1110	N/A	70%	16%
178.	Wisconsin Lutheran College	33	2.1	2.7	78%	66%	64%	68%	1%	21-27	19%	64%	16%
178.	Xavier University of Louisiana	33	2.7	3.4	68%	51%	46%	51%	6%	20-26	28%	54%	12%

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				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 182 THROUGH 236 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Allen University (SC)	1.7	2.2	46%	35%	23%	N/A	N/A	16 ²	N/A	50%	N/A
American Jewish University (CA)	2.2	2.8	70%	69%	53% ⁶	N/A	N/A	780-1240 ⁹	N/A	42%	N/A
Amridge University (AL)	1.4	2.0	N/A	46%	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ave Maria University ¹ (FL)	2.1	2.6	70% ⁸	68%	43% ⁶	N/A	N/A	20-27 ⁴	N/A	61% ⁴	N/A
Bay Path University (MA)	2.2	2.4	74%	50%	55%	78%	0%	840-1090 ²	14%	58%	5%

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School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average freshman retention rate	2013 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 ('13)	% of classes of 50 or more ('13)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('13)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('13)	Acceptance rate ('13)	Average alumni giving rate
				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 182 THROUGH 236 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Bennett College ¹ (NC)	2.2	2.1	68% ⁸	32%	41% ⁶	74% ⁴	0.4% ⁴	15-20 ⁴	5% ⁴	69% ⁴	N/A
Bethany College (WV)	2.4	3.0	60%	53%	48%	80%	0%	770-1040	12%	49%	18%
Bethany Lutheran College (MN)	2.1	2.7	72%	59%	49%	75%	0.4%	20-26	14%	75%	15%
Bloomfield College (NJ)	2.0	2.5	67%	31%	37%	71%	1%	770-930	6%	59%	4%
Brevard College (NC)	2.3	3.0	58%	49%	43%	74%	0%	850-1050	5%	45%	6%
Bryn Athyn Col. of New Church (PA)	1.8	2.5	64%	62%	50%	81% ⁴	0% ⁴	920-1130 ³	N/A	52%	N/A
Burlington College (VT)	2.3	3.2	62% ⁸	39%	17%	97% ⁴	0% ⁴	820-1130 ⁹	5% ⁵	83%	9%
Castleton State College (VT)*	2.0	2.4	71%	41%	51%	73%	2%	850-1060 ³	8% ⁵	79%	9%
Claflin University (SC)	2.1	2.4	73%	38%	44%	63%	1%	710-960	13%	61%	47%
Clearwater Christian College (FL)	1.8	2.4	66%	53%	54%	75%	2%	19-25	10% ⁵	70%	3%
Col. of Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More ¹ (TX)	2.3	2.4	N/A	65%	33% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado Mesa University*	2.0	2.9	65%	37%	33%	50%	7%	18-23	10%	82%	2%
Dillard University (LA)	2.1	3.0	64% ⁸	34%	48%	63%	1%	17-20	14% ⁶	35%	4%
Eastern Nazarene College (MA)	2.2	2.5	68%	55%	58%	80%	5%	820-1090 ³	9%	51%	N/A
Fort Lewis College (CO)*	2.5	2.9	64%	44%	37%	46%	3%	20-25 ³	10%	88%	2%
Green Mountain College (VT)	2.1	2.8	70% ⁸	55%	40%	61%	0%	920-1200 ⁹	N/A	76%	7%
Harrisburg Univ. of Science and Tech. (PA)	1.9	3.0	62% ⁸	N/A	24%	76%	0%	830-1050 ⁹	N/A	47% ⁴	N/A
Holy Cross College ¹ (IN)	2.6	3.6	55% ⁸	45%	21% ⁶	66% ⁴	1% ⁴	19-24 ⁴	N/A	81% ⁴	5% ⁴
Huston-Tillotson University ¹ (TX)	2.0	2.7	57% ⁸	25%	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	700-900 ⁹	N/A	46%	N/A
Johnson C. Smith University (NC)	2.1	2.5	68%	36%	44%	75%	0.2%	733-920	8%	37%	15%
Judson College ¹ (AL)	2.2	2.8	71% ⁸	53%	38%	N/A	N/A	19-24 ⁹	N/A	74%	20% ⁷
Kentucky State University*	2.0	3.3	51%	28%	18%	53%	0.2%	16-20	N/A	38%	4%
The King's College (NY)	2.2	2.7	64%	58%	61%	35%	0%	1050-1230	15% ⁵	71%	14%
Lane College ¹ (TN)	1.9	2.1	55% ⁸	18%	33% ⁶	50% ⁴	0% ⁴	14-17 ⁴	3% ⁴	33% ⁴	N/A
Life University (GA)	1.6	2.6	70%	50%	22%	68%	1%	19 ³	N/A	41%	1%
Louisiana State University–Alexandria*	2.0	3.1	57%	22%	20%	50%	4%	18-22	13%	61%	3%
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	2.2	3.2	66%	60%	44%	57%	1%	930-1153	N/A	75%	7%
Maryville College (TN)	2.4	2.6	72%	64%	56%	45%	0.4%	21-26	14% ⁵	73%	25%
Pacific Union College (CA)	2.4	3.1	76%	55%	37%	60%	5%	890-1150	N/A	51%	7%
Pine Manor College (MA)	2.0	2.5	59%	29%	36%	88%	0%	660-860 ³	N/A	64%	6%
Rust College (MS)	2.1	2.6	60%	19%	20%	N/A	N/A	13-14	N/A	14%	N/A
San Diego Christian College ¹	1.9	2.9	59% ⁸	47%	44% ⁸	80% ⁴	1% ⁴	18-22 ⁴	5% ⁴	43% ⁴	N/A
Savannah State University (GA)*	2.0	2.8	70% ⁸	23%	29%	30%	1%	770-910	N/A	83%	N/A
Shawnee State University (OH)*	2.0	2.5	52%	35%	24%	44%	3%	17-23 ²	12%	83%	1%
Shorter University ¹ (GA)	2.0	2.7	54% ⁸	51%	49% ⁶	N/A	N/A	820-1060 ⁹	N/A	68%	N/A
Simpson University (CA)	2.4	3.2	71%	50%	49%	71%	5%	910-1150	23%	56%	4%
Stillman College ¹ (AL)	2.4	3.1	60% ⁸	32%	28% ⁸	65% ⁴	1% ⁴	16-19 ⁴	5% ⁴	41% ⁴	5% ⁴
SUNY College–Old Westbury*	2.4	3.0	77%	32%	37%	38%	1%	920-1080 ³	N/A	58%	1%
Tougaloo College (MS)	2.1	2.1	74%	46%	50%	70%	0.3%	15-21	19%	34%	13%
University of Hawaii–Hilo*	2.5	3.2	70% ⁸	44%	36%	47%	4%	823-1050 ³	18%	75%	N/A
University of Maine–Machias*	2.2	2.8	66%	38%	31%	77%	0%	820-1050	N/A	85%	0.1%
University of Pikeville (KY)	1.7	3.3	52%	45%	29%	48%	3%	17-22	15%	100%	5%
Univ. of Science and Arts of Okla.*	2.5	3.2	67%	43%	37% ⁶	75%	2%	19-24	29%	62%	7%
University of Virginia–Wise*	2.5	3.4	69%	40%	42%	67%	1%	860-1050 ³	15%	75%	10%
Univ. of Wisconsin–Parkside*	2.1	2.9	65%	41%	31%	45%	9%	19-23 ²	10%	69%	1%
Virginia Intermont College ¹	1.5	2.7	63% ⁸	44%	25% ⁶	95% ⁴	0.3% ⁴	18-23 ⁴	9% ⁴	99% ⁴	4% ⁴
Virginia Wesleyan College	2.5	3.0	65%	53%	44%	81%	0%	907-1142 ⁹	14%	93%	8%
Western State Colorado University*	2.1	3.1	64%	45%	42%	56%	0.4%	19-24	6%	92%	N/A
West Virginia State University*	2.1	3.1	53%	29%	17%	53%	2%	18-22	N/A	45%	2%
William Peace University ¹ (NC)	2.0	2.7	68% ⁸	46%	38% ⁶	55% ⁴	1% ⁴	16-24 ⁴	6% ⁴	61% ⁴	2% ⁴

Footnotes:

1. School refused to fill out U.S. News statistical survey. Data that appear are from school in previous years or from another source such as the National Center for Education Statistics.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. In reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores, or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.
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 less 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 may not be required by school for some or all applicants, and in reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores, or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.
- † School appeared in a different U.S. News ranking category last year.

N/A means not available.

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							Predicted	Actual		
1.	Williams College (MA)	100	4.7	4.7	3	97%	94%	95%	+1	2
2.	Amherst College (MA)	96	4.6	4.5	1	98%	90%	94%	+4	14
3.	Swarthmore College (PA)	94	4.6	4.5	4	96%	95%	94%	-1	12
4.	Bowdoin College (ME)	92	4.4	4.5	4	97%	93%	93%	None	15
4.	Middlebury College (VT)	92	4.3	4.3	4	96%	97%	94%	-3	18
4.	Pomona College (CA)	92	4.4	4.4	1	98%	93%	93%	None	23
4.	Wellesley College (MA)	92	4.4	4.6	10	96%	90%	91%	+1	20
8.	Carleton College (MN)	91	4.3	4.4	4	97%	90%	93%	+3	12
9.	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	89	4.1	4.5	10	96%	94%	90%	-4	6
9.	Davidson College (NC)	89	4.1	4.3	9	96%	93%	93%	None	4
9.	United States Naval Academy (MD)*	89	4.1	4.8	20	97%	69%	89%	+20	58
12.	Haverford College (PA)	88	4.0	4.3	4	97%	95%	94%	-1	20
12.	Vassar College (NY)	88	4.2	4.6	10	96%	87%	92%	+5	23
14.	Hamilton College (NY)	86	3.9	4.3	15	95%	91%	91%	None	8
14.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	86	4.3	4.6	15	98%	95%	94%	-1	67
14.	Smith College (MA)	86	4.3	4.6	36	94%	84%	87%	+3	23
14.	Washington and Lee University (VA)	86	3.8	4.1	20	96%	96%	88%	-8	2
14.	Wesleyan University (CT)	86	4.1	4.4	10	95%	85%	93%	+8	20
19.	Colby College (ME)	85	4.0	4.3	15	94%	87%	90%	+3	17
19.	Colgate University (NY)	85	4.0	4.4	15	95%	88%	92%	+4	8
19.	Grinnell College (IA)	85	4.2	4.2	28	94%	85%	89%	+4	23
22.	United States Military Academy (NY)*	83	4.1	4.8	45	95%	81%	80%	-1	52
23.	Macalester College (MN)	82	4.0	4.3	24	94%	86%	90%	+4	37
23.	Oberlin College (OH)	82	4.1	4.3	30	93%	88%	87%	-1	23
25.	Bates College (ME)	81	4.0	4.3	20	94%	84%	88%	+4	52
25.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	81	4.0	4.3	51	91%	86%	82%	-4	28
25.	Colorado College	81	3.8	4.1	28	95%	89%	86%	-3	6
25.	Kenyon College (OH)	81	3.8	4.2	24	96%	87%	89%	+2	33
29.	Barnard College (NY)	80	3.9	4.4	15	96%	87%	89%	+2	58
29.	Scripps College (CA)	80	3.7	4.3	30	93%	90%	87%	-3	18
29.	United States Air Force Acad. (CO)*	80	4.0	4.7	45	92%	85%	84%	-1	104
32.	Bucknell University (PA)	79	3.8	4.3	20	94%	89%	89%	None	75
32.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	79	3.6	4.1	10	95%	84%	92%	+8	40
32.	University of Richmond (VA)	79	3.8	4.0	41	94%	85%	84%	-1	8
35.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	78	4.0	4.2	51	91%	83%	80%	-3	37
36.	Pitzer College (CA)	77	3.6	4.3	41	92%	81%	84%	+3	33
37.	Lafayette College (PA)	76	3.4	4.0	24	94%	89%	90%	+1	47
38.	Skidmore College (NY)	75	3.5	4.2	30	94%	77%	87%	+10	43
38.	Union College (NY)	75	3.3	4.0	36	93%	83%	86%	+3	28
40.	Dickinson College (PA)	74	3.6	4.1	45	90%	82%	84%	+2	33
40.	Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	74	3.6	4.0	38	92%	84%	87%	+3	52
40.	Whitman College (WA)	74	3.4	4.0	30	94%	88%	87%	-1	40
43.	Occidental College (CA)	73	3.7	4.0	38	93%	83%	85%	+2	87
43.	Trinity College (CT)	73	3.6	4.1	41	90%	82%	84%	+2	82
45.	Bard College (NY)	72	3.4	4.0	82	87%	87%	75%	-12	15
45.	Centre College (KY)	72	3.5	4.1	45	91%	81%	82%	+1	94
45.	Soka University of America (CA)	72	2.3	3.1	30	96%	78%	79%	+1	1
48.	Connecticut College	71	3.5	4.1	45	90%	87%	83%	-4	58
48.	Gettysburg College (PA)	71	3.4	3.9	41	90%	87%	84%	-3	47
48.	Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	71	3.5	4.1	61	89%	82%	79%	-3	47

Arts Colleges

% of classes under 20 ('14)	% of classes of 50 or more ('14)	Student/faculty ratio ('14)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('14)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('14)	Acceptance rate ('14)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
77%	3%	7/1	1	1350-1560	95% ⁵	19%	5	3	57%
71%	2%	8/1	4	1350-1550	84% ⁵	14%	10	9	49%
75%	2%	8/1	4	1360-1540	88% ⁵	17%	7	16	43%
70%	2%	9/1	19	1370-1520 ²	86% ⁵	15%	11	4	54%
67%	2%	9/1	9	1260-1470	76% ⁵	17%	3	5	53%
69%	2%	8/1	1	1380-1540	91% ⁵	12%	6	41	33%
67%	1%	7/1	9	1290-1480	78% ⁵	30%	7	7	51%
71%	1%	9/1	12	1320-1510	70% ⁵	23%	27	7	51%
82%	1%	8/1	7	1350-1520	78% ⁴	11%	13	17	41%
74%	0.2%	10/1	15	1230-1440	74% ⁵	22%	27	5	53%
70%	0.1%	8/1	21	1180-1390	59%	8%	2	121	19%
77%	3%	9/1	4	1330-1490	94% ⁵	25%	11	15	45%
65%	1%	8/1	12	1320-1490	70%	24%	16	46	31%
74%	1%	9/1	12	1310-1470	75% ⁵	26%	20	19	40%
58%	5%	9/1	3	1418-1570	88% ⁵	14%	17	54	29%
68%	6%	9/1	28	1240-1470 ²	62% ⁵	42%	17	38	34%
72%	0%	8/1	7	1320-1460	81% ⁵	20%	23	12	48%
72%	3%	8/1	18	1290-1480 ²	64% ⁵	24%	46	17	41%
72%	2%	10/1	24	1230-1430 ²	61% ⁵	28%	27	22	40%
74%	2%	9/1	37	1280-1470 ³	72% ⁵	26%	32	19	40%
65%	0%	9/1	15	30-33	69% ⁵	28%	22	41	33%
95%	0%	7/1	32	1160-1390	52%	9%	7	54	29%
71%	1%	10/1	19	1270-1465	65% ⁵	36%	48	32	36%
74%	2%	9/1	24	1260-1450	61% ⁵	33%	35	46	31%
65%	4%	10/1	41	1280-1430 ²	69% ⁵	25%	43	14	47%
74%	3%	8/1	28	1200-1440 ²	65% ⁵	40%	17	27	37%
69%	0.2%	10/1	15	28-32 ²	69% ⁵	18%	32	108	21%
70%	1%	10/1	21	1230-1420	65% ⁵	25%	35	25	38%
72%	9%	10/1	9	1250-1440	82% ⁵	24%	54	71	26%
83%	1%	10/1	33	1260-1460 ³	83% ⁵	27%	23	27	37%
68%	0%	8/1	24	28-32	56%	17%	4	168	13%
57%	2%	9/1	21	1210-1400	68% ⁵	31%	40	46	31%
68%	1%	10/1	57	1230-1380 ²	56% ⁵	43%	50	9	49%
67%	0%	8/1	28	1220-1430	59% ⁵	32%	23	82	24%
71%	2%	10/1	35	1220-1450 ²	56% ⁵	55%	40	51	30%
71%	0%	10/1	46	1240-1420 ²	60% ⁵	13%	27	32	36%
57%	1%	10/1	28	1200-1400	63% ⁵	30%	32	41	33%
73%	1%	8/1	47	1130-1350	43% ⁵	37%	46	71	25%
66%	1%	10/1	24	1210-1400 ²	70% ⁵	41%	50	44	32%
75%	0%	9/1	43	1190-1370 ²	46% ⁵	48%	54	64	26%
63%	1%	9/1	53	1220-1390 ²	62% ⁴	39%	40	64	27%
69%	0%	9/1	37	1200-1430	53% ⁵	41%	60	34	35%
59%	0.2%	10/1	35	1210-1390	55% ⁵	42%	60	97	22%
62%	2%	10/1	50	1150-1340	43% ⁵	33%	23	57	28%
78%	1%	10/1	64	1170-1390 ²	60% ⁵	45%	13	27	37%
60%	0%	10/1	43	26-31	53% ⁵	72%	73	12	48%
95%	0%	8/1	70	1090-1370	28% ⁵	43%	1	113	20%
68%	1%	9/1	57	1250-1410 ²	48% ⁵	38%	43	57	28%
68%	1%	10/1	33	1210-1360	70% ⁵	45%	54	89	23%
56%	1%	10/1	57	26-30 ²	35% ⁵	65%	63	34	35%

What Is a National Liberal Arts College?

The country's 245 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences, which include such disciplines as English, the biological and physical sciences, history, foreign languages and the visual and performing arts but exclude professional disciplines such as business, education and nursing. There are 217 private and 27 public liberal arts colleges; one is for-profit. The top public colleges appear below.

The Top Public Colleges

Rank School (State)

1. United States Naval Academy (MD)
2. United States Military Academy (NY)
3. United States Air Force Acad. (CO)
4. New College of Florida
4. Virginia Military Institute
6. St. Mary's College of Maryland
7. University of Minnesota—Morris
8. U. of North Carolina—Asheville
9. Purchase College—SUNY



BEST NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average freshman retention rate	2014 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 ('14)	% of classes of 50 or more ('14)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('14)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('14)	Acceptance rate ('14)	Average alumni giving rate
						Predicted	Actual						
51.	DePauw University (IN)	69	3.3	3.9	92%	80%	80%	69%	0%	25-29	48%	57%	27%
51.	Furman University (SC)	69	3.4	3.9	89%	84%	84%	58%	0%	1130-1340 ²	38%	69%	25%
51.	Rhodes College (TN)	69	3.5	4.1	91%	81%	80%	68%	1%	27-31	48% ⁵	60%	38%
51.	St. Olaf College (MN)	69	3.6	4.0	94%	82%	89%	58%	4%	26-32	52% ⁵	51%	21%
55.	Denison University (OH)	68	3.3	3.9	90%	80%	82%	73%	0%	26-31 ⁹	45% ⁵	51%	23%
55.	St. John's College (MD)	68	3.4	4.0	86%	75%	70%	99%	1%	1200-1440 ²	33% ⁵	87%	21%
57.	Lawrence University (WI)	67	3.1	3.9	89%	75%	80%	76%	2%	25-31 ²	42% ⁵	73%	32%
57.	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	67	3.4	4.2	87%	72%	77%	93%	1%	1160-1380 ²	41% ⁵	53%	18%
57.	Wheaton College (IL)	67	3.2	4.0	95%	81%	89%	59%	5%	27-32	52% ⁵	69%	24%
60.	St. Lawrence University (NY)	66	3.2	3.7	91%	77%	85%	64%	1%	1110-1290 ²	37% ⁵	48%	26%
61.	Beloit College (WI)	65	3.2	3.8	89%	74%	80%	72%	0%	24-30 ²	42% ⁵	69%	23%
61.	College of Wooster (OH)	65	3.2	3.8	89%	71%	76%	70%	1%	25-30	41% ⁵	59%	25%
61.	Earlham College (IN)	65	3.3	3.9	85%	71%	72%	80%	2%	1150-1370 ²	40% ⁵	65%	25%
61.	Hobart & William Smith Colleges (NY)	65	3.2	3.9	86%	72%	79%	66%	0%	1140-1320 ²	30% ⁵	50%	28%
61.	Wabash College (IN)	65	3.3	3.8	86%	72%	73%	74%	2%	1020-1240	29%	70%	40%
66.	Kalamazoo College (MI)	64	3.3	3.9	92%	77%	82%	61%	1%	25-30	35% ⁵	70%	27%
67.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	63	3.1	3.7	83%	68%	74%	73%	0%	1060-1260 ²	37% ⁵	68%	39%
67.	Berea College (KY)	63	3.3	3.5	82%	48%	62%	76%	0%	22-27	24%	34%	16%
67.	Hillsdale College (MI)	63	2.5	3.5	96%	78%	82%	71%	0.2%	27-31	50% ⁵	53%	13%

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BEST NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

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						Predicted	Actual						
67.	Wheaton College (MA)	63	3.4	4.0	85%	80%	77%	71%	1%	1120-1350 ²	34% ⁵	70%	25%
67.	Willamette University (OR)	63	3.2	3.8	86%	75%	77%	61%	0%	1080-1320	40%	81%	14%
72.	Allegheny College (PA)	62	3.0	3.6	86%	74%	78%	71%	1%	1050-1270	43%	72%	23%
72.	Illinois Wesleyan University	62	3.0	3.6	90%	76%	81%	65%	1%	25-30	38% ⁵	60%	23%
72.	Knox College (IL)	62	3.0	3.5	88%	73%	80%	76%	0%	23-30 ²	31% ⁵	68%	31%
72.	Lewis & Clark College (OR)	62	3.3	3.8	87%	76%	79%	68%	1%	1190-1380 ²	38% ⁵	67%	19%
72.	Muhlenberg College (PA)	62	2.8	3.5	91%	81%	85%	68%	1%	1120-1330 ²	43% ⁵	53%	19%
72.	Spelman College (GA)	62	3.4	3.8	89%	61%	74%	65%	2%	900-1100	25%	54%	37%
72.	University of Puget Sound (WA)	62	3.2	3.7	87%	74%	76%	60%	1%	1110-1330	35% ⁵	79%	16%
79.	Austin College (TX)	61	3.1	3.7	83%	70%	77%	72%	1%	22-27	24%	54%	13% ⁷
79.	Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	61	3.1	3.7	91%	71%	82%	56%	2%	24-30 ²	31%	61%	23%
79.	St. John's University (MN)	61	3.2	3.7	89%	69%	80%	56%	1%	23-28	16%	79%	26%
82.	College of the Atlantic (ME)	60	2.6	3.3	83%	66%	71%	93%	0%	1100-1340 ²	55% ⁵	71%	39%
82.	Hendrix College (AR)	60	3.3	3.8	85%	75%	71%	56%	0%	25-31	42%	83%	26%
82.	New College of Florida*	60	3.0	3.9	83%	71%	69%	75%	1%	1180-1380	45%	60%	19%
82.	St. Mary's College (IN)	60	2.9	3.9	88%	72%	81%	56%	1%	23-28	35% ⁵	83%	30%
82.	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	60	2.7	3.1	90%	76%	72%	100%	0%	1180-1350	36% ⁵	83%	58%
82.	Transylvania University (KY)	60	2.8	3.4	86%	73%	70%	76%	0%	25-30	51%	83%	35%
82.	Virginia Military Institute*	60	3.1	3.8	86%	65%	71%	61%	0.2%	1070-1250 ³	21%	44%	31%
82.	Wofford College (SC)	60	3.0	3.6	89%	80%	78%	57%	1%	24-30	46%	77%	26%
90.	College of St. Benedict (MN)	59	3.0	3.3	89%	71%	81%	56%	1%	23-29	40%	82%	19%
90.	Luther College (IA)	59	3.1	3.5	87%	72%	82%	61%	2%	23-28	29%	71%	25%
90.	Southwestern University (TX)	59	3.0	3.6	85%	78%	73%	77%	1%	1050-1260	36%	49%	21%
93.	Bennington College (VT)	58	2.8	3.7	84%	71%	67%	86%	1%	1170-1400 ⁹	44% ⁴	67%	22%
93.	Cornell College (IA)	58	2.9	3.8	82%	63%	67%	80%	0%	23-30	17%	74%	24%
93.	Millsaps College (MS)	58	2.9	3.6	80%	74%	64%	85%	0%	23-29	36%	57%	20%
93.	Reed College ¹ (OR)	58	3.7	4.3	94% ⁸	84%	79% ⁶	N/A	N/A	1280-1470 ⁴	N/A	49% ⁴	N/A
93.	St. Mary's College of Maryland*	58	2.9	3.6	88%	79%	81%	70%	1%	1104-1283	28% ⁴	79%	12%
93.	Ursinus College (PA)	58	2.9	3.4	90%	77%	80%	75%	0.3%	1050-1260 ²	24% ⁵	83%	17%
93.	Westmont College (CA)	58	2.8	3.3	87%	75%	78%	64%	2%	1050-1290	29% ⁵	79%	22%
100.	Albion College (MI)	57	2.8	3.5	81%	68%	72%	70%	0.3%	22-27	21% ⁴	61%	22%
100.	Hope College (MI)	57	3.1	3.6	90%	70%	80%	54%	2%	23-29	30%	82%	23%
100.	St. John's College (NM)	57	3.1	4.0	76%	68%	50%	95%	0%	1210-1450 ²	32% ⁵	93%	16%
100.	Washington and Jefferson Col. (PA)	57	2.8	3.5	N/A	73%	76%	67%	0%	1040-1230 ²	31%	42%	16%
100.	Washington College (MD)	57	2.8	3.6	83%	73%	74%	71%	1%	1040-1270 ²	34% ⁵	56%	18%
105.	Augustana College (IL)	56	2.9	3.4	85%	69%	74%	62%	0.2%	23-29 ²	29%	54%	25%
105.	Juniata College (PA)	56	2.7	3.5	88%	73%	78%	75%	1%	1040-1250 ⁹	33%	74%	28%
105.	St. Michael's College (VT)	56	2.8	3.5	89%	69%	79%	59%	2%	1050-1250 ²	22%	80%	17%
108.	Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	55	2.8	3.3	80%	67%	67%	70%	0%	995-1210	8%	47%	34%
108.	Hollins University (VA)	55	2.7	3.5	71%	65%	62%	91%	0%	960-1200	15%	57%	30%
108.	Lake Forest College (IL)	55	2.9	3.7	84%	65%	73%	59%	1%	23-28 ²	27% ⁵	55%	23%
108.	Ohio Wesleyan University	55	2.9	3.7	81%	69%	65%	68%	0%	22-28 ²	24% ⁵	74%	22%
112.	Drew University (NJ)	54	2.8	3.4	79%	72%	62%	73%	0.3%	1000-1220 ²	28% ⁵	70%	24%
112.	Goucher College (MD)	54	3.0	3.7	82%	70%	63%	78%	0%	1020-1280 ²	27% ⁵	76%	16%
112.	Siena College (NY)	54	2.7	3.4	87%	62%	80%	43%	0%	1020-1220 ²	23%	58%	17%
112.	St. Anselm College (NH)	54	2.6	3.2	87%	68%	75%	68%	3%	1050-1230 ²	27% ⁵	76%	20%
116.	Coe College (IA)	53	2.8	3.3	80%	66%	71%	76%	1%	22-28	34%	55%	20%
116.	Hanover College (IN)	53	2.7	3.4	82%	65%	69%	77%	0%	940-1170	29%	64%	18%
116.	Ripon College (WI)	53	2.5	3.2	85%	62%	68%	76%	1%	21-27	25%	67%	29%
116.	Stonehill College (MA)	53	2.7	3.5	88%	82%	82%	53%	1%	1010-1220 ²	29%	77%	15%
120.	Birmingham-Southern Col. (AL)	52	2.8	3.3	81%	71%	64%	72%	0.3%	23-29	25%	53%	24%
120.	Calvin College (MI)	52	2.8	3.4	87%	68%	74%	32%	2%	23-29 ²	32%	73%	24%
120.	Concordia College-Moorhead (MN)	52	2.8	3.5	83%	67%	72%	57%	1%	23-28	30%	64%	19%
120.	Linfield College (OR)	52	2.6	3.4	85%	63%	71%	70%	1%	960-1200	27%	94%	15%
120.	Susquehanna University (PA)	52	2.8	3.1	84%	67%	76%	57%	0%	1020-1210 ²	28%	78%	13%
125.	Randolph-Macon College (VA)	51	2.8	3.4	79%	58%	62%	62%	0%	980-1190	22%	60%	35%
125.	Westminster College (PA)	51	2.6	3.3	85%	63%	76%	69%	0%	940-1160	22%	94%	19%
127.	Berry College (GA)	50	2.8	3.4	78%	70%	62%	55%	0.2%	24-29	34%	61%	18%
127.	Eckerd College (FL)	50	2.9	3.6	82%	61%	65%	54%	0.3%	1010-1240 ³	N/A	76%	N/A
127.	Goshen College (IN)	50	2.6	3.3	79%	65%	72%	70%	1%	975-1255	38%	95%	24%
127.	Presbyterian College (SC)	50	2.7	3.4	82%	70%	65%	66%	0%	970-1210 ²	29%	54%	15%
127.	Principia College (IL)	50	2.2	3.0	82%	77%	87%	N/A	N/A	920-1230	23% ⁴	79%	25%
127.	St. Norbert College (WI)	50	2.7	3.4	83%	65%	70%	44%	1%	22-27	31%	82%	18%
127.	Whittier College (CA)	50	3.0	3.3	84%	61%	65%	58%	2%	960-1170	25%	62%	20%

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						Predicted	Actual						
134.	Grove City College (PA)	49	2.4	3.2	90%	73%	83%	43%	5%	1070-1334	45%	88%	21%
134.	McDaniel College (MD)	49	2.7	3.4	82%	65%	68%	67%	0%	980-1200	26%	76%	15%
136.	Central College (IA)	48	2.6	3.3	81%	64%	68%	61%	1%	21-27	22%	66%	16%
136.	Houghton College (NY)	48	2.4	3.1	87%	65%	76%	71%	1%	980-1260	23%	94%	18% ⁴
136.	Illinois College	48	2.5	2.9	78%	64%	75%	75%	0%	18-26 ²	22%	54%	25%
136.	Marlboro College (VT)	48	2.2	3.2	74%	78%	59%	98%	0%	1080-1370 ²	8% ⁵	82%	26%
136.	Salem College (NC)	48	2.2	3.2	78%	52%	65%	91%	0%	21-27	40%	60%	22% ⁴
136.	University of Minnesota–Morris*	48	2.8	3.6	82%	61%	67%	64%	3%	22-28	27%	64%	11%
136.	Wells College (NY)	48	2.6	3.7	71% ⁸	63%	58%	89% ⁴	0% ⁴	930-1070 ⁴	32% ⁴	58%	22%
143.	Alma College (MI)	47	2.5	3.2	80%	63%	60%	70%	1%	21-27	23%	72%	21%
143.	Nebraska Wesleyan University	47	2.5	3.4	80%	63%	69%	71%	0%	22-27	21%	78%	16%
143.	Roanoke College (VA)	47	2.8	3.3	80%	65%	64%	54%	0.4%	980-1210	18%	69%	20%
143.	Simpson College (IA)	47	2.5	3.2	80%	63%	73%	65%	1%	22-27	24%	85%	15%
143.	Wartburg College (IA)	47	2.6	3.3	78%	66%	71%	49%	2%	21-27	29%	79%	22%
148.	Centenary College of Louisiana	46	2.3	3.3	73%	65%	52%	78%	0%	21-28	25%	66%	12%
148.	Moravian College (PA)	46	2.4	3.1	78%	65%	69%	66%	1%	910-1130	17%	86%	17%
148.	Morehouse College (GA)	46	3.2	3.7	83%	53%	53%	51%	1%	880-1120	19%	84%	16%
148.	U. of North Carolina–Asheville*	46	2.9	3.5	79%	59%	64%	50%	1%	1100-1290	21%	73%	9%
148.	Westminster College (MO)	46	2.5	3.3	79%	61%	67%	66%	0%	22-27	27%	67%	13%
148.	Wittenberg University (OH)	46	2.5	3.6	78%	70%	69%	50%	1%	22-28 ²	22%	91%	13%
154.	Carthage College (WI)	45	2.5	3.4	77%	58%	61%	60%	0.3%	21-27	29%	72%	13%
154.	Georgetown College (KY)	45	2.5	3.5	72%	62%	55%	83%	0%	21-27	26%	89%	14%
154.	Hiram College (OH)	45	2.4	3.4	74%	55%	63%	80%	0%	18-25	15%	62%	13%
154.	Saint Vincent College (PA)	45	2.3	3.0	83%	63%	74%	45%	0%	910-1160	25%	72%	20%
158.	Doane College (NE)	44	2.1	3.1	75%	44%	59%	75%	0.2%	21-25 ³	17%	79%	19%
158.	Gordon College (MA)	44	2.4	3.2	82%	69%	71%	62%	4%	1030-1280 ³	36% ⁵	88%	8%

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						Predicted	Actual						
158.	Guilford College (NC)	44	2.9	3.3	73%	52%	61%	63%	0%	910-1170 ²	12%	62%	12%
158.	Randolph College (VA)	44	2.5	3.2	76%	66%	41%	88%	0%	950-1200	7%	81%	22%
158.	Wesleyan College (GA)	44	2.7	3.6	78%	61%	48%	83%	1%	870-1110	N/A	45%	27%
158.	William Jewell College (MO)	44	2.4	3.4	76%	67%	60%	72%	1%	22-28 ²	37%	63%	10%
164.	Hartwick College (NY)	43	2.7	3.4	75%	60%	57%	66%	0.2%	1010-1200 ²	15%	90%	16%
164.	Lycoming College (PA)	43	2.5	3.2	82%	57%	62%	58%	2%	930-1153 ²	20%	72%	19%
164.	Warren Wilson College (NC)	43	2.5	3.3	67%	62%	51%	84%	0%	1010-1220 ²	28% ⁵	72%	13%
167.	Monmouth College (IL)	42	2.5	3.1	76%	53%	56%	68%	0%	19-25	13%	69%	19%
167.	Oglethorpe University (GA)	42	2.6	3.4	76%	59%	51%	73%	0%	1040-1230	29%	78%	12%
169.	College of Idaho	41	2.6	3.1	84%	63%	59%	59%	1%	920-1190	18%	69%	35%
170.	Ouachita Baptist University (AR)	40	2.3	3.2	78%	67%	58%	59%	1%	21-28	27%	71%	19%
171.	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	39	2.4	3.0	78%	59%	61%	66%	3%	860-1130	16% ⁴	60%	21%
171.	Fisk University (TN)	39	2.7	3.4	82% ⁸	59%	50% ⁶	71%	3%	17-23 ³	N/A	83%	24%
171.	Purchase College-SUNY*	39	2.4	3.3	82%	58%	68%	65%	3%	990-1210	13% ⁴	41%	5%
174.	Clafflin University (SC)	38	2.2	2.7	73%	33%	49%	62%	1%	700-880	10%	44%	49%
174.	Emory and Henry College (VA)	38	2.5	3.2	73%	54%	47%	74%	0%	860-1115	N/A	72%	25%
174.	Wisconsin Lutheran College	38	2.1	2.8	76%	58%	61%	72%	0.3%	21-26	13%	64%	18%

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				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 177 THROUGH 235 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Albright College (PA)	2.5	3.1	74%	55%	52%	60%	1%	960-1150 ²	23%	50%	9%
Allen University (SC)	1.8	2.4	54%	36%	28%	N/A	N/A	16 ⁴	N/A	43%	100%
American Jewish University (CA)	2.3	2.8	68% ⁸	72%	62% ⁶	N/A	N/A	16-27 ⁹	N/A	58%	N/A
Amridge University (AL)	1.5	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ave Maria University ¹ (FL)	2.1	2.6	71% ⁸	59%	54% ⁵	N/A	N/A	930-1210 ⁴	N/A	60% ⁴	N/A
Bay Path University (MA)	2.1	2.6	75%	44%	60%	79%	0%	840-1063	10%	63%	5%
Bennett College (NC)	2.1	2.4	61%	36%	45%	75%	0%	680-845	4%	92%	38%
Bethany College (WV)	2.4	3.0	61%	49%	47%	71%	1%	17-23	6%	62%	17%
Bethany Lutheran College (MN)	2.1	2.7	72%	57%	54%	76%	1%	20-26	15%	78%	15%
Bloomfield College (NJ)	2.0	2.5	67%	33%	33%	73%	0%	730-910	6%	63%	5%
Brevard College (NC)	2.2	3.1	58%	48%	43%	68%	0%	840-1050 ²	6%	43%	5%
Bridgewater College (VA)	2.3	3.0	76%	57%	61%	49%	0%	950-1140	21%	48%	16%
Bryn Athyn Col. of New Church ¹ (PA)	1.9	2.9	64% ⁸	74%	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	920-1130 ⁴	N/A	52% ⁴	N/A
Burlington College ¹ (VT)	2.2	3.2	44% ⁸	49%	25% ⁶	N/A	N/A	17-23 ⁴	5% ⁴	83% ⁴	9% ⁴
Castleton State College (VT)*	2.0	2.6	71%	52%	50%	70%	2%	850-1070	6%	78%	8%
Colorado Mesa University*	2.1	3.0	65%	38%	32%	51%	7%	18-23	10%	82%	1%
Dillard University (LA)	2.2	3.1	66% ⁸	38%	38%	57%	1%	17-20	9%	41%	7%
Eastern Nazarene College (MA)	2.1	2.6	70%	47%	51%	79%	4%	800-1050	7%	49%	N/A
East-West University ¹ (IL)	1.6	2.2	31% ⁸	25%	9% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Erskine College (SC)	2.3	3.3	71%	65%	48%	82%	0%	900-1140	15%	61%	16%
Fort Lewis College (CO)*	2.4	3.0	63%	48%	38%	45%	2%	19-24 ³	11%	91%	2%
Green Mountain College (VT)	2.1	2.8	70% ⁸	54%	48%	56%	0%	920-1200 ⁴	N/A	68%	7% ⁴
Harrisburg Univ. of Science and Tech. (PA)	2.0	2.9	59% ⁸	72%	18%	76% ⁴	0% ⁴	830-1050 ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Holy Cross College ¹ (IN)	2.6	3.6	61% ⁸	48%	26% ⁶	N/A	N/A	870-1080 ⁴	N/A	72% ⁴	N/A
Huston-Tillotson University (TX)	2.1	2.9	57% ⁸	26%	31%	67%	0%	720-920 ³	N/A	N/A	N/A
Johnson C. Smith University (NC)	2.1	2.7	67%	32%	44%	80%	0%	720-900	4%	42%	16%
Judson College ¹ (AL)	2.2	2.8	60% ⁸	54%	39% ⁶	N/A	N/A	1050-1240 ⁴	N/A	74% ⁴	N/A
Kentucky State University*	2.0	3.3	48%	39%	20%	74%	1%	16-21 ³	9%	48%	4%
The King's College (NY)	2.2	2.8	65% ⁸	68%	53%	41%	0%	1000-1220	15% ⁴	70%	14% ⁴
Lane College (TN)	2.0	2.4	50%	27%	32%	69%	0.2%	14-17	N/A	43%	N/A
Life University (GA)	1.7	2.6	66%	42%	28%	86%	0%	918 ³	N/A	57%	1%
Louisiana State University-Alexandria*	2.1	3.1	56%	41%	25%	42%	4%	19-23	14%	55%	3%
Lyon College (AR)	2.5	3.0	69%	60%	48%	57%	0%	22-27	24%	61%	14%
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	2.3	3.2	69%	62%	44%	67%	0%	940-1170	N/A	74%	9%
Maryville College (TN)	2.4	2.9	72%	58%	55%	55%	0%	20-26	15% ⁵	71%	25%
Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts*	2.4	3.3	76%	52%	52%	63%	0.2%	860-1090 ³	8% ⁵	72%	11%
Northland College (WI)	2.2	3.0	69%	59%	46%	65%	0%	21-26	13%	63%	13%
Pacific Union College (CA)	2.5	3.2	78%	52%	45%	61%	6%	860-1130	N/A	47%	7%
Pine Manor College (MA)	1.9	2.5	60%	36%	35%	84%	0%	680-880	N/A	68%	6% ⁴
Rust College (MS)	2.1	2.8	61% ⁸	21%	18%	N/A	N/A	14-17	N/A	18%	N/A
San Diego Christian College ¹	2.0	3.0	66% ⁸	43%	38% ⁶	N/A	N/A	870-1120 ⁴	N/A	49% ⁴	N/A

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				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 177 THROUGH 235 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Savannah State University (GA)*	2.1	2.9	70% ⁸	20%	28%	22%	22%	770-920 ³	N/A	34%	5%
Shawnee State University (OH)*	2.0	2.6	53%	38%	27%	50%	4%	18-24	12%	74%	1%
Shorter University ¹ (GA)	2.0	2.6	71% ⁸	52%	47% ⁶	N/A	N/A	820-1060 ⁴	N/A	68% ⁴	N/A
Simpson University (CA)	2.4	3.2	73%	34%	52%	69%	2%	940-1120	16% ⁵	57%	4%
Stillman College ¹ (AL)	2.4	3.2	61% ⁸	32%	24% ⁶	N/A	N/A	733-888 ⁴	N/A	43% ⁴	N/A
SUNY College–Old Westbury*	2.4	3.1	79%	45%	38%	30%	1%	910-1080 ³	N/A	62%	1% ⁴
Tougaloo College (MS)	2.1	2.2	77%	45%	49%	77%	1%	15-21	19%	42%	16%
University of Hawaii–Hilo*	2.5	3.1	69% ⁸	52%	38%	48%	4%	830-1050 ³	23%	71%	N/A
University of Maine–Machias*	2.2	2.8	69%	49%	31%	79%	0%	780-1030 ³	N/A	87%	0.2%
University of Pikeville (KY)	1.8	3.3	52%	39%	38%	54%	2%	18-23	14%	100%	5%
Univ. of Science and Arts of Okla.*	2.5	3.2	69%	48%	46%	74%	1%	20-25	27%	68%	5% ⁴
University of Virginia–Wise*	2.4	3.4	68%	47%	42%	74%	1%	840-1050	23%	69%	9%
Univ. of Wisconsin–Parkside*	2.1	2.9	67%	46%	31%	47%	7%	19-23 ²	8%	71%	1%
Virginia Wesleyan College	2.5	3.1	66%	56%	48%	78%	0.2%	870-1100 ²	13%	89%	6%
Western State Colorado University*	2.2	3.1	66%	51%	37%	54%	0.2%	19-24	6% ⁴	97%	N/A
West Virginia State University*	2.1	3.1	55%	43%	22%	51%	1%	18-22	N/A	41%	2%
William Peace University ¹ (NC)	1.9	2.9	67% ⁸	46%	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	810-1030 ⁴	N/A	91% ⁴	N/A
Xavier University of Louisiana	2.8	3.4	69%	48%	43%	41%	3%	20-25	36%	66%	13%

Footnotes:

1. School refused to fill out U.S. News statistical survey. Data that appear are from school in previous years or from another source such as the National Center for Education Statistics.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. In reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.
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.
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							Predicted	Actual		
1.	Williams College (MA)	100	4.7	4.7	3	97%	96%	96%	None	4
2.	Amherst College (MA)	95	4.7	4.5	1	98%	95%	95%	None	23
3.	Wellesley College (MA)	94	4.5	4.6	11	96%	93%	93%	None	13
4.	Middlebury College (VT)	93	4.4	4.4	4	96%	96%	94%	-2	23
4.	Swarthmore College (PA)	93	4.6	4.5	4	97%	96%	94%	-2	14
6.	Bowdoin College (ME)	92	4.4	4.6	4	97%	96%	93%	-3	31
7.	Carleton College (MN)	90	4.3	4.4	4	97%	94%	95%	+1	12
7.	Pomona College (CA)	90	4.4	4.4	1	98%	96%	94%	-2	31
9.	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	89	4.2	4.5	11	96%	96%	92%	-4	5
9.	Davidson College (NC)	89	4.2	4.3	4	96%	94%	93%	-1	10
11.	Washington and Lee University (VA)	87	3.8	4.1	17	96%	96%	91%	-5	3
12.	Colby College (ME)	86	4.0	4.3	17	93%	89%	94%	+5	14
12.	Colgate University (NY)	86	4.0	4.5	17	95%	91%	90%	-1	14
12.	Hamilton College (NY)	86	3.9	4.3	11	95%	95%	92%	-3	11
12.	Haverford College (PA)	86	4.1	4.4	4	97%	96%	90%	-6	55
12.	Smith College (MA)	86	4.3	4.6	37	93%	83%	87%	+4	23
12.	United States Naval Academy (MD)*	86	4.2	4.8	25	98%	87%	86%	-1	44
12.	Vassar College (NY)	86	4.2	4.6	11	95%	92%	91%	-1	30
19.	Grinnell College (IA)	85	4.3	4.2	28	94%	89%	86%	-3	14
19.	United States Military Academy (NY)*	85	4.1	4.8	46	95%	83%	83%	None	20
21.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	84	4.4	4.6	11	98%	96%	92%	-4	104
21.	Wesleyan University (CT)	84	4.1	4.5	10	95%	92%	94%	+2	40
23.	Scripps College (CA)	82	3.8	4.3	28	93%	91%	92%	+1	18
24.	Colorado College	81	3.8	4.1	28	95%	89%	87%	-2	8
24.	Macalester College (MN)	81	4.0	4.4	21	95%	89%	90%	+1	51
24.	Oberlin College (OH)	81	4.1	4.4	28	93%	90%	88%	-2	21
27.	Barnard College (NY)	80	4.0	4.4	17	96%	87%	91%	+4	76
27.	Bates College (ME)	80	4.0	4.3	21	94%	91%	88%	-3	65
27.	Kenyon College (OH)	80	3.9	4.3	25	95%	87%	87%	None	44
27.	University of Richmond (VA)	80	3.8	4.1	42	94%	86%	88%	+2	6
31.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	79	4.0	4.2	46	92%	86%	85%	-1	44
32.	Bucknell University (PA)	78	3.8	4.3	21	94%	87%	90%	+3	80
32.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	78	3.6	4.1	11	95%	87%	92%	+5	51
32.	Pitzer College (CA)	78	3.6	4.2	37	92%	83%	90%	+7	23
32.	United States Air Force Acad. (CO)*	78	3.9	4.6	46	93%	89%	81%	-8	92
36.	Lafayette College (PA)	76	3.5	4.0	21	94%	87%	90%	+3	61
36.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	76	3.9	4.2	53	91%	84%	85%	+1	61
38.	Skidmore College (NY)	75	3.6	4.2	33	94%	79%	86%	+7	44
38.	Trinity College (CT)	75	3.6	4.1	43	89%	83%	86%	+3	44
38.	Union College (NY)	75	3.3	3.9	37	92%	84%	88%	+4	21
41.	Dickinson College (PA)	73	3.5	4.1	43	91%	81%	85%	+4	40
41.	Soka University of America (CA)	73	2.4	3.1	33	96%	80%	86%	+6	1
41.	Whitman College (WA)	73	3.4	3.9	28	94%	87%	87%	None	36
44.	Centre College (KY)	72	3.5	4.1	43	90%	81%	86%	+5	92
44.	Occidental College (CA)	72	3.7	4.0	33	93%	83%	88%	+5	80
44.	Rhodes College (TN)	72	3.5	4.1	59	91%	72%	83%	+11	55
47.	Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	71	3.6	4.0	37	92%	90%	87%	-3	54
47.	Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	71	3.5	4.2	69	89%	81%	78%	-3	23
49.	Bard College (NY)	70	3.4	4.1	87	87%	92%	78%	-14	18
50.	Connecticut College	69	3.5	4.1	46	90%	85%	83%	-2	76

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% of classes under 20 ('15)	% of classes of 50 or more ('15)	Student/faculty ratio ('15)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('15)	Acceptance rate ('15)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
78%	3%	7/1	4	1330-1550	93% ⁵	18%	5	2	56%
70%	3%	8/1	5	1360-1560	86% ⁵	14%	9	9	48%
73%	0%	7/1	11	1290-1490	80% ⁵	30%	7	4	52%
67%	1%	8/1	9	1270-1500	79% ⁵	17%	4	6	51%
76%	3%	8/1	5	1340-1530	88% ⁵	12%	10	18	40%
68%	3%	9/1	7	1375-1535 ²	84% ⁵	15%	11	2	56%
71%	1%	9/1	14	29-33	71% ⁵	21%	33	7	50%
68%	1%	8/1	1	1360-1530	92% ⁵	10%	7	46	31%
84%	1%	8/1	21	1340-1530	73% ⁵	11%	13	24	38%
73%	0%	10/1	16	1260-1440	74% ⁵	22%	24	4	52%
74%	0%	8/1	8	30-33	85% ⁵	24%	25	8	49%
76%	1%	10/1	23	1270-1460 ²	63% ⁵	23%	25	17	41%
71%	2%	9/1	16	1250-1450	75% ⁵	27%	29	16	41%
76%	1%	9/1	11	1300-1470	77% ⁵	25%	20	21	40%
71%	3%	9/1	3	1320-1530	96% ⁵	25%	13	14	42%
68%	4%	9/1	33	1240-1460 ²	62% ⁵	38%	13	34	34%
70%	0.1%	8/1	31	1180-1380	58%	9%	3	117	19%
66%	0.3%	8/1	14	1330-1490	72%	26%	18	52	30%
69%	0%	9/1	9	30-33	81% ⁵	25%	21	41	32%
97%	0%	7/1	35	26-31	52%	10%	6	45	31%
59%	9%	9/1	1	1400-1560	93% ⁵	13%	13	52	30%
72%	4%	8/1	19	1250-1470 ²	72% ⁵	22%	47	25	38%
83%	1%	10/1	16	1280-1448	72% ⁵	28%	25	41	32%
71%	0%	10/1	19	28-32 ²	68% ⁵	17%	29	90	23%
68%	0.4%	10/1	24	29-32	65% ⁵	39%	50	30	35%
77%	2%	9/1	26	1260-1450	61% ⁵	29%	34	52	29%
71%	10%	10/1	11	1260-1450	81% ⁵	20%	53	70	25%
67%	3%	10/1	21	1190-1416 ²	72% ⁵	22%	45	14	42%
68%	1%	10/1	26	1240-1420	61% ⁵	24%	38	23	39%
69%	0.1%	8/1	31	1220-1420	61% ⁵	31%	29	74	24%
73%	4%	8/1	33	1240-1460 ²	63% ⁵	39%	19	27	37%
59%	2%	9/1	26	1210-1390	65% ⁵	25%	42	46	30%
66%	1%	9/1	52	1220-1380 ²	61% ⁵	37%	53	11	47%
73%	0%	10/1	46	1250-1440 ²	60% ⁵	13%	29	41	32%
66%	0%	8/1	26	28-33	52%	17%	2	163	14%
61%	1%	10/1	26	1200-1380	70% ⁵	30%	34	41	32%
70%	2%	10/1	35	1230-1465 ²	58% ⁵	50%	38	38	32%
72%	1%	8/1	50	1110-1343 ²	41% ⁵	37%	47	90	23%
73%	1%	9/1	43	1150-1340 ²	64% ⁵	33%	25	52	29%
71%	1%	10/1	24	1240-1400 ²	71% ⁵	38%	50	36	33%
75%	0%	9/1	46	1190-1380 ²	46% ⁴	47%	59	59	27%
96%	0%	8/1	68	1070-1390	33% ⁵	46%	1	61	26%
70%	0%	8/1	37	1200-1420	54% ⁵	43%	53	38	33%
60%	0%	10/1	43	26-31	54%	71%	76	12	46%
64%	0.2%	10/1	38	1200-1380	55% ⁵	45%	59	111	20%
69%	0%	10/1	38	27-32	54% ⁵	47%	99	29	36%
62%	1%	9/1	62	1210-1400 ²	48% ⁵	32%	38	61	26%
63%	0.3%	10/1	58	26-30 ²	29% ⁵	41%	59	34	34%
77%	0.3%	10/1	70	1160-1370 ²	49% ⁵	32%	13	30	35%
70%	1%	9/1	64	1220-1400 ²	49% ⁵	40%	45	70	25%

What Is a National Liberal Arts College?

The country's 239 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences, which include such disciplines as English, the biological and physical sciences, history, foreign languages, and the visual and performing arts but exclude professional disciplines such as business, education and nursing. There are 219 private and 20 public liberal arts colleges; none are for-profit. The top public colleges appear below.

The Top Public Colleges

Rank School (State)

1. United States Naval Academy (MD)
2. United States Military Academy (NY)
3. United States Air Force Acad. (CO)
4. Virginia Military Institute
5. New College of Florida
6. St. Mary's College of Maryland
7. University of Minnesota–Morris
8. U. of North Carolina–Asheville



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Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average first-year student retention rate	2015 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 ('15)	% of classes of 50 or more ('15)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('15)	Acceptance rate ('15)	Average alumni giving rate
						Predicted	Actual						
51.	Denison University (OH)	68	3.4	4.0	90%	84%	80%	69%	0%	26-31 ²	55% ⁵	48%	22%
51.	Gettysburg College (PA)	68	3.4	4.0	90%	88%	83%	66%	0.3%	1210-1350	56% ⁵	40%	24%
53.	DePauw University (IN)	67	3.4	3.8	92%	79%	82%	72%	0%	25-29	41% ⁵	65%	24%
53.	Furman University (SC)	67	3.4	4.0	89%	85%	83%	57%	0.2%	1100-1320 ²	39%	65%	24%
53.	St. John's College (MD)	67	3.5	4.0	83%	84%	71%	99%	1%	1220-1450 ²	29% ⁵	78%	23%
53.	St. Lawrence University (NY)	67	3.3	3.7	91%	77%	87%	62%	1%	1100-1310 ²	45% ⁵	46%	25%
53.	St. Olaf College (MN)	67	3.6	4.0	93%	81%	87%	54%	3%	26-31	43% ⁵	36%	21%
53.	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	67	2.7	3.2	91%	71%	89%	100%	0%	1160-1380	44% ⁵	63%	59%
59.	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	66	3.4	4.2	85%	77%	79%	93%	0.3%	1170-1390 ²	37% ⁵	53%	19%
60.	Berea College (KY)	65	3.4	3.7	83%	45%	63%	79%	1%	22-26	24%	37%	16%
60.	Lawrence University (WI)	65	3.2	3.9	89%	78%	76%	80%	2%	26-32 ²	42% ⁵	68%	32%
62.	Beloit College (WI)	64	3.2	3.8	89%	75%	82%	69%	0%	24-30 ²	29%	69%	21%
62.	College of Wooster (OH)	64	3.3	3.8	89%	75%	82%	70%	1%	25-30	46% ⁵	55%	23%
62.	Wheaton College (IL)	64	3.1	4.0	95%	84%	89%	57%	5%	27-32	54% ⁵	71%	23%
65.	Hobart & William Smith Colleges (NY)	63	3.2	3.9	88%	78%	81%	65%	0%	1170-1340 ²	30% ⁵	57%	28%
65.	Muhlenberg College (PA)	63	2.8	3.6	92%	79%	85%	78%	1%	1110-1320 ²	41% ⁵	48%	19%
65.	Wabash College (IN)	63	3.3	3.8	86%	74%	73%	72%	2%	1040-1250	35%	61%	40%
68.	Earlham College (IN)	62	3.3	3.9	84%	73%	67%	79%	0.4%	1110-1390 ²	43% ⁵	62%	25%
68.	Kalamazoo College (MI)	62	3.3	3.9	93%	79%	83%	61%	1%	26-30 ²	40% ⁵	72%	26%
70.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	61	3.1	3.7	84%	69%	68%	70%	0%	1060-1330 ²	29%	62%	38%
70.	University of Puget Sound (WA)	61	3.2	3.6	87%	74%	78%	61%	1%	1100-1340 ²	37% ⁵	79%	16%
72.	Hendrix College (AR)	60	3.3	3.9	85%	77%	68%	73%	0%	25-32	48%	82%	26%
72.	Illinois Wesleyan University	60	2.9	3.6	91%	78%	83%	65%	1%	25-30	34% ⁵	62%	24%
72.	Spelman College (GA)	60	3.4	3.8	89%	60%	76%	58%	3%	920-1120	23%	48%	39%
72.	Virginia Military Institute*	60	3.1	3.9	87%	68%	74%	66%	0.1%	1040-1230 ³	17%	53%	30%
72.	Willamette University (OR)	60	3.2	3.8	86%	76%	79%	56%	0%	1100-1330	40%	78%	13%
77.	Allegheny College (PA)	59	3.1	3.6	85%	73%	75%	70%	1%	1013-1250 ²	35%	68%	23%
77.	Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	59	3.2	3.7	90%	73%	83%	64%	0%	24-30 ²	30%	67%	20%
77.	Knox College (IL)	59	3.1	3.5	87%	75%	77%	71%	1%	23-29 ²	34% ⁵	64%	31%
77.	St. John's University (MN)	59	3.2	3.8	87%	71%	77%	59%	0.4%	23-28	21% ⁵	74%	25%
77.	Wheaton College (MA)	59	3.4	4.0	85%	82%	79%	68%	2%	1100-1330 ²	26% ⁵	65%	22%
77.	Wofford College (SC)	59	3.1	3.7	89%	79%	82%	52%	0.2%	23-29	42%	72%	24%
83.	College of the Atlantic (ME)	58	2.5	3.4	81%	68%	70%	94%	0%	1130-1350 ²	26% ⁵	76%	40%
83.	Hillsdale College (MI)	58	2.5	3.5	96%	82%	77%	73%	0.4%	27-31	50% ⁴	50%	12%
83.	St. John's College (NM)	58	3.1	4.0	80%	70%	48%	100%	0%	1160-1420 ²	26%	81%	21%
83.	Transylvania University (KY)	58	2.8	3.5	86%	71%	73%	71%	0%	24-30 ²	39%	93%	35%
87.	College of St. Benedict (MN)	57	3.0	3.4	89%	71%	85%	59%	0.4%	22-27	31%	75%	19%
87.	Lewis & Clark College (OR)	57	3.3	3.8	86%	81%	72%	67%	1%	1190-1390 ²	48% ⁵	63%	18%
87.	Reed College ¹ (OR)	57	3.8	4.2	92% ⁸	87%	78% ⁶	N/A	N/A	1290-1480 ⁴	N/A	39% ⁴	N/A
90.	Bennington College (VT)	56	2.9	3.7	83%	76%	68%	90%	0.4%	1140-1400 ²	N/A	63%	22%
90.	Cornell College (IA)	56	3.0	3.7	83%	70%	68%	81%	0%	23-29	22%	71%	23%
90.	Luther College (IA)	56	3.0	3.4	86%	71%	77%	60%	1%	23-29	31%	67%	25%
90.	Millsaps College (MS)	56	2.9	3.6	78%	72%	66%	84%	0%	23-28	34%	53%	23%
90.	New College of Florida*	56	3.0	4.0	81%	78%	71%	73%	2%	1170-1380	43%	61%	18%
95.	Ohio Wesleyan University	55	2.9	3.9	80%	73%	71%	72%	0.2%	22-28 ²	23%	75%	22%
95.	Southwestern University (TX)	55	2.9	3.5	85%	79%	75%	76%	1%	1040-1270	32%	44%	23%
95.	St. Mary's College (IN)	55	2.9	3.8	89%	73%	79%	53%	1%	22-28	28% ⁵	80%	31%
95.	Ursinus College (PA)	55	2.9	3.4	89%	77%	78%	75%	1%	1040-1250 ²	25% ⁵	83%	20%
99.	Augustana College (IL)	54	3.0	3.4	85%	73%	76%	64%	0%	23-28 ²	27%	49%	19%
99.	St. Mary's College of Maryland*	54	2.8	3.6	87%	77%	78%	72%	0%	1030-1260	N/A	79%	11%
99.	St. Michael's College (VT)	54	2.8	3.5	89%	70%	76%	59%	1%	1070-1260 ²	26%	76%	17%
99.	Washington and Jefferson Col. (PA)	54	2.9	3.5	N/A	70%	76%	66%	0%	1060-1250 ²	34%	43%	14%
99.	Washington College (MD)	54	2.8	3.5	83%	74%	75%	70%	1%	1070-1290	36% ⁵	54%	17%
99.	Westmont College (CA)	54	2.7	3.3	86%	74%	77%	65%	2%	1050-1300	37% ⁵	81%	20%
105.	Austin College (TX)	53	3.1	3.6	82%	73%	73%	67%	0.3%	22-28	36%	54%	7% ⁷
105.	Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	53	2.8	3.5	80%	69%	63%	73%	0%	1000-1230	12%	55%	33%
105.	Hollins University (VA)	53	2.7	3.6	75%	62%	57%	89%	0%	990-1210	23%	61%	31%
108.	Drew University (NJ)	52	2.8	3.5	80%	71%	67%	72%	0.3%	990-1240 ²	27% ⁵	70%	24%
108.	Hope College (MI)	52	3.0	3.5	89%	71%	76%	54%	2%	24-29	34%	72%	22%
108.	Juniata College (PA)	52	2.7	3.4	88%	74%	73%	72%	2%	1020-1250 ²	30%	77%	28%
108.	Lake Forest College (IL)	52	2.9	3.6	84%	70%	72%	62%	0%	23-28 ²	39% ⁵	55%	24%
108.	Stonehill College (MA)	52	2.7	3.6	88%	78%	87%	49%	0.3%	1020-1220 ²	27% ⁵	75%	15%
113.	Goucher College (MD)	51	3.0	3.8	82%	71%	69%	72%	1%	980-1220 ²	22% ⁵	78%	19%
113.	Ripon College (WI)	51	2.6	3.2	85%	63%	69%	75%	1%	21-27	21%	66%	28%



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						Predicted	Actual						
115.	Concordia College—Moorhead (MN)	50	2.7	3.4	83%	67%	73%	61%	0%	22-28	31%	78%	18%
115.	Elizabethtown College (PA)†	50	2.5	3.2	82%	69%	78%	64%	1%	1000-1230	31%	71%	17%
115.	Principia College (IL)	50	2.2	2.9	84%	71%	80%	N/A	N/A	930-1198	21% ⁵	75%	25% ⁴
115.	St. Anselm College (NH)	50	2.6	3.2	88%	68%	73%	68%	3%	1070-1250 ²	31% ⁵	73%	19%
119.	Coe College (IA)	49	2.9	3.4	79%	65%	67%	72%	1%	22-27	27%	61%	19%
119.	Presbyterian College (SC)	49	2.7	3.5	83%	70%	70%	66%	0%	970-1190 ²	27%	62%	15%
119.	Westminster College (PA)	49	2.5	3.3	83%	62%	71%	75%	1%	940-1070	24%	94%	17% ⁴
122.	Albion College (MI)	48	2.7	3.4	80%	70%	65%	63%	0%	22-27	N/A	79%	20%
122.	Eckerd College (FL)	48	2.9	3.6	82%	63%	64%	52%	0%	1000-1210	N/A	73%	N/A
122.	Grove City College (PA)	48	2.4	3.3	90%	75%	85%	51%	4%	1076-1309	40%	81%	20%
122.	Hanover College (IN)	48	2.6	3.5	82%	69%	67%	73%	0.3%	22-27	20%	61%	14%
122.	Salem College (NC)	48	2.2	3.3	77%	52%	64%	88%	0%	21-29	37%	62%	24%
122.	Siena College (NY)	48	2.7	3.5	89%	66%	75%	40%	0%	980-1200 ²	21% ⁵	56%	14%
128.	Illinois College	47	2.5	3.1	77%	64%	71%	75%	0%	18-25 ²	23%	61%	24%
128.	Linfield College (OR)	47	2.6	3.5	86%	64%	63%	72%	2%	950-1160	26%	84%	14%
128.	Marlboro College (VT)	47	2.2	3.3	73%	71%	61%	100%	0%	1090-1360 ²	17% ⁴	94%	25%
128.	McDaniel College (MD)	47	2.7	3.4	81%	66%	70%	74%	0%	960-1180	26%	80%	16%
132.	Birmingham-Southern Col. (AL)	46	2.8	3.4	83%	73%	61%	65%	1%	21-25	21%	53%	18%
132.	Central College (IA)	46	2.6	3.2	81%	64%	67%	69%	0.3%	20-26	23%	64%	15%
132.	Randolph College (VA)	46	2.6	3.1	77%	69%	69%	85%	0.3%	910-1120	13%	81%	22%
132.	Randolph-Macon College (VA)	46	2.8	3.4	78%	65%	58%	63%	0%	1000-1180	21%	60%	36%
132.	St. Norbert College (WI)	46	2.7	3.3	83%	66%	73%	48%	0.3%	22-27	26%	78%	16%
132.	Susquehanna University (PA)	46	2.7	3.1	84%	66%	71%	57%	0%	1010-1220 ²	26% ⁵	76%	12%
132.	Wartburg College (IA)	46	2.6	3.4	78%	65%	69%	60%	2%	21-27	26%	74%	21%
132.	Whittier College (CA)	46	3.0	3.2	84%	63%	66%	55%	1%	933-1170	25% ⁵	63%	20%
140.	Roanoke College (VA)	45	2.9	3.3	80%	65%	66%	53%	0%	970-1200	15%	72%	22%
140.	Sweet Briar College (VA)	45	1.9	3.4	63%	70%	64%	98%	0%	935-1230	25% ⁵	95%	25%
140.	University of Minnesota—Morris*	45	2.7	3.6	80%	62%	65%	66%	3%	22-28	24%	60%	12%
140.	Wesleyan College (GA)	45	2.6	3.6	78%	58%	59%	78%	1%	920-1140	N/A	42%	27%
144.	Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA)†	44	2.7	3.7	74%	78%	49%	97%	0%	1250-1400 ²	60% ⁵	89%	N/A
144.	Houghton College (NY)	44	2.3	3.2	87%	65%	71%	69%	1%	990-1250	27%	94%	18%
146.	Alma College (MI)	43	2.5	3.2	81%	63%	59%	68%	1%	21-27	22%	68%	21%
146.	Centenary College of Louisiana	43	2.3	3.4	75%	69%	55%	86%	0%	21-28	27%	67%	13%
146.	Guilford College (NC)	43	2.9	3.5	71%	50%	59%	67%	0%	910-1170 ²	14%	63%	13%
149.	Doane University (NE)	42	2.1	3.1	74%	49%	61%	79%	0.2%	20-26	12%	77%	16%
149.	Hiram College (OH)	42	2.4	3.4	72%	57%	60%	80%	0%	20-27	17%	58%	12%
149.	Saint Vincent College (PA)	42	2.2	3.2	84%	62%	69%	49%	0%	950-1160	17%	70%	20%
149.	Simpson College (IA)	42	2.5	3.1	81%	62%	68%	70%	1%	21-27	24%	89%	15%
149.	Westminster College (MO)	42	2.5	3.3	81%	61%	66%	68%	0%	21-26	21%	64%	12%
154.	Carthage College (WI)	41	2.5	3.3	77%	60%	59%	57%	0.3%	22-28	33% ⁵	70%	14%
154.	Lycoming College (PA)	41	2.5	3.2	80%	59%	64%	65%	2%	920-1140 ²	17%	71%	19%
154.	Meredith College (NC)†	41	2.3	3.9	76%	61%	62%	62%	0.2%	920-1130	20%	60%	21%
154.	William Jewell College (MO)	41	2.4	3.4	77%	71%	62%	73%	0.3%	23-28 ²	30%	49%	10%
154.	Wittenberg University (OH)	41	2.5	3.6	77%	69%	64%	53%	1%	22-28 ²	19%	77%	13%
159.	Alfred University (NY)†	40	2.6	3.4	73%	63%	60%	67%	3%	920-1150	15%	68%	12%
159.	Covenant College (GA)†	40	2.3	3.4	86%	62%	64%	56%	1%	24-29	32% ⁵	94%	13%
159.	Hartwick College (NY)	40	2.7	3.4	74%	63%	56%	71%	0.2%	910-1110 ²	6%	81%	14%
159.	Monmouth College (IL)	40	2.5	3.1	76%	55%	58%	69%	0%	20-26	13%	59%	19%
159.	Moravian College (PA)	40	2.4	3.1	78%	65%	69%	61%	1%	930-1090	10%	75%	17%
159.	Morehouse College (GA)	40	3.2	3.7	82%	54%	51%	50%	1%	870-1100	11%	76%	13%
159.	Oglethorpe University ¹ (GA)	40	2.6	3.5	77% ⁸	60%	56% ⁸	73% ⁴	0% ⁴	22-28 ⁴	29% ⁴	78% ⁴	12% ⁴
159.	U. of North Carolina—Asheville*	40	2.9	3.6	79%	62%	60%	50%	1%	1050-1250	21%	79%	9%
159.	Warren Wilson College (NC)	40	2.5	3.4	67%	69%	53%	85%	0%	21-28 ²	17% ⁵	84%	13%
168.	College of Idaho	39	2.5	3.1	85%	62%	68%	58%	1%	930-1190 ²	23%	90%	35%
168.	Franklin College (IN)†	39	2.4	3.5	77%	58%	60%	66%	0%	890-1080 ³	16%	70%	22%
168.	Georgetown College (KY)	39	2.4	3.5	73%	63%	57%	77%	0%	20-25	17%	68%	13%
171.	Fisk University (TN)	38	2.7	3.5	80%	54%	53%	72%	0.4%	17-23	15% ⁵	81%	23%
171.	Gordon College (MA)	38	2.3	3.1	82%	70%	69%	60%	3%	950-1230 ³	26% ⁵	93%	8%
171.	Ouachita Baptist University (AR)	38	2.2	3.1	76%	64%	65%	63%	1%	21-28	34%	60%	18%
174.	Elmira College (NY)†	37	2.4	3.2	76%	63%	55%	74%	1%	910-1130 ²	26%	76%	16%
174.	Emory and Henry College (VA)	37	2.6	3.4	72%	56%	54%	75%	0%	860-1090	10% ⁵	76%	25%
174.	Northland College (WI)	37	2.3	3.0	71%	60%	58%	66%	0%	21-28	22%	57%	14%
174.	Wells College (NY)	37	2.5	3.5	73%	61%	46%	80%	1%	900-1090 ³	N/A	58% ⁴	23%
174.	Young Harris College (GA)	37	2.1	3.7	67%	51%	60%	72%	0.2%	875-1080	8%	52%	11%



BEST NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

School (State) (*Public)	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Average first-year student retention rate	2015 graduation rate		% of classes under 20 ('15)	% of classes of 50 or more ('15)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('15)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('15)	Acceptance rate ('15)	Average alumni giving rate
				Predicted	Actual						
SECOND TIER (SCHOOLS RANKED 179 THROUGH 232 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY)											
Albright College (PA)	2.5	3.2	75%	58%	58%	61%	1%	960-1150 ²	16%	49%	9%
Alice Lloyd College (KY)†	2.1	3.0	63%	38%	30%	53%	3%	19-24	17%	N/A	43%
Allen University ¹ (SC)	1.9	2.6	59% ⁸	16%	24% ⁸	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	43% ⁴	N/A
American Jewish University ¹ (CA)	2.4	3.1	64% ⁸	63%	66% ⁵	N/A	N/A	970-1190 ⁴	N/A	58% ⁴	N/A
Ave Maria University ¹ (FL)	1.9	2.6	72% ⁸	58%	55% ⁶	N/A	N/A	980-1220 ⁴	N/A	52% ⁴	N/A
Bethany College (WV)	2.3	3.1	62%	50%	41%	80%	2%	780-1010	5%	70%	16%
Bethany Lutheran College (MN)	2.0	2.9	72%	57%	49%	75%	1%	20-26	14%	85%	16%
Bethel College (KS)†	2.3	3.0	65%	65%	60%	71%	1%	18-24	22%	53%	20%
Bethune-Cookman University (FL)†	2.0	3.3	64%	29%	32%	44%	2%	15-18	3%	54%	5%
Bloomfield College (NJ)	2.0	2.5	68%	34%	31%	71%	0%	770-950	3%	60%	7%
Bridgewater College (VA)	2.3	3.2	76%	57%	53%	47%	0%	920-1125	15%	49%	15%
Bryn Athyn Col. of New Church (PA)	1.8	3.0	62% ⁸	72%	77%	N/A	N/A	785-1105	N/A	42%	N/A
Burlington College ¹ (VT)	2.1	3.3	46% ⁸	51%	28% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	78% ⁴	N/A
Cheyney U. of Pennsylvania ^{††}	1.7	2.8	54% ⁸	30%	17%	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	40%	N/A
Clafin University (SC)	2.2	3.1	73%	34%	42%	64%	1%	720-910	8%	41%	48%
Davis and Elkins College ¹ (WV)†	2.2	3.4	60% ⁸	45%	43% ⁶	N/A	N/A	870-1080 ⁴	N/A	58% ⁴	N/A
Dillard University (LA)	2.2	3.3	69% ⁸	37%	38%	58%	1%	17-20	10% ⁵	48%	13%
East-West University ¹ (IL)	1.7	2.4	31% ⁸	14%	10% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emmanuel College (MA)†	2.4	3.2	79%	60%	64%	40%	0%	1030-1210 ²	N/A	78%	11%
Ersrine College (SC)	2.2	3.4	69%	65%	62%	78%	0%	880-1110	17%	64%	16%
Fort Lewis College (CO)*	2.5	3.1	62%	51%	40%	42%	3%	19-24 ³	11%	86%	2%
Heidelberg University (OH)†	2.4	3.4	65%	54%	39%	66%	0.3%	19-25	N/A	79%	19%
Holy Cross College (IN)	2.5	3.6	60% ⁸	50%	25%	59%	0%	890-1170	16% ⁵	91%	7%
Johnson C. Smith University (NC)	2.1	2.8	66%	36%	46%	74%	0%	700-880	5%	46%	17%
Judson College ¹ (AL)	2.0	2.8	58% ⁸	53%	40% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	65% ⁴	N/A
The King's College ¹ (NY)	2.2	3.0	64% ⁸	67%	57% ⁸	41% ⁴	0% ⁴	23-27 ⁴	N/A	70% ⁴	N/A
LaGrange College (GA)†	2.2	3.3	62%	57%	46%	70%	0.4%	20-24	18%	57%	16%
Louisiana State University—Alexandria*	2.1	3.2	57%	38%	26%	48%	5%	18-22	9%	68%	3%
Lyon College (AR)	2.3	3.1	70%	62%	38%	61%	0%	22-27	27%	59%	11%
Manhattanville College (NY)†	2.3	3.2	77%	63%	57%	63%	0.2%	960-1150 ²	7% ⁵	74%	12%
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	2.3	3.3	71%	61%	42%	63%	0%	930-1150	N/A	84%	11%
Maryville College (TN)	2.5	3.2	72%	57%	53%	55%	1%	20-26	20% ⁵	67%	21%
Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts*	2.4	3.1	77%	55%	52%	64%	0%	890-1130	16% ⁵	73%	10%
Pacific Union College (CA)	2.5	3.2	80%	55%	44%	64%	4%	850-1130	N/A	45%	7%
Paine College ¹ (GA)†	2.0	3.0	58% ⁸	24%	22% ⁶	N/A	N/A	670-850 ⁴	N/A	22% ⁴	N/A
Philander Smith College (AR)†	1.8	2.5	64%	34%	40%	75%	4%	14-19	5%	60%	10%
Pine Manor College (MA)	1.8	2.5	58%	42%	28%	81%	0%	680-860	N/A	71%	N/A
Purchase College—SUNY*	2.4	3.4	82%	60%	59%	62%	4%	960-1180	N/A	41%	5%
Schreiner University (TX)†	2.4	3.3	69% ⁸	48%	40%	67%	0%	890-1090	11%	90%	4%
Shepherd University (WV)*†	2.2	3.8	66%	45%	48%	56%	2%	870-1093	N/A	90%	7%
Southern Virginia University ¹	1.9	3.4	70% ⁸	34%	32% ⁶	N/A	N/A	908-1163 ⁴	N/A	47% ⁴	N/A
Spring Hill College (AL)†	2.3	3.3	76%	61%	53%	56%	0.3%	22-27	26%	41%	17%
Stillman College ¹ (AL)	2.4	3.2	63% ⁸	29%	19% ⁶	N/A	N/A	753-990 ⁴	N/A	59% ⁴	N/A
Thiel College (PA)†	2.1	3.3	67%	48%	41%	64%	1%	790-1010	9%	61%	14%
Tougaloo College (MS)	2.1	2.5	75%	47%	54%	70%	1%	15-20	19%	39%	19%
University of Maine—Machias*	2.1	2.9	68%	44%	29%	78%	0%	770-1010	N/A	87%	0.2%
University of Pikeville (KY)	1.8	3.1	54%	42%	36%	57%	3%	18-23	14%	100%	5%
Univ. of Science and Arts of Okla.*	2.4	3.1	73%	49%	42%	73%	4%	19-24	25%	66%	N/A
University of Virginia—Wise*	2.4	3.5	71%	47%	41%	69%	1%	850-1040	31%	77%	10%
Univ. of Wisconsin—Parkside*	2.0	3.1	71%	47%	33%	42%	7%	18-23 ²	12%	82%	1%
Virginia Union University†	2.2	3.1	53%	29%	32%	45%	1%	680-860	7%	49%	7%
Virginia Wesleyan College	2.4	3.2	66%	56%	47%	83%	0%	860-1090 ²	13%	93%	5%
West Virginia State University*	2.2	3.2	55%	38%	28%	52%	1%	17-22	N/A	94%	3%
William Peace University ¹ (NC)	1.9	3.1	64% ⁸	47%	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	790-990 ⁴	N/A	63% ⁴	N/A

Footnotes:

1. School refused to fill out U.S. News statistical survey. Data that appear are from school in previous years or from another source such as the National Center for Education Statistics.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. In reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.
4. Previous year's data was used in the ranking calculation.
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. This rate, normally based on four years of data, is given here for less than four years because school didn't report rate for the most recent year or years to U.S. News.
9. SAT and/or ACT may not be required by school for some or all applicants, and in reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.

† School's Carnegie classification has changed, and it appeared in a different U.S. News ranking category last year.
N/A means not available.

Best National Liberal

Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	High school counselor assessment score	Graduation and retention rank	Average first-year student retention rate	2016 graduation rate		Over-performance (+) Under-performance (-)	Faculty resources rank
							Predicted	Actual		
1.	Williams College (MA)	100	4.7	4.7	1	98%	94%	94%	None	6
2.	Amherst College (MA)	95	4.7	4.5	1	98%	93%	93%	None	35
3.	Bowdoin College (ME)	93	4.4	4.6	5	97%	93%	94%	+1	28
3.	Swarthmore College (PA)	93	4.6	4.5	4	97%	94%	94%	None	18
3.	Wellesley College (MA)	93	4.5	4.6	12	95%	92%	91%	-1	20
6.	Middlebury College (VT)	92	4.3	4.4	5	96%	95%	93%	-2	28
6.	Pomona College (CA)	92	4.4	4.4	1	98%	95%	97%	+2	20
8.	Carleton College (MN)	90	4.3	4.4	5	96%	92%	92%	None	12
8.	Claremont McKenna College (CA)	90	4.2	4.5	12	95%	92%	93%	+1	4
10.	Davidson College (NC)	89	4.2	4.3	8	95%	92%	93%	+1	8
10.	Washington and Lee University (VA)	89	3.8	4.2	17	96%	94%	92%	-2	3
12.	Colby College (ME)	87	4.0	4.4	17	93%	92%	89%	-3	16
12.	Colgate University (NY)	87	4.1	4.4	17	94%	89%	90%	+1	13
12.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	87	4.4	4.6	8	98%	94%	93%	-1	84
12.	Smith College (MA)	87	4.3	4.6	31	93%	84%	89%	+5	28
12.	United States Military Academy (NY)*	87	4.2	4.7	43	94%	84%	86%	+2	16
12.	Vassar College (NY)	87	4.2	4.6	12	95%	88%	91%	+3	28
18.	Grinnell College (IA)	86	4.3	4.1	31	94%	85%	86%	+1	13
18.	Hamilton College (NY)	86	3.9	4.2	12	94%	91%	92%	+1	11
18.	Haverford College (PA)	86	4.1	4.2	8	97%	95%	91%	-4	47
21.	United States Naval Academy (MD)*	85	4.3	4.8	23	98%	88%	86%	-2	58
21.	Wesleyan University (CT)	85	4.2	4.4	8	95%	88%	91%	+3	40
23.	Bates College (ME)	82	4.1	4.3	21	94%	89%	88%	-1	47
23.	Colorado College	82	3.9	4.1	28	96%	88%	87%	-1	8
23.	University of Richmond (VA)	82	3.9	4.1	31	94%	84%	88%	+4	8
26.	Barnard College (NY)	81	4.0	4.4	17	96%	88%	91%	+3	68
26.	Kenyon College (OH)	81	3.9	4.2	23	95%	89%	90%	+1	47
26.	Macalester College (MN)	81	4.0	4.4	23	94%	88%	88%	None	55
26.	Oberlin College (OH)	81	4.1	4.3	31	92%	90%	85%	-5	24
26.	Scripps College (CA)	81	3.8	4.3	31	93%	83%	84%	+1	20
26.	United States Air Force Acad. (CO)*	81	4.1	4.7	49	93%	91%	83%	-8	92
32.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	80	4.0	4.2	43	93%	87%	83%	-4	47
33.	Bucknell University (PA)	77	3.8	4.2	23	93%	89%	88%	-1	84
33.	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	77	3.6	4.1	12	95%	86%	92%	+6	64
33.	Pitzer College (CA)	77	3.7	4.2	39	93%	85%	88%	+3	35
36.	Lafayette College (PA)	76	3.6	3.9	23	93%	87%	89%	+2	47
36.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	76	3.9	4.1	54	90%	83%	84%	+1	73
36.	Union College (NY)	76	3.4	3.9	31	92%	85%	87%	+2	28
39.	Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	75	3.6	3.9	31	92%	87%	87%	None	47
39.	Soka University of America (CA)	75	2.5	3.3	39	95%	82%	90%	+8	1
41.	Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	74	3.6	4.1	67	89%	83%	82%	-1	18
41.	Skidmore College (NY)	74	3.5	4.1	31	93%	79%	89%	+10	42
41.	Whitman College (WA)	74	3.5	3.9	28	94%	86%	88%	+2	58
44.	Occidental College (CA)	73	3.8	4.1	39	93%	82%	81%	-1	82
44.	Trinity College (CT)	73	3.7	4.1	43	90%	82%	85%	+3	73
46.	Bard College (NY)	71	3.5	4.1	84	87%	89%	78%	-11	13
46.	Centre College (KY)	71	3.5	4.0	43	91%	84%	86%	+2	103
46.	Connecticut College	71	3.5	4.1	49	90%	87%	84%	-3	47
46.	Denison University (OH)	71	3.5	4.0	64	89%	81%	81%	None	35
46.	Gettysburg College (PA)	71	3.5	3.9	43	90%	87%	87%	None	60

Arts Colleges

% of classes under 20 ('16)	% of classes of 50 or more ('16)	Student/faculty ratio ('16)	Selectivity rank	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile** ('16)	Freshmen in top 10% of HS class ('16)	Acceptance rate ('16)	Financial resources rank	Alumni giving rank	Average alumni giving rate
73%	2%	7/1	4	1330-1540	91% ⁵	18%	5	3	54%
69%	2%	8/1	4	1360-1560	87% ⁵	14%	9	9	47%
68%	2%	9/1	9	1290-1510 ²	80% ⁵	15%	11	2	55%
74%	3%	8/1	4	1305-1530	91% ⁵	13%	10	25	36%
69%	0.2%	7/1	10	1310-1500	81% ⁵	29%	6	5	49%
68%	2%	8/1	7	30-33	85% ⁵	16%	4	10	46%
70%	0.2%	8/1	1	1340-1540	92% ⁵	9%	6	54	28%
70%	1%	9/1	12	30-33	75% ⁵	23%	32	5	49%
85%	1%	9/1	21	31-33	68% ⁵	9%	16	25	36%
75%	0.2%	10/1	14	28-33	77% ⁵	20%	27	7	48%
76%	0%	8/1	7	30-33	83% ⁵	24%	25	7	47%
74%	2%	10/1	13	1260-1460 ²	76% ⁵	19%	21	12	43%
72%	1%	9/1	14	30-33	72% ⁵	29%	32	14	42%
61%	5%	8/1	1	1420-1580	88% ⁵	13%	12	51	28%
69%	4%	9/1	23	1230-1480 ²	71% ⁵	37%	12	32	33%
97%	0%	7/1	36	1180-1390	48%	10%	8	40	32%
66%	1%	8/1	14	1330-1500	68%	27%	18	57	27%
67%	0%	9/1	14	30-33	66% ⁵	20%	21	18	39%
75%	0.2%	9/1	20	1300-1480	65% ⁵	26%	21	18	38%
72%	2%	9/1	1	1320-1520	94% ⁵	21%	16	15	41%
70%	0.1%	8/1	50	1170-1390	59% ⁵	8%	2	128	17%
73%	3%	8/1	18	1250-1480 ²	69% ⁵	18%	45	20	37%
67%	2%	10/1	34	1150-1390 ²	61% ⁵	23%	45	15	41%
70%	0.2%	10/1	18	28-32 ²	69% ⁵	16%	25	85	23%
67%	0.2%	8/1	28	1220-1420	61% ⁵	32%	27	70	24%
70%	8%	10/1	10	1270-1470	81% ⁵	17%	54	67	25%
69%	1%	9/1	23	1230-1440	63% ⁵	27%	41	20	37%
69%	1%	10/1	21	29-33	69% ⁵	37%	54	24	36%
76%	1%	9/1	23	1250-1450	61% ⁵	28%	35	53	28%
82%	1%	11/1	31	1290-1440	67% ⁵	30%	27	46	29%
67%	0.1%	9/1	28	27-33	52% ⁵	15%	2	153	14%
73%	3%	8/1	27	1220-1450 ²	66% ⁵	40%	18	25	36%
57%	2%	9/1	31	1200-1380	59% ⁵	30%	41	46	29%
63%	2%	10/1	58	1220-1370 ²	61% ⁵	38%	53	10	46%
71%	0%	11/1	46	1300-1450 ²	54% ⁵	14%	32	46	29%
63%	1%	10/1	33	1200-1390	60% ⁵	28%	37	44	30%
68%	2%	10/1	40	1220-1460 ²	49% ⁵	52%	37	32	33%
68%	1%	10/1	26	1200-1390 ²	67% ⁵	37%	49	32	33%
64%	1%	9/1	28	1200-1410 ²	67% ⁵	36%	37	62	26%
96%	0%	8/1	73	1070-1370	22% ⁵	38%	1	54	27%
66%	0%	10/1	50	27-31 ²	33% ⁵	44%	54	32	33%
73%	1%	8/1	52	1120-1330 ²	32% ⁵	29%	49	99	21%
67%	0%	8/1	36	1200-1420 ²	55% ⁵	51%	54	43	31%
63%	0%	10/1	36	1200-1420	52% ⁵	46%	60	117	19%
68%	1%	9/1	73	1210-1370 ²	50% ⁵	34%	27	46	29%
81%	0%	10/1	91	1140-1370 ²	43% ⁵	56%	15	39	32%
61%	0%	10/1	40	26-31	62% ⁵	74%	78	12	43%
75%	1%	9/1	63	1230-1398 ²	45% ⁵	35%	45	64	25%
69%	0.2%	9/1	34	28-32 ²	56% ⁵	44%	65	99	21%
69%	0.2%	9/1	36	1210-1360 ²	64% ⁵	43%	54	70	24%

What Is a National Liberal Arts College?



The country's 233 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences, which include such disciplines as English, the biological and physical sciences, history, foreign languages, and the visual and performing arts but exclude professional disciplines such as business, education and nursing. There are 213 private and 20 public liberal arts colleges; none are for-profit. The top public colleges appear below.

The Top Public Colleges

Rank School (State)

1. United States Military Academy (NY)
2. United States Naval Academy (MD)
3. United States Air Force Acad. (CO)
4. Virginia Military Institute
5. St. Mary's College of Maryland
6. New College of Florida
7. University of Minnesota–Morris
7. U. of North Carolina–Asheville



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						Predicted	Actual						
51.	Dickinson College (PA)	70	3.5	3.9	91%	85%	84%	78%	0%	1200-1385 ²	48% ⁵	43%	26%
51.	Rhodes College (TN)	70	3.5	4.1	91%	81%	80%	71%	0%	27-31	48% ⁵	54%	34%
53.	DePauw University (IN)	69	3.4	3.8	93%	80%	85%	73%	0%	24-29	45% ⁵	65%	24%
53.	Furman University (SC)	69	3.5	4.0	89%	85%	84%	54%	0%	1120-1320 ²	45%	68%	22%
53.	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	69	3.4	4.2	85%	81%	82%	93%	2%	1170-1400 ²	40% ⁵	50%	20%
53.	St. John's College (MD)	69	3.5	4.1	83%	78%	76%	97%	1%	1180-1440 ²	33% ⁵	53%	22%
57.	St. Olaf College (MN)	68	3.6	4.0	93%	82%	88%	56%	3%	26-31	44% ⁵	45%	23%
58.	Lawrence University (WI)	67	3.3	3.8	90%	77%	79%	79%	2%	26-31 ²	43% ⁵	63%	33%
58.	St. Lawrence University (NY)	67	3.3	3.7	90%	78%	84%	64%	1%	1110-1300 ²	45% ⁵	43%	25%
58.	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	67	2.7	3.4	93%	72%	83%	100%	0%	1140-1360	25% ⁵	75%	57%
61.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	66	3.3	3.8	84%	68%	70%	73%	0%	24-30 ²	43%	65%	37%
61.	Spelman College (GA)	66	3.6	4.0	90%	60%	77%	62%	1%	980-1170	38% ⁵	36%	35%
63.	College of Wooster (OH)	65	3.4	3.9	88%	77%	76%	72%	1%	24-30	45%	58%	21%
63.	Wheaton College (IL)	65	3.0	3.9	95%	82%	91%	63%	4%	27-32	48% ⁵	79%	21%
65.	Hobart & William Smith Colleges (NY)	64	3.2	3.9	87%	77%	77%	68%	0%	1160-1350 ²	32% ⁵	60%	29%
65.	Virginia Military Institute*	64	3.1	4.0	87%	68%	78%	69%	0.1%	1060-1240	16%	51%	30%
65.	Wabash College (IN)	64	3.4	3.7	88%	76%	71%	75%	1%	1020-1230	29%	63%	40%
68.	Berea College (KY)	63	3.4	3.8	84%	52%	63%	79%	0.4%	22-27	23%	33%	16%
68.	Earlham College (IN)	63	3.3	3.9	84%	72%	71%	77%	2%	1130-1380 ²	36% ⁵	58%	24%
68.	University of Puget Sound (WA)	63	3.3	3.7	87%	74%	80%	61%	1%	1100-1330 ²	34% ⁵	79%	15%
71.	Hillsdale College (MI)	62	2.6	3.6	95%	82%	83%	75%	1%	28-32	N/A	45%	14%
71.	Illinois Wesleyan University	62	3.0	3.7	92%	78%	81%	68%	1%	25-29	34% ⁵	58%	23%
71.	Knox College (IL)	62	3.2	3.6	87%	74%	77%	75%	1%	24-30 ²	46% ⁵	65%	33%
71.	Muhlenberg College (PA)	62	2.9	3.6	91%	78%	84%	66%	1%	1130-1320 ²	36% ⁵	48%	19%
71.	Wofford College (SC)	62	3.2	3.9	89%	79%	81%	60%	0%	24-29	43%	70%	24%
76.	Beloit College (WI)	61	3.3	3.7	88%	76%	73%	69%	0%	24-30 ²	31% ⁵	70%	21%
76.	Hendrix College (AR)	61	3.4	3.9	85%	80%	69%	68%	1%	26-32	49%	77%	26%
76.	Kalamazoo College (MI)	61	3.3	3.8	91%	79%	81%	59%	1%	26-30 ²	52% ⁵	66%	26%
76.	Lewis & Clark College (OR)	61	3.3	3.9	85%	77%	79%	66%	2%	27-31 ²	51% ⁵	55%	18%
76.	St. John's College (NM)	61	3.2	4.0	83%	70%	49%	98%	0%	1210-1490 ²	52% ⁵	63%	20%
76.	Wheaton College (MA)	61	3.3	4.0	85%	77%	79%	68%	2%	1050-1270 ²	27% ⁵	62%	19%
82.	Allegheny College (PA)	60	3.2	3.6	84%	74%	76%	71%	0.2%	1070-1290 ²	37% ⁵	68%	23%
82.	Reed College ¹ (OR)	60	3.8	4.2	91% ⁸	73%	81% ⁵	N/A	N/A	1290-1480 ⁴	N/A	35% ⁴	N/A
82.	Willamette University (OR)	60	3.2	3.8	86%	76%	78%	51%	0%	1100-1330	41% ⁵	78%	13%
85.	Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	59	3.2	3.7	90%	72%	80%	65%	0.2%	24-29 ²	29%	65%	19%
85.	St. John's University (MN)	59	3.2	3.8	87%	73%	79%	58%	1%	22-28	19% ⁵	77%	24%
87.	Bennington College (VT)	58	3.0	3.7	82%	75%	70%	91%	1%	1190-1378 ²	N/A	60%	23%
87.	College of St. Benedict (MN)	58	3.1	3.5	88%	72%	84%	58%	1%	22-28	36%	80%	18%
87.	Cornell College (IA)	58	3.1	3.8	82%	68%	68%	83%	0%	23-29 ²	19% ⁵	71%	19%
87.	Luther College (IA)	58	3.1	3.5	85%	73%	79%	64%	1%	23-28	23%	68%	25%
87.	Millsaps College (MS)	58	3.0	3.7	79%	76%	72%	75%	0%	23-28	30%	59%	22%
87.	Transylvania University (KY)	58	2.9	3.5	85%	75%	75%	70%	0%	25-30 ²	36%	95%	34%
93.	Austin College (TX)	57	3.1	3.9	84%	73%	73%	62%	1%	23-29	37% ⁵	53%	19%
93.	College of the Atlantic (ME)	57	2.6	3.4	82%	71%	64%	94%	0%	1110-1290 ²	27% ⁵	65%	35%
93.	Ursinus College (PA)	57	2.8	3.4	88%	75%	78%	77%	0.2%	1033-1290 ²	24% ⁵	82%	20%
96.	Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	56	2.9	3.6	82%	68%	66%	75%	0%	1010-1230	10%	56%	31%
96.	Southwestern University (TX)	56	3.0	3.8	85%	76%	72%	63%	1%	1050-1280	36%	45%	24%
96.	St. Mary's College of Maryland*	56	2.9	3.7	87%	74%	73%	72%	0%	1000-1250	N/A	80%	12%
96.	Washington College (MD)	56	2.9	3.4	84%	76%	73%	77%	1%	1050-1260	40% ⁵	49%	19%
96.	Westmont College (CA)	56	2.8	3.5	84%	76%	78%	68%	1%	1040-1280	36% ⁵	83%	17%
101.	Augustana College (IL)	55	3.1	3.5	86%	71%	77%	66%	1%	23-28 ²	29%	52%	14%
101.	Lake Forest College (IL)	55	3.0	3.7	85%	68%	70%	61%	0%	24-29 ²	33% ⁵	57%	24%
101.	New College of Florida*	55	3.0	4.0	82%	76%	63%	70%	2%	1140-1350	35%	71%	17%
101.	Ohio Wesleyan University	55	3.0	3.9	80%	73%	67%	69%	0%	22-28 ²	22%	72%	23%
101.	St. Mary's College (IN)	55	2.9	3.7	88%	70%	77%	54%	2%	22-28	18% ⁵	82%	31%
106.	Hope College (MI)	54	3.0	3.5	89%	72%	80%	60%	2%	23-29	26%	84%	21%
106.	Juniata College (PA)	54	2.8	3.5	87%	72%	75%	71%	2%	1040-1240 ⁹	39% ⁵	75%	26%
106.	St. Anselm College (NH)	54	2.8	3.5	88%	66%	72%	66%	2%	1050-1220 ²	20% ⁵	76%	17%
106.	St. Michael's College (VT)	54	2.8	3.5	89%	72%	79%	60%	2%	1100-1270 ²	26%	77%	18%
106.	Washington and Jefferson Col. (PA)	54	2.9	3.6	81%	73%	76%	69%	0%	1070-1250 ²	24%	46%	14%
111.	Stonehill College (MA)	53	2.8	3.6	90%	75%	80%	50%	0.3%	1000-1210 ²	20%	73%	16%

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						Predicted	Actual						
112.	Drew University (NJ)	52	2.8	3.4	83%	71%	61%	73%	1%	1030-1250 ²	27% ⁵	57%	24%
112.	Goucher College (MD)	52	3.0	3.8	81%	71%	68%	69%	1%	1000-1240 ²	13% ⁵	79%	20%
112.	Hanover College (IN)	52	2.7	3.6	82%	65%	71%	72%	0.3%	22-27	25%	57%	14%
112.	Hollins University (VA)	52	2.8	3.5	74%	63%	53%	89%	1%	1020-1233	23%	60%	21%
112.	Principia College (IL)	52	2.3	3.1	87%	68%	68%	92%	0%	970-1240	11% ⁵	91%	N/A
117.	Concordia College—Moorhead (MN)	51	2.7	3.5	84%	68%	74%	59%	1%	22-28	27%	65%	17%
117.	Elizabethtown College (PA)	51	2.6	3.3	83%	69%	74%	67%	0%	990-1160	30%	73%	17%
117.	Linfield College (OR)	51	2.6	3.7	84%	60%	70%	72%	1%	920-1150	27%	81%	14%
117.	Marlboro College (VT)	51	2.3	3.4	74%	59%	64%	100%	0%	24-30 ³	17% ⁴	96%	23%
117.	Ripon College (WI)	51	2.7	3.2	84%	64%	68%	72%	1%	21-26	21%	65%	27%
117.	Salem College (NC)	51	2.3	3.5	80%	44%	57%	87%	0%	21-27	40%	57%	24%
123.	Birmingham-Southern Col. (AL)	50	2.8	3.7	83%	71%	68%	63%	1%	23-29 ²	30%	48%	17%
123.	Coe College (IA)	50	2.9	3.5	77%	66%	67%	72%	1%	22-28	30%	50%	18%
123.	Presbyterian College (SC)	50	2.8	3.6	81%	69%	63%	68%	0.3%	20-27 ²	31%	60%	15%
126.	Grove City College (PA)	49	2.5	3.4	91%	73%	81%	52%	4%	1060-1325	39%	82%	20%
126.	Randolph-Macon College (VA)	49	2.9	3.3	79%	63%	59%	65%	0%	975-1190	24%	61%	37%
128.	Albion College (MI)	48	2.8	3.4	82%	74%	70%	62%	0%	20-26	N/A	72%	16%
128.	Central College (IA)	48	2.7	3.4	80%	64%	65%	70%	1%	21-26	23%	73%	13%
128.	Eckerd College (FL)	48	2.8	3.7	82%	67%	66%	53%	1%	22-28	N/A	72%	N/A
128.	Warburg College (IA)	48	2.7	3.4	79%	65%	69%	59%	1%	21-26	24%	68%	21%
128.	Westminster College (PA)	48	2.6	3.4	82%	62%	71%	66%	1%	920-1140	22%	74%	14%
128.	Whittier College (CA)	48	3.1	3.4	81%	63%	64%	57%	1%	920-1130 ²	24%	69%	20%
134.	McDaniel College (MD)	47	2.7	3.5	80%	63%	67%	69%	0%	980-1210	22%	78%	16%
134.	Siena College (NY)	47	2.7	3.6	88%	68%	75%	41%	0%	980-1200 ²	25%	60%	13%
134.	St. Norbert College (WI)	47	2.7	3.3	83%	68%	73%	50%	0%	22-27	24%	81%	16%
134.	Sweet Briar College (VA)	47	2.0	3.4	57%	72%	61%	97%	0%	880-1180	15%	93%	28%
138.	Illinois College	46	2.6	3.4	79%	63%	68%	54%	0%	19-24 ²	17%	54%	22%
138.	Randolph College (VA)	46	2.6	3.2	75%	68%	60%	85%	0.4%	900-1150	16%	83%	21%
138.	Roanoke College (VA)	46	2.9	3.3	81%	66%	63%	57%	0%	970-1200	21%	73%	22%
141.	Alma College (MI)	45	2.5	3.4	81%	67%	67%	69%	1%	21-26	18%	68%	19%
141.	Hiram College (OH)	45	2.5	3.4	70%	55%	61%	84%	0%	19-25 ²	16%	54%	12%
141.	Susquehanna University (PA)	45	2.8	3.1	84%	69%	74%	55%	0.4%	1010-1210 ²	23%	68%	11%
141.	University of Minnesota—Morris*	45	2.7	3.5	80%	63%	64%	69%	4%	22-28	20%	58%	11%
141.	U. of North Carolina—Asheville*	45	3.0	3.8	79%	61%	62%	51%	1%	23-28	20%	78%	9%
141.	Wesleyan College (GA)	45	2.5	3.8	75%	59%	58%	81%	0%	930-1118	22%	38%	28%
147.	Bard College at Simon's Rock ¹ (MA)	44	2.9	3.7	75% ⁸	75%	39% ⁸	97% ⁴	0% ⁴	1250-1400 ⁴	60% ⁴	89% ⁴	N/A
147.	Centenary College of Louisiana	44	2.4	3.4	76%	63%	47%	86%	0%	22-28	25%	64%	13%
147.	Franklin College (IN)	44	2.5	3.5	77%	58%	66%	70%	0%	850-1080 ³	26%	78%	19%
147.	Georgetown College (KY)	44	2.5	3.6	72%	65%	57%	100%	0%	20-26	17% ⁴	56%	11%
147.	Houghton College (NY)	44	2.4	3.4	86%	65%	71%	58%	1%	963-1240	26%	95%	16%
147.	Lycoming College (PA)	44	2.4	3.2	80%	59%	72%	63%	2%	940-1120 ²	18%	70%	19%
147.	Monmouth College (IL)	44	2.7	3.6	75%	55%	56%	75%	0%	19-26	15%	52%	19%
147.	Saint Vincent College (PA)	44	2.3	3.3	84%	63%	73%	51%	0%	940-1160	20%	66%	21%
147.	Simpson College (IA)	44	2.6	3.3	80%	63%	63%	76%	1%	21-27	26%	85%	14%
147.	Westminster College (MO)	44	2.6	3.5	79%	63%	64%	74%	0%	21-26	21% ⁴	65%	12%
147.	William Jewell College (MO)	44	2.6	3.4	79%	68%	63%	72%	1%	22-28 ²	25%	51%	10%
158.	Doane University (NE)	43	2.3	3.4	73%	43%	59%	73%	2%	21-26 ³	11%	76%	15%
158.	Wittenberg University (OH)	43	2.7	3.6	77%	67%	68%	47%	1%	22-28 ²	16%	78%	14%
160.	Guilford College (NC)	42	2.9	3.7	72%	52%	61%	56%	0%	870-1160 ²	10%	61%	14%
160.	Morehouse College (GA)	42	3.3	3.8	81%	55%	50%	50%	1%	19-24	15% ⁵	66%	11%
160.	Warren Wilson College (NC)	42	2.6	3.5	65%	66%	51%	90%	0%	23-28 ²	14% ⁵	82%	13%
163.	Carthage College (WI)	41	2.6	3.2	79%	62%	63%	55%	0.2%	21-27 ²	26% ⁵	70%	14%
163.	Meredith College (NC)	41	2.3	3.6	77%	59%	61%	63%	0.2%	920-1123	23%	61%	21%
165.	Elmira College (NY)	40	2.4	3.2	77%	64%	60%	78%	0.3%	960-1150 ²	20%	82%	16%
165.	Hartwick College (NY)	40	2.6	3.3	75%	60%	61%	65%	1%	900-1090 ²	9%	94%	13%
165.	Moravian College (PA)	40	2.5	3.2	79%	65%	69%	61%	1%	900-1120 ³	20%	80%	17%
168.	College of Idaho	39	2.6	3.2	81%	65%	58%	60%	1%	21-27 ⁹	23%	85%	33%
168.	Covenant College (GA)	39	2.2	N/A	85%	62%	67%	60%	2%	24-29	26% ⁵	96%	11%
168.	Emory and Henry College (VA)	39	2.6	3.4	72%	55%	51%	76%	1%	890-1120	14%	70%	23%
168.	Gordon College (MA)	39	2.3	3.1	84%	68%	71%	60%	4%	890-1210 ³	27% ⁵	92%	9%
168.	Wells College ¹ (NY)	39	2.5	3.6	73% ⁸	56%	54% ⁸	80% ⁴	1% ⁴	900-1090 ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A



BEST NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

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SCHOOLS RANKED 173 THROUGH 229 ARE LISTED HERE ALPHABETICALLY											
Albright College (PA)	2.5	3.2	74%	56%	54%	53%	1%	950-1143 ²	19%	51%	10%
Allen University ¹ (SC)	1.8	N/A	52% ⁸	27%	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Jewish University ¹ (CA)	2.4	3.0	68% ⁸	56%	68% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	80% ⁴	N/A
Ave Maria University ¹ (FL)	1.9	2.8	72% ⁸	53%	50% ⁶	N/A	N/A	21-27 ⁴	N/A	43% ⁴	N/A
Bethany College (WV)	2.3	3.2	62%	48%	41%	84%	1%	17-23	7%	65%	16%
Bethany Lutheran College (MN)	2.1	3.1	75%	57%	55%	71%	1%	20-27	9%	80%	15%
Bethel College (KS)	2.3	3.2	65%	60%	53%	76%	1%	20-26	14%	56%	17%
Bethune-Cookman University (FL)	2.1	3.4	64%	27%	38%	47%	2%	15-18	13%	44%	7%
Bloomfield College (NJ)	2.0	2.6	68%	33%	31%	76%	0%	760-940 ²	7%	62%	7%
Bridgewater College (VA)	2.4	3.2	77%	58%	66%	56%	0%	910-1110	15%	53%	14%
Bryn Athyn Col. of New Church (PA)	1.9	3.2	58% ⁸	68%	54%	72%	0%	785-1105 ⁴	N/A	82%	N/A
Cheyney U. of Pennsylvania*	1.7	2.8	54% ⁸	32%	16%	N/A	N/A	650-860	N/A	46%	N/A
Clafin University (SC)	2.0	3.3	74%	36%	56%	64%	2%	830-950	17%	42%	50%
Davis and Elkins College ¹ (WV)	2.3	3.2	62% ⁸	37%	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	17-22 ⁴	N/A	59% ⁴	N/A
Dillard University (LA)	2.3	3.4	70%	38%	39%	57%	1%	18-22	14% ⁵	38%	15%
East-West University ¹ (IL)	1.7	N/A	33% ⁸	35%	10% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emmanuel College (MA)	2.4	3.2	79%	61%	67%	35%	0%	1030-1200 ²	N/A	71%	12%
Ersine College (SC)	2.3	3.5	67%	64%	63%	79%	0%	890-1115	18%	68%	17%
Fisk University (TN)	2.8	3.6	78%	46%	32%	70%	0.4%	17-22	16% ⁵	78%	21%
Fort Lewis College (CO)*	2.5	3.2	64%	51%	45%	45%	2%	19-24	9%	92%	3%
Holy Cross College ¹ (IN)	2.6	3.7	59% ⁸	51%	33% ⁶	59% ⁴	0% ⁴	890-1170 ⁴	16% ⁴	91% ⁴	N/A
Johnson C. Smith University (NC)	2.1	3.1	64%	34%	51%	77%	0.2%	740-915	5%	45%	16%
Judson College ¹ (AL)	2.0	3.0	62% ⁸	51%	42% ⁶	N/A	N/A	19-25 ⁴	N/A	63% ⁴	N/A
The King's College (NY)	2.3	3.1	65% ⁸	67%	54%	N/A	N/A	24-28	N/A	41%	N/A
LaGrange College (GA)	2.2	N/A	64%	56%	47%	75%	0.4%	20-24	15%	58%	15%
Louisiana State University-Alexandria*	2.0	3.3	59%	46%	25%	52%	3%	18-23	11%	31%	4%
Lyon College (AR)	2.5	3.2	69%	63%	39%	56%	0%	22-26	23%	59%	11%
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	2.3	3.4	72%	58%	45%	78%	0%	930-1170	N/A	78%	11% ⁴
Maryville College (TN)	2.5	3.5	73%	56%	55%	58%	2%	21-27	20% ⁵	58%	19%
Massachusetts Col. of Liberal Arts*	2.4	3.2	78%	51%	54%	63%	0.2%	890-1130	17% ⁵	77%	8%
Northland College (WI)	2.3	3.1	70%	58%	50%	73%	0%	21-26 ²	17%	54%	13%
Oglethorpe University ¹ (GA)	2.7	3.6	74% ⁸	59%	55% ⁶	N/A	N/A	22-28 ⁴	N/A	78% ⁴	N/A
Ouachita Baptist University (AR)	2.3	N/A	78%	69%	70%	62%	0.4%	21-28	34%	67%	16%
Pacific Union College (CA)	2.5	3.5	79%	53%	48%	62%	4%	860-1110	N/A	47%	8%
Paine College ¹ (GA)	1.9	3.1	52% ⁸	27%	20% ⁶	N/A	N/A	14-17 ⁴	N/A	31% ⁴	N/A
Philander Smith College (AR)	1.9	N/A	66%	35%	40%	64%	3%	14-19	8%	52%	5%
Pine Manor College (MA)	1.9	2.4	56%	42%	28%	80%	0%	N/A	N/A	74%	N/A
Providence Christian College ¹ (CA)	2.1	N/A	77% ⁸	57%	63% ⁶	83% ⁴	0% ⁴	1400-1400 ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchase College-SUNY*	2.5	3.5	81%	59%	63%	65%	3%	970-1180	N/A	44%	4%
Schreiner University (TX)	2.4	N/A	69% ⁸	50%	45%	67%	0%	900-1080	20%	91%	5%
Shepherd University (WV)*	2.2	3.5	66%	48%	46%	63%	1%	19-24	N/A	92%	8%
Southern Virginia University ¹	1.9	3.5	73% ⁸	43%	31% ⁶	N/A	N/A	19-26 ⁴	N/A	38% ⁴	N/A
Spring Hill College (AL)	2.4	3.5	77%	61%	53%	58%	1%	22-27	27% ⁵	44%	18%
Stillman College ¹ (AL)	2.4	3.3	63% ⁸	31%	23% ⁶	N/A	N/A	14-21 ⁴	N/A	57% ⁴	N/A
Thiel College (PA)	2.1	3.1	67%	49%	42%	64% ⁴	1% ⁴	800-1050	8%	61% ⁴	14%
Thomas More Col. of Lib. Arts ¹ (NH)	2.3	3.2	86% ⁸	56%	50% ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A ²	N/A	97% ⁴	N/A
Tougaloo College (MS)	2.1	2.5	74%	31%	54%	66%	1%	16-24	22%	52%	22%
University of Maine-Machias ¹ *	2.1	3.0	68% ⁸	42%	30% ⁸	78% ⁴	0% ⁴	770-1010 ⁴	N/A	87% ⁴	0.2% ⁴
University of Pikeville (KY)	1.9	3.3	55%	42%	27%	58%	2%	17-22	10%	100%	5%
Univ. of Science and Arts of Okla.*	2.3	3.3	77%	52%	40%	73%	4%	20-24	19%	50%	N/A
University of Virginia-Wise*	2.5	3.5	68%	47%	39%	75%	1%	850-1070	15%	78%	9%
Univ. of Wisconsin-Parkside*	2.1	3.3	73%	47%	24%	41%	8%	18-23 ²	10%	82%	1%
Virginia Union University	2.2	3.2	57%	28%	33%	53%	0.2%	700-890 ²	9%	41%	8%
Virginia Wesleyan University	2.4	3.3	65%	54%	44%	79%	0%	850-1060	9%	90%	6%
West Virginia State University*	2.1	3.3	57%	43%	29%	56%	1%	17-22	N/A	96%	4%
William Peace University ¹ (NC)	2.0	3.1	62% ⁸	44%	41% ⁶	N/A	N/A	760-980 ⁴	N/A	50% ⁴	N/A
Young Harris College (GA)	2.2	N/A	66%	58%	44%	71%	0%	880-1120	14%	55%	11%

Footnotes:

1. School refused to fill out U.S. News statistical survey. Data that appear are from school in previous years or from another source such as the National Center for Education Statistics.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. In reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.
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 National Center for Education Statistics.
7. Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.

8. This rate, normally based on four years of data, is given here for fewer than four years because school didn't report rate for the most recent year or years to U.S. News.
9. SAT and/or ACT may not be required by school for some or all applicants, and in reporting SAT/ACT scores, the school did not include all students for whom it had scores or refused to tell U.S. News whether all students with scores had been included.

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N/A means not available.