

NOTE: National champions are denoted in green while any of their opponents that appeared in the final UPI / Coaches Top 20 are in pink. In some years the champion played a ranked opponent more than once in the same season and is recognized in the data housed on the UPI Opponents table. 1982 Penn State remains the only national champion in college football history where **50%** of their opponents appear in the top 20 teams of any final UPI / Coaches Poll.

Rank	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Rank
1	Oklahoma	Miami	Ohio St.	LSU	USC	USC	Texas	Florida	LSU	Florida	Alabama	Auburn	Alabama	Alabama	Florida St.	Ohio St.	Alabama	Clemson	Alabama	1
2	Miami	Oregon	Miami	USC	LSU	Auburn	USC	Ohio St.	USC	USC	Texas	TCU	LSU	Oregon	Auburn	Oregon	Clemson	Alabama	Georgia	2
3	Washington	Florida	Georgia	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Penn St.	LSU	Georgia	Texas	Florida	Oregon	Oklahoma	Notre Dame	Michigan St.	TCU	Stanford	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	3
4	Florida St.	Tennessee	USC	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Texas	Ohio St.	USC	Ohio St.	Utah	Boise St.	Stanford	Oregon	Georgia	S. Carolina	Alabama	Ohio St.	Washington	Clemson	4
5	Oregon St.	Texas	Oklahoma	Miami	Miami	Utah	LSU	Wisconsin	Missouri	Oklahoma	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Missouri	Michigan St.	Oklahoma	USC	Ohio St.	5
6	Virginia Tech	Oklahoma	Kansas St.	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	West Virginia	Boise St.	West Virginia	Alabama	TCU	Oklahoma	Boise St.	Stanford	Oklahoma	Florida St.	Michigan St.	Ohio St.	Wisconsin	6
7	Nebraska	Nebraska	Texas	Michigan	Michigan	Louisville	Virginia Tech	Louisville	Kansas	TCU	Iowa	Boise St.	Stanford	S. Carolina	Georgia Tech	TCU	Penn St.	UCF	7	
8	Kansas St.	LSU	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Alabama	Auburn	Oklahoma	Penn St.	Penn St.	LSU	S. Carolina	Florida St.	Alabama	Baylor	Houston	Florida St.	Penn St.	8
9	Oregon	Colorado	Michigan	Washington St.	Washington St.	California	TCU	Michigan	Virginia Tech	Oregon	Cincinnati	Wisconsin	Michigan	Clemson	Oregon	Georgia	Ole Miss	Wisconsin	TCU	9
10	Michigan	Maryland	Washington St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Virginia Tech	Georgia	West Virginia	Texas	Georgia	Virginia Tech	Oklahoma St.	Michigan St.	Florida	Ohio St.	UCLA	Iowa	Michigan	USC	10
11	Florida	Washington St.	NC State	Texas	Texas	Miami	Oregon	Oklahoma	Boston College	Ohio St.	Oregon	Alabama	Wisconsin	Kansas St.	Stanford	Missouri	Michigan	Oklahoma St.	Notre Dame	11
12	Texas	Illinois	Boise St.	Miami	Miami, OH	Michigan	Oregon	Rutgers	Tennessee	Texas Tech	BYU	Arkansas	Baylor	LSU	UCF	Mississippi St.	Notre Dame	Stanford	Auburn	12
13	Purdue	S. Carolina	Maryland	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Boise St.	UCLA	Texas	Arizona St.	Boise St.	Georgia Tech	Nevada	TCU	Louisville	Baylor	Wisconsin	Baylor	Florida	Miami	13
14	Clemson	Syracuse	Virginia	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Auburn	California	Auburn	Arizona St.	Virginia Tech	Nebraska	Michigan St.	Houston	Boise St.	LSU	Arizona	Florida St.	LSU	Oklahoma St.	14
15	Colorado St.	Florida St.	Penn St.	Boise St.	Tennessee	Tennessee	Wisconsin	BYU	BYU	Ole Miss	Pittsburgh	Virginia Tech	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Louisville	Clemson	North Carolina	Colorado	Washington	15
16	Notre Dame	Louisville	Auburn	Tennessee	Tennessee	LSU	Florida	Arkansas	Florida	Missouri	Wisconsin	Florida St.	Kansas St.	Northwestern	UCLA	Boise St.	Utah	Virginia Tech	Michigan St.	16
17	Georgia	Stanford	Notre	Minnesota	Minnesota	Texas	Boston College	Wake Forest	Hawaii	Cincinnati	LSU	Mississippi St.	Virginia Tech	Oklahoma St.	Arizona	LSU	Utah	West Virginia	Northwestern	17
18	TCU	Virginia Tech	Pittsburgh	Nebraska	Nebraska	Wisconsin	Ohio St.	Miami	Virginia Tech	Illinois	Oklahoma St.	Utah	Missouri	West Virginia	Texas	Texas A&M	Kansas St.	Navy	W. Michigan	18
19	Georgia	Washington	Marshall	Purdue	Purdue	Ohio St.	Texas Tech	Michigan	Notre Dame	Michigan	Oregon St.	Miami	Nebraska	Oregon St.	Texas	Ole Miss	Oklahoma St.	S. Florida	Stanford	19
20	Auburn	Michigan	West Virginia	Maryland	Maryland	Arizona St.	Louisville	Boston College	Cincinnati	Iowa	USC	UCF	Georgia	Vanderbilt	Arizona St.	Utah	Oregon	Louisville	Mississippi St.	20

Rank	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1997	1998	1999	Rank	
1	Oklahoma	Penn St.	Miami	Notre Dame	Miami (FL)	Colorado	Georgia Tech	Washington	Miami	Alabama	Florida St.	Nebraska	Nebraska	Florida	Nebraska	Michigan	Tennessee	Florida St.	1
2	Michigan	Miami	Florida St.	Miami	Florida St.	Georgia Tech	Colorado	Miami	Washington	Florida St.	Notre Dame	Penn St.	Tennessee	Ohio St.	Michigan	Nebraska	Ohio St.	Nebraska	2
3	Penn St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Florida St.	Notre Dame	Miami	Penn St.	Penn St.	Miami	Nebraska	Colorado	Florida	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Virginia Tech	3	
4	Tennessee	Nebraska	Syracuse	Michigan	Colorado	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Notre Dame	Florida	Alabama	Colorado	Arizona	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Arizona	Wisconsin	4	
5	Air Force	Arizona St.	LSU	West Virginia	Tennessee	Washington	Washington	Alabama	Michigan	Wisconsin	Florida St.	Florida St.	BYU	UCLA	UCLA	Wisconsin	Michigan	5	
6	UCLA	Ohio St.	Nebraska	UCLA	Auburn	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Michigan	Texas A&M	West Virginia	Miami	Kansas St.	Nebraska	Florida	Florida	Kansas St.	6		
7	Texas A&M	Michigan	Auburn	Auburn	Alabama	Tennessee	Tennessee	California	Syracuse	Penn St.	Florida	Northwestern	Penn St.	Kansas St.	Kansas	Tulane	Michigan St.	7	
8	Miami	Auburn	Michigan St.	Clemson	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Florida	Georgia	Texas A&M	Utah	Ohio St.	Colorado	Tennessee	Tennessee	UCLA	Alabama	8	
9	Iowa	Alabama	Texas A&M	USC	USC	Clemson	Clemson	East Carolina	East Carolina	Stanford	Arizona	Ohio St.	Virginia Tech	Tennessee	Washington St.	Washington St.	Kansas St.	Tennessee	9
10	Nebraska	Arizona	Clemson	Nebraska	Illinois	Penn St.	Penn St.	Iowa	Iowa	Washington	Ohio St.	BYU	Kansas	N. Carolina	Georgia	Air Force	Marshall	10	
11	Ohio St.	LSU	UCLA	Oklahoma St.	Texas	Texas	Syracuse	Syracuse	Florida	Tennessee	Oregon	USC	Alabama	Auburn	Auburn	Georgia Tech	Penn St.	11	
12	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Oklahoma St.	Syracuse	Nebraska	Louisville	Louisville	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Tennessee	Boston College	Michigan	Penn	Virginia Tech	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Michigan	Mississippi St.	12
13	Florida St.	Baylor	Tennessee	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Colorado	Alabama	Virginia	Notre Dame	LSU	LSU	Texas A&M	Southern Miss	13		
14	Alabama	UCLA	Georgia	Oklahoma	Penn State	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Colorado St.	Texas	Miami	Arizona	Arizona	Georgia	Florida	14
15	Baylor	Iowa	S. Carolina	Georgia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Tennessee	Tennessee	NC State	Miami	USC	Texas A&M	Washington	Purdue	Purdue	Penn St.	Miami	15
16	Fresno St.	Arkansas	USC	Alabama	Texas Tech	Iowa	Iowa	Nebraska	Nebraska	Ole Miss	Colorado	Kansas St.	Syracuse	Northwestern	Colorado St.	Colorado St.	Texas	Georgia	16
17	BYU	Washington	USC	Alabama	Texas Tech	BYU	BYU	Clemson	Clemson	Washington St.	UCLA	NC State	Virginia	Kansas St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Arkansas	Minnesota	17
18	Georgia Tech	Boston College	Michigan	NC State	BYU	Nebraska	Nebraska	UCLA	UCLA	N. Carolina	Kansas St.	Tennessee	Oregon	Iowa	Washington	Washington	Virginia	Oregon	18
19	Maryland	Clemson	Texas	Indiana	Pittsburgh	Auburn	Auburn	Georgia	Georgia	Ohio St.	Michigan	Washington St.	Michigan	Syracuse	Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Virginia	Arkansas	19
20	LSU	Florida St.	Indiana	Wyoming	Washington	San Jose St.	San Jose St.	Colorado	Colorado	Hawaii	Virginia Tech	Arizona	Texas Tech	Michigan	Syracuse	Syracuse	Nebraska	Texas A & M	20

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1	Nebraska	Ohio St.	Texas	Nebraska	USC	Alabama	Notre Dame	USC	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Pittsburgh	Notre Dame	USC	Alabama	Alabama	Georgia	Clemson	Penn St.	Miami	1	
2	Ohio St.	Texas	Ohio St.	Alabama	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Alabama	Alabama	Arizona St.	USC	Alabama	Alabama	USC	USC	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	SMU	Nebraska	Washington	2
3	Texas	Nebraska	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Alabama	Michigan	Arkansas	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Penn St.	Nebraska	Auburn	Nebraska	3
4	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Michigan	Alabama	Notre Dame	Alabama	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Ohio St.	Houston	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Michigan	Texas	Georgia	Georgia	Boston College	4
5	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Auburn	Texas	Penn St.	Penn St.	Michigan	Michigan	UCLA	Ohio St.	Texas	Michigan	Michigan	Houston	Florida St.	Georgia	UCLA	Texas	Oklahoma St.	5
6	LSU	LSU	LSU	Arizona St.	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Auburn	Auburn	Arkansas	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Pittsburgh	Alabama	Alabama	Arizona St.	Florida	Oklahoma	6
7	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Colorado	Auburn	USC	USC	Penn St.	Penn St.	Texas	Nebraska	Pittsburgh	Clemson	Clemson	Nebraska	Nebraska	Washington	Washington	BYU	Florida	7
8	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Georgia	Penn St.	Texas	Texas	Nebraska	Nebraska	Michigan	Texas A&M	Michigan	Nebraska	Nebraska	Florida St.	Penn St.	N. Carolina	Arkansas	Ohio St.	SMU	8
9	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Tennessee	Nebraska	UCLA	UCLA	NC State	NC State	Nebraska	Alabama	Washington	Texas	Texas	Arkansas	N. Carolina	Arkansas	Pittsburgh	Michigan	USC	9
10	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	LSU	LSU	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Miami (OH)	Miami (OH)	Penn St.	Georgia	Nebraska	Arkansas	Arkansas	Purdue	Notre Dame	Michigan	Florida St.	Illinois	UCLA	10
11	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Penn St.	Tennessee	Nebraska	Nebraska	Houston	Houston	Maryland	Maryland	Florida St.	Houston	Houston	Washington	BYU	LSU	SMU	Maryland	11	
12	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Texas	Notre Dame	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Florida	Florida	Texas A&M	Notre Dame	Ohio St.	UCLA	UCLA	BYU	USC	Ohio St.	Ohio	Alabama	Ohio St.	12
13	Houston	Houston	Houston	Toledo	Arizona St.	Houston	Houston	Maryland	Maryland	Arizona	Texas Tech	USC	Purdue	Purdue	Texas	Baylor	USC	North	UCLA	S. Carolina	13
14	Dartmouth	Dartmouth	Dartmouth	Houston	Colorado	LSU	LSU	Baylor	Baylor	Pittsburgh	Oklahoma St.	N. Carolina	Missouri	Missouri	N. Carolina	UCLA	Oklahoma	Auburn	Iowa	Auburn	14
15	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Notre Dame	N. Carolina	Kansas	Kansas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	California	UCLA	Stanford	Georgia	Georgia	Baylor	Ohio St.	Iowa	Michigan	Air Force	Iowa	15
16	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Stanford	Louisville	Tulane	Tulane	Tennessee	Tennessee	Miami (OH)	Colorado	N. Texas	Stanford	Stanford	Indiana	Purdue	Arkansas	Oklahoma	West Virginia	LSU	16
17	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Iowa St.	UCLA	Miami (OH)	Miami (OH)	Mississippi St.	Mississippi St.	Notre Dame	Rutgers	BYU	Navy	Navy	Temple	Washington	Mississippi St.	Alabama	Penn St.	Virginia	17
18	Toledo	Toledo	Toledo	N. Carolina	Washington S	Maryland	Maryland	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	West Virginia	Iowa St.	Arizona St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Penn St.	Miami	West Virginia	Texas	Oklahoma St.	West Virginia	18
19	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Florida St.	Utah St.	San Diego St.	San Diego St.	Tulsa	Tulsa	Georgia	Baylor	San Diego St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Michigan	Florida	Southern Miss	West Virginia	Pittsburgh	Kentucky	19
20	USC	USC	USC	Arki/Ole Miss	San Diego St.	Florida	Florida	*no #20 team	*no #20 team	USC	Kentucky	NC State	NC State	NC State	Missouri	SMU	Missouri	Maryland	Boston College	Florida St.	20