

Countries arranged by Number of Universities in Top Ranks - 30 January 2026

Comparative academic ranking of countries 2021-2016. Included: countries with at least one HEI in the top 5000.

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ACADEMIC WORLD RANK			COUNTRY	NUMBER OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)						Academic Cohesion Index-5000 (N = I / J)
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	1	0	U.S.A.	50	85	87	546	768	3,124	24.6%
2	4	2	China (incl. of Hong Kong; Macao)	11	50	89	484	634	2,460	25.8%
3	2	-1	U.K.	9	33	31	70	143	335	42.7%
4	3	-1	Australia	6	17	10	9	42	183	23.0%
5	5	0	Canada	6	17	8	41	72	382	18.8%
6	6	0	Netherlands	4	8	1	20	33	128	25.8%
7	8	1	Germany	2	34	22	67	125	514	24.3%
8	7	-1	Switzerland	2	5	2	12	21	105	20.0%
9	10	1	Singapore	2	0	2	6	10	41	24.4%
10	17	7	Italy	1	18	21	43	83	290	28.6%
11	16	5	Spain	1	15	25	41	82	281	29.2%
12	13	1	Japan	1	9	9	163	182	1,041	17.5%
13	14	1	Brazil	1	5	13	145	164	1,289	12.7%
14	9	-5	Belgium	1	5	1	7	14	139	10.1%
15	15	0	Finland	1	4	3	9	17	42	40.5%
16	11	-5	Denmark	1	4	1	4	10	80	12.5%
17	12	-5	Norway	1	3	1	16	21	50	42.0%
18	26	8	France	0	12	14	123	149	610	24.4%
19	16	-3	Sweden	0	10	1	21	32	46	69.6%
20	19	-1	South Korea	0	8	11	77	96	396	24.2%
21	21	0	Portugal	0	6	0	34	40	116	34.5%
22	20	-2	Israel	0	5	2	10	17	53	32.1%
23	34	11	Malaysia	0	5	1	34	40	312	12.8%
24	27	3	South Africa	0	4	3	15	22	124	17.7%
25	24	-1	Austria	0	3	7	17	27	85	31.8%
26	31	5	Saudi Arabia	0	3	5	29	37	68	54.4%
27	30	3	Greece	0	3	4	18	25	67	37.3%
28	28	0	Ireland	0	3	3	10	16	67	23.9%
29	33	4	Iran	0	2	9	102	113	407	27.8%
30	29	-1	Russian Federation	0	2	9	99	110	957	11.5%
31	23	-8	Taiwan	0	2	9	63	74	163	45.4%
32	32	0	Poland	0	2	7	61	70	395	17.7%
33	44	11	Thailand	0	2	5	27	34	189	18.0%
34	22	-12	New Zealand	0	2	5	2	9	51	17.6%
35	34	-1	Czech Republic	0	2	3	16	21	64	32.8%
36	36	0	Chile	0	2	1	37	40	125	32.0%
37	43	6	India	0	1	18	314	333	5,288	6.3%
38	46	8	Indonesia	0	1	6	72	79	3,689	2.1%
39	25	-14	Mexico	0	1	4	45	50	1,061	4.7%
40	45	5	Egypt	0	1	4	43	48	90	53.3%
41	39	-2	Hungary	0	1	4	12	17	69	24.6%
42	37	-5	Argentina	0	1	2	38	41	145	28.3%

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43	40	-3	Serbia	0	1	1	5	7	90	7.8%
44	60	16	Croatia	0	1	0	8	9	50	18.0%
45	42	-3	Slovenia	0	1	0	4	5	53	9.4%
46	41	-5	Estonia	0	1	0	4	5	30	16.7%
47	38	-9	Turkey	0	0	9	139	148	210	70.5%
48	50	2	Pakistan	0	0	3	81	84	366	23.0%
49	51	2	Colombia	0	0	3	47	50	294	17.0%
50	49	-1	United Arab Emirates	0	0	3	18	21	65	32.3%
51	47	-4	Romania	0	0	2	32	34	103	33.0%
52	48	-4	Jordan	0	0	2	20	22	36	61.1%
53	57	4	Lebanon	0	0	2	7	9	47	19.1%
54	52	-2	Viet Nam	0	0	1	46	47	194	24.2%
55	67	12	Bangladesh	0	0	1	43	44	182	24.2%
56	54	-2	Slovakia	0	0	1	15	16	35	45.7%
57	79	22	Philippines	0	0	1	12	13	368	3.5%
58	84	26	Ghana	0	0	1	9	10	99	10.1%
59	59	0	Cyprus	0	0	1	7	8	39	20.5%
60	58	-2	Lithuania	0	0	1	7	8	38	21.1%
61	62	1	Qatar	0	0	1	5	6	17	35.3%
62	89	27	Latvia	0	0	1	4	5	51	9.8%
63	63	0	Iceland	0	0	1	2	3	9	33.3%
64	64	0	Malta	0	0	1	0	1	9	11.1%
65	65	0	Luxembourg	0	0	1	0	1	5	20.0%
66	71	5	Iraq	0	0	0	50	50	133	37.6%
67	66	-1	Ukraine	0	0	0	46	46	303	15.2%
68	68	0	Nigeria	0	0	0	39	39	308	12.7%
69	69	0	Algeria	0	0	0	39	39	120	32.5%
70	72	2	Peru	0	0	0	28	28	122	23.0%
71	70	-1	Ecuador	0	0	0	26	26	113	23.0%
72	73	1	Morocco	0	0	0	17	17	156	10.9%
73	77	4	Ethiopia	0	0	0	13	13	66	19.7%
74	53	-21	Bulgaria	0	0	0	13	13	56	23.2%
75	56	-19	Kazakhstan	0	0	0	12	12	126	9.5%
76	74	-2	Sri Lanka	0	0	0	12	12	64	18.8%
77	82	5	Tunisia	0	0	0	10	10	234	4.3%
78	75	-3	Kenya	0	0	0	9	9	125	7.2%
79	78	-1	Palestinian Territories	0	0	0	9	9	30	30.0%
80	116	36	Uzbekistan	0	0	0	6	6	180	3.3%
81	85	4	Uganda	0	0	0	6	6	66	9.1%
82	91	9	Georgia	0	0	0	6	6	60	10.0%
83	82	-1	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0	6	6	42	14.3%
84	92	8	Cameroon	0	0	0	6	6	24	25.0%
85	90	5	Libya	0	0	0	5	5	59	8.5%
86	55	-31	Belarus	0	0	0	5	5	53	9.4%
87	97	10	Azerbaijan	0	0	0	5	5	46	10.9%

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88	86	-2	Tanzania	0	0	0	5	5	46	10.9%
89	93	4	Oman	0	0	0	5	5	30	16.7%
90	95	5	Kuwait	0	0	0	5	5	15	33.3%
91	N.A.	N.A.	Northern Cyprus ("TRNC")	0	0	0	5	5	15	33.3%
92	80	-12	Venezuela	0	0	0	4	4	69	5.8%
93	87	-6	Costa Rica	0	0	0	4	4	68	5.9%
94	100	6	Yemen	0	0	0	4	4	57	7.0%
95	99	4	Sudan	0	0	0	4	4	52	7.7%
96	101	5	Nepal	0	0	0	4	4	44	9.1%
97	103	6	Bahrain	0	0	0	4	4	12	33.3%
98	117	19	Dominican Republic	0	0	0	3	3	61	4.9%
99	106	7	Bolivia	0	0	0	3	3	55	5.5%
100	94	-6	Uruguay	0	0	0	3	3	38	7.9%
101	61	-40	Puerto Rico	0	0	0	3	3	37	8.1%
102	104	2	Guatemala	0	0	0	3	3	23	13.0%
103	96	-7	North Macedonia	0	0	0	3	3	23	13.0%
104	105	1	Armenia	0	0	0	2	2	46	4.3%
105	112	7	Zambia	0	0	0	2	2	38	5.3%
106	128	22	Senegal	0	0	0	2	2	37	5.4%
107	76	-31	Cuba	0	0	0	2	2	32	6.3%
108	108	0	Panama	0	0	0	2	2	32	6.3%
109	118	9	Malawi	0	0	0	2	2	25	8.0%
110	107	-3	Moldova	0	0	0	2	2	24	8.3%
111	124	13	Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	2	2	22	9.1%
112	88	-24	Zimbabwe	0	0	0	2	2	20	10.0%
113	141	28	Rwanda	0	0	0	2	2	19	10.5%
114	122	8	Botswana	0	0	0	2	2	13	15.4%
115	111	-4	Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	2	2	7	28.6%
116	114	-2	Namibia	0	0	0	2	2	4	50.0%
117	113	-4	Fiji	0	0	0	2	2	3	66.7%
118	160	42	Somalia	0	0	0	1	1	97	1.0%
119	146	27	Afghanistan	0	0	0	1	1	86	1.2%
120	120	0	Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	1	1	53	1.9%
121	109	-12	Mongolia	0	0	0	1	1	50	2.0%
122	110	-12	Cambodia	0	0	0	1	1	49	2.0%
123	126	3	Paraguay	0	0	0	1	1	48	2.1%
124	132	8	Democratic Republic of Congo	0	0	0	1	1	43	2.3%
125	102	-23	Albania	0	0	0	1	1	43	2.3%
126	98	-28	Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	1	1	43	2.3%
127	131	4	Benin	0	0	0	1	1	30	3.3%
128	125	-3	Jamaica	0	0	0	1	1	22	4.5%
129	123	-6	Honduras	0	0	0	1	1	17	5.9%
130	115	-15	Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0	1	1	16	6.3%
131	145	14	Burkina Faso	0	0	0	1	1	15	6.7%
132	127	-5	Mozambique	0	0	0	1	1	15	6.7%

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133	130	-3	Mauritius	0	0	0	1	1	11	9.1%
134	129	-5	Montenegro	0	0	0	1	1	10	10.0%
135	140	5	Madagascar	0	0	0	1	1	9	11.1%
136	155	19	Togo	0	0	0	1	1	7	14.3%
137	156	19	Guyana	0	0	0	1	1	6	16.7%
138	137	-1	Guam	0	0	0	1	1	3	33.3%
139	139	0	Liechtenstein	0	0	0	1	1	3	33.3%
140	136	-4	Grenada	0	0	0	1	1	2	50.0%
141	151	10	Faroe Islands	0	0	0	1	1	1	100.0%
142	151	9	San Marino	0	0	0	1	1	1	100.0%
			TOTAL HEIs:	100	400	500	4,000	5,000	31,644	15.8%

NOTES:

1. This 4-page table was designed by John D. Pappas and uploaded in Xenodo/CERN on January 31, 2026

2. The number of HEIs in every academic world-rank category per country (“TOP 100” ... “1001-5000”, columns E ... H correspondingly) was derived from world-rank data per HEI and per country in the January 2026 edition of Webometrics, authored by Isidro F. Aguillo, Director of the *Cybermetrics Lab* of the *Higher Council for Scientific Research* (CSIC) of Spain:

https://figshare.com/articles/preprint/Ranking_Web_of_Universities_webometrics_info_January_2026_edition/31132501?file=61275280

3. For every country, the *Academic Cohesion Index-5000* (column K), is the ratio of the number of the country's HEIs in top-5000 in the world (column I) over the total number of the country's HEIs (column J). The higher this ratio (written in percentage form in the table), the relatively fewer the country's HEIs beyond the 5000th mark—i.e., the more skewed the distribution of the country's HEIs towards the top-5000 level—and consequently the higher the *Academic Cohesion* of the country's tertiary education system, and vice versa.

4. The method of country ranking—i.e., multiple sorting of countries by numerical data in columns E, F, G, H, in this order—is identical to the method applied by Webometrics in its July 2021 and January 2026 editions, the first titled “**Countries arranged by Number of Universities in Top Ranks**” for 213 countries and 31,097 HEIs, and the second titled “**Distribution by Country and Region**” for 222 countries/regions and 32,147 HEIs.

5. Countries with no HEIs in the top-5000 category are not included in the table. There are 75 such countries, e.g., Myanmar, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Angola, Haiti, Burundi, Barbados, Bhutan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali, Papua New Guinea, Cayman Islands, Mauritania, Maldives, Chad, etc.

6. In the table, **China's** HEIs include HEIs in **Hong Kong** and **Macao**, which are *Special Administration Regions* of China, although Webometrics reports HEIs in those regions separately from China, as if they were sovereign countries.

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