

TABLE 4 : The Big Three - Current and First Rankings for THE, ARWU and QS						
2021 releases through September 2021						
2004 - Joint ranking with THE and QS						
					<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
	<b>Ctr</b>	<b>THE <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>QS</b>	<b>ARWU</b>	<b>THE/QS</b>	<b>ARWU <sup>2</sup></b>
Number of listed universities (1)		2112	1300	1000	250	500
<b>University of Oxford</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>University of Cambridge</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Princeton</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
University of California Berkeley	US	<b>8</b>	32	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Yale</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Columbia University</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>
Imperial College London	UK	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	25	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	28	<b>18</b>
Johns Hopkins University	US	<b>13</b>	25	<b>16</b>	25	24
ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Inst of Technology	CH	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	21	<b>10</b>	27
Tsinghua University	CN	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	28	61	202
Peking University	CN	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	45	<b>17</b>	251
<b>University College London - UCL</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	34	<b>20</b>
Toronto	CA	<b>18</b>	26	22	<b>10</b>	23
UCLA	US	<b>20</b>	40	<b>14</b>	26	<b>15</b>
National University Singapore - NUS	SG	21	<b>11</b>	75	<b>18</b>	102
Cornell	US	22	21	<b>12</b>	23	<b>12</b>
U Washington	US	29	85	<b>19</b>	74	<b>16</b>
U Edinburgh	UK	30	<b>16</b>	38	48	43
UC San Diego	US	34	48	<b>18</b>	24	<b>14</b>
EPFL-Ecole Polytech Lausanne	CH	40	<b>14</b>	91	32	<b>19</b>
Nanyang Technology University- NTU	SG	46	<b>12</b>	81	50	351
Paris-Saclay <sup>3</sup>	FR	117	86	<b>13</b>		30

(1) THE lists 2,112. 1,661 are ranked; 451 are "Reporters", providing data but not meeting criteria.  
(2) ARWU - Includes graduate schools not in THE or QS, i.e. UC San Francisco #20  
(3) Paris-Saclay created from a merger; listed in ARWU in 2020; first listed as École Normale Supérieure in 2003, 2014 in QS as ENS, and 2017 in THE

**Current rankings; University names in Red are top 10 on all; in Bold, top 20 on all**

## Analysis

**Current Rankings** released in 2021: 14 universities are in the world top 10 and seven are the same for all three rankings. THE and ARWU have universities from the US and the UK and QS has a university from CH as well. QS has the most top 10 universities from the UK. 14 more universities are in the top 20 with Tsinghua and Peking from China, NUS and NTU from Singapore, Toronto from Canada, and Paris-Saclay, formed by mergers including ENS. The **Lowest Ranked** are the newly created Paris-Saclay in THE, U Washington in QS, and EPFL in ARWU.

### **How many of this year's top 10 and 20 were top ranked in the first rankings?**

11 of this year's top 14 were top 10 the first year and 23 of the 28 were part of the top 20.

15 of the original THE/Qs top 20 are top 20 in THE; 11 of ARWU's top 11 are still top 11, 18 top 20

When QS split from THE, it introduced its own methodology and 7 of top 10 are the same; 14 are the same as the original top 20.

Three of the four Asian universities from ARWU 2003 have all risen over 170 places.

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2022/world-ranking#!/>

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

<https://www.shanghairanking.com/rankings/arwu/2021>

<http://archive.shanghairanking.com/ARWU2003.html>

2004 data from P Praphamontripong and D Levy. World University Rankings 2004 Modified from the Times Higher Education Supplement 2004 World University Rankings

[https://www.albany.edu/dept/eaps/prophe/data/International\\_Data/WorldUniversityRanking2004\\_ModifiedFromTHES.pdf](https://www.albany.edu/dept/eaps/prophe/data/International_Data/WorldUniversityRanking2004_ModifiedFromTHES.pdf)

SEE TABLE 4 B: below for tops in Asia/Pac in current rankings.

TABLE 4B:: ASIA Big 3: THE, QS, ARWU							
		THE		QS		ARWU	
	Ctry	World Rank	A/P Order	World 445	A/P Order	World Rank	A/P Order
<b>Peking U</b>	<b>CN</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>
National U Singapore	SG	21	3	11	1	75	12
U Hong Kong	HK	30	4	22	5	101-150	18-26
Melbourne U	AU	33	5	37	12	33	3
<b>U Tokyo</b>	<b>JP</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>
Nanyang Technological U -NTU	SG	46	7	12	2	81	16
Chinese U Hong Kong	HK	49	8	39	14	101-150	18-26
U Queensland	AU	54	9	47	18	51	6
Australian National U -ANU	AU	54	9	27	7	76	13
Seoul National U	KR	54	9	36	11	101-150	18-26
Fudan U	CN	60	14	31	8	77	14
Kyoto U	JP	61	15	33	9	37	4
Hong Kong U Sci & Tech -HKUST	HK	66	16	34	10	201-300	>45
U New South Wales	AU	70	17	43	16	65	10
Zhejiang U	CN	75	18	45	17	52	7
Shanghai Jiao Tong U	CN	84	19	50	19	59	8
U Science & Technology China	CN	88	20	98	34	63	9

**ANALYSIS:** 18 universities are top 10 across the three rankings, with Tsinghua, Peking, and Tokyo top ten in all three. Four of eight universities in one ranking are Chinese with three in ARWU. THE and QS have universities from five countries and ARWU from three. ARWU has the most Chinese universities. 6 of the 18 are from China, four from Australia, three from Hong Kong, two from Japan and Singapore and one from Korea.

Top 10 in THE rank 16 to 54 in the world, for QS 11 to 34, and ARWU 24 to 65.

Another six universities are in the top 20: U Sydney, Monash, U of Western Australia, City U Hong Kong, Tokyo Institute of Technology, and KAIST

QS has 34 Asia-Pac universities in the top 100, THE 22, and ARWU 17.

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2022/world-ranking#!/>

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

<https://www.shanghai ranking.com/>