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COLLEGE TOWNS

**5** **Corvallis | OR**  
POPULATION: 85,928

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

**THE top 20 COLLEGE TOWNS**

Metropolitan Statistical Areas with greater than 15,000 college students<sup>1</sup>

- 1 Ithaca, NY
- 2 Ames, IA
- 3 State College, PA
- 4 Iowa City, IA
- 5 Corvallis, OR**
- 6 Champaign-Urbana, IL
- 7 Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA
- 8 Charlottesville, VA
- 9 Lawrence, KS
- 10 Lafayette, IN
- 11 Columbia, MO
- 12 Morgantown, WV
- 13 College Station-Bryan, TX
- 14 Fargo, ND-MN
- 15 Burlington-South Burlington, VT
- 16 Manhattan, KS
- 17 Logan, UT-ID
- 18 Bloomington, IN
- 19 Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA
- 20 Bloomington-Normal, IL

**Colleges & Universities**

A sampling of nearby colleges and universities.

Oregon State University

RANK	ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT				QUALITY OF LIFE				PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY			
	Overall Rank <small>Total score of all non-weighted rankings<sup>1</sup> for College Towns</small>	Student Concentration <small>Number of college students per 1,000 population<sup>2</sup></small>	Student Diversity <small>Percent of student body that are non-residents<sup>3</sup></small>	Research Capacity <small>Academic R&amp;D expenditure per capita<sup>4</sup></small>	Degree Attainment <small>Percent of 25-34 population with bachelor's degree or higher<sup>5</sup></small>	Arts & Leisure <small>Establishments per 100,000 population in arts, entertainment &amp; recreation<sup>5</sup></small>	City Accessibility <small>Percent of workers 16+ who commute via public transportation, bike, or walk<sup>6</sup></small>	Creative Class <small>Percent of workforce in the creative class<sup>3</sup></small>	Cost of Living <small>Average 2-bedroom rent<sup>6</sup></small>	Earning Potential <small>Income per capita<sup>7</sup></small>	Entrepreneurial Activity <small>Net increase in total # of businesses per 100,000 population<sup>8</sup></small>	Unemployment Rate <small>Unemployment rate<sup>9</sup></small>
						2 18.8%						
							3 48.4%					
5												
	6 249.3				6 41.9							
		8 8.6%								7 \$37,171		7 1.044
			9 \$2,663									
								10 \$757				
					14 41.28%							
											16 5.5%	
										18 -16.3		

<sup>1</sup>AIER, 2011 <sup>2</sup>U.S. Census, 2011 <sup>3</sup>IPEDS, 2011 <sup>4</sup>National Science Foundation, 2011 <sup>5</sup>U.S. Economic Census, 2010 <sup>6</sup>U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, 2013 <sup>7</sup>Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2010 <sup>8</sup>U.S. Small Business Administration, 2010 <sup>9</sup>Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2013 average <sup>\*</sup>Average of non-weighted rankings