

# Here's how Kentucky universities fared in new Best Colleges rankings

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U.S. News & World Report (<https://www.usnews.com/>) just released its 2019 Best Colleges rankings, which compare Kentucky universities to other schools across the nation using a variety of metrics and are a popular reference point for prospective students.

The University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky both were included on the Top Public Schools list in the National Universities category, where they were ranked at No. 91 and No. 75.

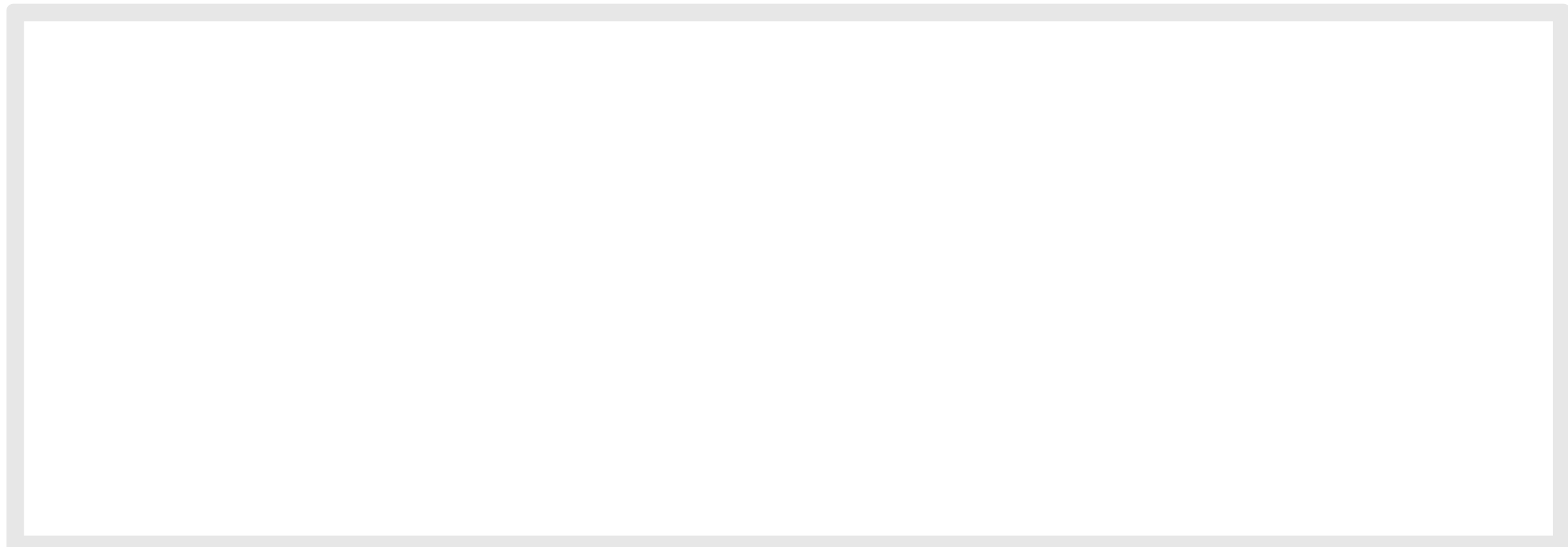
The main National Universities ranking put Louisville at No. 171 and UK at No. 147 ([https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities?\\_sort=school-name&\\_sort-direction=asc](https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities?_sort=school-name&_sort-direction=asc)). (They both dropped several spots from their 2018 rankings on that list.)

Some smaller universities in Kentucky were included in U.S. News and World Report's ranking of the best regional universities in the South. Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky., and Bellarmine University in Louisville both ranked high on that list, at No. 14 and No. 17.

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Murray State University and Western Kentucky University also cracked the top 50 on that regional list, tying at No. 34 along with a couple other schools.

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U.S. News and World Report also picked the top public schools from among the South's regional universities in a ranking separate from the public schools list that included U of L and UK.

On the regional list for top public schools, Murray State and WKU both were listed at No. 11.

U.S. News and World Report's rankings evaluate schools using many different data points, including class size and graduation rates.

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