

A ranking of the top 70 U.S. Ph.D. programs in **Economics** based on NRC data (2010) *

rank	university	S-range midpoint	R-range midpoint	S + R average	institution type
1	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	1.0	1.0	1.0	Private
2	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	2.5	3.5	3.0	Private
3	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	4.0	2.5	3.3	Private
4	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	3.0	6.0	4.5	Private
5	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY	7.0	5.0	6.0	Public
6	HARVARD UNIVERSITY (Business Economics)	6.5	7.5	7.0	Private
7	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	9.5	8.0	8.8	Private
8	YALE UNIVERSITY	14.0	7.5	10.8	Private
9	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	6.5	16.0	11.3	Private
10	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	12.0	12.5	12.3	Private
11	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	13.0	12.0	12.5	Private
12	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	13.5	13.0	13.3	Private
13	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON	16.0	11.0	13.5	Public
14	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	16.5	13.5	15.0	Private
15	STANFORD UNIVERSITY (Econ. Analysis & Policy)	12.5	20.0	16.3	Private
16	BROWN UNIVERSITY	14.5	19.0	16.8	Private
17	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK	25.0	12.5	18.8	Public
18	DUKE UNIVERSITY	23.5	17.0	20.3	Private
19	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS	17.5	23.5	20.5	Private
20	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR	24.5	19.0	21.8	Public
21	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO	22.0	21.5	21.8	Public
22	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-TWIN CITIES	22.5	22.0	22.3	Public
23	CORNELL UNIVERSITY	24.0	25.5	24.8	Private
24	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	17.0	34.0	25.5	Public
25	HARVARD UNIVERSITY (Political Economy & Gov.)	7.0	44.0	25.5	Private
26	UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER	38.0	27.5	32.8	Private
27	IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	26.0	41.0	33.5	Public
28	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES	50.0	18.0	34.0	Public
29	CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	31.5	37.0	34.3	Private
30	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	32.5	37.5	35.0	Private
31	PENN STATE UNIVERSITY	38.5	35.5	37.0	Public
32	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS	50.5	26.5	38.5	Public
33	BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY	44.0	34.5	39.3	Private
34	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	37.5	41.5	39.5	Private
35	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	36.5	43.0	39.8	Public
36	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER	41.5	42.0	41.8	Public
37	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	46.5	37.5	42.0	Private
38	BOSTON COLLEGE	44.5	39.5	42.0	Private
39	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	34.5	50.0	42.3	Public

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40	UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING	19.0	67.5	43.3	Public
41	UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	43.0	46.5	44.8	Public
42	PURDUE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS	36.5	53.0	44.8	Public
43	SUNY at STONY BROOK	42.0	51.0	46.5	Public
44	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	67.0	29.5	48.3	Public
45	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO	49.5	48.5	49.0	Public
46	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	48.5	52.5	50.5	Private
47	AUBURN UNIVERSITY	34.5	66.5	50.5	Public
48	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	58.5	43.0	50.8	Private
49	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	65.0	37.5	51.3	Public
50	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	59.5	45.0	52.3	Public
51	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	63.5	42.0	52.8	Public
52	TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY	65.0	41.0	53.0	Public
53	INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON	66.0	43.5	54.8	Public
54	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS	40.5	69.5	55.0	Private
55	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	39.5	72.5	56.0	Public
56	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA	60.5	54.5	57.5	Public
57	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA BARBARA	57.5	57.5	57.5	Public
58	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	67.0	50.5	58.8	Public
59	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA CRUZ	49.0	70.0	59.5	Public
60	SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY	52.5	67.0	59.8	Private
61	UNIVERSITY OF OREGON	51.0	70.0	60.5	Public
62	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	51.0	72.5	61.8	Public
63	GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY	50.0	73.5	61.8	Public
64	CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	84.0	42.0	63.0	Public
65	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	61.0	68.5	64.8	Public
66	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE	62.5	67.5	65.0	Public
67	NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY	73.0	58.5	65.8	Public
68	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE	63.5	70.5	67.0	Public
69	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA	87.5	48.0	67.8	Public
70	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY	51.5	87.0	69.3	Public

* The NRC report “**A Data-Based Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs in the United States (2010)**,” released in September 2010, lists 117 programs that are ranked in the “economics” field. The quality assessment by the NRC is based on data for 20 characteristics that were collected for each program in the academic year 2005-06. For each program the NRC provides two rankings—the survey (S)-based and regression (R)-based rankings—that differ in the way the weights for the 20 characteristics are computed, and for each weighting method the ranking of each program is given as a range meant to represent a 90% probability interval. To derive a unique ranking the table above uses both S-based and R-based rankings and weights them equally by taking the simple average of the midpoints of the two ranges. Note that this table only reports the top 70 programs (as per the ranking that we obtain) out of the 117 programs ranked by the NRC. For more information on the NRC assessment of doctorate programs, and access to the full set of data they provide, go to their website <http://www.nap.edu/rdp/>.