

THESE ARE THE COLLEGES MOST LIKELY TO LAND YOU A JOB IN EVERY STATE

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Earning a college degree almost feels like being formally admitted into adulthood, but the truth is it's really just the formal start of something a lot tougher than pulling all-nighters during finals week: getting a job. And as much as picking the right major or getting good grades can help make you more marketable to potential employers, the school you go to obviously makes a big difference when you're trying score a post-graduation gig.

Having an Ivy League institution on your resume can certainly boost your profile, but it doesn't guaranteed you anything. In fact, many lower-profile institutions have better track records in terms of getting students employed when they leave. Now, thanks to a some new data, we know exactly **which colleges or universities in each state are most likely to land you a job.**

Using the latest data on job placement ratings for colleges, the career-guidance site Zippia put together a brand new list of the schools in each state with the best record of getting their graduates jobs after graduation. Specifically, they looked at the employment levels for all college graduates a decade after students had earned their degrees, then identified the school in each state with the highest placement rate, and even ranked the 10 with the highest in the country.

Overall, Pennsylvania's Lebanon Valley College earned the top spot, with a placement rate at 96.185%. The number two school in the country was Salve Regina University in Rhode Island,

(placement rate: 95.896%), and Ohio's Ohio Northern University (placement rate: 95.527%). Here's which schools made the cut in each state. Bethany College is 94.18%.



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- Alaska:** Alaska Pacific University
- Alabama:** Auburn University
- Arkansas:** University of AR for Medical Sciences
- Arizona:** Embry-Ridde Aero. Univ.-Prescott
- California:** University of the Pacific
- Colorado:** Colorado School of Mines
- Connecticut:** Quinnipiac University
- Delaware:** University of Delaware
- Florida:** Embry-Ridde Aero. Univ.-Daytona Beach
- Georgia:** Georgia Tech
- Hawaii:** Hawaii Pacific University
- Iowa:** Drake University
- Idaho:** The College of Idaho
- Illinois:** Millikin University
- Indiana:** University of Notre Dame
- Kansas:** Kansas Wesleyan University
- Kentucky:** Georgetown College
- Louisiana:** Xavier University of Louisiana
- Massachusetts:** Endicott College
- Maryland:** Mount St. Mary's University
- Maine:** University of New England
- Michigan:** Kettering University
- Minnesota:** University of St. Thomas
- Missouri:** Saint Louis University
- Mississippi:** University of Mississippi

Montana: Montana State University
North Carolina: Elon University
North Dakota: University of Mary
Nebraska: Nebraska Wesleyan University
New Hampshire: Keene State College
New Jersey: Stevens Institute of Technology
New Mexico: NM Institute of Mining and Technology
Nevada: University of Nevada-Las Vegas
New York: Hobart William Smith Colleges
Ohio: Ohio Northern University
Oklahoma: Southern Nazarene University
Oregon: Oregon Health & Science University
Pennsylvania: Lebanon Valley College
Rhode Island: Salve Regina University
South Carolina: The Citadel
South Dakota: University of Sioux Falls
Tennessee: Vanderbilt University
Texas: McMurry University
Utah: Westminster College
Virginia: Virginia Tech
Vermont: Saint Michael's College
Washington: Pacific Lutheran University
Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin-Platteville
West Virginia: Bethany College
Wyoming: University of Wyoming

Obviously, some of these schools are more specialized, and the industries some graduates are being placed in likely require highly specialized skills. It's also worth mentioning that there's a lot more to building a career than simply getting a job straight out of college, and going to one of the above schools is by no means a guarantee you'll end up earning a paycheck right out the gate. Still, if you're looking for your best odds at being gainfully employed this should at least give you an idea where to start looking. Though, if you're looking for the right city to kick off your career, [this list](#) might be handy, too.

Using the [Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System \(IPEDS\)](#), we searched for the college in each state with the highest listed job placement ratings, looking specifically at employment levels at year 10 after students have graduated.

Then, we looked at the ratings themselves and ranked each state's top school according to their rating. For the purposes of readability, each school's rating was then rounded down to the last three decimal places, and we included the city each state's top college was located in. If you're looking for a job out of college, you can browse jobs by your college major or learn about what it takes to get a job.

Bethany College ranks #19 on the list at 94.18%.

Best Universities In Each State For Employment

These are the universities in each state which graduates are most likely to have jobs

State	University	Placement Rate
Alaska	Alaska Pacific University	84.66%
Alabama	Auburn University	90.74%
Arkansas	University of AR for Medical Sciences	92.50%
Arizona	Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ.-Prescott	92.03%
California	University of the Pacific	92.19%
Colorado	Colorado School of Mines	89.86%
Connecticut	Quinnipiac University	95.17%
Delaware	University of Delaware	94.77%
Florida	Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ.-Daytona Beach	92.03%
Georgia	Georgia Tech	92.87%
Hawaii	Hawaii Pacific University	87.65%
Iowa	Drake University	94.72%
Idaho	The College of Idaho	90.61%
Illinois	Millikin University	93.69%
Indiana	University of Notre Dame	94.47%
Kansas	Kansas Wesleyan University	91.81%
Kentucky	Georgetown College	92.54%
Louisiana	Xavier University of Louisiana	93.41%
Massachusetts	Endicott College	95.31%
Maryland	Mount St Mary's University	93.97%
Maine	University of New England	92.83%
Michigan	Kettering University	95.10%
Minnesota	University of St Thomas	94.38%
Missouri	Saint Louis University	93.48%
Mississippi	University of Mississippi	91.26%
Montana	Montana State University	90.03%
North Carolina	Elon University	94.03%
North Dakota	University of Mary	94.68%
Nebraska	Nebraska Wesleyan University	95.22%
New Hampshire	Keene State College	93.60%
New Jersey	Stevens Institute of Technology	94.52%
New Mexico	NM Institute of Mining and Technology	87.95%
Nevada	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	87.32%
New York	Hobart William Smith Colleges	95.45%
Ohio	Ohio Northern University	95.53%
Oklahoma	Southern Nazarene University	89.22%
Oregon	Oregon Health & Science University	95.51%
Pennsylvania	Lebanon Valley College	96.19%
Rhode Island	Salve Regina University	95.90%
South Carolina	The Citadel	93.67%
South Dakota	University of Sioux Falls	95.43%
Tennessee	Vanderbilt University	91.61%
Texas	McMurry University	92.91%
Utah	Westminster College	87.76%
Virginia	Virginia Tech	93.62%
Vermont	Saint Michael's College	94.19%
Washington	Pacific Lutheran University	91.87%
Wisconsin	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	95.34%
West Virginia	Bethany College	94.18%
Wyoming	University of Wyoming	88.73%