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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

2015 RANK #168  2014 RANK #170

U.S. NEWS RANKING CRITERIA

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC REPUTATION

ACCOUNTS FOR 22.5% OF RANK

ACADEMIC PEER ASSESSMENT RANK (15%)

2015 RANK #157  2014 RANK #152

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR RANK (7.5%)

2015 RANK #228  2014 RANK #215

FACULTY RESOURCES

ACCOUNTS FOR 20% OF RANK

2015 RANK #231  2014 RANK #224

GRADUATION AND RETENTION

ACCOUNTS FOR 22.5% OF RANK

2015 RANK #166  2014 RANK #163

STUDENT SELECTIVITY

ACCOUNTS FOR 12.5% OF RANK

2015 RANK #182  2014 RANK #195

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

ACCOUNTS FOR 10% OF RANK

2015 RANK #125  2014 RANK #119

GRADUATION RATE PERFORMANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR 7.5% OF RANK

2015 RANK #95  2014 RANK #108

ALUMNI GIVING

ACCOUNTS FOR 5% OF RANK

2015 RANK #98  2014 RANK #84
Undergraduate Academic Reputation

The U.S. News ranking formula gives significant weight to the opinions of those in a position to judge a school’s undergraduate academic excellence.

ACADEMIC PEER ASSESSMENT 2015 RANK

#157 OUT OF 268

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<th>RANKING METRIC</th>
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<tr>
<td>66.7%</td>
<td>Peer Assessment Score</td>
<td>2.6</td>
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2014 RANK #152

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR 2015 RANK

#228 OUT OF 268

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<td>33.3%</td>
<td>High School Counselor Score</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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2014 RANK #215

COMMENTS:
Faculty Resources

Research shows that the more satisfied students are about their contact with professors, the more they will learn and the more likely it is they will graduate. We use six factors from the 2012-13 academic year to assess a school’s commitment to instruction.

FACULTY RESOURCES 2015 RANK

#231 OUT OF 268

2014 RANK #224

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<td>10%</td>
<td>% of Classes With 50 or More Students</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>% of Classes With Less Than 20 Students</td>
<td>36.4%</td>
<td>35.1%</td>
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<td>35%</td>
<td>Faculty Compensation</td>
<td>181</td>
<td>178</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>% of Faculty Who Are Full Time</td>
<td>84.1%</td>
<td>89.4%</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>Student/Teacher Ratio</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>15%</td>
<td>% of Full Time Faculty with a Terminal Degree</td>
<td>80.8%</td>
<td>84.5%</td>
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ACCOUNTS FOR 20% OF OVERALL RANK

West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV
Undergrad
National Universities

Comments:
Graduation and Retention

The higher the proportion of freshman who return to campus for sophomore year and eventually graduate, the better a school is apt to be at offering the classes and services that students need to succeed.

GRADUATION AND RETENTION 2015 RANK

#166 OUT OF 268  
2014 RANK #163

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<td>80%</td>
<td>Six-year Graduation Rate</td>
<td>57.3%</td>
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<td>20%</td>
<td>Freshman Retention Rate</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>78.75%</td>
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COMMENTS:
Student Selectivity

A school’s academic atmosphere is determined in part by the abilities and ambitions of the students. The data are all for the fall 2013 entering class.

**STUDENT SELECTIVITY 2015 RANK**

**#182 OUT OF 268**

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<td>65%</td>
<td>Average Math SAT</td>
<td>516</td>
<td>532</td>
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<td>Average Verbal SAT</td>
<td>536</td>
<td>513</td>
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<td>Composite ACT</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>25%</td>
<td>% of Students in Top 10% of HS Class</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>Acceptance Rate</td>
<td>85.3%</td>
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**COMMENTS:**


Financial Resources

Generous per-student spending indicates that a college can offer a wide variety of programs and services. U.S. News measures financial resources by using the average spending per student on instruction, research, and related educational expenditures in the 2012 and 2013 fiscal years. Spending on sports, dorms, and hospitals doesn’t count.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES 2015 RANK

#125 OUT OF 268

2014 RANK #119

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<td>100%</td>
<td>Educational Expenditures Per Student</td>
<td>$27541</td>
<td>$26956</td>
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COMMENTS:
Graduation Rate Performance

This indicator shows the effect of the college’s programs and policies on the graduation rate of students after controlling for spending and student characteristics such as test scores and the proportion receiving Pell grants.

GRADUATION RATE PERFORMANCE 2015 RANK

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<td>Predicted Graduation Rate</td>
<td>55%</td>
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2014 RANK #108

COMMENTS:
Alumni Giving

This reflects the average percentage of living alumni with bachelor’s degrees who gave to their school during 2011-12 and 2012-13, which is an indirect measure of student satisfaction.

ALUMNI GIVING 2015 RANK

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<td>100%</td>
<td>Alumni Giving Rate</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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2014 RANK #84

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ACCOUNTS FOR 5% OF OVERALL RANK

COMMENTS: