

## Big Ten Universities

The Big Ten consists mostly of public universities, originally in the midwest, but now from coast to coast. Many of the schools therefore have a name of the form "University of X" or "X State University" - but not every such school belongs to the Big Ten. For the uninitiated, here is an explainer. Seven of the schools have Cream or White as a second color; ten have two colors. And then there's Maryland (see below).

1	<b>Illinois</b>	There is an Illinois State University, but it belongs to the Missouri Valley Conference.	
2	<b>Indiana</b>	Indiana State University belongs to the Missouri Valley Conference.	
3	<b>Iowa</b>	Iowa State University belongs to the Big 12 Conference.	
4	<b>Maryland</b>	That's right -- Maryland has four school colors.	But the four color map theorem was proved at the Univ. of Illinois!
5	<b>Michigan</b>	Yes, there are two schools that both have "Michigan" in their names.	
6	<b>Michigan State</b>	Yes, there are two schools that both have "Michigan" in their names.	
7	<b>Minnesota</b>	There is a Minnesota State University, with some sports in NCAA Division I, and some in Division II.	
8	<b>Nebraska</b>	There is a "Nebraska State College System" consisting of three small schools.	
9	<b>Northwestern</b>	It turns out that there is a Northwestern State University, located in Louisiana.	

10	<b>Ohio State</b>	Ohio University belongs to the Mid-American Conference	
11	<b>Oregon</b>	There is an Oregon State University, in the Pac-12 conference (which, in 2024, is much smaller than its name suggests).	
12	<b>Penn State</b>	The University of Pennsylvania belongs to the Ivy League.	
13	<b>Purdue</b>	There is a Purdue State Bank Building, one block from Purdue University, currently housing a Chase bank branch.	
14	<b>Rutgers</b>	Originally called Queen's College, it is now officially "Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey."	
15	<b>UCLA</b>	In addition to ten campuses of the Univ. of California, there is Cal State, and Cal Poly, each with multiple campuses.	
16	<b>USC</b>	Believe it or not, there is a California Southern University -- a private, for-profit, university in Chandler, Arizona.	
17	<b>Washington</b>	Washington State University belongs to the Pac-12 conference.	
18	<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin has a state capitol and a state fair, but apparently no Wisconsin State University.	

That's right, by the way. There are 18 schools in the Big Ten. Go figure!

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