1. The report is produced by The Center for Measuring University Performance at Arizona State University (formerly TheCenter at the University of Florida).

2. The report uses 2004 or 2005 data – the most recent comparison data available. It does not reflect the impact of the University’s strategic initiatives since 2006.

3. Institutions are divided into tiers based on their rank among the top 25 or among the top 26-50 for each of nine measures; within each tier, institutions are listed alphabetically.

4. The University of Minnesota is in the second tier with eight measures ranked among the top 25 and one measure (SAT/ACT Range) among the top 25-60 (same as 2005).
   - Among all public institutions, the U of M rose in ranking in three measures (Endowment Assets, 6th to 4th; Faculty Awards, 14th to 12th; Doctorates Granted, 7th to 5th), fell in ranking in three measures (Total Research, 7th to 10th; Federal Research, 8th to 9th; SAT/ACT Range, 26th to 30th), and stayed the same in three measures (Annual Giving, 4th; National Academy Awards, 11th; Postdoctoral Appointees, 9th).
   - Among the University’s 11-institution comparison group, the U of M rose in ranking in four measures (Endowment Assets, 4th to 2nd; Annual Giving, 4th to 3rd; Faculty Awards, 9th to 8th; Doctorates Granted, 7th to 5th), fell in ranking in two measures (Total Research, 5th to 8th; Federal Research, 5th to 6th), and stayed the same in three measures (National Academy Awards, 8th; Postdoctoral Appointees, 5th; Annual Giving, 8th).
   - Among the its five-institution aspirational group, the U of M rose in ranking in two measures (Endowment Assets, 3rd to 2nd; Doctorates Granted, 5th to 3rd), fell in ranking in one measure (Total Research, 4th to 5th), and stayed the same in six measures (Federal Research, 4th; Annual Giving, 3rd; National Academy Awards, 5th; Faculty Awards, 5th; Postdoctoral Appointees, 4th; SAT/ACT Range, 5th).

5. The University of Illinois and the University of Pittsburgh are new institutions among the top tier in 2006 (where institutions rank among the top 25 among all 9 measures). The following changes moved them into the top group:
   - Illinois’ (8-1 in 2005) Number of Postdoctoral Appointments ranking rose from 26th (317 postdocs) to 17th (396 postdocs) in the 2006 report.
   - Pittsburgh’s (7-2 in 2005) Annual Giving ranking rose from 26th ($95,457) to 25th ($98,882) in the 2006 report; its SAT or ACT Range ranking rose from 27th (550-650; 570-660) to 25th (560-660; 580-670) in the 2006 report.
## Summary of *The Top American Research Universities, 2006 Annual Report*

### Measures in Top 25

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**Green** = Increase from 2005 report  
**Red** = Decrease from 2005 report

### Top Public Research Universities

- **Michigan State University**
- **Ohio State University - Columbus**
- **Pennsylvania State University**
- **Purdue University - West Lafayette**
- **University of Arizona**
- **University of California - Berkeley**
- **University of California - Davis**
- **University of California - Los Angeles**
- **University of California - San Diego**
- **University of Florida**
- **University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign**
- **University of Maryland - College Park**
- **University of Michigan - Ann Arbor**
- **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**
- **University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill**
- **University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh**
- **University of Texas - Austin**
- **University of Virginia**
- **University of Washington - Seattle**
- **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

### 2007 Comparison Group (11)

- **Ohio State University - Columbus**
- **Pennsylvania State University - Univ. Park**
- **University of California - Berkeley**
- **University of California - Los Angeles**
- **University of Florida**
- **University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign**
- **University of Michigan - Ann Arbor**
- **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**
- **University of Texas - Austin**
- **University of Washington - Seattle**
- **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

### 2007 Aspirational Group (5)

- **University of California - Berkeley**
- **University of California - Los Angeles**
- **University of Michigan - Ann Arbor**
- **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**
- **University of Wisconsin - Madison**