



**National and Sport-Group APR  
Averages and Trends  
June 2022**



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# Average Four-Year APRs

(Includes 2017-18 through 2020-21 Academic Years)

	<b>Four-Year Average</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>984 (+1)</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>977 (+0)</b>
<b>Football</b>	<b>964 (+0)</b>
<b>Men's Basketball</b>	<b>968 (+2)</b>
<b>Women's Basketball</b>	<b>983 (+0)</b>

Notes:

1. APR displayed for all squads submitting usable data for 2020-21 (N=6,063).
2. Numbers in parentheses are point changes from last 4-year APRs reported (May 2020).
3. See subsequent slides on single-year APRs for best description of APR changes/trends.

# Trends in the Distribution of Multi-Year APRs

APR Range (Raw)	4-Year Aggregation after 2012-13	4-Year Aggregation after 2013-14	4-Year Aggregation after 2014-15	4-Year Aggregation after 2015-16	4-Year Aggregation after 2016-17	4-Year Aggregation after 2017-18	4-Year Aggregation after 2018-19	4-Year Aggregation after 2019-20	4-Year Aggregation after 2020-21
<b>0 - 599</b>	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
<b>600-699</b>	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
<b>700-799</b>	1 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	5 (0.1%)	6 (0.1%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)
<b>800-824</b>	2 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.1%)	1 (0.0%)	3 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)
<b>825-849</b>	3 (0.0%)	6 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	4 (0.1%)	2 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
<b>850-874</b>	14 (0.2%)	13 (0.2%)	9 (0.2%)	7 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	6 (0.1%)	2 (0.0%)	5 (0.1%)	3 (0.0%)
<b>875-899</b>	28 (0.4%)	19 (0.3%)	16 (0.3%)	13 (0.2%)	9 (0.2%)	11 (0.2%)	4 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)	6 (0.1%)
<b>900-924</b>	122 (1.9%)	79 (1.2%)	43 (0.7%)	39 (0.7%)	31 (0.5%)	27 (0.5%)	36 (0.6%)	26 (0.4%)	31 (0.5%)
<b>925-949</b>	584 (9.1%)	529 (8.1%)	376 (6.3%)	318 (5.3%)	263 (4.4%)	265 (4.4%)	248 (4.1%)	201 (3.3%)	229 (3.8%)
<b>950-974</b>	1,691 (26.2%)	1,677 (25.8%)	1,424 (23.9%)	1,267 (21.1%)	1,185 (19.9%)	1,180 (19.7%)	1,150 (19.1%)	1,128 (18.8%)	1,076 (17.7%)
<b>975-999</b>	3,116 (48.3%)	3,207 (49.3%)	3,111 (52.3%)	3,215 (53.7%)	3,261 (54.7%)	3,285 (54.8%)	3,294 (54.7%)	3,357 (55.9%)	3,344 (55.2%)
<b>1000</b>	889 (13.8%)	980 (15.1%)	952 (16.0%)	1,122 (18.7%)	1,198 (20.1%)	1,220 (20.3%)	1,282 (21.3%)	1,286 (21.4%)	1,372 (22.6%)
<b>Total Squads</b>	6,450	6,511	5,946	5,991	5,958	5,996	6,017	6,009	6,063

Notes:

Squads with 4-year squad sizes below 30 are judged for penalties based on a squad-size adjusted APR (unadjusted APRs displayed in table). The overall number of squads decreased in 2014-15 due to a change in APR policy that combined indoor and outdoor track & field cohorts.

# Average APRs by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2017-18 thru 2020-21 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b># Teams</b>	<b>Four-Year APR Average</b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Field Hockey</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Rowing</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>989</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>989</b>
<b>Softball</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>978</b>

# **Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Women's Teams**

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2017-18 thru 2020-21 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average</b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Field Hockey</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>995</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>995</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>995</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Rowing</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Softball</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>989</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>981</b>

# **Average Retention Rates by Sport for Women's Teams**

(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2017-18 thru 2020-21 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Four-Year Retention Rate Average</b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Field Hockey</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Rowing</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>Softball</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>977</b>
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>974</b>
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	<b>973</b>

## Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2017-18 thru 2020-21 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b># Teams</b>	<b>Four-Year APR Average</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>988</b>
<b>Rifle (co-ed)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>988</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>979</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>977</b>
<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>974</b>
<b>Football (FBS)</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>Football (FCS)</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>959</b>

# Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2017-18 thru 2020-21 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>989</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>988</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Rifle (co-ed)</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>976</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>Football (FBS)</b>	<b>966</b>
<b>Football (FCS)</b>	<b>954</b>



# **Average Retention Rates by Sport for Men's Teams**

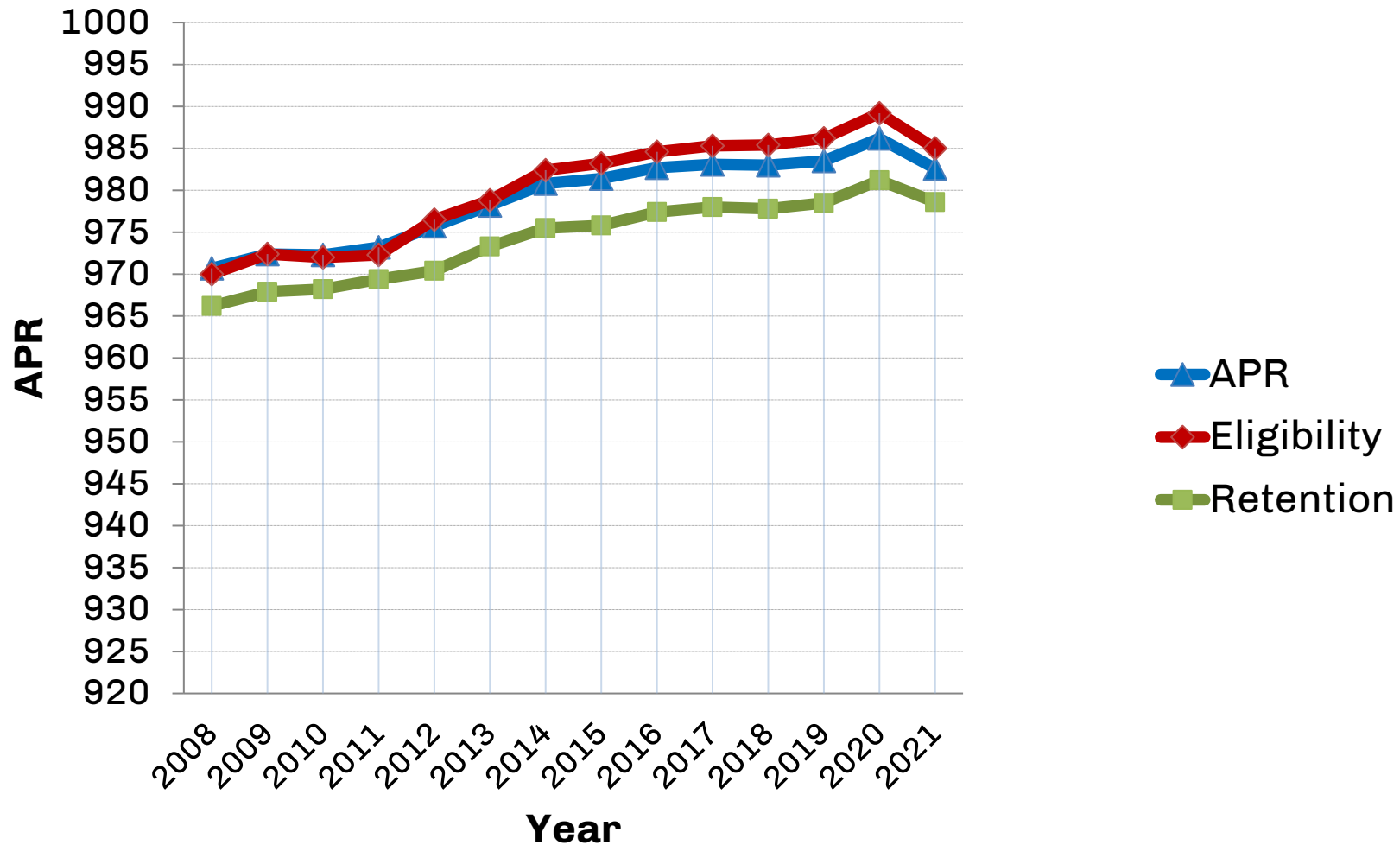
(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2017-18 thru 2020-21 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Four-Year Retention Rate Average</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Rifle (co-ed)</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>983</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>980</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>979</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>978</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>974</b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>972</b>
<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>970</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>970</b>
<b>Football (FBS)</b>	<b>966</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>962</b>
<b>Football (FCS)</b>	<b>957</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>954</b>

# Trends in Single-Year APR

# Trends in Average APR, Eligibility and Retention

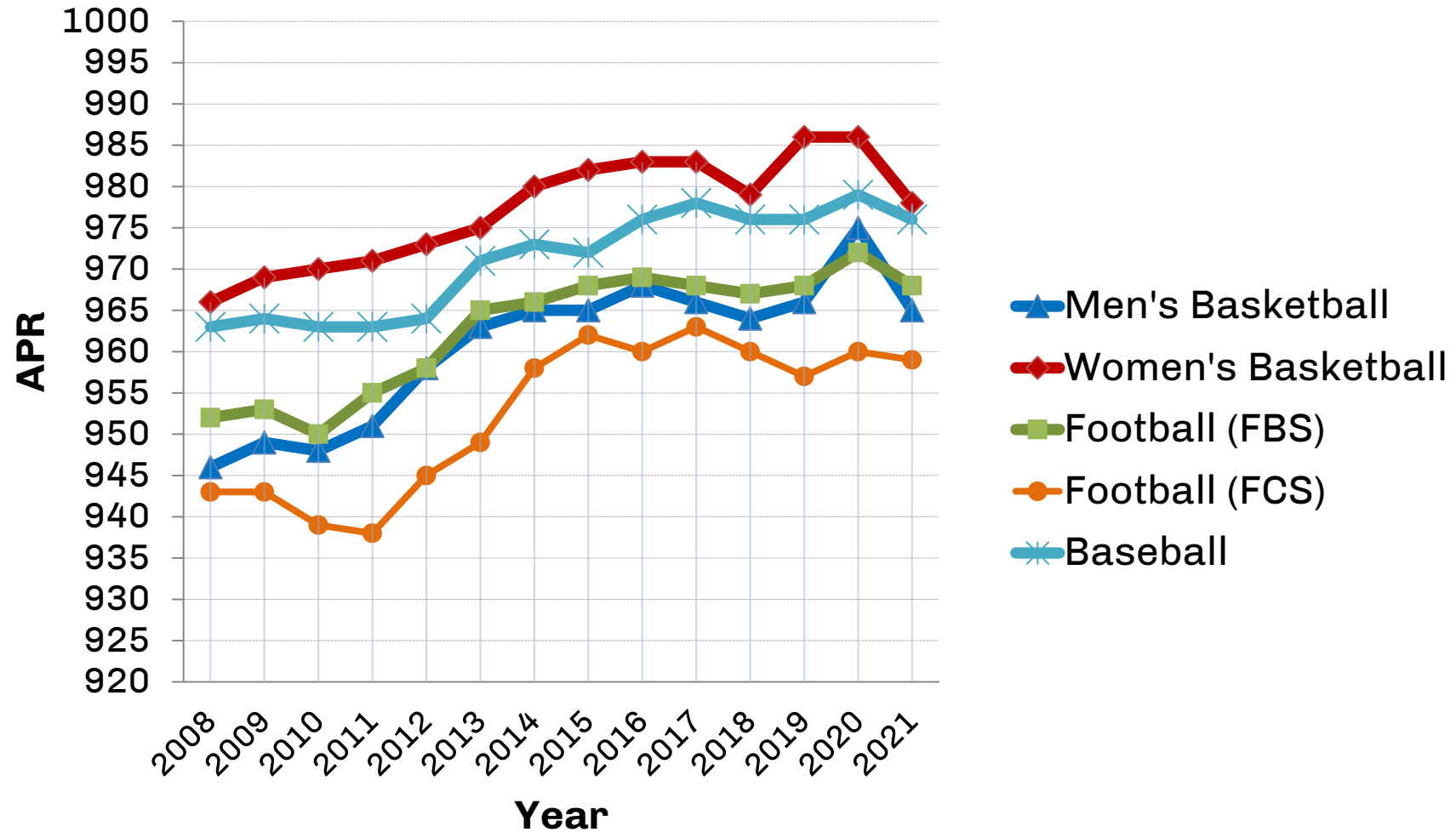
(All Sports)



Notes:

1. Based on 6,063 squads that sponsored the sport within Division I and provided usable data for 2020-21. APR calculated as a function of eligibility, retention and delayed graduation points.
2. APR retention calculation changed in the 2007-08 AY (shown as 2008 here) to grant point adjustments for certain transfer students. Change did not affect eligibility rate calculation.

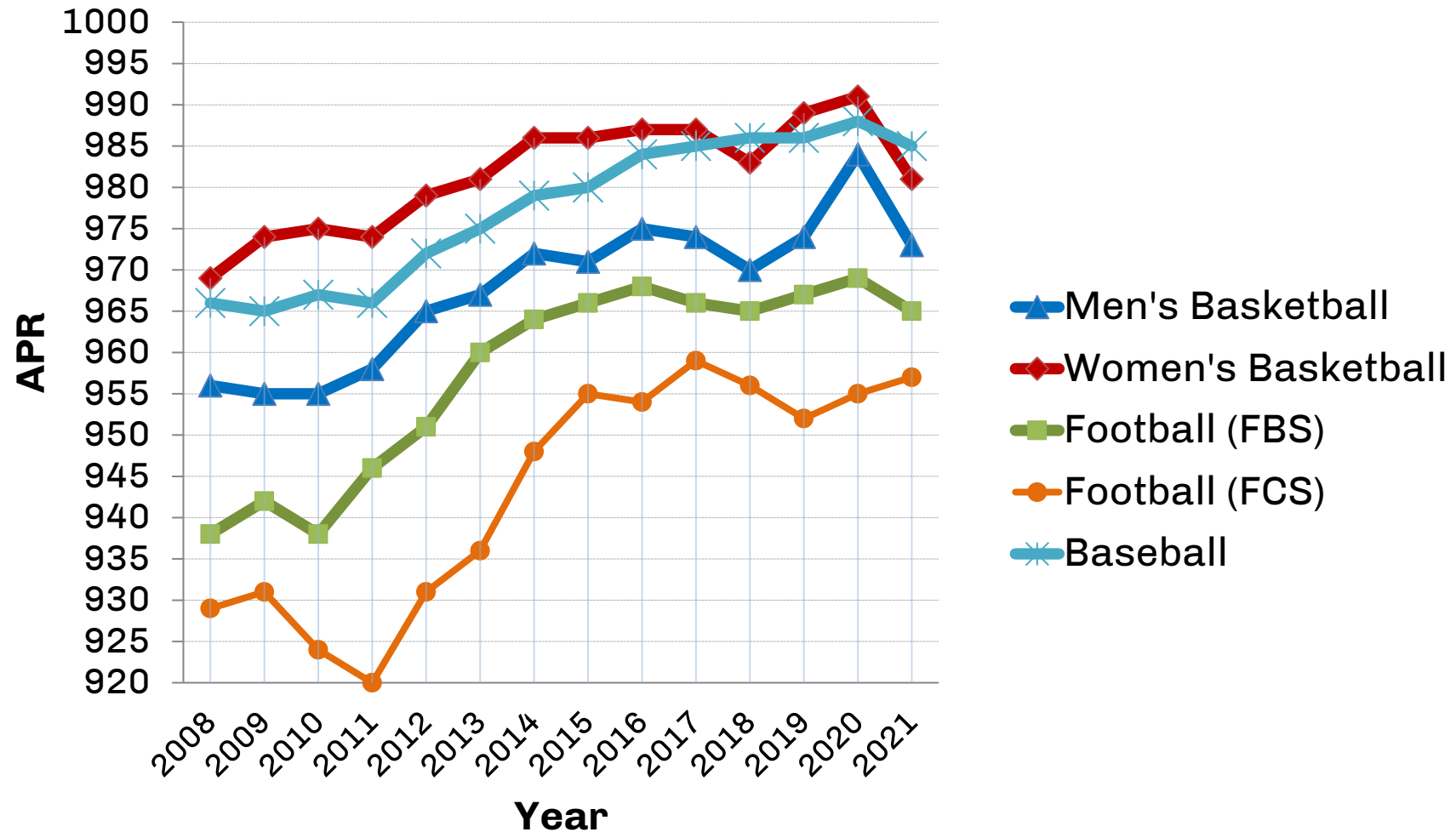
# APR Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

1. Analyses based on squads that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2020-21.
2. APR retention calculation changed beginning in 2007-08 (shown as 2008 in the graph) to grant point adjustments for certain transfer students. Change did not affect eligibility rate calculation.

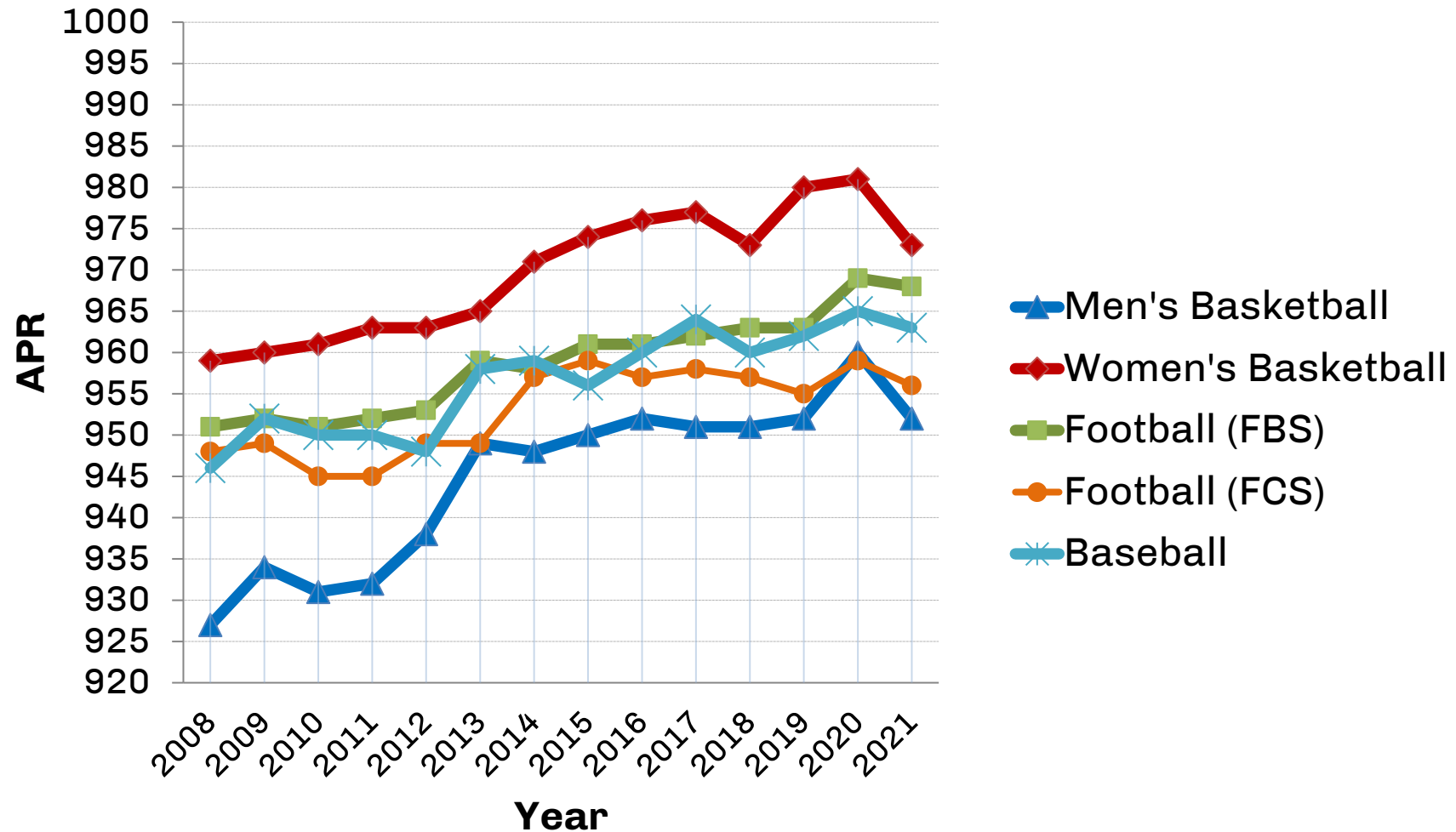
# Eligibility Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

1. Analyses based on squads that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2020-21.
2. APR retention calculation changed beginning in 2007-08 (shown as 2008 in the graph) to grant point adjustments for certain transfer students. Change did not affect eligibility rate calculation.

# Retention Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

1. Analyses based on squads that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2020-21.
2. APR retention calculation changed beginning in 2007-08 (shown as 2008 in the graph) to grant point adjustments for certain transfer students. Change did not affect eligibility rate calculation.

## Average APR by Sport for Women's Teams

(Single-Year APRs in Sports with 50 or More Teams in Each Year)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>978</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>988</b>
<b>Field Hockey</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Rowing</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Softball</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>992</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>980</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>991</b>

Note: Analyses based on squads that sponsored the sport within Division I during 2020-21. Sports sorted alphabetically.

## Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

(Single-Year APRs in Sports with 50 or More Teams in Each Year)

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Baseball	964	971	973	972	976	978	976	976	979	976
Basketball	958	963	965	965	968	966	964	966	975	965
Cross Country	975	977	977	979	981	982	982	979	988	979
Football (FBS)	958	965	966	968	969	968	967	968	972	968
Football (FCS)	945	949	958	962	960	963	960	957	960	959
Golf	975	981	986	984	983	987	986	988	989	988
Ice Hockey	986	984	985	988	984	987	986	984	986	988
Lacrosse	978	977	979	980	982	983	986	986	986	984
Soccer	970	971	976	976	980	978	978	975	980	982
Swimming	980	983	981	980	978	982	986	984	987	984
Tennis	977	978	978	983	983	981	984	985	988	986
Track & Field	969	967	970	969	975	975	973	972	981	968
Wrestling	964	965	971	979	977	973	976	976	975	974

Note: Analyses based on squads that sponsored the sport within Division I during 2020-21. Sports sorted alphabetically.



# Subgroup Trends in Single-Year APR

## Trends Among Squads at Limited Resource Institutions

Squads from Limited Resource Schools	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>APR</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>Retention</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>964</b>

Squads from Other Schools	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>APR</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Retention</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>981</b>

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,063 squads (776 at limited resource schools vs. 5,287 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2020-21. Limited resource defined as school being in bottom 15% of Division I on resource composite.

## Trends Among Squads at HBCUs

Squads from HBCUs	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>APR</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>955</b>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>953</b>
<b>Retention</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>954</b>

Squads from Other Schools	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>APR</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Retention</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>980</b>

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,063 squads (313 at HBCUs vs. 5,750 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2020-21.

# APR Delayed Graduation Points

# Total Number of Delayed Graduation Points

- ▶ In the past 18 years, more than 20,000 student-athletes have earned APR points for their former team by returning to college after their eligibility expired and completing their degree.
- ▶ Among high-profile sports, delayed graduation points total:
  - Football: 5,863
  - Baseball: 2,309
  - Men's Basketball: 1,545
  - Women's Basketball: 699
- ▶ In other words, 10,416 former student-athletes in these four high-profile sports returned to college and graduated, earning their former team APR points. Note that these student-athletes are not typically counted as graduates in the calculation of the federal graduation rate or the GSR.

# Technical Notes

- ▶ National aggregates include those schools whose data was deemed usable by the date of publication.
- ▶ APRs, eligibility rates and retention rates were calculated as averages of squads rather than point tabulations (thus, each squad contributes equally and quarter school vs. semester school issues are avoided).



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