

# **U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best College Rankings**

## **Appendix A: UTK and Peer Comparison Tables**

**USNWR Best Colleges Rankings  
2018-2019 Comparison**

UTK Peers	2019 National Universities	2018 National Universities	Change	2019 Public Schools	2018 Public Schools	Change	2019 Peer Assessment	2018 Peer Assessment	Change
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	115	103	-12	52	46	-6	3.2	3.2	0.0
<b>Comparable Peers</b>									
Auburn University	115	103	-12	52	46	-6	3.3	3.3	0
Clemson University	66	67	1	24	23	-1	3.3	3.3	0
Iowa State University	119	115	-4	56	53	-3	3.3	3.3	0
Louisiana State University	140	133	-7	70	63	-7	2.9	2.9	0
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	80	81	1	32	33	1	3.2	3.2	0
University of Alabama	129	110	-19	61	51	-10	3.2	3.2	0
University of Kentucky	147	133	-14	75	63	-12	3.1	3.1	0
University of Missouri	129	120	-9	61	57	-4	3.2	3.2	0
University of Nebraska	129	124	-5	61	58	-3	3.1	3.2	-0.1
University of South Carolina	106	103	-3	46	46	0	3.1	3.1	0
Virginia Tech	76	69	-7	30	25	-5	3.5	3.5	0
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>									
Michigan State University	85	81	-4	35	33	-2	3.5	3.6	-0.1
Purdue University	56	56	0	17	18	1	3.8	3.8	0
University of Georgia	46	54	8	13	16	3	3.6	3.5	0.1
University of Florida	35	42	7	8	9	1	3.7	3.7	0
University of Minnesota	76	69	-7	30	25	-5	3.7	3.7	0
University of Wisconsin - Madison	49	46	-3	15	12	-3	4.0	4.0	0

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UTK Peers	2019 High School Counselor Score	2018 High School Counselor Score	Change	2019 Outcomes Rank	2018 Outcomes Rank	Change	2019 Faculty Resources Rank	2018 Faculty Resources Rank	Change
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	3.7	3.6	0.1	124	120	-4	123	124	1
<b>Comparable Peers</b>									
Auburn University	3.8	3.8	0	130	97	-33	144	145	1
Clemson University	4.1	4.0	0.1	74	60	-14	95	89	-6
Iowa State University	3.7	3.5	0.2	124	104	-20	202	194	-8
Louisiana State University	3.6	3.6	0	170	138	-32	144	194	50
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	3.7	3.5	0.2	74	81	7	144	138	-6
University of Alabama	3.8	3.7	0.1	166	127	-39	198	178	-20
University of Kentucky	3.7	3.6	0.1	192	164	-28	183	206	23
University of Missouri	3.7	3.6	0.1	155	125	-30	175	159	-16
University of Nebraska	3.7	3.4	0.3	164	138	-26	183	150	-33
University of South Carolina	3.8	3.7	0.1	124	97	-27	131	159	28
Virginia Tech	4.2	4.1	0.1	66	49	-17	192	166	-26
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>									
Michigan State University	3.9	3.8	0.1	74	77	3	211	210	-1
Purdue University	4.2	4.2	0	95	92	-3	79	74	-5
University of Georgia	4.1	4.1	0	42	47	5	47	44	-3
University of Florida	4.1	3.9	0.2	7	34	27	65	89	24
University of Minnesota	3.8	3.8	0	74	81	7	202	215	13
University of Wisconsin - Madison	4.2	4.0	0.2	55	41	-14	131	124	-7

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<b>UTK Peers</b>	<b>2019 Student Excellence Rank</b>	<b>2018 Student Excellence Rank</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2019 Financial Resources Rank</b>	<b>2018 Financial Resources Rank</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2019 Alumni Giving Rank</b>	<b>2018 Alumni Giving Rank</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	112	84	-28	97	84	-13	105	102	-3
<b>Comparable Peers</b>									
Auburn University	94	101	7	166	174	8	67	79	12
Clemson University	57	64	7	133	129	-4	27	29	2
Iowa State University	139	140	1	158	147	-11	87	79	-8
Louisiana State University	122	116	-6	133	136	3	87	102	15
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	68	64	-4	88	97	9	105	86	-19
University of Alabama	100	89	-11	206	211	5	19	16	-3
University of Kentucky	122	120	-2	65	72	7	75	67	-8
University of Missouri	112	104	-8	158	163	5	75	63	-12
University of Nebraska	135	133	-2	142	136	-6	45	43	-2
University of South Carolina	103	104	1	181	179	-2	61	61	0
Virginia Tech	94	124	30	123	114	-9	87	92	5
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>									
Michigan State University	132	110	-22	109	103	-6	122	140	18
Purdue University	80	84	4	88	87	-1	39	41	2
University of Georgia	66	64	-2	123	121	-2	62	76	14
University of Florida	39	47	8	44	49	5	75	86	11
University of Minnesota	68	60	-8	44	46	2	133	127	-6
University of Wisconsin - Madison	57	52	-5	61	61	0	75	67	-8

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UTK Peers	2019 Outcomes Rank	2018 Outcomes Rank	Change	2019 Predicted 6-Year Graduation Rate	2018 Predicted 6-Year Graduation Rate	Change	2019 Actual 6-Year Graduation Rate	2018 Actual 6-Year Graduation Rate	Change	over/under	2019 Average Freshmen Retention Rate	2018 Average Freshmen Retention Rate	Change
University of Tennessee - Knoxville	124	120	-4	73.0%	71.0%	2%	70.0%	69.0%	1%	-3%	86%	86%	0%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>													
Auburn University	130	97	-33	78.0%	78.0%	0%	77.0%	75.0%	2%	-1%	91%	90%	1%
Clemson University	74	60	-14	78.0%	77.0%	1%	82.0%	81.0%	1%	4%	93%	93%	0%
Iowa State University	124	104	-20	67.0%	68.0%	-1%	73.0%	74.0%	-1%	6%	87%	87%	0%
Louisiana State University	170	138	-32	69.0%	70.0%	-1%	67.0%	68.0%	-1%	-2%	84%	84%	0%
North Carolina State University	74	81	7	72.0%	72.0%	0%	79.0%	78.0%	1%	7%	94%	94%	0%
University of Alabama	166	127	-39	75.0%	73.0%	2%	68.0%	69.0%	-1%	-7%	87%	87%	0%
University of Kentucky	192	164	-28	70.0%	70.0%	0%	61.0%	64.0%	-3%	-9%	83%	83%	0%
University of Missouri	155	125	-30	69.0%	70.0%	-1%	68.0%	68.0%	0%	-1%	87%	86%	1%
University of Nebraska	164	138	-26	68.0%	68.0%	0%	68.0%	67.0%	1%	0%	83%	83%	0%
University of South Carolina	124	97	-27	68.0%	68.0%	0%	75.0%	73.0%	2%	7%	88%	88%	0%
Virginia Tech	66	49	-17	74.0%	74.0%	0%	84.0%	84.0%	0%	10%	93%	93%	0%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>													
Michigan State University	74	77	3	69.0%	68.0%	1%	79.0%	78.0%	1%	10%	92%	92%	0%
Purdue University	95	92	-3	72.0%	70.0%	2%	79.0%	77.0%	2%	7%	93%	92%	1%
University of Georgia	42	47	5	76.0%	79.0%	-3%	85.0%	85.0%	0%	9%	95%	95%	0%
University of Florida	7	34	27	82.0%	83.0%	-1%	88.0%	87.0%	1%	6%	96%	96%	0%
University of Minnesota	74	81	7	77.0%	77.0%	0%	80.0%	78.0%	2%	3%	93%	92%	1%
University of Wisconsin	55	41	-14	84.0%	83.0%	1%	87.0%	85.0%	2%	3%	95%	95%	0%

Outcomes = 20% (Pell 5%, 4-yr avg grad rate 17.6%, 4-yr avg ret rate 4.4%, grad rate performance 8%)

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2019 Comparison

UTK Peers	2019 Outcomes Rank	Predicted 6-Year Graduation Rate	Actual 6-Year Graduation Rate	over/under	Average Freshmen Retention Rate	Average 6-year graduation rate	6-year Pell grad rate	6-year non-Pell grad rate	Difference Pell vs. non-Pell
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	124	73.0%	70.0%	-3%	86%	70%	62%	74%	-12%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>									
Auburn University	130	78.0%	77.0%	-1%	91%	74%	65%	78%	-13%
Clemson University	74	78.0%	82.0%	4%	93%	82%	71%	85%	-14%
Iowa State University	124	67.0%	73.0%	6%	87%	72%	63%	77%	-14%
Louisiana State University	170	69.0%	67.0%	-2%	84%	66%	56%	69%	-13%
North Carolina State University	74	72.0%	79.0%	7%	94%	77%	72%	82%	-10%
University of Alabama	166	75.0%	68.0%	-7%	87%	68%	51%	72%	-21%
University of Kentucky	192	70.0%	61.0%	-9%	83%	62%	45%	66%	-21%
University of Missouri	155	69.0%	68.0%	-1%	87%	69%	53%	73%	-20%
University of Nebraska	164	68.0%	68.0%	0%	83%	67%	56%	72%	-16%
University of South Carolina	124	68.0%	75.0%	7%	88%	73%	64%	78%	-14%
Virginia Tech	66	74.0%	84.0%	10%	93%	84%	78%	86%	-8%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>									
Michigan State University	74	69.0%	79.0%	10%	92%	78%	71%	82%	-11%
Purdue University	95	72.0%	79.0%	7%	93%	76%	72%	80%	-8%
University of Georgia	42	76.0%	85.0%	9%	95%	84%	80%	87%	-7%
University of Florida	7	82.0%	88.0%	6%	96%	88%	85%	90%	-5%
University of Minnesota	74	77.0%	80.0%	3%	93%	78%	71%	83%	-12%
University of Wisconsin	55	84.0%	87.0%	3%	95%	85%	83%	88%	-5%

Outcomes = 20% (Pell 5%, 4-yr avg grad rate 17.6%, 4-yr avg ret rate 4.4%, grad rate performance 8%)

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UTK Peers	2019 Faculty Resources Rank	2018 Faculty Resources Rank	Change	2019 Classes Under 20	2018 Classes Under 20	Change	2019 Classes of 50 or More	2018 Classes of 50 or More	Change	2019 Student/Faculty Ratio	2018 Student/Faculty Ratio
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	123	124	1	30.0%	30.0%	0%	14.0%	13.0%	1%	17:1	17:1
<b>Comparable Peers</b>											
Auburn University	144	145	1	33.0%	32.0%	1%	16.0%	16.0%	0%	19:1	19:1
Clemson University	95	89	-6	53.0%	51.0%	2%	15.0%	15.0%	0%	16:1	18:1
Iowa State University	202	194	-8	29.0%	29.0%	0%	25.0%	25.0%	0%	19:1	19:1
Louisiana State University	144	194	50	41.0%	36.0%	5%	18.0%	22.0%	-4%	20:1	22:1
North Carolina State University	144	138	-6	36.0%	38.0%	-2%	16.0%	15.0%	1%	13:1	13:1
University of Alabama	198	178	-20	32.0%	36.0%	-4%	22.0%	22.0%	0%	23:1	23:1
University of Kentucky	183	206	23	32.0%	31.0%	1%	15.0%	16.0%	-1%	17:1	17:1
University of Missouri	175	159	-16	38.0%	40.0%	-2%	17.0%	18.0%	-1%	18:1	19:1
University of Nebraska	183	150	-33	35.0%	37.0%	-2%	18.0%	18.0%	0%	21:1	21:1
University of South Carolina	131	159	28	38.0%	36.0%	2%	16.0%	17.0%	-1%	17:1	18:1
Virginia Tech	192	166	-26	27.0%	29.0%	-2%	22.0%	21.0%	1%	14:1	14:1
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>											
Michigan State University	211	210	-1	25.0%	27.0%	-2%	24.0%	23.0%	1%	16:1	17:1
Purdue University	79	74	-5	38.0%	38.0%	0%	18.0%	18.0%	0%	13:1	12:1
University of Georgia	47	44	-3	46.0%	46.0%	0%	11.0%	11.0%	0%	17:1	18:1
University of Florida	65	89	24	48.0%	48.0%	0%	16.0%	15.0%	1%	19:1	20:1
University of Minnesota	202	215	13	37.0%	36.0%	1%	20.0%	21.0%	-1%	17:1	17:1
University of Wisconsin	131	124	-7	43.0%	44.0%	-1%	22.0%	21.0%	1%	18:1	18:1

Faculty Resources = 20% (class size 8%, fac salary 7%, prop hi degr 3%, ratio 1%, FT prop 1%)

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UTK Peers	2019 Student Excellence Rank	2018 Student Excellence Rank	Change	2019 ACT 25th-75th Percentile	2018 ACT 25th-75th Percentile	2019 Freshmen in Top 10% of Class	2018 Freshmen in Top 10% of Class	Change
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	112	84	-28	24-30	24-30	N/A	54% *	
<b>Comparable Peers</b>								
Auburn University	94	101	7	24-30	24-30	31%	30%	1%
Clemson University	57	64	7	27-31	26-31	62%	57%	5%
Iowa State University	139	140	1	22-28	22-28	25%	22%	3%
Louisiana State University	122	116	-6	23-28	23-28	23%	25%	-2%
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	68	64	-4	27-31	27-31	46%	50%	
University of Alabama	100	89	-11	23-32	23-31	39%	37%	2%
University of Kentucky	122	120	-2	22-28	22-28	29%	30%	-1%
University of Missouri	112	104	-8	23-29	23-29	29%	30%	-1%
University of Nebraska	135	133	-2	22-29	22-28	26%	24%	2%
University of South Carolina	103	104	1	25-30	25-30	29%	28%	1%
Virginia Tech	94	124	30	24-30*	22-28*	38%	40%	-2%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>								
Michigan State University	132	110	-22	22-28*	24-29	30%	30%	0%
Purdue University	80	84	4	23-30*	24-28*	44%	43%	1%
University of Georgia	66	64	-2	26-31	23-28*	54%	55%	-1%
University of Florida	39	47	8	24-31*	24-29*	77%	73%	4%
University of Minnesota	68	60	-8	26-31	26-31	50%	48%	2%
University of Wisconsin - Madison	57	52	-5	27-31	27-31	52%	54%	-2%

*Student Excellence (selectivity) = 10% (SAT/ACT 7.75%, rank 2.25%)*



**USNWR Best Colleges Rankings  
2018-2019 Comparison**

UTK Peers	2019 Alumni Giving Rank	2018 Alumni Giving Rank	Change	2019 Average Alumni Giving Rate	2018 Average Alumni Giving Rate	Change
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	105	102	-3	10.5%	10.4%	0.1%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>						
Auburn University	67	79	12	13.1%	12.6%	0.5%
Clemson University	27	29	2	22.9%	22.7%	0.2%
Iowa State University	87	79	-8	11.4%	12.3%	-0.9%
Louisiana State University	87	102	15	11.8%	10.8%	1.0%
North Carolina State University	105	86	-19	10.2%	11.5%	-1.3%
University of Alabama	19	16	-3	27.1%	30.3%	-3.2%
University of Kentucky	75	67	-8	12.4%	13.8%	-1.4%
University of Missouri	75	63	-12	12.6%	13.9%	-1.3%
University of Nebraska	45	43	-2	18.2%	18.4%	-0.2%
University of South Carolina	61	61	0	14.3%	14.8%	-0.5%
Virginia Tech	87	92	5	11.5%	11.2%	0.3%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>						
Michigan State University	122	140	18	8.5%	8.0%	0.5%
Purdue University	39	41	2	18.6%	18.7%	-0.1%
University of Georgia	62	76	14	13.6%	12.6%	1.0%
University of Florida	75	86	11	12.8%	11.6%	1.2%
University of Minnesota	133	127	-6	8.2%	8.8%	-0.6%
University of Wisconsin	75	67	-8	12.9%	13.3%	-0.4%

*Alumni Giving 5%*

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2019 Peer Rankings Comparison**

<b>UTK Peers</b>	<b>National Universities</b>	<b>Public Schools</b>	<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>Peer Assessment</b>	<b>High School Counselor Score</b>	<b>Outcomes Rank</b>	<b>Faculty Resources Rank</b>
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	115	52	48	3.2	3.7	124	123
<b>Comparable Peers</b>							
Auburn University	115	52	48	3.3	3.8	130	144
Clemson University	66	24	58	3.3	4.1	74	95
Iowa State University	119	56	47	3.3	3.7	124	202
Louisiana State University	140	70	42	2.9	3.6	170	144
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	80	35	54	3.2	3.7	74	144
University of Alabama	129	61	44	3.2	3.8	166	198
University of Kentucky	147	75	41	3.1	3.7	192	183
University of Missouri	129	61	44	3.2	3.7	155	175
University of Nebraska	129	61	44	3.1	3.7	164	183
University of South Carolina	106	46	49	3.1	3.8	124	131
Virginia Tech	76	30	56	3.5	4.2	66	192
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>							
Michigan State University	85	35	53	3.5	3.9	74	211
Purdue University	56	17	61	3.8	4.2	95	79
University of Georgia	46	13	64	3.6	4.1	42	47
University of Florida	35	8	69	3.7	4.1	7	65
University of Minnesota	76	30	56	3.7	3.8	74	202
University of Wisconsin - Madison	49	15	63	4.0	4.2	55	131

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<b>UTK Peers</b>	<b>Student Excellence Rank</b>	<b>Financial Resources Rank</b>	<b>Alumni Giving Rank</b>
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	112	97	105
<b>Comparable Peers</b>			
Auburn University	94	166	67
Clemson University	57	133	27
Iowa State University	139	158	87
Louisiana State University	122	133	87
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	68	88	105
University of Alabama	100	206	19
University of Kentucky	122	65	75
University of Missouri	112	158	75
University of Nebraska	135	142	45
University of South Carolina	103	181	61
Virginia Tech	94	123	87
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>			
Michigan State University	132	109	122
Purdue University	80	88	39
University of Georgia	66	123	62
University of Florida	39	44	75
University of Minnesota	68	44	133
University of Wisconsin - Madison	57	61	75

**USNWR Best Colleges Rankings  
2019 Peer Categories Comparison**

UTK Peers	Public Schools	Overall Score	Peer Assessment	High School Counselor Score	Predicted 6-Year Graduation Rate	Actual 6-Year Graduation Rate	Over(+)/Under(-) Performance
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	52	48	3.2	3.7	73.0%	70.0%	-3%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>							
Auburn University	52	48	3.3	3.8	78.0%	77.0%	-1%
Clemson University	24	58	3.3	4.1	78.0%	82.0%	4%
Iowa State University	56	47	3.3	3.7	67.0%	73.0%	6%
Louisiana State University	70	42	2.9	3.6	69.0%	67.0%	-2%
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	35	53	3.2	3.7	72.0%	79.0%	7%
University of Alabama	61	44	3.2	3.8	75.0%	68.0%	-7%
University of Kentucky	75	41	3.1	3.7	70.0%	61.0%	-9%
University of Missouri	61	44	3.2	3.7	69.0%	68.0%	-1%
University of Nebraska	61	44	3.1	3.7	68.0%	68.0%	0%
University of South Carolina	46	49	3.1	3.8	68.0%	75.0%	7%
Virginia Tech	30	56	3.5	4.2	74.0%	84.0%	10%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>							
Michigan State University	35	53	3.5	3.9	69.0%	79.0%	10%
Purdue University	17	61	3.8	4.2	72.0%	79.0%	7%
University of Georgia	13	64	3.6	4.1	76.0%	85.0%	9%
University of Florida	8	69	3.7	4.1	82.0%	88.0%	6%
University of Minnesota	30	56	3.7	3.8	77.0%	80.0%	3%
University of Wisconsin - Madison	15	63	4.0	4.2	84.0%	87.0%	3%

\* Converted from SAT scores

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UTK Peers	Average Freshmen Retention Rate	Classes Under 20	Classes of 50 or More	Student/Faculty Ratio	ACT 25th-75th Percentile	Freshmen in Top 10% of Class	Average Alumni Giving Rate
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	86%	30.0%	14.0%	17:1	24-30	N/A	10.5%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>							
Auburn University	91%	33.0%	16.0%	19:1	24-30	31%	13.1%
Clemson University	93%	53.0%	15.0%	16:1	27-31	62%	22.9%
Iowa State University	87%	29.0%	25.0%	19:1	22-28	25%	11.4%
Louisiana State University	84%	41.0%	18.0%	20:1	23-28	23%	11.8%
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	94%	36.0%	16.0%	13:1	27-31	46%	10.2%
University of Alabama	87%	32.0%	22.0%	23:1	23-32	39%	27.1%
University of Kentucky	83%	32.0%	15.0%	17:1	22-28	29%	12.4%
University of Missouri	87%	38.0%	17.0%	18:1	23-29	29%	12.6%
University of Nebraska	83%	35.0%	18.0%	21:1	22-29	26%	18.2%
University of South Carolina	88%	38.0%	16.0%	17:1	25-30	29%	14.3%
Virginia Tech	93%	27.0%	22.0%	14:1	24-30*	38%	11.5%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>							
Michigan State University	92%	25.0%	24.0%	16:1	22-28*	30%	8.5%
Purdue University	93%	38.0%	18.0%	13:1	23-30*	44%	18.6%
University of Georgia	95%	46.0%	11.0%	17:1	26-31	54%	13.6%
University of Florida	96%	48.0%	16.0%	19:1	24-31*	77%	12.8%
University of Minnesota	93%	37.0%	20.0%	17:1	26-31	50%	8.2%
University of Wisconsin - Madison	95%	43.0%	22.0%	18:1	27-31	52%	12.9%

\* Converted from SAT scores

## USNWR Best Colleges Rankings 2018 Peer Categories Comparison

UTK Peers	Public Schools	Overall Score	Peer Assessment	High School Counselor Score	Predicted 6-Year Graduation Rate	Actual 6-Year Graduation Rate	Over(+)/Under(-) Performance
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	46	49	3.2	3.6	71.0%	69.0%	-2%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>							
Auburn University	46	49	3.3	3.8	78.0%	75.0%	-3%
Clemson University	23	59	3.3	4.0	77.0%	81.0%	4%
Iowa State University	53	47	3.3	3.5	68.0%	74.0%	6%
Louisiana State University	63	43	2.9	3.6	70.0%	68.0%	-2%
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	33	54	3.2	3.5	72.0%	78.0%	6%
University of Alabama	51	48	3.2	3.7	73.0%	69.0%	-4%
University of Kentucky	63	43	3.1	3.6	70.0%	64.0%	-6%
University of Missouri	57	46	3.2	3.6	70.0%	68.0%	-2%
University of Nebraska	58	45	3.2	3.4	68.0%	67.0%	-1%
University of South Carolina	46	49	3.1	3.7	68.0%	73.0%	5%
Virginia Tech	25	57	3.5	4.1	74.0%	84.0%	10%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>							
Michigan State University	33	54	3.6	3.8	68.0%	78.0%	10%
Purdue University	18	61	3.8	4.2	70.0%	77.0%	7%
University of Georgia	16	62	3.5	4.1	79.0%	85.0%	6%
University of Florida	9	65	3.7	3.9	83.0%	87.0%	4%
University of Minnesota	25	57	3.7	3.8	77.0%	78.0%	1%
University of Wisconsin - Madison	12	64	4.0	4.0	83.0%	85.0%	2%

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**USNWR Best Colleges Rankings  
2018 Peer Categories Comparison**

UTK Peers	Average Freshmen Retention Rate	Classes Under 20	Classes of 50 or More	Student/Faculty Ratio	Percentage of Full-Time Faculty	ACT 25th-75th Percentile	Freshmen in Top 10% of Class
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	86%	30.0%	13.0%	17:1	95.6%	24-30	54%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>							
Auburn University	90%	32.0%	16.0%	19:1	95.3%	24-30	30%
Clemson University	93%	51.0%	15.0%	18:1	97.5%	26-31	57%
Iowa State University	87%	29.0%	25.0%	19:1	94.0%	22-28	22%
Louisiana State University	84%	36.0%	22.0%	22:1	95.8%	23-28	25%
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	94%	38.0%	15.0%	13:1	94.8%	27-31	50%
University of Alabama	87%	36.0%	22.0%	23:1	88.9%	23-31	37%
University of Kentucky	83%	31.0%	16.0%	17:1	85.8%	22-28	30%
University of Missouri	86%	40.0%	18.0%	19:1	97.8%	23-29	30%
University of Nebraska	83%	37.0%	18.0%	21:1	99.7%	22-28	24%
University of South Carolina	88%	36.0%	17.0%	18:1	86.2%	25-30	28%
Virginia Tech	93%	29.0%	21.0%	14:1	96.0%	22-28*	40%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>							
Michigan State University	92%	27.0%	23.0%	17:1	94.7%	24-29	30%
Purdue University	92%	38.0%	18.0%	12:1	95.1%	24-28*	43%
University of Georgia	95%	46.0%	11.0%	18:1	95.9%	23-28*	55%
University of Florida	96%	48.0%	15.0%	20:1	93.1%	24-29*	73%
University of Minnesota	92%	36.0%	21.0%	17:1	87.8%	26-31	48%
University of Wisconsin - Madison	95%	44.0%	21.0%	18:1	93.9%	27-31	54%

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## USNWR Best Colleges Rankings 2018 Peer Categories Comparison

UTK Peers	Acceptance Rate	Average Alumni Giving Rate
<i>University of Tennessee - Knoxville</i>	77.0%	10.0%
<b>Comparable Peers</b>		
Auburn University	81.0%	13.0%
Clemson University	51.0%	23.0%
Iowa State University	87.0%	12.0%
Louisiana State University	76.0%	11.0%
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	46.0%	11.5%
University of Alabama	53.0%	30.0%
University of Kentucky	91.0%	14.0%
University of Missouri	75.0%	14.0%
University of Nebraska	75.0%	18.0%
University of South Carolina	68.0%	15.0%
Virginia Tech	71.0%	11.0%
<b>Aspirational Peers</b>		
Michigan State University	66.0%	8.0%
Purdue University	56.0%	19.0%
University of Georgia	54.0%	13.0%
University of Florida	46.0%	12.0%
University of Minnesota	44.0%	9.0%
University of Wisconsin - Madison	53.0%	13.0%

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**USNWR Best Colleges Rankings  
2019 SEC Schools Comparison**

<b>SEC Comparison</b>	<b>UTK</b>	<b>Ole Miss</b>	<b>Miss State</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Auburn</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>UGA</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>LSU</b>
National Rank	115	152	177	152	147	106	129	115	129	66	46	35	14	140
Public School Rank	52	78	97	78	75	46	61	52	61	24	13	8	N/A	70
Overall Score	48	40	35	40	41	49	44	48	44	58	64	69	85	42
Outcomes Rank	124	182	192	192	192	124	155	130	166	62	42	7	26	170
Faculty Resource Rank	123	157	227	117	183	131	175	144	198	183	47	65	13	144
Student Excellence Rank	112	139	143	130	122	103	112	94	100	80	66	39	10	122
Financial Resources Rank	97	115	152	166	65	181	158	166	206	88	123	44	12	133
Alumni Giving Rank	105	67	57	29	75	61	75	67	19	50	62	75	24	87
Peer Assessment Score (Out of 5)	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.2	2.9
High School Counselor Score (Out of 5)	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.7	3.6
Predicted 6 year Graduation Rate	73%	63%	62%	70%	70%	68%	69%	78%	75%	76%	76%	82%	94%	69%
Actual 6 Year Graduation Rate	70%	60%	58%	62%	61%	75%	68%	77%	68%	82%	85%	88%	92%	67%
Over/Under Performance	-3%	-3%	-4%	-8%	-9%	7%	-1%	-1%	-7%	6%	9%	6%	-2%	-2%
Average Freshman Retention Rate	86%	86%	80%	82%	83%	88%	87%	91%	87%	91%	95%	96%	97%	84%
% of Classes Under 20	30.0%	45.0%	37.0%	48.0%	32.0%	38.0%	38.0%	33.0%	32.0%	23.0%	46.0%	48.0%	66.0%	41.0%
% of Classes of 50 or More	14.0%	16.0%	15.0%	18.0%	15.0%	16.0%	17.0%	16.0%	22.0%	25.0%	11.0%	16.0%	8.0%	18.0%
Student-Faculty Ratio	17:1	18:1	20:1	19:1	17:1	17:1	18:1	19:1	23:1	20:1	17:1	19:1	7:1	20:1
ACT Low/High	24-30	22-29	21-28	23-29	22-28	25-30	23-29	24-30	23-32	23-30*	26-31	24-31*	32-35	23-28
Freshman in Top 10% of HS Class	N/A	26%	25%	26%	29%	29%	29%	31%	39%	60%	54%	77%	90%	23%
Average Alumni Giving Rate	10.5%	13.4%	15.3%	22.2%	12.4%	14.3%	12.6%	13.1%	27.1%	16.2%	13.6%	12.8%	24.7%	11.8%

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## USNWR Best Colleges Rankings

Institutions Tied with UTK at National Ranking = 115

	Outcomes Rank	Graduation Over(+) / Under(-) Performance	Average Freshmen Retention Rate	Actual 6-Year Graduation Rate	Faculty Resources Rank	Student Excellence Rank	Financial Resources Rank	Alumni Giving Rank
<b>2019 Rankings</b>								
Arizona State University	142	4%	86%	63%	117	117	166	96
Auburn University	130	-1%	91%	77%	144	94	166	67
Rutgers University	85	14%	85%	68%	131	259	104	209
University of Tennessee	124	-3%	86%	70%	123	112	97	105
<b>2018 Rankings</b>								
Auburn University	97	-3%	90%	75%	145	101	174	79
Illinois Institute of Technology	110	-3%	92%	71%	69	60	121	152
Loyola University	102	4%	85%	75%	106	96	121	184
University of New Hampshire	83	17%	86%	78%	150	189	136	173
University of Oregon	110	9%	87%	72%	106	172	147	127
University of South Carolina	97	5%	88%	73%	159	104	179	61
University of Tennessee	120	-2%	86%	69%	124	84	84	102
<b>2017 Rankings</b>								
Illinois Institute of Technology	102	-4%	92%	73%	66	63	112	152
University of Alabama	125	-2%	86%	67%	137	89	212	13
University of Oregon	113	10%	87%	72%	108	155	162	127
University of Tennessee	122	-2%	86%	70%	137	79	72	115
<b>2016 Rankings</b>								
University of Missouri	106	0%	85%	69%	129	100	173	62
University of Nebraska	122	0%	84%	67%	111	124	123	41
University of New Hampshire	80	13%	86%	77%	102	196	139	156
University of Oregon	117	6%	86%	69%	91	161	161	139
University of Tennessee	127	-5%	86%	69%	135	82	56	127