

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Top25 Benchmark Comparisons

INSTRUCTIONS:

Use the SUBMIT button to toggle between peer comparison groups.

Use the UTK TRENDS button to bring up 5-year UTK trends.

On each chart, the year corresponds to the Report Year. Click on the years below each chart to add comparison years.

- For example, the 2016 report primarily reports data from the Fall of 2015 or the 2015-16 academic year (except where there is a time lag for published peer data, as noted in the definitions below).

Definitions of each chart topic are on the next page.

Contact OIRA@utk.edu (the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment) with any questions.

PEERS:

ASPIRATIONAL	TARGET	CURRENT
Nation's Best Public Research Universities	Research Universities Rank between #20 and #30 in US News	Research Universities Viewed as Comparable Peers Today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of California – Berkeley* • University of California – Los Angeles • University of Virginia • University of Michigan – Ann Arbor • University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill • University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign* • University of Wisconsin – Madison* • University of California – Davis • University of California – Santa Barbara • University of Washington – Seattle • Pennsylvania State University* • University of Florida* • University of Texas – Austin • The Ohio State University* • University of Maryland – College Park* • University of Pittsburgh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Georgia* • Clemson University* • Purdue University* • Texas A&M – College Station* • University of Minnesota* • Rutgers, State University of New Jersey* • Indiana University • Michigan State University* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auburn University* • Iowa State University* • North Carolina State University – Raleigh*

* = Land Grant Institution

DEFINITIONS:

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First-year Retention Rate: Federal definition of Freshmen Cohorts: first-time freshmen enrolled full-time in fall.

Six-year Graduation Rate: Federal definition of Freshmen Cohorts: first-time freshmen enrolled full-time in fall.

Ph.D. Degrees Awarded in the previous academic year as reported in institutional Common Data Sets.

Master's and Professional Degrees Awarded in the previous academic year as reported in institutional Common Data Sets.

ACT 25th-75th Percentile: Range of new freshmen ACT or converted SAT, as reported by the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges (Undergraduate Rankings). Will lag one academic year, and only shows the most recent reporting year.

Total Academic R&D Expenditures: NSF research expenditures, per tenure-line instructional faculty – in thousands. Includes UT Knoxville, UT Space Institute, UT Institute of Agriculture. Will lag two academic/fiscal years due to NSF publishing dates. Faculty FTE is standardized for contract length.
NSF total academic expenditures for separately budgeted R&D expenditures in science and engineering.

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Average Faculty Salary: Nine-month salaries for full-time instructional faculty (Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor) as reported to the AAUP Annual Faculty Salary Survey. Reported in thousands.

Undergraduate Student FTE/Tenure-Line Faculty FTE: Student FTE is defined as all full-time plus one-third part-time undergraduate students enrolled. Faculty FTE is standardized for contract length.

Faculty Awards: Number of awards (prominent grant and fellowship programs) and number of National Academy Members (Sciences and Engineering), as reported by The Center for Measuring University Performance 'Top American Universities' report. Will lag one-two academic years. Separate chart for most current year, with the two award categories split out.

Teaching and Support Expenditures/Student FTE: core student-related expenditures (instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, operations & maintenance) as reported for federal IPEDS reporting. Student FTE is defined as all full-time plus one-third part-time all students enrolled.

Five Year Average Philanthropic Support: The five-year average as reported to and by the Council for Aid to Education's Voluntary Support of Education survey (*new metric starting with 2016 reporting year*), reported in millions.