

Top 100 College Ranking Shifts

2026 vs. 2025



Institution	Rank (2026)	Rank (2025)	Change
Princeton University	1	1	—
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	2	—
Harvard University	3	3	—
Stanford University	4	4	—
Yale University	4	5	▲ +1
University of Chicago	6	11	▲ +5
Duke University	7	6	▼ -1
Johns Hopkins University	7	6	▼ -1
Northwestern University	7	6	▼ -1
University of Pennsylvania	7	10	▲ +3
California Institute of Technology	11	6	▼ -5
Cornell University	12	11	▼ -1
Brown University	13	13	—
Dartmouth College	13	13	—
Columbia University	15	13	▼ -2
University of California, Berkeley	15	17	▲ +2
Rice University	17	18	▲ +1
University of California, Los Angeles	17	15	▼ -2
Vanderbilt University	17	18	▲ +1
Carnegie Mellon University	20	21	▲ +1

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University of Michigan—Ann Arbor	20	21	▲ +1
University of Notre Dame	20	18	▼ -2
Washington University in St. Louis	20	21	▲ +1
Emory University	24	24	—
Georgetown University	24	24	—
University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill	26	27	▲ +1
University of Virginia	26	24	▼ -2
University of Southern California	28	27	▼ -1
University of California, San Diego	29	29	—
University of Florida	30	30	—
University of Texas—Austin	30	30	—
Georgia Institute of Technology	32	33	▲ +1
New York University	32	30	▼ -2
University of California, Davis	32	33	▲ +1
University of California, Irvine	32	33	▲ +1
Boston College	36	37	▲ +1
Tufts University	36	37	▲ +1
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	36	33	▼ -3
University of Wisconsin—Madison	36	39	▲ +3
University of California, Santa Barbara	40	39	▼ -1

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The Ohio State University	41	41	—
Boston University	42	41	▲ +1
Rutgers University—New Brunswick	42	41	▲ +1
University of Maryland, College Park	42	44	▼ -2
University of Washington	42	46	▼ -4
Lehigh University	46	46	—
Northeastern University	46	54	▲ +8
Purdue University—Main Campus	46	46	—
University of Georgia	46	46	—
University of Rochester	46	44	▲ +2
Case Western Reserve University	51	51	—
Florida State University	51	54	▼ -3
Texas A&M University	51	51	—
Virginia Tech	51	51	—
Wake Forest University	51	46	▲ +5
William & Mary	51	54	▼ -3
University of California, Merced	57	58	▲ +1
Villanova University	57	58	▲ +1
George Washington University	59	63	▲ +4
The Pennsylvania State University—University Park	59	63	▼ -5

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Santa Clara University	59	63	—
Stony Brook University—SUNY	59	58	▲ +6
University of Minnesota—Twin Cities	59	54	▼ -6
Michigan State University	64	63	▲ +6
North Carolina State University	64	58	▲ +1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	64	70	▲ +6
University of Massachusetts Amherst	64	58	▼ -6
University of Miami	64	63	▼ -1
Brandeis University	69	63	▼ -6
Tulane University of Louisiana	69	63	▼ -6
University of Connecticut	69	70	▲ +1
University of Pittsburgh	69	70	▲ +1
Binghamton University—SUNY	73	73	—
Indiana University—Bloomington	73	73	—
Clemson University	75	80	▲ +5
Rutgers University—Newark	75	80	▲ +5
Syracuse University	75	73	▼ -2
University at Buffalo—SUNY	75	76	▲ +1
University of California, Riverside	75	76	▲ +1
Colorado School of Mines	80	76	▼ -4

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Drexel University	80	86	▲ +6
New Jersey Institute of Technology	80	84	▲ +4
Stevens Institute of Technology	80	76	▼ -4
Pepperdine University	84	80	▼ -4
University of Illinois Chicago	84	80	▼ -4
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	84	86	▲ +2
Yeshiva University	84	98	▲ +14
American University	88	91	▲ +3
Baylor University	88	91	▲ +3
Howard University	88	86	▼ -2
Marquette University	88	86	▼ -2
Rochester Institute of Technology	88	91	▲ +3
Southern Methodist University	88	91	▲ +3
University of California, Santa Cruz	88	84	▼ -4
University of Delaware	88	86	▼ -2
University of South Florida	88	91	▲ +3
Florida International University	97	98	▲ +1
Fordham University	97	91	▼ -6
Rutgers University—Camden	97	98	▲ +1
Texas Christian University	97	105	▲ +8
University of Colorado Boulder	97	98	▲ +1