



# Living the Vision Committee

## NMSU and New Peer Institutions Fall 2007 Data Set

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Summary of NMSU and New Peer Institutions Data Set

<b>Table</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>NMSU Rank (out of 16)</b>
1	Average ACT Composite Score	14th*
2	Average Alumni Giving Rate	15th (tied)
3	Average Salary of Full-Time Instructional Faculty	14th
4	Student Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	11th
5	Six-Year Graduation Rate	13th
6	National Merit Scholars	13th
7	Research Expenditures	7th
8	One-Year Retention Rate	14th
9	Terminal Degree	13th*
10	Student Credit Hours (SCH) Per Instructional Faculty	14th*
11	Research Expenditures Per Employee	3rd
12	Acceptance Rate	7th
13	Yield Rate	8th
14	Institutional Employees with Faculty Status	12th
15	Institutional Employees - Tenured Faculty	6th
16	Freshmen in Top 10% of High School Class	11th (tied)
17	Peer Assessment Score	14th
18	Percentage of Classes under 20	2nd (tied)
19	Percentage of Classes of 50 or More	2nd (tied)
20	Library Expenditures per FTE	12th

\* Out of 15 (data unavailable for one institution)

**TABLE 1**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Average ACT Composite Score for New First-Time Freshmen, Fall 2007**  
**(Ranked by Highest Average ACT Composite Score)**

Rank	University	Average ACT Composite Score
1	Oklahoma State University	24.8
2	Iowa State University	24.4
3	Colorado State University	24.2
4	Texas Tech University	24.0
5	Kansas State University	23.8
6	Montana State University	23.7
7	Utah State University	23.6
8	University of Arizona	23.5
9	University of Wyoming	23.3
10	Oregon State University	23.0
10	Washington State University	23.0
12	University of Idaho	22.7
13	University of New Mexico	21.9
<b>14</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>20.4</b>
15	University of Texas - El Paso	18.0
--	University of Nevada - Reno	NA

Source: Institutional Research Offices (Fact Books, IR web pages, individual correspondence)

**TABLE 2**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Average Alumni Giving Rate, 2005-06 and 2006-07**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Alumni Giving)**

Rank	University	Average Alumni Giving Rate
1	Kansas State University	20%
2	Washington State University	18%
3	Texas Tech University	17%
4	Iowa State University	16%
4	Oklahoma State University	16%
6	Oregon State University	15%
6	University of Idaho	15%
8	Montana State University	11%
8	University of Nevada - Reno	11%
8	University of Wyoming	11%
11	Colorado State University	10%
11	University of New Mexico	10%
11	Utah State University	10%
14	University of Texas - El Paso	8%
<b>15</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>7%</b>
15	University of Arizona	7%

Source: U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Colleges" Survey - 2009 Edition

**TABLE 3**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Average Salary of Full-Time Instructional Faculty Across All Ranks, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Highest Faculty Salary)**

Rank	University	Average Faculty Salary (All Ranks)
1	University of Arizona	\$86,448
2	University of Nevada - Reno	\$84,201
3	Iowa State University	\$78,532
4	Colorado State University	\$78,246
5	University of New Mexico	\$75,830
6	University of Wyoming	\$72,210
7	Washington State University	\$72,175
8	Texas Tech University	\$70,940
9	Oklahoma State University	\$69,605
10	Kansas State University	\$69,182
11	University of Idaho	\$68,276
12	Oregon State University	\$67,662
13	Utah State University	\$67,285
<b>14</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>\$65,998</b>
15	University of Texas - El Paso	\$63,280
16	Montana State University	\$63,228

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Human Resources Survey, 2007-08

**TABLE 4**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Student Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), Fall 2007**  
**(Ranked by Highest FTE)**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>FTE</b>
1	University of Arizona	33,447
2	Texas Tech University	26,029
3	Iowa State University	24,049
4	Colorado State University	24,038
5	Washington State University	21,822
6	University of New Mexico	20,870
7	Kansas State University	20,184
8	Oklahoma State University	19,883
9	Oregon State University	17,670
10	University of Texas - El Paso	15,259
<b>11</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>14,527</b>
12	University of Nevada - Reno	13,551
13	Utah State University	13,143
14	University of Wyoming	10,549
15	Montana State University	10,453
16	University of Idaho	10,138

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Enrollments Survey, 2007-08

**TABLE 5**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Six-Year Graduation Rate of First-time, Full-time,**  
**Degree-seeking Undergraduate Students, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Graduation Rate)**

Rank	University	Entering Fall 2001 Cohort
1	Iowa State University	66%
2	Washington State University	63%
3	Colorado State University	62%
4	Oregon State University	61%
5	Kansas State University	58%
5	Oklahoma State University	58%
7	University of Wyoming	57%
8	Texas Tech University	56%
8	University of Arizona	56%
10	University of Idaho	53%
11	Montana State University	48%
12	University of Nevada - Reno	46%
<b>13</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>45%</b>
13	Utah State University	45%
15	University of New Mexico	44%
16	University of Texas - El Paso	29%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Graduation Rates Survey, 2007-08

**TABLE 6**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**2007 Merit Scholars\***

Rank	University	Number of Merit Scholars
1	University of Arizona	70
2	Iowa State University	40
3	Oklahoma State University	26
4	Colorado State University	17
5	University of Idaho	14
6	Texas Tech University	11
7	Montana State University	7
8	Kansas State University	6
8	Washington State University	6
10	Oregon State University	5
11	University of Wyoming	4
12	University of Nevada - Reno	3
13	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	1
14	University of New Mexico	0
14	University of Texas - El Paso	0
14	Utah State University	0

\* Represents awardees enrolling in the 2007 entering class of respective university; does not include Semifinalists, Finalists, or other Special Scholarships

Source: National Merit Scholarship Corporation 2006-07 Annual Report



**TABLE 7**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Total Research Expenditures, 2006-07**  
**(Ranked by Highest Dollars of Expenditures)**

Rank	University	Total Research Expenditures
1	University of Arizona (1, 2, 4, 5)	\$351,199,000
2	Colorado State University (3)	\$166,428,167
3	Oregon State University (3, 5, 6)	\$164,435,514
4	Iowa State University (3, 4)	\$153,245,825
5	Washington State University (3, 4, 5)	\$144,594,498
6	University of New Mexico (1, 2, 4, 5)	\$132,061,402
<b>7</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>\$123,542,995</b>
8	Kansas State University (3, 4)	\$106,887,529
9	Utah State University	\$105,897,067
10	Montana State University (4)	\$97,220,720
11	Oklahoma State University (3, 4)	\$77,647,426
12	University of Nevada - Reno (2)	\$71,177,006
13	University of Idaho (1, 4)	\$66,875,907
14	Texas Tech University	\$43,657,661
15	University of Wyoming (1)	\$40,859,263
16	University of Texas - El Paso	\$33,965,655

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Finance Survey, 2006-07

- 1 - Law
- 2 - Medicine
- 3 - Veterinary
- 4 - Architecture
- 5 - Pharmacy
- 6 - Forestry

**TABLE 8**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**One-Year Retention Rate of First-time, Full-time,**  
**Degree-seeking Undergraduate Students, Fall 2007**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Retention Rate)**

Rank	University	Entered Fall 2006 and returned in Fall 2007
1	Iowa State University	85%
2	Washington State University	84%
3	Texas Tech University	83%
4	Oregon State University	82%
5	Oklahoma State University	80%
5	University of Arizona	80%
7	Kansas State University	79%
7	University of Idaho	79%
7	University of Nevada - Reno	79%
10	Colorado State University	78%
11	University of New Mexico	77%
12	University of Wyoming	74%
12	Utah State University	74%
<b>14</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>73%</b>
15	Montana State University	71%
16	University of Texas - El Paso	68%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Enrollment Survey, Fall 2007

**TABLE 9**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Percentage of Full-Time Instructional Faculty with**  
**Doctorate, First-professional or Other Terminal Degree, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage)**

Rank	University	Percentage of Full-Time Faculty with Terminal Degree
1	Colorado State University	99%
2	University of Arizona	98%
3	University of Nevada - Reno	94%
4	Iowa State University	93%
5	Washington State University	91%
5	Oklahoma State University	91%
7	Utah State University	89%
8	Texas Tech University	86%
8	University of Wyoming	86%
10	University of New Mexico	84%
10	Kansas State University	84%
12	Montana State University	80%
<b>13</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>77%</b>
14	Oregon State University	76%
15	University of Idaho	75%
--	University of Texas - El Paso	NA

Source: Institutional Common Data Set, 2007-08

**TABLE 10**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Student Credit Hours (SCH) Per Instructional Faculty, 2007-08<sup>1</sup>**  
**(Ranked by Highest SCH per Instructional Faculty)**

Rank	University	Student Credit Hours (SCH)		
		Total Instructional Faculty	Total SCH	SCH per Instructional Faculty
1	Montana State University	345	308,514.0	894.2
2	Oregon State University	845	739,200.0	874.8
3	University of Arizona <sup>3</sup>	593	452,896.0	763.7
4	University of New Mexico	893	606,353.0	679.0
5	Iowa State University <sup>2</sup>	1,259	679,470.0	539.7
6	Kansas State University	1,104	573,833.0	519.8
7	University of Texas - El Paso	896	456,574.0	509.6
8	Washington State University	1,351	681,759.0	504.6
9	Utah State University	755	370,977.0	491.4
10	Oklahoma State University	1,197	583,981.0	487.9
11	Colorado State University	1,565	665,376.0	425.2
12	University of Wyoming <sup>2</sup>	731	303,141.5	414.7
13	University of Idaho	695	287,077.0	413.1
<b>14</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>396,892.1</b>	<b>413.0</b>
15	Texas Tech University <sup>3</sup>	1,174	363,203.0	309.4
--	University of Nevada - Reno	NA	NA	NA

Source: IPEDS Human Resources Survey, 2007-08; Institutional Research Offices

<sup>1</sup> SCH Includes Summer 2007, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008; Fall 2007 Instructional Faculty

<sup>2</sup> 2006-07 most recent SCH data available (Includes Summer 2006, Fall 2006 and Spring 2007)

<sup>3</sup> Fall 2007 SCH only

**TABLE 11**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**

**Total Research Expenditures Per Full-Time Employee with Faculty Status, 2006-07**  
**(Ranked by Highest Dollars of Expenditures per Employee)**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Total Employees (Full-Time with Faculty Status)</b>	<b>Total Research Expenditures</b>	<b>Research Expenditures per Employee</b>
1	University of Arizona (1, 2, 4, 5)	2,142	\$351,199,000	\$163,958
2	Colorado State University (3)	1,122	\$166,428,167	\$148,332
<b>3</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>\$123,542,995</b>	<b>\$143,990</b>
4	Utah State University	793	\$105,897,067	\$133,540
5	Montana State University (4)	745	\$97,220,720	\$130,498
6	Iowa State University (3, 4)	1,460	\$153,245,825	\$104,963
7	University of Idaho (1, 4)	767	\$66,875,907	\$87,192
8	Oregon State University (3, 5, 6)	1,895	\$164,435,514	\$86,773
9	Kansas State University (3, 4)	1,369	\$106,887,529	\$78,077
10	University of New Mexico (1, 2, 4, 5)	1,747	\$132,061,402	\$75,593
11	Washington State University (3, 4, 5)	1,963	\$144,594,498	\$73,660
12	Oklahoma State University (3, 4)	1,299	\$77,647,426	\$59,775
13	University of Texas - El Paso	660	\$33,965,655	\$51,463
14	University of Nevada - Reno (2)	1,560	\$71,177,006	\$45,626
15	University of Wyoming (1)	1,038	\$40,859,263	\$39,363
16	Texas Tech University	1,128	\$43,657,661	\$38,704

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Finance and Human Resources Surveys, 2006-07

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**TABLE 12**  
**NMSU and New Institutions**  
**Acceptance Rate for First-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Lowest Acceptance Rate - Higher Selectivity)**

Rank	University	Applied	Accepted	
			N	Acceptance Rate
1	Montana State University	6,197	4,091	66.0%
2	University of New Mexico	7,404	5,252	70.9%
3	Washington State University	10,853	8,240	75.9%
4	University of Idaho	4,577	3,505	76.6%
5	University of Arizona	25,449	19,703	77.4%
6	Kansas State University	7,479	6,207	83.0%
<b>7</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>5,497</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>85.2%</b>
8	Colorado State University	11,797	10,077	85.4%
9	University of Nevada - Reno	4,683	4,111	87.8%
10	Oklahoma State University	6,415	5,651	88.1%
11	Texas Tech University	11,961	10,759	90.0%
11	Iowa State University	9,634	8,674	90.0%
13	Oregon State University	9,077	8,387	92.4%
14	University of Wyoming	3,283	3,160	96.3%
15	Utah State University	5,209	5,029	96.5%
16	University of Texas - El Paso	8,335	8,061	96.7%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Institutional Characteristics Survey, Fall 2007

**TABLE 13**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Yield Rate for First-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Highest Yield Rate)**

Rank	University	Accepted	Enrolled*	
			N	Yield Rate
1	Oklahoma State University	5,651	3,209	56.8%
2	University of Nevada - Reno	4,111	2,278	55.4%
2	University of New Mexico	5,252	2,910	55.4%
4	Montana State University	4,091	2,216	54.2%
5	Utah State University	5,029	2,562	50.9%
6	Kansas State University	6,207	3,104	50.0%
7	University of Wyoming	3,160	1,574	49.8%
<b>8</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>47.5%</b>
8	University of Idaho	3,505	1,664	47.5%
10	Iowa State University	8,674	3,983	45.9%
11	Colorado State University	10,077	4,392	43.6%
12	University of Arizona	19,703	8,482	43.0%
13	Washington State University	8,240	3,477	42.2%
14	Texas Tech University	10,759	4,496	41.8%
15	Oregon State University	8,387	3,009	35.9%
16	University of Texas - El Paso	8,061	2,679	33.2%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Institutional Characteristics Survey, Fall 2007

\* Includes full-time and part-time students

**TABLE 14**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Institutional Employees (excluding Medical Schools) with Faculty Status, Fall 2007**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Full-Time Employees with Faculty Status)**

Rank	University	Employees with Faculty Status		
		Full-Time	Part-Time	% Full-Time
1	Utah State University	821	51	94.2%
2	University of Wyoming	1,040	76	93.2%
3	University of Nevada - Reno	1,355	103	92.9%
4	Oklahoma State University	1,324	180	88.0%
5	Kansas State University	1,389	220	86.3%
6	Washington State University	2,049	352	85.3%
7	Iowa State University	1,513	271	84.8%
8	University of Idaho	771	141	84.5%
9	Montana State University	616	121	83.6%
10	Texas Tech University	1,130	224	83.5%
11	Oregon State University	1,874	386	82.9%
<b>12</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>82.3%</b>
13	University of Arizona	1,685	511	76.7%
14	Colorado State University	1,136	429	72.6%
15	University of Texas - El Paso	639	278	69.7%
16	University of New Mexico	1,185	789	60.0%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Human Resources Survey, Fall 2007



**TABLE 15**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Institutional Employees (excluding Medical Schools) - Tenured Faculty, Fall 2007**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Full-Time Tenured Faculty)**

Rank	University	Tenured Faculty		
		Full-Time	Part-Time	% Full-Time
1	Colorado State University	285	.	100.0%
1	University of Texas - El Paso	663	.	100.0%
3	Oklahoma State University	703	1	99.9%
4	University of New Mexico	624	13	98.0%
5	University of Wyoming	423	11	97.5%
<b>6</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
7	Texas Tech University	572	21	96.5%
8	University of Idaho	486	18	96.4%
9	University of Arizona	1,000	46	95.6%
10	Utah State University	466	24	95.1%
11	Oregon State University	560	30	94.9%
12	Washington State University	843	46	94.8%
13	Iowa State University	913	63	93.5%
14	Montana State University	385	28	93.2%
15	Kansas State University	781	59	93.0%
16	University of Nevada - Reno	406	37	91.6%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Human Resources Survey, Fall 2007

**TABLE 16**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Percentage of Freshmen in Top 10% of High School Class, Fall 2007**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Freshmen in Top 10% of HS)**

Rank	University	Freshmen in Top 10% of HS Class
1	Washington State University	36%
2	University of Arizona	34%
3	Oklahoma State University	27%
4	Iowa State University	26%
5	Kansas State University	23%
6	University of New Mexico	22%
7	Utah State University	21%
8	University of Wyoming	20%
9	Colorado State University	19%
9	Oregon State University	19%
<b>11</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>18%</b>
11	Texas Tech University	18%
11	University of Idaho	18%
11	University of Nevada - Reno	18%
11	University of Texas - El Paso	18%
16	Montana State University	16%

Source: U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Colleges" Survey - 2009 Edition

**TABLE 17**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Peer Assessment Score (5.0 = Highest)**  
**(Ranked by Highest Peer Assessment Score)**

Rank	University	Peer Assessment Score
1	University of Arizona	3.5
2	Iowa State University	3.1
3	Oregon State University	2.9
3	Washington State University	2.9
5	Colorado State University	2.8
5	Kansas State University	2.8
7	University of New Mexico	2.7
8	Oklahoma State University	2.6
8	Texas Tech University	2.6
10	University of Idaho	2.5
10	University of Wyoming	2.5
10	Utah State University	2.5
13	Montana State University	2.4
<b>14</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>2.3</b>
14	University of Nevada - Reno	2.3
16	University of Texas - El Paso	2.2

Source: U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Colleges" Survey - 2009 Edition

**TABLE 18**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Percentage of Classes Under 20, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Highest Percentage of Classes < 20)**

Rank	University	% of Classes Under 20
1	Kansas State University	52%
<b>2</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>51%</b>
2	University of Idaho	51%
4	University of New Mexico	44%
5	Montana State University	43%
6	University of Wyoming	41%
7	Oregon State University	40%
7	Washington State University	40%
9	Utah State University	39%
10	University of Arizona	38%
11	Colorado State University	37%
12	Iowa State University	35%
13	Oklahoma State University	33%
14	University of Nevada - Reno	32%
15	University of Texas - El Paso	31%
16	Texas Tech University	24%

Source: U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Colleges" Survey - 2009 Edition

**TABLE 19**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Percentage of Classes of 50 or More, 2007-08**  
**(Ranked by Lowest Percentage of Classes  $\geq$  50)**

Rank	University	% of Classes of 50 or More
1	University of Idaho	8%
<b>2</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>9%</b>
2	University of Wyoming	9%
4	Kansas State University	10%
5	University of Arizona	12%
5	University of Texas - El Paso	12%
7	University of New Mexico	13%
8	Montana State University	14%
8	Oklahoma State University	14%
8	University of Nevada - Reno	14%
11	Utah State University	15%
12	Colorado State University	17%
12	Iowa State University	17%
14	Washington State University	19%
15	Oregon State University	20%
16	Texas Tech University	22%

Source: U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Colleges" Survey - 2009 Edition

**TABLE 20**  
**NMSU and New Peer Institutions**  
**Library Expenditures per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), Fiscal Year 2006\***  
**(Ranked by Highest Expenditures per FTE)**

Rank	University	Total FTE	Total Expenditures	Expenditures per FTE
1	Iowa State University	23,537	\$14,524,415	\$617.09
2	University of Idaho	10,638	\$5,403,167	\$507.91
3	University of Arizona	31,791	\$15,072,217	\$474.10
4	Oregon State University	17,859	\$8,447,192	\$472.99
5	Montana State University	10,642	\$4,940,122	\$464.21
6	Colorado State University	23,803	\$10,934,445	\$459.37
7	Washington State University	21,121	\$9,042,563	\$428.13
8	Kansas State University	17,498	\$7,332,681	\$419.06
9	University of New Mexico	21,272	\$8,484,606	\$398.86
10	Utah State University	12,812	\$5,024,985	\$392.21
11	Texas Tech University	27,179	\$8,965,608	\$329.87
<b>12</b>	<b>New Mexico State University</b>	<b>13,094</b>	<b>\$3,989,295</b>	<b>\$304.67</b>
13	University of Texas - El Paso	15,146	\$4,515,609	\$298.14
14	University of Wyoming	10,611	\$2,995,744	\$282.32
15	Oklahoma State University	21,055	\$120,734	\$5.73
16	University of Nevada - Reno	13,047	\$0	\$0.00

Source: National Center for Education Statistics - Academic Libraries Survey

\*Most recent data available; survey occurs every two years