

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



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

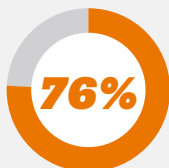
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

67%

of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Academic Success Rate



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

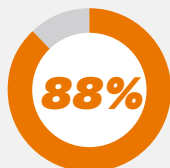
FINANCIAL AID

80%

of all student-athletes receive some form of academic scholarship or need-based grant.

ACADEMICS

2023 Academic Success Rate



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



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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.

* 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. 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

	All Sports	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey
High School Student-Athletes	7,200,000	540,800	399,100	1,006,000	482,700	35,300
NCAA Student-Athletes	499,000	18,800	16,500	73,700	36,000	4,300
High School to NCAA	7%	3.5%	4.1%	7.3%	7.5%	12.3%
NCAA to Major Professional*	2%	1.2%	0.8%	1.6%	9.9%	7.4%

*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