



PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE GUIDE

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Niche has the most comprehensive data on U.S. colleges and universities. We analyze this data along with millions of reviews from students and alumni to help you understand what a college is really like.



MOST POPULAR COLLEGES IN PENNSYLVANIA

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| 1 A+ Penn State
Public • Univ. Park
Undergrads 39,520 | 6 A+ Lehigh University
Private • Bethlehem
Undergrads 5,001 | 11 B Bloomsburg University
Public • Bloomsburg
Undergrads 8,439 | 16 A+ Haverford College
Private • Haverford
Undergrads 1,233 |
| 2 A Univ. of Pittsburgh
Public • Pittsburgh
Undergrads 17,887 | 7 A+ Villanova University
Private • Villanova
Undergrads 6,469 | 12 A+ Lafayette College
Private • Easton
Undergrads 2,491 | 17 B- Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania
Public • Indiana
Undergrads 10,905 |
| 3 A- Temple University
Public • Philadelphia
Undergrads 25,318 | 8 A- Drexel University
Private • Philadelphia
Undergrads 14,101 | 13 A- Duquesne University
Private • Pittsburgh
Undergrads 5,720 | 18 A- University of Scranton
Private • Scranton
Undergrads 3,713 |
| 4 A+ Univ. of Pennsylvania
Private • Philadelphia
Undergrads 10,406 | 9 A+ Bucknell University
Private • Lewisburg
Undergrads 3,533 | 14 A+ Franklin & Marshall College
Private • Lancaster
Undergrads 2,217 | 19 A+ Swarthmore College
Private • Swarthmore
Undergrads 1,571 |
| 5 B+ West Chester Univ. of Pennsylvania
Public • West Chester
Undergrads 12,772 | 10 A+ Carnegie Mellon Univ.
Private • Pittsburgh
Undergrads 5,853 | 15 A Gettysburg College
Private • Gettysburg
Undergrads 2,431 | 20 B+ Saint Joseph's Univ.
Private • Philadelphia
Undergrads 4,623 |

Most Popular Colleges In Pennsylvania



College	NICHE Report Card					Public/ Private	Undergrads	Net Price	Acceptance Rate	SAT Range	ACT Range	Student to Faculty	Grad. Rate	Most Popular Majors
	Overall	Academics	Value	Student Life	Diversity									
1 Penn State University Park	A+	A	A	A+	A-	Public	39,520	\$16,081	51%	1090-1300	25-29	16:1	86%	Information Studies, Economics, Finance, Accounting, Psychology
2 University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh	A	A	A	A	A-	Public	17,887	\$13,503	54%	1180-1350	26-31	15:1	82%	Psychology, Finance, Nursing, Liberal Arts and Humanities, Marketing
3 Temple University Philadelphia	A-	A-	A-	A	A	Public	25,318	\$15,306	56%	1010-1230	22-28	14:1	71%	Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Psychology, Finance, Accounting, Radio, Television, and Digital Communication
4 University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia	A+	A+	A+	A+	A	Private	10,406	\$35,106	10%	1380-1550	31-34	6:1	95%	Finance, Economics, Nursing, Biology, Political Science and Government
5 West Chester University of Pennsylvania West Chester	B+	B	A-	B	B	Public	12,772	\$30,727	59%	980-1160	21-26	19:1	71%	Psychology, Liberal Arts and Humanities, Dietetics and Clinical Nutrition, Finance, Rhetoric and Composition
6 Lehigh University Bethlehem	A+	A+	A+	A	A-	Private	5,001	\$28,656	26%	1230-1420	29-32	10:1	88%	Finance, Mechanical Engineering, Accounting, Computer Science, Psychology
7 Villanova University Villanova	A+	A	A+	A-	B+	Private	6,469	\$17,678	48%	1200-1400	30-32	12:1	90%	Finance, Nursing, Communications, Economics, Accounting
8 Drexel University Philadelphia	A-	A-	A	B	A	Private	14,101	\$14,226	75%	1095-1310	25-30	10:1	68%	Nursing, Finance, Mechanical Engineering, Biology, Marketing
9 Bucknell University Lewisburg	A+	A+	A+	B+	B+	Private	3,533	\$16,271	25%	1210-1390	28-32	10:1	90%	Economics, Psychology, Political Science and Government, Biology, Accounting
10 Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh	A+	A+	A+	A	A	Private	5,853	\$21,741	24%	1360-1540	31-34	10:1	88%	Computer Science, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mathematics & Statistics, Systems Science and Theory, Mechanical Engineering
11 Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Bloomsburg	B	B-	A-	B-	B	Public	8,439	\$13,813	88%	880-1080	18-23	21:1	62%	Business Administration and Management, Psychology, Corporate Communications, Physical Education Teaching and Coaching, Early Childhood Education
12 Lafayette College Easton	A+	A+	A+	B+	A-	Private	2,491	\$35,912	30%	1200-1380	27-31	10:1	90%	Economics, Political Science and Government, Psychology, Mechanical Engineering, Biology
13 Duquesne University Pittsburgh	A-	B+	A	B+	B+	Private	5,720	\$10,944	76%	1040-1210	23-28	13:1	74%	Nursing Science, Education, and Practice, Biology, Marketing, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Accounting
14 Franklin & Marshall College Lancaster	A+	A+	A+	A-	A	Private	2,217	\$15,401	32%	600-710	28-31	9:1	87%	Business Administration and Management, Liberal Arts and Humanities, Psychology, Political Science and Government, Economics
15 Gettysburg College Gettysburg	A	A	A+	B	A-	Private	2,431	\$9,116	40%	1200-1370	26-30	10:1	83%	Business Administration and Management, Exercise Physiology, Psychology, English, Economics
16 Haverford College Haverford	A+	A+	A+	A	A	Private	1,233	\$7,696	25%	1320-1530	31-34	8:1	90%	Biology, Economics, Psychology, Chemistry, English
17 Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana	B-	B-	B	B	B+	Public	10,905	\$16,021	88%	860-1060	17-22	19:1	55%	Criminology, Business Administration and Management, Communications, Parks, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Nursing
18 University of Scranton Scranton	A-	B+	A	A-	B	Private	3,713	\$33,682	72%	1030-1230	22-28	10:1	80%	Biology, Nursing, Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Accounting, Health Service Preparatory Studies
19 Swarthmore College Swarthmore	A+	A+	A+	A	A+	Private	1,571	\$34,893	12%	1340-1530	30-34	8:1	94%	Economics, Political Science and Government, Biology, Computer and Information Studies, Mathematics & Statistics
20 Saint Joseph's University Philadelphia	B+	B+	A	B+	B+	Private	4,623	\$27,390	82%	1020-1200	22-27	13:1	79%	Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Communications, Psychology

The Most Popular Colleges are the schools that receive the most views on Niche.com.

Niche Grades evaluate specific aspects of campus life based on rigorous data analysis along with millions of student reviews.

Public colleges receive state funding and offer in-state residents lower tuition. **Private colleges** don't distinguish between in-state and out-of-state.

Net Price is average cost after financial aid for students receiving grant or scholarship aid, as reported by the college.

Acceptance Rate is the percentage of students who apply to a college and are accepted.

A college's **SAT and ACT ranges** represent the test scores of the 25th and 75th percentile of students who are enrolled.

Student Faculty Ratio is the number of students who attend a college, divided by the number of faculty. A ratio of 10:1 indicates 10 students for every one faculty.

Graduation Rate is the percentage of undergraduate students who receive their degree within six years.

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