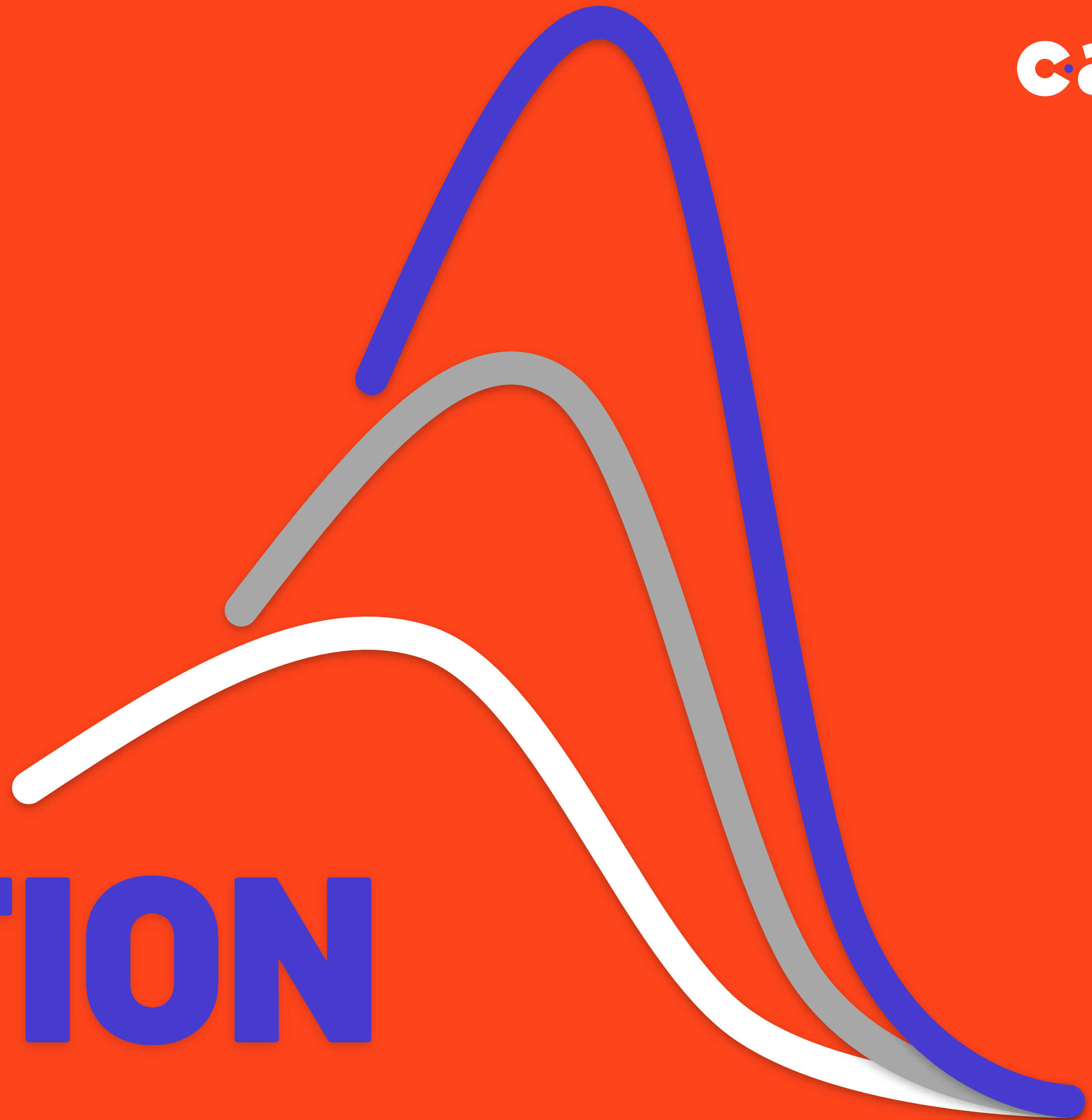# GRADE INFLATION

Which US universities and subjects show
the highest *improvements* in grades?

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Data collection

Grade inflation in higher education

Grade inflation refers to a trend where the average grades awarded to students improve over time, without an increase in actual academic achievement. A trend that has been observed at many American universities since the 1960s. Grade inflation within higher education is an important phenomenon with strong impact on students, universities and the labor market. Changing grading standards make it harder for employers and universities to choose outstanding candidates as high GPAs become increasingly common and variation in grades decreases. Similarly, grade inflation makes it more difficult to compare academic performance across universities, both nationally and internationally, as institutions differ not only in grading standards, but they are changing at different rates.

A goal would be a balance between recognizing exceptional achievements and avoiding uninhibited inflation of grades, which makes it most crucial to know where and to what extent grade inflation is happening across American universities.

Transparency through data

This analysis uses data from 335m+ individual course grades in the US. Nearly 700 American universities have provided case with information regarding their yearly course grade distributions since 2015 in a variety of subjects.

Grade inflation scores were calculated as the average increase or decrease in mean GPAs within all courses that the respective university offered compared to the previous year. Those grade inflation scores are then averaged and aggregated over a ten-year period for robustness. A positive average change in GPAs signals a general trend of grade inflation while a negative average change signals grade depletion. This overall grade inflation indicator is used to compare universities overall.

The large variety of subjects across all universities are grouped into 8 broader subject categories to provide an easier overview. For each subject category separate grade inflation scores are calculated for all universities to enable the comparison of subject specific grade inflation between universities.

What is case?

Education and labor market data

case aims to improve the admission and recruitment of students with the help of data. To enable an objective and fair assessment of achievements, educational and labor market data is collected globally. This enables case to place university degrees in their respective context. With this we support universities and companies in their selection as well as students in their self-assessment and support their entry into the job market. Further information on case can be found at the end of the publication.

Contextualization of achievement

To assess educational degrees, it is necessary to understand the respective context in which they are achieved. For this purpose, case makes two types of comparisons based on data:
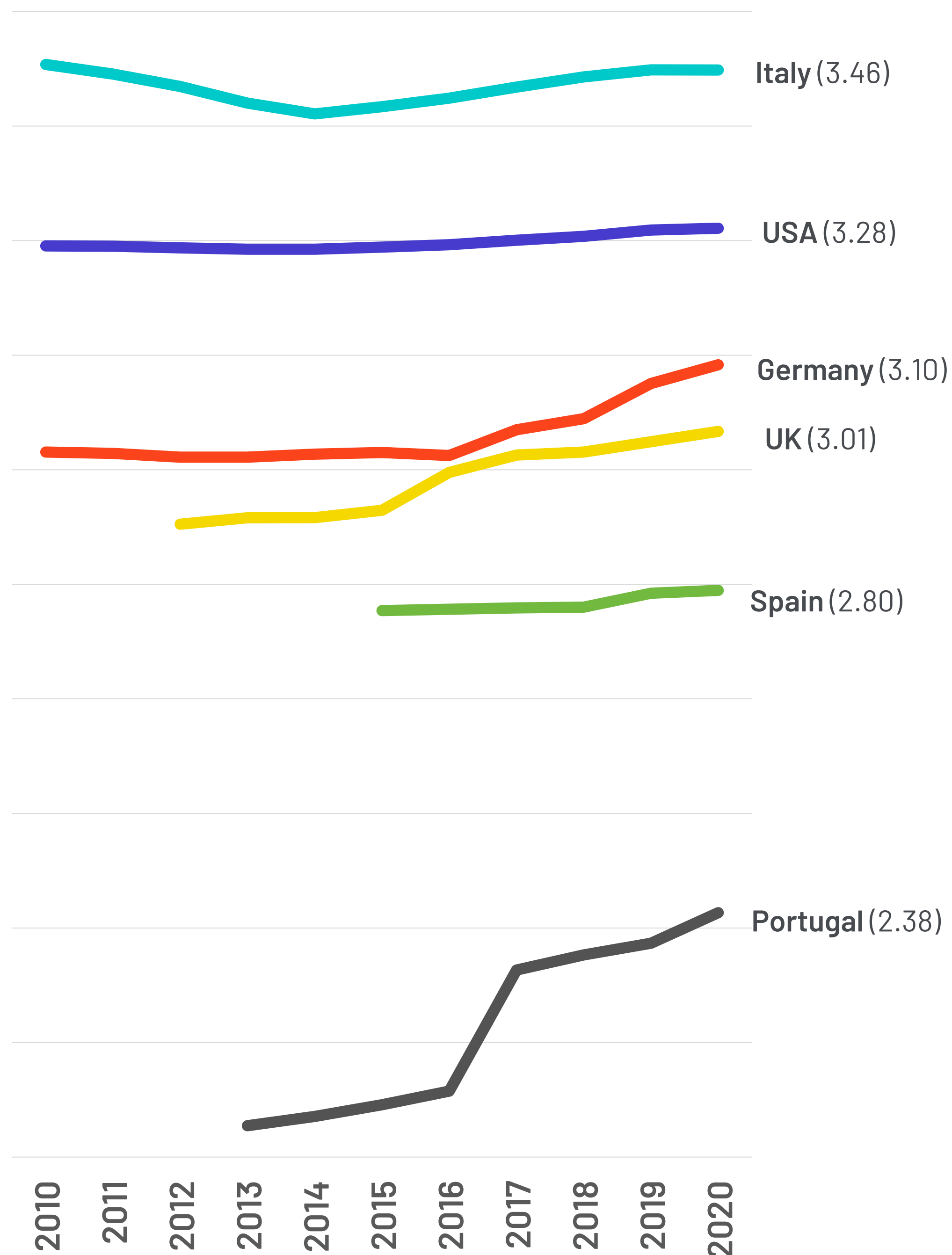
1. Comparison within a peer group: How well did someone do compared to other students in their program? We use the grade distribution in the specific course of study at the respective university to answer this.
2. Comparison between different peer groups: How well do students in a particular program perform relative to others? To determine this, case collects performance tests and labor market indicators to compare students at different universities and in different subject areas.

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2016
Founded as a university research project

2021
US market entry

Italy (3.46)

USA (3.28)

Germany (3.10)

UK (3.01)

Spain (2.80)

Portugal (2.38)

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Grade inflation in other countries

Grade inflation is a global phenomenon. For this comparison, we convert international grading scales linearly to the US system using the best and worst possible grades as extremes. Two effects are striking:

(1) The use of grading systems differs strongly between countries. In Italy and the US, average grades are already very close to the maximum and there is limited room left to measure differences in student performance. Moreover, the widely applied method of converting individual grades linearly between grading systems leads to absurd and unfair results.

(2) Grading standards are not fixed but change over time. The closer average grades are to the maximum of the respective scale, the less room for future grade inflation remains. In the past decade, especially Germany and Portugal have shown worrying rates of grade inflation. This leads to big challenges when comparing grades over time.

Subject differences in the US

Table 1

Average grade	Grade inflation (last decade)	Subject Category
3.24	+0.18	Social sciences
3.26	+0.14	Economics and management
3.24	+0.14	Law
3.37	+0.14	Arts and languages
3.09	+0.12	Natural sciences
3.37	+0.11	Medicine and life sciences
3.32	+0.11	Engineering and technology
3.55	+0.05	Educational science

Within the US, not only grading itself but also grade inflation varies strongly by subject. For the ranking of the subject categories (Table 1), the average grade as well as 10-year grade inflation was determined for different subject categories based on course data across all universities.

With an average grade of 3.55, educational sciences have hardly any room left for further grade improvements. As a result, the rate is lowest (+0,05), but still positive. The strongest grade inflation in the last decade occurred within social sciences (+0.18). Natural sciences grade harshest and show only average grade inflation tendencies (+0,12).

The results for individual universities can be found on the following pages – both on overall grade inflation trends at an institution as well as broken down by subject categories.

50 universities with the **highest** overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Laredo College	0.70	highly above average	Ohio University-Zanesville Campus	0.24	above average
Northeast Lakeview College	0.42	highly above average	Cascadia College	0.24	above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.42	highly above average	Moberly Area Community College	0.24	above average
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi	0.40	highly above average	The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	0.24	above average
The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.34	highly above average	Coastal Carolina Community College	0.23	above average
New Jersey Institute of Technology	0.31	highly above average	Glendale Community College	0.23	above average
Los Angeles Southwest College	0.31	highly above average	Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus	0.23	above average
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	0.30	highly above average	San Antonio College	0.23	above average
Northern Michigan University	0.28	above average	The University of Texas at Tyler	0.23	above average
Texas A & M University-College Station	0.27	above average	University of South Carolina-Columbia	0.23	above average
The University of Texas at Arlington	0.27	above average	Skyline College	0.23	above average
Eastern Washington University	0.27	above average	The University of Texas at El Paso	0.22	above average
Humboldt State University	0.27	above average	University of Virginia-Main Campus	0.22	above average
Tarleton State University	0.26	above average	Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	0.22	above average
Pasadena City College	0.26	above average	Florida State University	0.22	above average
California State University-San Bernardino	0.26	above average	Citrus College	0.22	above average
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	0.25	above average	University of California-Irvine	0.21	above average
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	0.25	above average	University of Central Florida	0.21	above average
Oregon State University	0.25	above average	Northampton County Area Community College	0.21	above average
Forsyth Technical Community College	0.25	above average	University of Mary Washington	0.20	above average
Morgan State University	0.24	above average	University of Rhode Island	0.20	above average
Ohio University-Eastern Campus	0.24	above average	North Dakota State University-Main Campus	0.20	above average
Ohio University-Lancaster Campus	0.24	above average	Norco College	0.20	above average
Ohio University-Main Campus	0.24	above average	University of Kentucky	0.20	above average
Ohio University-Southern Campus	0.24	above average	College of the Canyons	0.20	above average

50 universities with the lowest overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Northern Oklahoma College	-0.61	highly below average	El Paso Community College	-0.06	below average
Alvin Community College	-0.55	highly below average	Appalachian State University	-0.05	below average
Herkimer County Community College	-0.53	highly below average	Coastline Community College	-0.05	below average
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	-0.43	highly below average	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	-0.04	below average
Missouri Southern State University	-0.40	highly below average	Bates Technical College	-0.03	below average
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus	-0.40	highly below average	Georgia State University	-0.03	below average
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	-0.33	highly below average	Fayetteville Technical Community College	-0.03	below average
Ferris State University	-0.29	highly below average	Waubonsee Community College	-0.03	below average
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	-0.29	highly below average	James Madison University	-0.03	below average
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	-0.16	highly below average	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	-0.03	below average
Wake Technical Community College	-0.16	highly below average	State College of Florida-Manatee-Sarasota	-0.03	below average
Santa Fe Community College	-0.16	highly below average	CUNY Bronx Community College	-0.02	below average
South Seattle College	-0.16	highly below average	SUNY Buffalo State	-0.02	below average
Dalton State College	-0.14	highly below average	Kellogg Community College	-0.02	below average
Durham Technical Community College	-0.13	highly below average	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	-0.01	below average
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	-0.13	highly below average	East Georgia State College	-0.01	below average
Lanier Technical College	-0.12	highly below average	Towson University	-0.01	below average
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	-0.10	highly below average	University of Alaska Anchorage	-0.01	below average
Illinois State University	-0.10	highly below average	San Juan College	0.00	below average
University of South Dakota	-0.09	highly below average	Guilford Technical Community College	0.00	below average
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	-0.09	highly below average	University of Houston-Downtown	0.00	below average
Lake Land College	-0.09	highly below average	Green River College	0.00	below average
Missouri University of Science and Technology	-0.08	below average	SUNY Brockport	0.00	below average
Lone Star College System	-0.08	below average	Big Sandy Community and Technical College	0.00	below average
Catawba Valley Community College	-0.07	below average	Central Carolina Community College	0.00	below average

Comparison: Ivy League

Table 2

Grade inflation (last decade)	Ivy League university
0.23	Brown
0.20	Harvard
0.20	Princeton
0.19	Yale*
0.18	Pennsylvania
0.13	Cornell*
0.12	Columbia*
0.10	Dartmouth

* diclaimer: the underlying data for this university are either from cohorts further back in time or not complete. The interpretation of the mean grade inflation values here should therefore be treated with more caution in comparison.

Grade inflation can be observed in all kinds of universities - public or private, prestigious or new. But in America the Ivy League universities have been the particular focus of many discussions regarding grade inflation. The eight Ivy League universities have historically been known for their selectivity and excellent academic achievements. Awarding students with only the highest of grades can boost such an image of academic excellence. In general, it also improves the labor market options of graduates, which is beneficial for universities as well, if it leads to higher donations.

High average GPAs – as is the case with all Ivy League universities – combined with a steady grade inflation will, however, lead to a point when grades reach the upper ceiling where differences in performance cannot be distinguished anymore. If grades cannot measure differences in performance, grading systems may become obsolete.

Arts and Languages: 50 universities with the highest overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Modesto Junior College	1.88	highly above average	Cascadia College	0.27	above average
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	1.10	highly above average	Ohio University-Eastern Campus	0.27	above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.65	highly above average	Ohio University-Lancaster Campus	0.27	above average
Rowan University	0.51	highly above average	Ohio University-Main Campus	0.27	above average
Laredo College	0.49	highly above average	Ohio University-Southern Campus	0.27	above average
New Jersey Institute of Technology	0.43	highly above average	Ohio University-Zanesville Campus	0.27	above average
Los Angeles Southwest College	0.42	highly above average	San Bernardino Valley College	0.27	above average
Northeast Lakeview College	0.41	highly above average	Cerro Coso Community College	0.27	above average
West Georgia Technical College	0.39	highly above average	West Hills College-Lemoore	0.26	above average
Central Carolina Community College	0.39	highly above average	West Texas A & M University	0.26	above average
Northeast Mississippi Community College	0.37	highly above average	North Dakota State University-Main Campus	0.26	above average
University of South Carolina-Columbia	0.37	highly above average	St Philip's College	0.26	above average
Johnston Community College	0.37	highly above average	University of Central Florida	0.26	above average
Eastern Washington University	0.36	highly above average	Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus	0.26	above average
The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.36	highly above average	The University of Texas at El Paso	0.25	above average
Humboldt State University	0.33	highly above average	Texas A & M University-College Station	0.25	above average
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	0.32	highly above average	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	0.25	above average
Wright State University-Main Campus	0.31	highly above average	University of Mary Washington	0.25	above average
University of Wisconsin Colleges	0.31	highly above average	University of North Georgia	0.25	above average
Durham Technical Community College	0.30	highly above average	Skyline College	0.25	above average
University of West Georgia	0.29	highly above average	University of California-Riverside	0.25	above average
Northern Michigan University	0.29	highly above average	University of Idaho	0.25	above average
California State University-San Bernardino	0.28	highly above average	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	0.25	above average
The University of Texas at Tyler	0.28	above average	University of Virginia-Main Campus	0.25	above average
University of Kentucky	0.28	above average	Glendale Community College	0.24	above average

Economics and Management: 50 universities with the <u>highest</u> overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	0.68	highly above average	Purdue University Northwest	0.33	highly above average
Laredo College	0.56	highly above average	Utah Valley University	0.33	highly above average
Ohio University-Eastern Campus	0.49	highly above average	Morgan State University	0.32	highly above average
Ohio University-Lancaster Campus	0.49	highly above average	Central Piedmont Community College	0.32	highly above average
Ohio University-Main Campus	0.49	highly above average	University of Rhode Island	0.32	highly above average
Ohio University-Southern Campus	0.49	highly above average	Jefferson Community and Technical College	0.32	highly above average
Ohio University-Zanesville Campus	0.49	highly above average	Eastern Washington University	0.31	highly above average
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	0.48	highly above average	Coastal Carolina Community College	0.31	highly above average
Cape Fear Community College	0.46	highly above average	Cabrillo College	0.30	highly above average
South Georgia State College	0.46	highly above average	San Bernardino Valley College	0.29	highly above average
Porterville College	0.44	highly above average	Oregon State University	0.29	highly above average
Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus	0.43	highly above average	Los Angeles Southwest College	0.29	highly above average
Northeast Lakeview College	0.40	highly above average	Bluegrass Community and Technical College	0.29	highly above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.39	highly above average	Rose State College	0.28	highly above average
California State University-San Bernardino	0.39	highly above average	San Antonio College	0.28	above average
The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.38	highly above average	Humboldt State University	0.28	above average
Northern Michigan University	0.37	highly above average	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	0.27	above average
Moberly Area Community College	0.36	highly above average	University of Missouri-St Louis	0.27	above average
Los Angeles Trade Technical College	0.36	highly above average	New Jersey Institute of Technology	0.27	above average
Middle Georgia State University	0.36	highly above average	Shawnee State University	0.27	above average
The University of Texas at Arlington	0.35	highly above average	West Valley College	0.27	above average
Muskegon Community College	0.35	highly above average	Compton College	0.27	above average
Central Connecticut State University	0.34	highly above average	Merced College	0.27	above average
Renton Technical College	0.34	highly above average	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	0.27	above average
Santa Monica College	0.34	highly above average	Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	0.27	above average

Educational Science: 50 universities with the <u>highest</u> overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	1.40	highly above average	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	0.36	highly above average
Delgado Community College	1.28	highly above average	Highline College	0.35	highly above average
Spokane Community College	0.86	highly above average	Los Angeles Southwest College	0.34	highly above average
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	0.75	highly above average	Norco College	0.33	highly above average
Herkimer County Community College	0.73	highly above average	Central Piedmont Community College	0.33	highly above average
Farmingdale State College	0.72	highly above average	Holyoke Community College	0.33	highly above average
Bossier Parish Community College	0.71	highly above average	Seminole State College	0.32	highly above average
Eastern Washington University	0.66	highly above average	College of San Mateo	0.32	highly above average
Tulsa Community College	0.62	highly above average	Saint Louis Community College	0.32	highly above average
West Kentucky Community and Technical College	0.61	highly above average	University of Minnesota-Crookston	0.32	highly above average
Owensboro Community and Technical College	0.55	highly above average	Morgan State University	0.31	highly above average
New Mexico State University-Dona Ana	0.55	highly above average	Northampton County Area Community College	0.30	highly above average
Quincy College	0.55	highly above average	Moberly Area Community College	0.29	highly above average
Forsyth Technical Community College	0.50	highly above average	Humboldt State University	0.28	highly above average
Catawba Valley Community College	0.50	highly above average	Texas A & M University-College Station	0.28	highly above average
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	0.50	highly above average	Illinois State University	0.27	above average
Black Hawk College	0.48	highly above average	Texas A & M International University	0.27	above average
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	0.48	highly above average	Moreno Valley College	0.25	above average
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	0.47	highly above average	Citrus College	0.25	above average
Gaston College	0.42	highly above average	Rockland Community College	0.24	above average
Bergen Community College	0.41	highly above average	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	0.24	above average
Pitt Community College	0.40	highly above average	California State University-Bakersfield	0.24	above average
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	0.39	highly above average	Columbia Basin College	0.23	above average
Cascadia College	0.38	highly above average	West Los Angeles College	0.23	above average
Laredo College	0.36	highly above average	Somerset Community College	0.23	above average

Engineering and Technology: 50 universities with the highest overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	0.93	highly above average	Santa Ana College	0.28	highly above average
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	0.71	highly above average	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	0.28	highly above average
University of South Dakota	0.64	highly above average	Oregon State University	0.28	above average
Laredo College	0.60	highly above average	Middle Georgia State University	0.28	above average
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi	0.44	highly above average	Los Angeles City College	0.27	above average
Stockton University	0.42	highly above average	Florida State University	0.27	above average
California State University-San Bernardino	0.40	highly above average	Michigan Technological University	0.27	above average
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	0.40	highly above average	Utah Valley University	0.26	above average
Rio Hondo College	0.38	highly above average	University of California-Berkeley	0.26	above average
University of Central Florida	0.36	highly above average	Georgia Southern University	0.26	above average
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	0.34	highly above average	East Los Angeles College	0.25	above average
The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.33	highly above average	West Hills College-Lemoore	0.25	above average
Trinity Valley Community College	0.32	highly above average	Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus	0.25	above average
Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus	0.32	highly above average	University of California-Irvine	0.25	above average
Florida SouthWestern State College	0.32	highly above average	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	0.25	above average
The University of Texas at Arlington	0.31	highly above average	Palo Alto College	0.25	above average
Citrus College	0.31	highly above average	University of California-San Diego	0.25	above average
University of South Carolina-Upstate	0.31	highly above average	Los Angeles Southwest College	0.24	above average
Purdue University Northwest	0.31	highly above average	Norco College	0.24	above average
University of North Carolina Wilmington	0.30	highly above average	Northampton County Area Community College	0.23	above average
Los Angeles Harbor College	0.30	highly above average	Eastern Washington University	0.23	above average
University of California-Merced	0.30	highly above average	University of Kentucky	0.23	above average
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	0.30	highly above average	Winston-Salem State University	0.23	above average
New Jersey Institute of Technology	0.29	highly above average	San Antonio College	0.23	above average
South Georgia State College	0.29	highly above average	Los Angeles Mission College	0.23	above average

Law: 50 universities with the <u>highest</u> overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Forsyth Technical Community College	1.31	highly above average	Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus	0.50	highly above average
University of California-Riverside	1.20	highly above average	Ohio University-Eastern Campus	0.50	highly above average
University of Rhode Island	1.19	highly above average	Ohio University-Lancaster Campus	0.50	highly above average
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1.12	highly above average	Ohio University-Main Campus	0.50	highly above average
Glendale Community College	1.06	highly above average	Ohio University-Southern Campus	0.50	highly above average
Sierra College	1.05	highly above average	Ohio University-Zanesville Campus	0.50	highly above average
Bakersfield College	0.98	highly above average	East Los Angeles College	0.49	highly above average
South Suburban College	0.95	highly above average	Winston-Salem State University	0.49	highly above average
Lanier Technical College	0.90	highly above average	Porterville College	0.49	highly above average
West Hills College-Lemoore	0.78	highly above average	Merced College	0.48	highly above average
Northern Michigan University	0.78	highly above average	Merritt College	0.48	highly above average
Bellevue College	0.77	highly above average	Kishwaukee College	0.48	highly above average
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	0.66	highly above average	SUNY Oneonta	0.48	highly above average
Northwest State Community College	0.66	highly above average	Baton Rouge Community College	0.46	highly above average
Gaston College	0.61	highly above average	University of California-Berkeley	0.44	highly above average
Palomar College	0.61	highly above average	American River College	0.42	highly above average
Western Michigan University	0.58	highly above average	Albany Technical College	0.42	highly above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.57	highly above average	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	0.41	highly above average
Seattle Central College	0.55	highly above average	Oakton Community College	0.41	highly above average
Fresno City College	0.54	highly above average	Laredo College	0.41	highly above average
Allan Hancock College	0.52	highly above average	Compton College	0.41	highly above average
The University of Texas Permian Basin	0.52	highly above average	Sacramento City College	0.40	highly above average
University of Houston-Downtown	0.50	highly above average	University of Missouri-Columbia	0.40	highly above average
Columbia Basin College	0.50	highly above average	University of Virginia-Main Campus	0.40	highly above average
Cosumnes River College	0.50	highly above average	Durham Technical Community College	0.40	highly above average

Medicine and Life Sciences: 50 universities with the highest overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
CUNY Bronx Community College	1.68	highly above average	Northwest State Community College	0.29	highly above average
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	1.20	highly above average	University of Maryland-Baltimore County	0.29	highly above average
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	1.11	highly above average	Rockland Community College	0.28	highly above average
Laredo College	0.65	highly above average	Santiago Canyon College	0.28	above average
Forsyth Technical Community College	0.65	highly above average	Glendale Community College	0.27	above average
Augusta Technical College	0.53	highly above average	Reedley College	0.27	above average
Nassau Community College	0.49	highly above average	Cedar Valley College	0.26	above average
Herkimer County Community College	0.44	highly above average	Santa Ana College	0.26	above average
North Seattle College	0.43	highly above average	The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	0.26	above average
Evergreen Valley College	0.41	highly above average	South Georgia State College	0.25	above average
Pitt Community College	0.39	highly above average	University of Maryland-College Park	0.25	above average
Northampton County Area Community College	0.37	highly above average	Palo Alto College	0.25	above average
The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.35	highly above average	Citrus College	0.25	above average
San Bernardino Valley College	0.34	highly above average	Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology	0.25	above average
Prairie View A & M University	0.33	highly above average	Kent State University at Kent	0.25	above average
Los Angeles City College	0.33	highly above average	Western Texas College	0.24	above average
Pasadena City College	0.32	highly above average	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	0.24	above average
Miami University-Oxford	0.32	highly above average	Morgan State University	0.24	above average
Norco College	0.31	highly above average	Fayetteville Technical Community College	0.23	above average
Texas State Technical College	0.30	highly above average	Cuyamaca College	0.23	above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.30	highly above average	Imperial Valley College	0.23	above average
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	0.30	highly above average	University of California-Irvine	0.23	above average
Tarleton State University	0.30	highly above average	Renton Technical College	0.23	above average
Florida State University	0.29	highly above average	Texas A & M International University	0.22	above average
Los Angeles Trade Technical College	0.29	highly above average	George Mason University	0.22	above average

Natural Sciences: 50 universities with the highest overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Laredo College	0.85	highly above average	Lamar University	0.29	highly above average
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi	0.75	highly above average	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	0.28	highly above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.74	highly above average	University of Virginia-Main Campus	0.28	above average
Northeast Lakeview College	0.56	highly above average	University of Illinois Chicago	0.28	above average
Rose State College	0.50	highly above average	Cascadia College	0.28	above average
New Jersey Institute of Technology	0.43	highly above average	California State University-San Bernardino	0.28	above average
Texas A & M University-College Station	0.41	highly above average	Western Washington University	0.28	above average
University of Mary Washington	0.40	highly above average	St Philip's College	0.28	above average
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	0.36	highly above average	Southeast Community College Area	0.28	above average
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	0.33	highly above average	The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.27	above average
Rowan University	0.33	highly above average	College of Alameda	0.27	above average
Eastern Washington University	0.32	highly above average	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	0.27	above average
New Jersey City University	0.31	highly above average	Pasadena City College	0.26	above average
Los Angeles Southwest College	0.31	highly above average	University of Maryland-Baltimore County	0.26	above average
The University of Texas at Tyler	0.31	highly above average	Citrus College	0.26	above average
University of South Carolina-Columbia	0.31	highly above average	Bristol Community College	0.25	above average
Coastal Carolina Community College	0.31	highly above average	The University of Texas at Arlington	0.25	above average
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	0.31	highly above average	Morgan State University	0.25	above average
Tarleton State University	0.30	highly above average	Catawba Valley Community College	0.25	above average
South Georgia State College	0.30	highly above average	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	0.24	above average
East Georgia State College	0.30	highly above average	College of the Canyons	0.24	above average
Central Ohio Technical College	0.30	highly above average	Middlesex County College	0.24	above average
Northern Michigan University	0.30	highly above average	Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus	0.24	above average
Oregon State University	0.29	highly above average	Bates Technical College	0.24	above average
Humboldt State University	0.29	highly above average	Wright State University-Main Campus	0.24	above average

Social Sciences: 50 universities with the <u>highest</u> overall grade inflation

university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking	university	grade inflation (per decade)	ranking
Laredo College	1.01	highly above average	California State University-San Bernardino	0.36	highly above average
SUNY Broome Community College	0.78	highly above average	Cape Fear Community College	0.35	highly above average
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	0.77	highly above average	Missouri Southern State University	0.35	highly above average
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi	0.70	highly above average	Solano Community College	0.35	highly above average
Tarleton State University	0.55	highly above average	Butte College	0.35	highly above average
Northeast Lakeview College	0.52	highly above average	College of Alameda	0.35	highly above average
The University of Texas at Arlington	0.51	highly above average	Los Angeles Harbor College	0.34	highly above average
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	0.48	highly above average	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	0.34	highly above average
Northwest State Community College	0.47	highly above average	Moberly Area Community College	0.34	highly above average
Michigan Technological University	0.47	highly above average	Glendale Community College	0.34	highly above average
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	0.46	highly above average	University of South Carolina-Columbia	0.33	highly above average
Coastal Carolina Community College	0.45	highly above average	University of Mary Washington	0.33	highly above average
Forsyth Technical Community College	0.43	highly above average	San Diego Miramar College	0.33	highly above average
The University of Texas at San Antonio	0.42	highly above average	Northern Michigan University	0.33	highly above average
West Los Angeles College	0.42	highly above average	Cascadia College	0.32	highly above average
Long Beach City College	0.42	highly above average	College of the Canyons	0.32	highly above average
Humboldt State University	0.41	highly above average	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	0.32	highly above average
North Dakota State University-Main Campus	0.41	highly above average	Los Angeles Southwest College	0.32	highly above average
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology	0.40	highly above average	Texas State Technical College	0.32	highly above average
Crafton Hills College	0.39	highly above average	Imperial Valley College	0.31	highly above average
Pasadena City College	0.39	highly above average	Irvine Valley College	0.31	highly above average
Mt San Antonio College	0.38	highly above average	Skyline College	0.31	highly above average
The University of Texas at Tyler	0.38	highly above average	Florida State University	0.31	highly above average
Wright State University-Main Campus	0.36	highly above average	Texas A & M University-College Station	0.31	highly above average
San Antonio College	0.36	highly above average	Santa Barbara City College	0.31	highly above average

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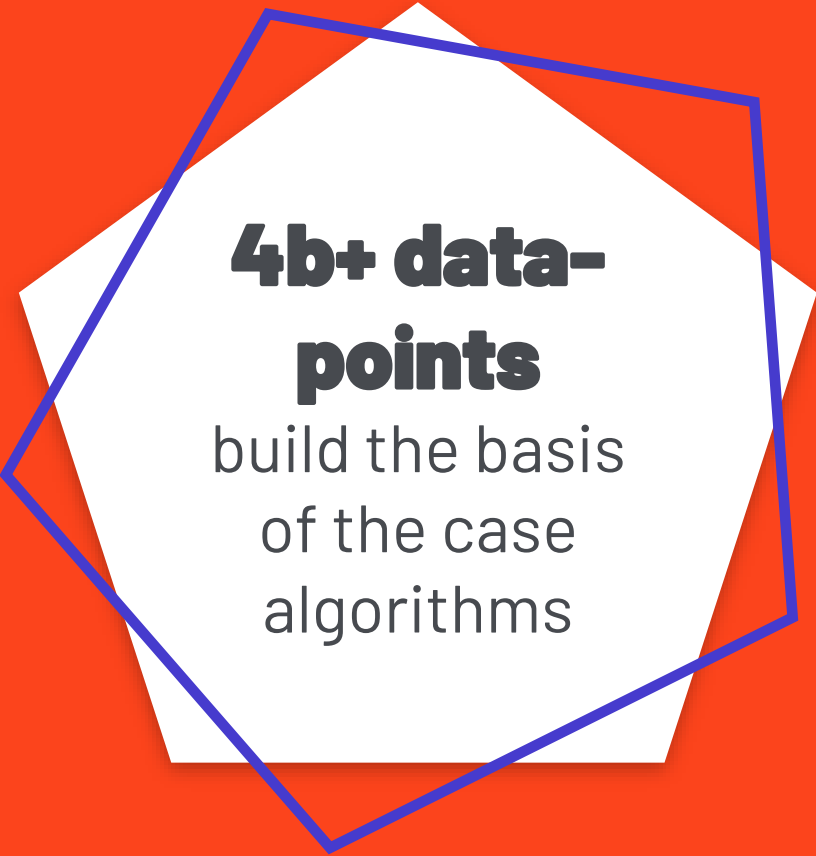
The web app works without implementation efforts and enables usage of all case functions. The usage can be partially automated.

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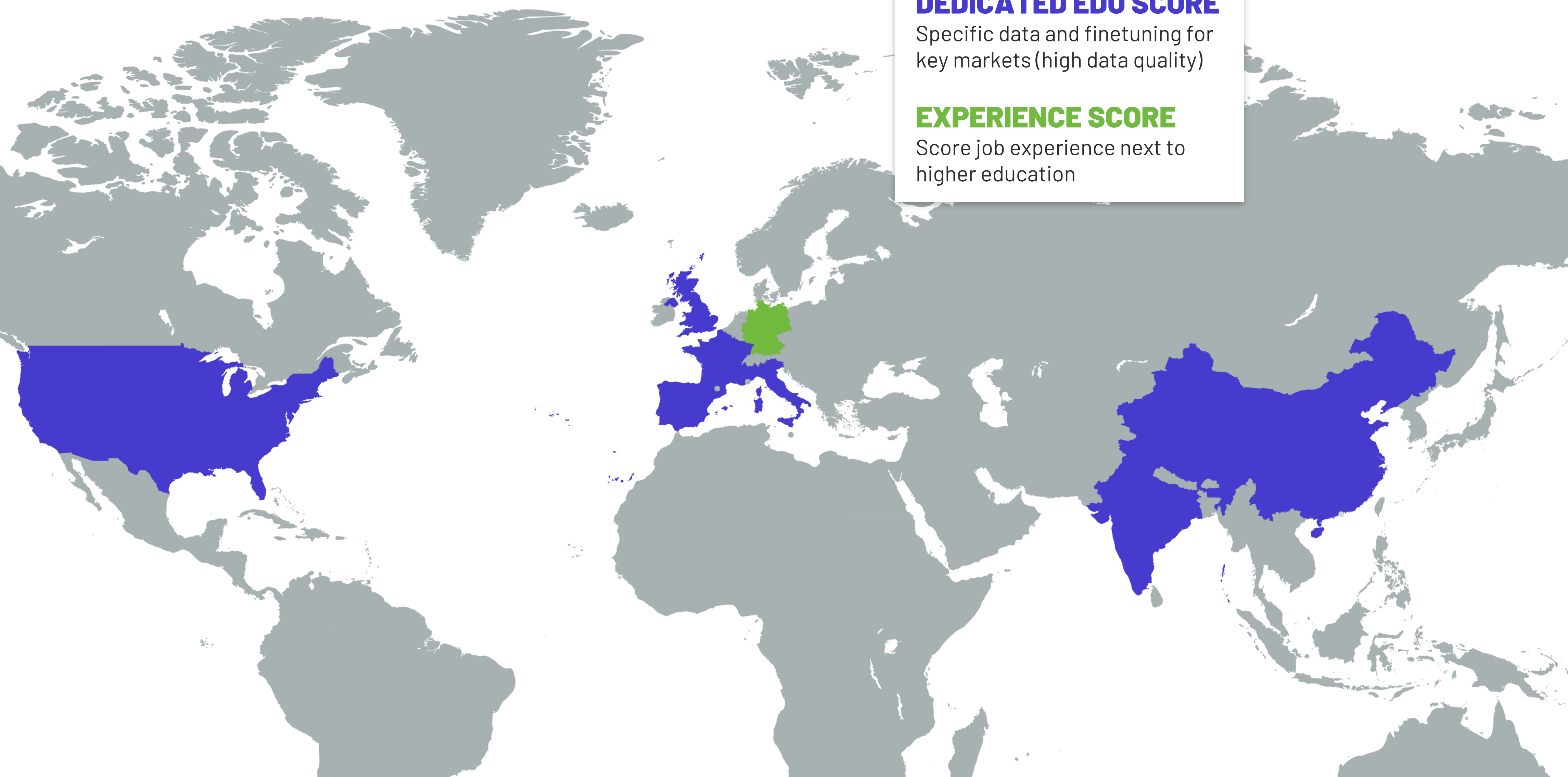# Data coverage of case

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