NCAA Recruiting Facts

College sports create a pathway to opportunity for student-athletes.

**Division I**
On average, Division I schools enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wider variety of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships and additional financial support.

**PARTICIPATION**
188,373 Student-Athletes
351 Colleges and Universities

**ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS**
58% of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

**ACADEMICS**
2023 Graduation Success Rate
90%

**OTHER STATS**
8,500 Median Undergraduate Enrollment
19 Average Number of Teams per School
5% Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports
26* Division I National Championships


**Division II**
Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level athletics competition and community engagement. Many participants are first-generation college students.

**PARTICIPATION**
133,059 Student-Athletes
293 Colleges and Universities

**ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS**
67% of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

**ACADEMICS**
2023 Academic Success Rate
76%

**OTHER STATS**
2,300 Median Undergraduate Enrollment
16 Average Number of Teams per School
11% Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports
25* Division II National Championships


**Division III**
The Division III experience provides an integrated environment that focuses on academic success while offering competitive athletics and meaningful nonathletics opportunities.

**PARTICIPATION**
202,230 Student-Athletes
430 Colleges and Universities

**FINANCIAL AID**
80% of all student-athletes receive some form of academic scholarship or need-based grant.

**ACADEMICS**
2023 Academic Success Rate
88%

**OTHER STATS**
1,700 Median Undergraduate Enrollment
19 Average Number of Teams per School
17% Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports
28* Division III National Championships

* Each division also participates in 11 cross divisional National Collegiate Championships.

Want to play NCAA sports?
Visit ncaa.org/playcollegesports

Graduation rate for student-athletes include those who transfer from one school to another.

Revised Fall 2023: The number of schools for each division is current as of the 2023-24 academic year. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools. Student-athlete participation numbers include NCAA championship sports only and are current as of the 2022-23 academic year.
Facts About NCAA Sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?
Individual schools award athletics scholarships. NCAA Division I and II schools provide more than $3.8 billion in athletics scholarships annually to over 195,000 student-athletes. While Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships, 80% of Division III student-athletes receive some form of merit or need-based financial aid.

Do many high school athletes earn athletics scholarships?
Very few, in fact. Only about 2% of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

Do NCAA student-athletes have difficulty meeting graduation requirements with the time demands of their sport?
Overall, student-athletes graduate at higher rates than their peers in the student body, and those rates rise each year. Click here for more information on graduation rates.

Do many NCAA student-athletes go on to play professionally?
Of the student-athletes participating in college sports with professional leagues, less than 2% become professional athletes. In reality, most student-athletes depend on academics to prepare them for life after college. Education is important. There are over 500,000 NCAA student-athletes, and most of them will go pro in something other than sports.

Estimated Probability Of Competing In Athletics Beyond High School

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<td>High School to NCAA</td>
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*Percent NCAA to major professional figures are based on the number of draft picks made in the NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB and NHL drafts.

More than 500,000 Student-Athletes
20,000 Teams
3 Divisions
1 Association