

# The Top 50 Public Colleges

## PUBLIC COLLEGES

## QUALITY MEASURES

## FINANCIAL MEASURES

In-State Rank/Name	Undergrad. enroll.	High scorers on SAT (CR/M) or ACT*	4-yr. grad. rate	In-state costs		Out-of-state costs		Percentage of students who borrow	Average debt at graduation	Salary yardstick#	
				Total	After need-based aid	Rank†	Total				After need-based aid
1 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	18,862	94%	84%	\$21,124	\$3,517	1	\$47,307	\$29,700	40%	\$22,214	\$55,600
2 University of Florida, Gainesville	35,247	85/83	68	17,531	9,919	2	39,809	32,197	38	22,192	56,000
3 University of California, Berkeley	30,307	83/80	76	31,194	10,294	8	60,186	39,286	35	18,197	64,700
4 University of Virginia, Charlottesville	16,655	93/89	88	30,294	8,165	4	62,470	40,341	35	24,501	61,200
5 University of Washington, Seattle	31,331	73/78	65	25,215	9,665	10	50,596	35,046	35	19,880	57,700
6 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	29,821	99	77	27,844	8,196	11	61,932	42,284	41	25,712	63,400
7 University of California, Los Angeles	30,990	84/79	75	31,040	10,551	9	60,032	39,543	43	22,013	60,700
8 University of Texas at Austin	40,492	83/79	58	22,114	12,657	27	49,084	39,627	43	24,883	58,200
9 Florida State University, Tallahassee	33,008	95	63	18,183	7,324	3	33,349	22,490	47	23,777	46,400
10 University of Maryland, College Park	29,868	87/88	67	24,274	14,296	16	48,895	38,917	42	28,122	62,900
11 University of Wisconsin—Madison	32,196	95	61	23,313	11,507	25	49,563	37,757	45	27,979	56,200
12 College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.	6,285	93/87	85	37,061	20,766	6	58,933	42,638	36	24,072	58,500
13 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.	31,006	65/69	51	21,182	8,400	22	39,984	27,202	42	27,617	55,100
14 Binghamton University (SUNY)	13,708	92/94	73	25,862	16,506	7	42,702	33,346	51	27,022	61,600
15 University of California, Irvine	29,307	67/72	70	30,326	10,595	21	59,318	39,587	55	19,745	58,400
16 University of Georgia, Athens	28,848	92	63	22,854	13,537	13	41,428	32,111	44	23,403	50,500
17 North Carolina State University, Raleigh	24,150	96	50	21,261	11,287	24	40,604	30,630	52	24,053	52,500
18 Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.	17,017	50/40	51	16,368	8,438	20	31,175	23,245	56	22,855	38,800
19 University of California, San Diego	28,587	50/75	55	28,651	8,722	40	56,725	36,796	48	21,430	59,900
20 Va. Polytechnic Inst. and State Univ., Blacksburg	27,193	72/71	63	23,704	16,607	23	41,992	34,895	49	30,221	62,500
21 University of California, Santa Barbara	22,186	85/81	70	31,095	11,066	30	60,087	40,058	51	20,665	55,300
22 Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.	5,898	80	59	17,529	9,705	5	24,381	16,557	57	24,938	44,500
23 New College of Florida, Sarasota	835	86/58	57	17,380	7,448	34	40,408	30,476	34	16,297	NA
24 Indiana University, Bloomington	33,429	83	63	22,077	10,632	50	46,852	35,407	45	28,792	47,700
25 Texas A&M University, College Station	53,065	63/66	54	22,626	12,057	51	48,294	37,725	43	23,505	58,000
26 University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign	32,884	87	70	28,890	14,310	12	45,460	30,880	45	25,550	61,500
27 Calif. Polytechnic State Univ., San Luis Obispo	21,297	80/80	47	25,555	21,992	19	37,435	33,872	42	21,852	66,900
28 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	35,433	91	64	26,005	15,561	17	41,683	31,239	58	26,568	51,900
29 Ohio State University, Columbus	45,946	93	59	24,328	14,003	32	44,344	34,019	53	28,158	46,100
30 University of Central Florida, Orlando	56,972	67/59	40	17,185	11,389	41	33,284	27,488	50	21,818	45,400
31 James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.	19,975	52/40	58	23,146	15,659	46	39,546	32,059	50	27,656	56,600
32 University of North Carolina, Wilmington	14,502	63	54	18,903	12,883	36	32,968	26,948	60	24,605	41,600
33 University of Connecticut, Storrs	19,241	76/78	70	29,554	18,248	26	51,922	40,616	60	28,222	58,400
34 University of South Florida, Tampa	31,772	64/57	51	19,220	11,672	15	30,134	22,586	55	21,860	43,500
35 University of California, Davis	30,145	53/65	58	31,364	12,603	58	60,359	41,598	49	19,124	58,200
36 Pennsylvania State University, University Park	40,835	66/66	67	31,864	25,235	33	48,268	41,639	54	37,307	50,100
37 University of California, Santa Cruz	17,577	69/68	53	31,505	10,475	55	59,519	38,489	64	22,804	46,900
38 University of Delaware, Newark	18,946	67/61	73	27,542	18,036	28	48,172	38,666	62	34,144	57,000
39 SUNY Geneseo	5,495	58/54	68	23,261	20,863	14	33,041	30,643	60	25,148	48,800
40 University of South Carolina, Columbia	26,362	86	59	24,069	18,880	47	44,751	39,562	52	28,972	44,900
41 College of New Jersey, Ewing	6,955	70/67	73	31,368	19,767	18	43,083	31,482	62	37,787	58,500
42 University of Iowa, Iowa City	24,503	69	54	21,389	14,181	84	43,355	36,147	49	28,405	51,900
43 University of Massachusetts, Amherst	23,388	71/72	67	30,274	19,566	31	48,957	38,249	68	31,860	51,400
44 New Mexico Inst. of Mining and Tech., Socorro	1,471	74	20	17,410	11,351	77	31,908	25,849	42	23,065	50,000
45 Stony Brook University (SUNY)	17,364	73/83	53	24,223	15,582	42	41,893	33,252	54	26,219	57,600
46 University of Wisconsin—La Crosse	9,655	61	42	15,384	10,712	52	24,053	19,381	68	26,768	48,000
47 University of Washington, Bothell	5,365	34/36	43	23,915	9,695	112	49,296	35,076	48	18,850	57,700
48 St. Mary's College of Maryland	1,570	55/38	70	28,808	18,568	29	44,570	34,330	53	21,911	52,200
49 Baruch College (CUNY)	15,253	67/82	41	23,804	17,230	44	35,074	28,500	14	12,117	57,200
50 Rutgers University—New Brunswick, N.J.	35,641	71/77	60	29,030	17,906	45	45,338	34,214	55	32,601	57,900

Cost data as of June 26. \*Percentage of 2017-18 freshman class who scored 600 or higher on critical reading/math SATs or 24 or higher on ACT. †For the complete list of out-of-state rankings, visit [kiplinger.com/links/outofstate](http://kiplinger.com/links/outofstate). #Based on the median earnings of workers who started at a particular college 10 years earlier and who received federal financial aid. The data don't consider whether the student graduated or went on to graduate school. NA Not available. SOURCES: Peterson's Undergraduate Database (Copyright © 2019 Peterson's LLC. All rights reserved.) and U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard.