



 An objective look at 12 key criteria that enrich a college learning experience

COLLEGE TOWNS

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Corvallis | OR

POPULATION: 86,430

THE top 20 COLLEGE TOWNS

Metropolitan Statistical Areas with under 250,000 residents¹

- 1 Ithaca, NY
- 2 Ames, IA
- 3 **Corvallis, OR**
- 4 Iowa City, IA
- 5 State College, PA
- 6 Fargo, ND-MN
- 7 Champaign-Urbana, IL
- 8 Columbia, MO
- 9 Missoula, MT
- 10 College Station-Bryan, TX
- 11 Charlottesville, VA
- 12 Lafayette, IN
- 13 Lawrence, KS
- 14 Fairbanks, AK
- 15 Bloomington, IN
- 16 Morgantown, WV
- 17 Grand Forks, ND-MN
- 18 Binghamton, NY
- 19 Mankato-North Mankato, MN
- 20 Logan, UT-ID

Colleges & Universities

A sampling of nearby colleges and universities

Oregon State University

RANK	STUDENT LIFE			CULTURE			ECONOMIC HEALTH			OPPORTUNITY		
	Overall Rank	Student Concentration <small>College students per 1,000 residents¹</small>	Cost of Housing <small>Fair market rent of a 2-bedroom apartment²</small>	City Accessibility <small>Percentage of workers that bike, walk, or take public transportation³</small>	Arts & Leisure <small>Concentration of arts, entertainment, and recreation establishments⁴</small>	International Students <small>Percentage of students that are foreign born⁴</small>	Innovation Producers <small>Percentage of workers in innovative fields⁵</small>	Unemployment Rate <small>Percentage of labor force unemployed⁶</small>	Entrepreneurial Activity <small>Net change in businesses per 100,000 residents (3-year average)⁷</small>	Brain Drain or Gain <small>Annual change in share of population with college degrees¹</small>	R&D per Student <small>Academic R&D per student⁸</small>	College Educated <small>Percentage of the population with a college degree¹</small>
						1 14.2%					1 53.1%	
			2 18.4%									
3												
									5 1.10			
	7 229.5										8 \$12,127	
						9 8.9%						
		12 \$824										
					14 37.2							
							15 5.8%					
								17 -36.3				17 \$19,949

¹U.S. Census, 2012. ²U.S. Dept. of HUD, 2014. ³U.S. Economic Census, 2011. ⁴IPEDS, 2012. ⁵BLS OES, 2013. ⁶BLS, 2013 average. ⁷U.S. Small Business Administration, 2011. ⁸National Science Foundation, 2012.