Top Party Schools for 2012

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Princeton Review has released its party school rankings for 2012 and it has Ohio University celebrating the fact that they are finally #1. Even though it is still 2011, Princeton Review likes to release the rankings in August to generate hype for its 2012 college guide book: The Best 376 Colleges.

The annual Princeton Review ratings are based on a survey of 122,000 students at 376 colleges. The ranking for Party Schools and Stone-Cold Sober Schools are based on students' answers to questions concerning alcohol and drug use at the school, study time, and the popularity of the Greek system.

The top two party schools swapped spots this year from the last ranking with Ohio taking the title from Georgia (Fun Fact: both schools are located in a city called Athens). It's no wonder Ohio is #1 after ranking tops in the "Lots of Beer" category and #2 in "Lots of Hard Liquor" as well.

Of course more and more are starting to question the methodology of the Princeton Review rankings and the rankings in general seem to be losing steam year after year.

Princeton Review's Top Party Schools for 2012

Schools on the "Party Schools" ranking are those at which student answers indicated low study time, high use of alcohol and drugs, and a highly popular Greek system.

- Ohio University
- University of Georgia
- University of Mississippi
- University of Iowa
- University of California Santa Barbara
- West Virginia University
- Penn State University
- Florida State University
- University of Florida
- University of Texas
- University of Illinois
- Syracuse University
- Louisiana State University
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

- DePauw University
- Indiana University
- Arizona State University
- University of Maryland
- University of Vermont
- University of South Carolina

Stone-Cold Sober Schools (Worst Party Schools)

Schools on the “Stone-Cold Sober Schools” ranking are those at which student answers indicated a combination of lots of study time outside of class, low use of alcohol and drugs, and a low interest in fraternities and sororities.

- Brigham Young University
- Wheaton College (Ill)
- Wesleyan College
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- U.S. Military Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy
- Calvin College
- Grove City College
- Pepperdine University
- City University of New York
- The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
- City University of New York -- Queens College
- Thomas Aquinas College
- University of Dallas
- Agnes Scott College
- College of the Ozarks
- Gustavus Adolphus College

Other categories in the Princeton Review rankings that relate to “partying” include:

Most Beer Drinkers

- Ohio University
- University of New Hampshire
- Claremont McKenna College
- Penn State
- West Virginia University
- University of Florida
- Providence
- Florida State
- Georgia
- Texas

Most Hard Liquor Drinkers

- Providence
- Ohio University
- Trinity College (CT)
- Tulane
- St. Bonaventure University
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Wisconsin
- Mississippi

Reefer Madness (Most Potheads)

- Colorado College
- University of California - Santa Cruz
- University of California - Santa Barbara

- University of Colorado
- Bard College
- Lewis and Clark College
- Warren Wilson College
- Eckerd College
- New College of Florida
- University of Vermont

Students Study the Least

- University of North Dakota
- Salisbury University
- University of Alabama
- University of Central Florida
- University of South Florida
- University of Mississippi
- Iowa
- LSU
- Florida State
- Maryland