

NCAA Recruiting Facts

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

Division I

Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the highest number of athletics scholarships.

PARTICIPATION

204,000

Student-Athletes

355

Active Schools

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

59%

of athletes receive athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Graduation Success Rate



OTHER STATS

8,883

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

19

Average Number of Teams per School

1 in 23

Students Who Are Athletes

26*

Division I National Championships

Division II

Division II schools provide growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and a focus on service to the community.

PARTICIPATION

133,000

Student-Athletes

293

Active Schools

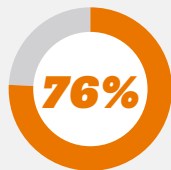
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

64%

of athletes receive athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Academic Success Rate



OTHER STATS

2,169

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

17

Average Number of Teams per School

1 in 7

Students Who Are Athletes

25*

Division II National Championships

Division III

Division III schools offer participation in a competitive athletics environment that pushes college athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential by tackling new challenges across campus.

PARTICIPATION

202,000

Student-Athletes

425

Active Schools

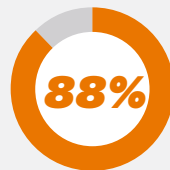
FINANCIAL AID

80%

of athletes receive nonathletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Academic Success Rate



OTHER STATS

1,617

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

19

Average Number of Teams per School

1 in 5

Students Who Are Athletes

28*

Division III National Championships



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NCAA DIVISION I

Academic Standards

NCAA DIVISION II
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Academic Standards

NCAA DIVISION III
DISCOVER | DEVELOP | DEDICATE

Amateurism Standards

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

The number of schools for each division is current as of the 2024-25 academic year. All other figures are based on 2023-24 data.

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

Facts About NCAA Sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Division I and II schools provide nearly \$4.0 billion in athletics scholarships annually to 197,000 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. A college education is the most rewarding benefit of your student-athlete experience. There are more than 500,000 NCAA student-athletes, and **less than 2%** will go pro in their sport.

Estimated Probability of Competing in Athletics Beyond High School

	Baseball	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Men's Ice Hockey	Women's Soccer	Softball
High School Student-Athletes	478,451	537,438	373,366	1,028,761	33,013	377,838	344,952
NCAA Student-Athletes	38,849	19,213	16,668	77,204	4,388	29,959	21,646
Drafted NCAA Student-Athletes	444	46	33	259	69	47	24
Percentage High School to NCAA	8.1%	3.6%	4.5%	7.5%	13.3%	7.9%	6.3%
*Percentage NCAA to Major Professional	5.1%	1.1%	0.9%	1.5%	7.1%	0.7%	0.5%

Note: High school and college participation data are from the 2022-23 academic year.

*The percentage of NCAA student-athletes moving on to major professional leagues is based on the number of draft picks in the 2023 MLB, NBA, WNBA, NFL, NHL, NWSL and WPF drafts.



More Than 500,000 Student-Athletes
Over 1,000 Schools
24 Sports
3 Divisions
1 Association

