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Colleges and Universities in Arkansas

Arkansas has **30 four-year degree-granting institutions** active in the federal directory — 14 public, 15 private nonprofit, and 1 private for-profit.

The list below is every active, degree-granting institution IPEDS classifies at the four-year level. It is a directory, not a ranking. Two-year colleges, certificate-only schools, and institutions that have closed or stopped reporting are not here.

Four-year institutions

Institution	City	Control	Notes
Arkansas Baptist College	Little Rock	Private nonprofit	HBCU
Arkansas Colleges of Health Education	Fort Smith	Private nonprofit	Medical school
Arkansas State University	Jonesboro	Public	
Arkansas State University System	Little Rock	Public	
Arkansas Tech University	Russellville	Public	
Central Baptist College	Conway	Private nonprofit	
Champion Christian College	Hot Springs	Private nonprofit	
Crowley's Ridge College	Paragould	Private nonprofit	
Ecclesia College	Springdale	Private nonprofit	
Harding University	Searcy	Private nonprofit	
Henderson State University	Arkadelphia	Public	
Hendrix College	Conway	Private nonprofit	
Jackson Theological Seminary	North Little Rock	Private nonprofit	
John Brown University	Siloam Springs	Private nonprofit	
Lyon College	Batesville	Private nonprofit	
Ouachita Baptist University	Arkadelphia	Private nonprofit	
Philander Smith University	Little Rock	Private nonprofit	HBCU
Southern Arkansas University Main Campus	Magnolia	Public	
Strayer University-Arkansas	Little Rock	Private for-profit	
University of Arkansas	Fayetteville	Public	Land-grant
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	Public	
University of Arkansas at Monticello	Monticello	Public	
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff	Public	HBCU; Land-grant
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	Public	Medical school
University of Arkansas Grantham	Little Rock	Public	
University of Arkansas System Office	Little Rock	Public	
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Fort Smith	Public	
University of Central Arkansas	Conway	Public	

University of the Ozarks	Clarksville	Private nonprofit
Williams Baptist University	Walnut Ridge	Private nonprofit

Public university systems

System membership as recorded in the IPEDS directory. Counts are of four-year public members in this table only, so a system that also runs two-year campuses will show more members in its own materials.

System	Four-year public members here
Arkansas State University System	3
University of Arkansas System	7

Sources

- **NCES IPEDS, Institutional Characteristics directory (HD2024)** — the federal directory of postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV programs. Every institution, city, control, and system value above is read directly from that file. Retrieved 2026-08-11 from nces.ed.gov/ipeds.
- Filters applied: currently active (CYACTIVE), degree-granting (DEGGRANT), and institutional level (ICLEVEL). Flags in the Notes column are the IPEDS HBCU, TRIBAL, LANDGRNT, and MEDICAL fields.

Institution names are IPEDS legal names and sometimes differ from the name a school markets under. Check the institution's own site before relying on any detail here.

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