TABLE 1. THE Top 25 in the WORLD - 2021, 2020, 2004

	Country	2021	2020	2004
Oxford	**UK**	**1**	**1**	**5**
Stanford University	**US**	**2**	**4**	**7**
Harvard University	**US**	**3**	**7**	**1**
California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)	**US**	**4**	**2**	**4**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	**US**	**5**	**5**	**3**
Cambridge	**UK**	**6**	**3**	**6**
UC Berkeley	**US**	**7**	**13**	**2**
Yale	**US**	**8**	**8**	**8**
Princeton	**US**	**9**	**6**	**9**
University of Chicago	**US**	**10**	**9**	**13**
Imperial	**UK**	**11**	**10**	**14**
Johns Hopkins	**US**	**12**	**12**	**25**
Penn	US	13	11	28
ETH Zurich	**CH**	**14**	**13**	**10**
UCLA	US	15	17	26
UCL	UK	16	15	34
Columbia	**US**	**17**	**16**	**19**
U Toronto	CA	18	18	37
Cornell	**US**	**19**	**19**	**23**
Duke	**US**	**20**	20	52
Tsinghua (3rd in China in 2011)	CN	20	**23**	61
U Michigan	US	22	21	31
Peking U	**CN**	**23**	**24**	**17**
Northwestern	US	24	22	73
NUS	**SG**	**25**	**25**	**18**
London School of Economics and Poly Sci	UK	27	27	11

NOTES: 9 of the top 10 were top 10 in 2004; 17 of top 25 are the same.

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2021/world-ranking#!/

THE 2021 - 1527 intitutions in 93 countries; 2020-1397 institutions in 92 countries

200 in 2004; data from P Praphamontripong and D Levy. World University Rankings modified from the Times Higher Education Supplement

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