

# US News and World Report Best Colleges Rankings

## Analysis of 2018 Rankings

# How USNWR Best Colleges Rankings are Derived

- **Data is gathered by US News in the spring. Rankings are published in September. The public release for the 2018 edition is September 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **The National Universities category consists of 311 institutions (298 last year). These institutions consist of 190 public, 114 private and seven for-profit institutions that offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees.**
- **The highest ranked institution in the category is assigned the score of 100, and all others are ranked in decreasing order of score. A total of 223 of the 311 national universities were ranked in this publication.**



# 2018 UIC Highlights

- Overall ranking improved from 152 to 145
- Overall ranking among public institutions improved from 78 to 73
- Ranked as an A+ School for B Students
- Ranked in the top 10 for Diversity
- Ranked among the top 100 Business Programs

How UIC Compares				
	Overall Score	Peer Assessment	HS Counselor	Public Rank
140. New Jersey Inst. of Technology*	42	2.6	3.5	68
140. San Diego State University*	42	2.9	3.6	68
140. University of South Florida*	42	2.7	3.4	68
140. Washington State University*	42	3.0	3.6	68
145. Kansas State University*	41	3.0	3.4	73
<b>145. University of Illinois–Chicago*</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>73</b>
145. University of Mississippi*	41	2.9	3.5	73
145. Oregon State University*	41	3.0	3.5	73
145. University of Texas–Dallas*	41	2.8	3.7	73
151. Ohio University*	40	3.0	3.5	78
151. University at Albany–SUNY*	40	2.9	3.3	78
156. Oklahoma State University*	39	2.8	3.5	80
156. Univ. of Massachusetts–Lowell*	39	2.5	3.3	80
156. University of Rhode Island*	39	2.8	3.5	80



# Measures and Weights Used

Outcome Measure	Weight
<b>Undergraduate Academic Reputation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer Assessment Survey (15%)</li> <li>• High School Counselors' Survey (7.5%)</li> </ul>	<b>22.5%</b>
<b>Retention (<i>and Graduation</i>)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six-Year Graduation (18%)</li> <li>• One-Year Retention (4.5%)</li> </ul>	<b>22.5%</b>
<b>Faculty Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty Salaries (7%)</li> <li>• Class Size &lt;20 (6%)</li> <li>• Faculty with PhD/Terminal Degree (3%)</li> <li>• Class Size ≥50 (2%)</li> <li>• Faculty Full-Time Percent (1%)</li> <li>• Student-Faculty Ratio (1%)</li> </ul>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Student Selectivity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACT/SAT 25<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup>-tile range (8.13%)</li> <li>• HS Standing in top 10% (3.13%)</li> <li>• Acceptance Rate (1.25%)</li> </ul>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>Financial Resources</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Graduate Rate Performance (vs. USNWR projection)</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Alumni Giving Rate</b>	<b>5%</b>



# Individual Indicators and Weights

Indicator	Weight
Average 6-year graduation rate (most recent four cohorts)	18.00%
Peer assessment survey (2 yr avg) ★	15.00%
Financial resources (expenditures) per student	10.00%
Critical reading and math SAT or composite ACT scores (25 <sup>th</sup> -75 <sup>th</sup> %-tile)	8.13%
High school counselors' ratings (3 yr avg) ★	7.50%
Graduation rate performance vs USNWR projection ★	7.50%
Faculty compensation: Avg salary, COLA	7.00%
Class size, 1-19 students	6.00%
Average alumni giving rate	5.00%
Average freshman retention rate	4.50%
High school class standing in top 10%	3.13%
Percent faculty with terminal degree in their field	3.00%
Class size, 50+ students	2.00%
Acceptance rate	1.25%
Percent faculty that is full time	1.00%
Student/faculty ratio	1.00%

NOTE: The top 3 Indicators total **43%**; The top 6 { } account for **66%** of our score. Three of these top six indicators (starred) are proprietary and not based on UIC's submission. These three account for 30% of our score.

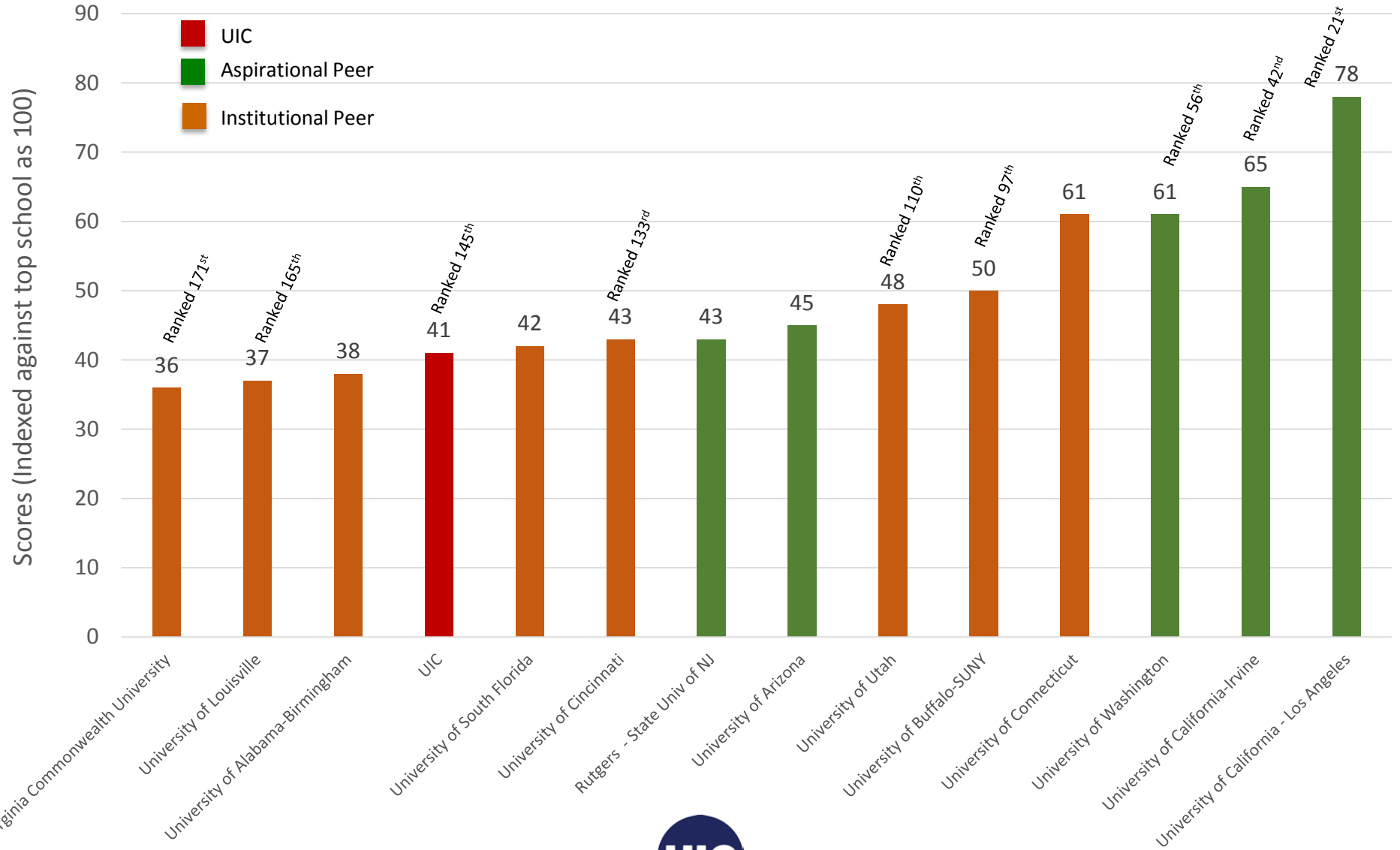


# How UIC has fared in the USNWR in recent years

Year	UIC Score (of 100)	Ranking among National Universities
2013	38	147 <sup>th</sup>
2014	42	128 <sup>th</sup>
2015	34	149 <sup>th</sup>
2016	36	129 <sup>th</sup>
2017	37	152 <sup>nd</sup>
2018	41	145 <sup>th</sup>



# UIC 2018 Overall Score and Rank Compared With BOT Peers



# Review of Highest Weight Indicators

Indicator	2017	2018	Weight
<b>Six-Year Graduation Rate.</b> Average of last 4 entering cohorts. 2007: 57%, 2008: 60%, 2009: 60% , 2010: 58% (Ranking).	59%	58%	18%
<b>Peer Assessment Survey (<i>proprietary</i>)</b> Average of last 2 years of data. 2015: 3.0., 2016: 3.0	2.9	3.0	15%
<b>Financial Resources, expenses per student</b> Average of last 2 years. Based on IPEDS Finance Survey and logarithmic transformation of data.	UNK	UNK	10%
<b>ACT Scores</b> Composite 25 <sup>th</sup> and 75 <sup>th</sup> percentiles, Full-time, First-time Freshmen	21-26	21-27	8.13%
<b>High School Counselor Survey (<i>proprietary</i>)</b> Average of last 3 years of data. 2014:3.7; 2015: 3.7, 2016: 3.5	3.6	3.5	7.5%
<b>Graduation Rate performance (<i>proprietary</i>)</b> Percent +/- against projections: 2014: +6, 2015: -6, 2016: -3	-3	-3	7.5%
<b>Faculty Compensation (Average last 2 years with COLA)</b> USNWR calculation from AAUP survey with COLA indices from Runzheimer.	UNK	UNK	7%



\* Dates listed are USNWR SURVEY DATES. 2018 includes data from AYs 16 and 17, based on the measure variable.

\* These top 7 indicators account for 73% of the score.



# Review of Lowest Weight Indicators

Indicator	2017 Value	2018 Value	Weight
Class Size, < 20 students	35%	38%	6%
Alumni Giving Rate Average of last 2 years; 2013-14: 3.4%, 2014-15: 3.4%, 2015-2016: 3.0)	3.4%	3.3%	5%
Freshman Retention Rate Average of last 4 cohorts; 2012: 80%, 2013: 80%, 2014: 82% 2015: 80%	80%	80%	4.5%
High School class standing (top 10%)	23%	27%	3.13
Faculty with PhD or terminal degree in field	85%	85%	3.00
Class Size, ≥ 50 students	20%	20%	2.00
Acceptance (admit) Rate (admitted\applications)	77%	74%	1.25%
Faculty who are full-time	89%	89%	1.0%
Student-Faculty Ratio	18:1	18:1	1.0%

\* These bottom 10 indicators account for 27% of the score weights.

