

Fall 2025 University Rankings Overview



UConn

University rankings are more than numbers—they are a reflection of our commitment to excellence and our impact on the world



Benchmarking and Institutional Improvement

Rankings measure progress toward strategic goals and support institutional growth through defined performance indicators.



Resource Allocation Guidance

Rankings inform decisions on hiring, program development, and resource distribution to maximize institutional impact.



Enhanced Reputation and Partnerships

High rankings boost visibility, reputation, and foster strategic partnerships, affecting recruitment and funding opportunities.

Common Themes for All Ranking Systems



Student Success



Reputation and Recognition



Research Excellence



Global Presence

Ranking Metrics






30% Opinion

44% Student Data

26% Faculty Data

Influential Rankings

UConn Rank

#32 Domestic, Public		U.S. News Best Colleges
#40 Domestic, Public		Wall Street Journal
#534 Global, Overall		Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)
#351- 400 Global, Overall		Times Higher Education
#10 Global, Overall		UI Green Metric

Why these rankings:

- Credibility and longevity
- Stakeholder reliance
- Domestic & global impact
- Rigorous methodologies

Impact of positive rankings on:

- **Students:** Higher rankings attract top students and increase applications, improving campus diversity and talent.
- **Faculty/Staff:** Prestige boosts recruitment and retention and opens doors for research collaborations.
- **Alumni/Donors:** Improved rankings drive alumni pride and philanthropic support, fueling institutional growth.

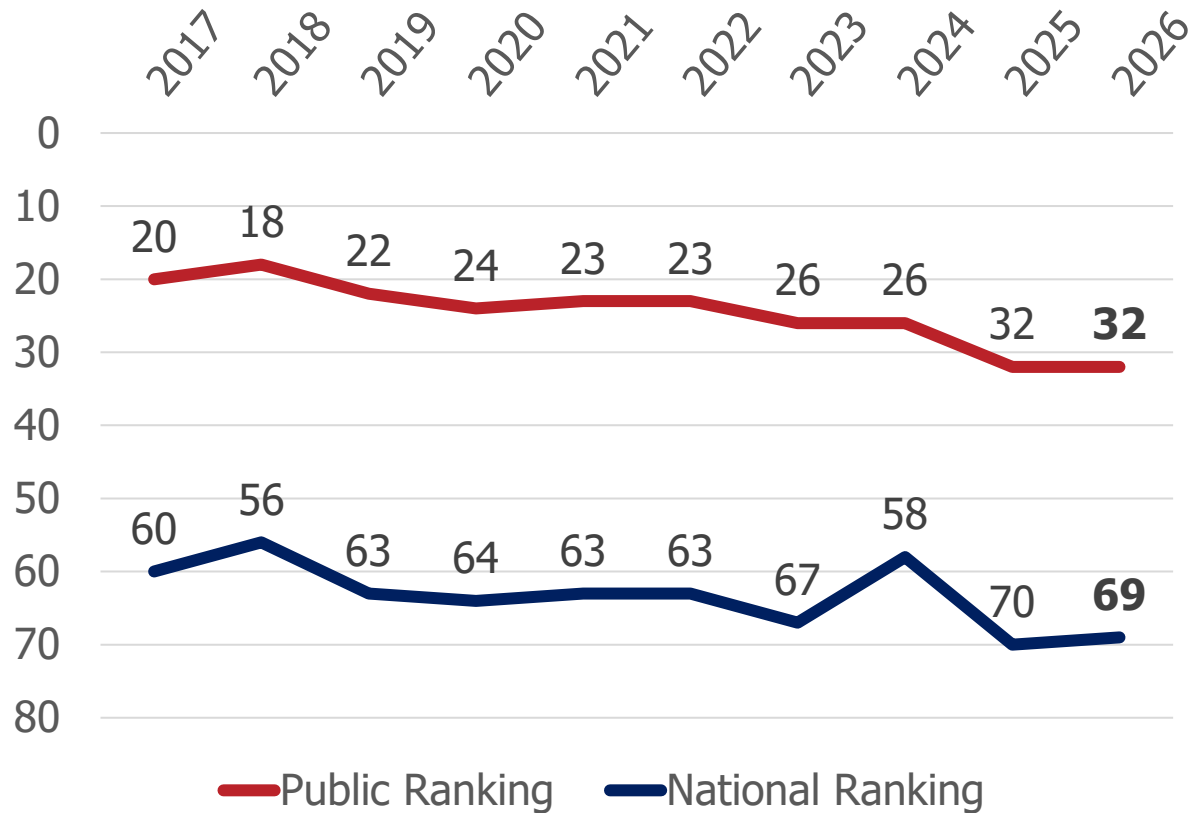
US News Best Colleges Ranking

80% of metrics are student, faculty and financial related data; 20% is opinion

The most well known and consistent ranking entity.

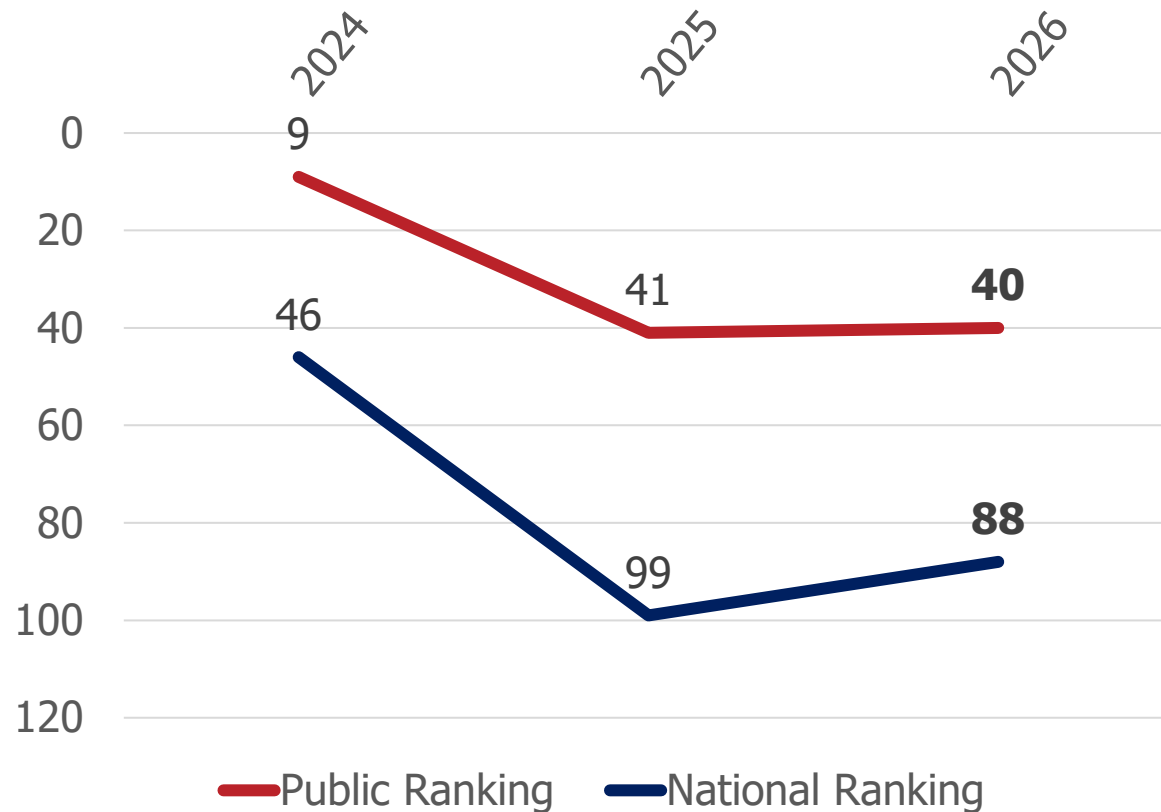
Major components:

- Higher education access (social mobility) and success for low-income students
- Faculty resources
- Graduation and retention
- Graduate indebtedness & salary postgrad
- Faculty citations per publication
- Financial resources
- Peer opinion



Wall Street Journal Ranking

80% of metrics are student outcomes and cost; 20% are opinion

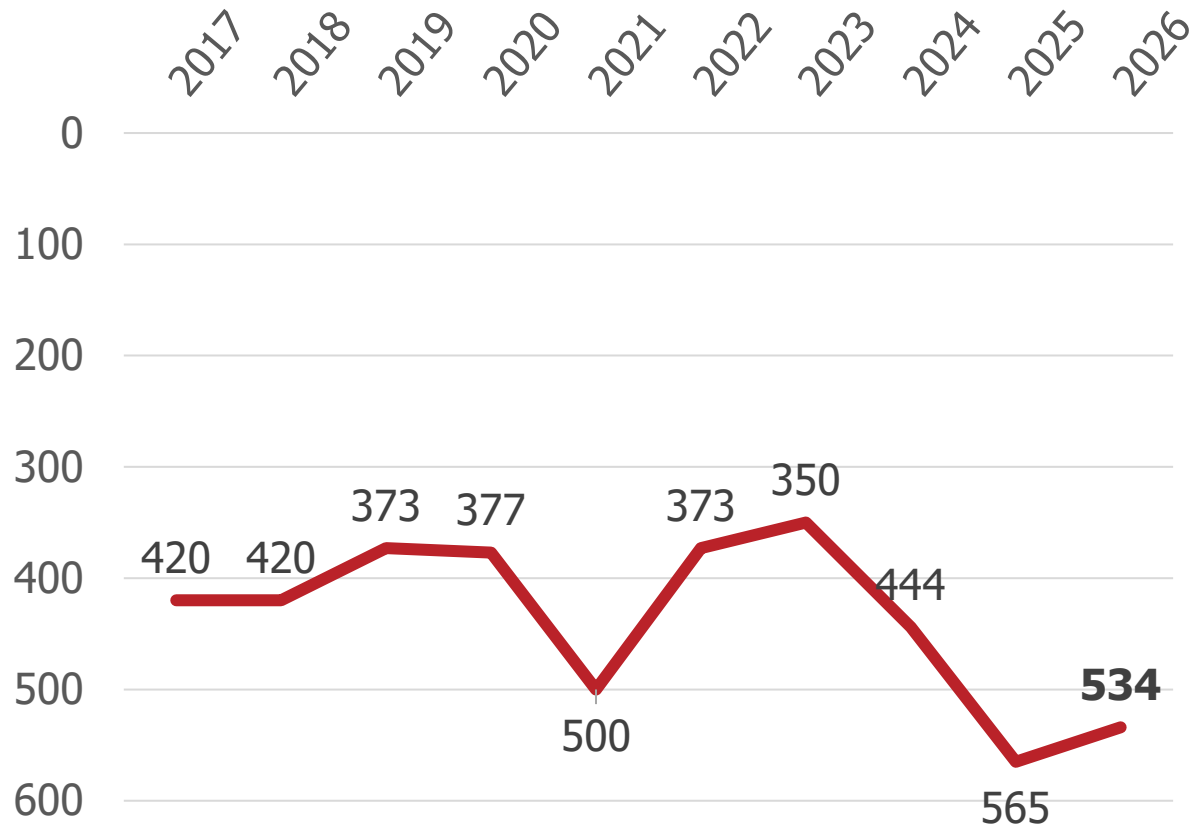


Methodology:

- Brand new model in the past 3 years
- No rolling averages to smooth changes in underlying data
- Their hidden model (black box) is worth more than half of the score
- Rankings may fluctuate until the model stabilizes

QS World University Ranking

55% of metrics are student, faculty and sustainability related data; 45% are opinion

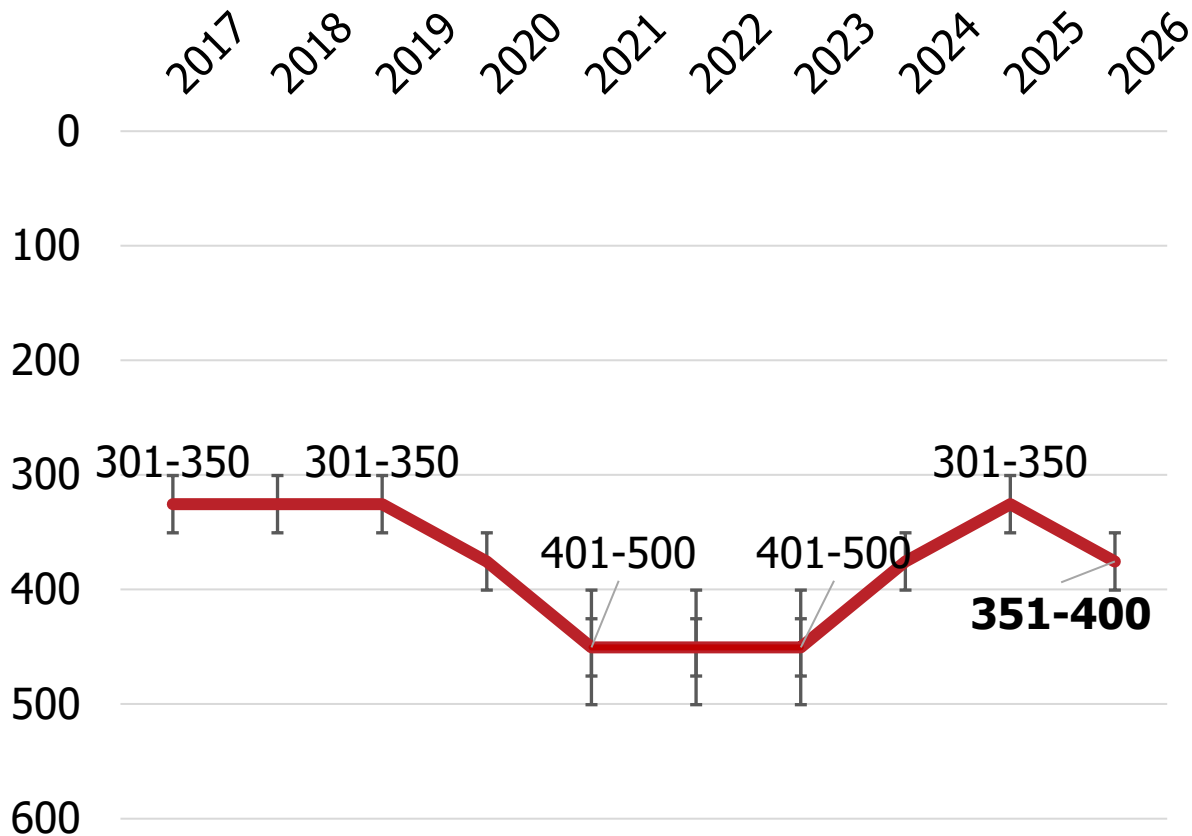


One of the largest world university ranking entities, featuring over 1,500 institutions across 105 higher education systems.

Major components:

- Research impacts based on citations and reputation.
- Employment based on outcomes and reputation.
- Global engagement
- Sustainability (new area but low weights)

Times Higher Ed World University Ranking



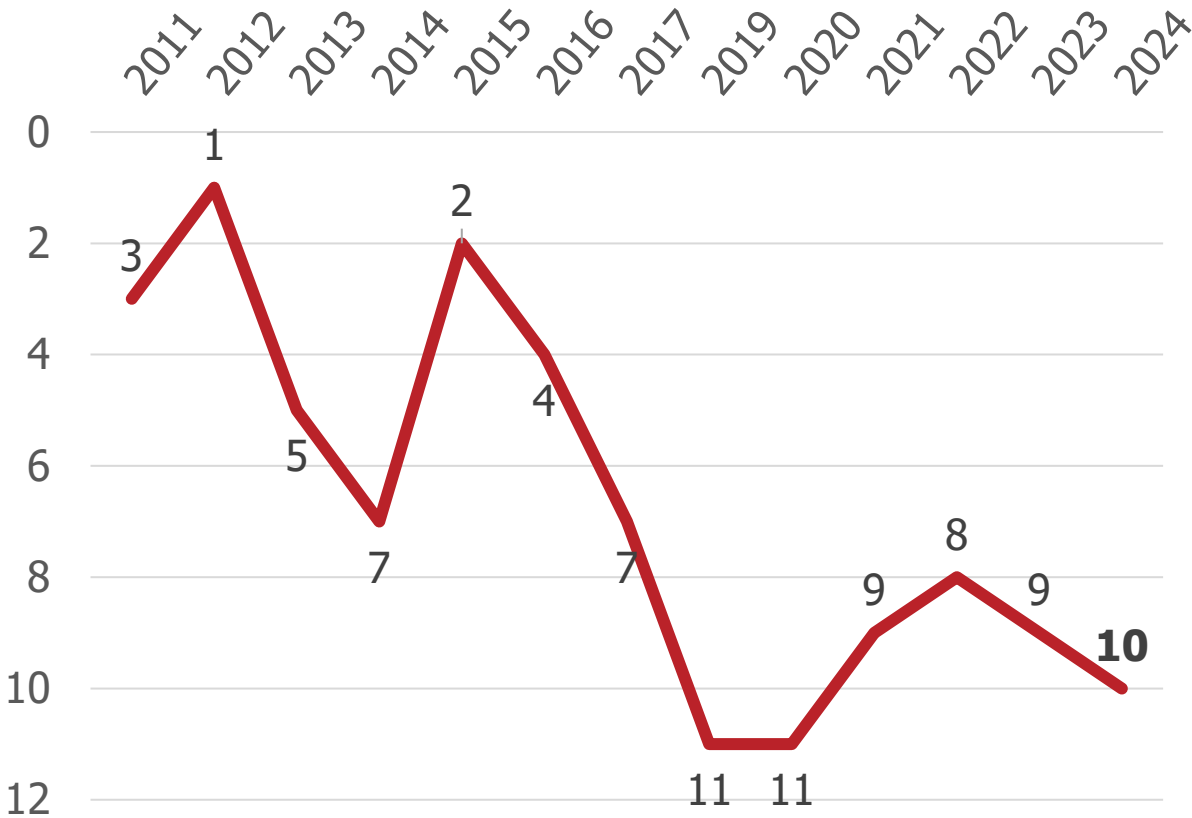
67% of metrics are student, faculty and research related data; 33% are opinion

Another predominant world university ranking entity with over 2,000 ranked universities.

Major components:

- Teaching: reputation, institution income, doctoral student ratio
- Research impacts: citations and publications
- Connection with industry: income from industry and patents
- International outlook: international students/staff members

UI GreenMetric Ranking



UConn is the 10th most sustainable university in the world, reflecting our commitment to sustainability and our efforts to enhance environmental initiatives

UConn's overall performance is 94% and we achieve 100% in three of the components

Major components:

- Settings and Infrastructure -14%
- Energy and Climate Change – 18%
- Waste – 19%
- Water – 11%
- Transportation – 19%
- Education and Research – 19%

How do we improve rankings?



Elevate Student Success

Drive higher retention and graduation rates through innovative support programs and targeted interventions (SEM Plan).



Improve Reputation and Recognition

Build powerful alliances with industry, academia, and community leaders to amplify our reputation and open new opportunities.



Advance Research Excellence

Invest in groundbreaking research and foster interdisciplinary collaboration.



Expand Global Engagement

Pursue more international collaborations that broaden perspectives and raise our global profile.

Improving rankings requires a strategic approach and sustained effort over the long term