



National and Sport-Group APR Averages and Trends

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Average Four-Year APRs

(Includes 2019-20 through 2022-23 Academic Years)

	Four-Year Average
Overall	984 (+1)
Baseball	978 (+1)
Football	963 (-1)
Men's Basketball	968 (+2)
Women's Basketball	981 (-2)

Notes:

1. APR displayed for all teams submitting usable data for 2022-23 (N=6,180).
2. Numbers in parentheses are changes from the last 4-year APR data collected pre-pandemic (reported May 2020 based on data from 2015-16 through 2018-19).
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 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	4-Year Aggregation after 2021-22	4-Year Aggregation after 2022-23
0 - 599	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%)	0 (0.0%)
600-699	0 (0.0%)	2 (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%)
700-799	1 (0.0%)	5 (0.1%)	6 (0.1%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)
800-824	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.1%)	1 (0.0%)	3 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
825-849	6 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	4 (0.1%)	2 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.0%)	3 (0.0%)
850-874	13 (0.2%)	9 (0.2%)	7 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	6 (0.1%)	2 (0.0%)	5 (0.1%)	3 (0.0%)	4 (0.1%)	3 (0.0%)
875-899	19 (0.3%)	16 (0.3%)	13 (0.2%)	9 (0.2%)	11 (0.2%)	4 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)	6 (0.1%)	13 (0.2%)	11 (0.2%)
900-924	79 (1.2%)	43 (0.7%)	39 (0.7%)	31 (0.5%)	27 (0.5%)	36 (0.6%)	26 (0.4%)	31 (0.5%)	37 (0.6%)	45 (0.7%)
925-949	529 (8.1%)	376 (6.3%)	318 (5.3%)	263 (4.4%)	265 (4.4%)	248 (4.1%)	201 (3.3%)	229 (3.8%)	254 (4.2%)	274 (4.4%)
950-974	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%)	1,046 (17.2%)	995 (16.1%)
975-999	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%)	3,355 (55.3%)	3,409 (55.2%)
1000	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%)	1,357 (22.4%)	1,439 (23.3%)
Total Team	6,511	5,946	5,991	5,958	5,996	6,017	6,009	6,063	6,068	6,180

Notes:
 Teams 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 teams 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 2019-20 thru 2022-23 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	# Teams	Four-Year APR Average
Skiing	10	996
Gymnastics	62	994
Lacrosse	124	993
Golf	274	993
Beach Volleyball	60	992
Swimming	199	992
Ice Hockey	38	992
Tennis	311	991
Field Hockey	82	990
Volleyball	343	989
Fencing	26	989
Rowing	91	989
Soccer	346	989
Cross Country	358	988
Softball	305	988
Bowling	36	987
Water Polo	36	986
Track & Field	350	983
Basketball	359	981



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Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2019-20 thru 2022-23 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average
Skiing	999
Ice Hockey	995
Tennis	995
Lacrosse	995
Beach Volleyball	994
Golf	994
Field Hockey	994
Swimming	993
Gymnastics	993
Soccer	991
Volleyball	990
Water Polo	990
Rowing	990
Softball	990
Fencing	989
Cross Country	988
Bowling	987
Basketball	983
Track & Field	982



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Average Retention Rates by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2019-20 thru 2022-23 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Retention Rate Average
Gymnastics	993
Skiing	992
Lacrosse	991
Golf	990
Swimming	990
Beach Volleyball	990
Fencing	988
Ice Hockey	987
Rowing	987
Tennis	987
Volleyball	987
Field Hockey	986
Cross Country	986
Soccer	985
Bowling	985
Softball	984
Track & Field	982
Water Polo	981
Basketball	976



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Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2019-20 thru 2022-23 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	# Teams	Four-Year APR Average
Gymnastics	12	993
Skiing	10	990
Rifle (co-ed)	22	989
Golf	304	988
Lacrosse	74	987
Tennis	240	987
Ice Hockey	61	985
Swimming	136	985
Cross Country	322	984
Fencing	19	983
Water Polo	27	982
Soccer	210	980
Baseball	304	978
Volleyball	28	976
Wrestling	80	975
Track & Field	299	974
Football (FBS)	134	968
Basketball	361	968
Football (FCS)	127	957

Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2019-20 thru 2022-23 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average
Skiing	993
Gymnastics	991
Tennis	991
Golf	989
Lacrosse	988
Ice Hockey	988
Water Polo	987
Baseball	986
Rifle (co-ed)	985
Swimming	984
Soccer	984
Fencing	984
Cross Country	982
Volleyball	979
Wrestling	974
Basketball	970
Track & Field	969
Football (FBS)	963
Football (FCS)	951



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Average Retention Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2019-20 thru 2022-23 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Retention Rate Average
Gymnastics	992
Rifle (co-ed)	991
Golf	985
Skiing	985
Lacrosse	983
Cross Country	983
Swimming	982
Ice Hockey	980
Fencing	980
Tennis	980
Track & Field	976
Wrestling	974
Water Polo	973
Soccer	972
Volleyball	969
Football (FBS)	968
Baseball	965
Basketball	959
Football (FCS)	958

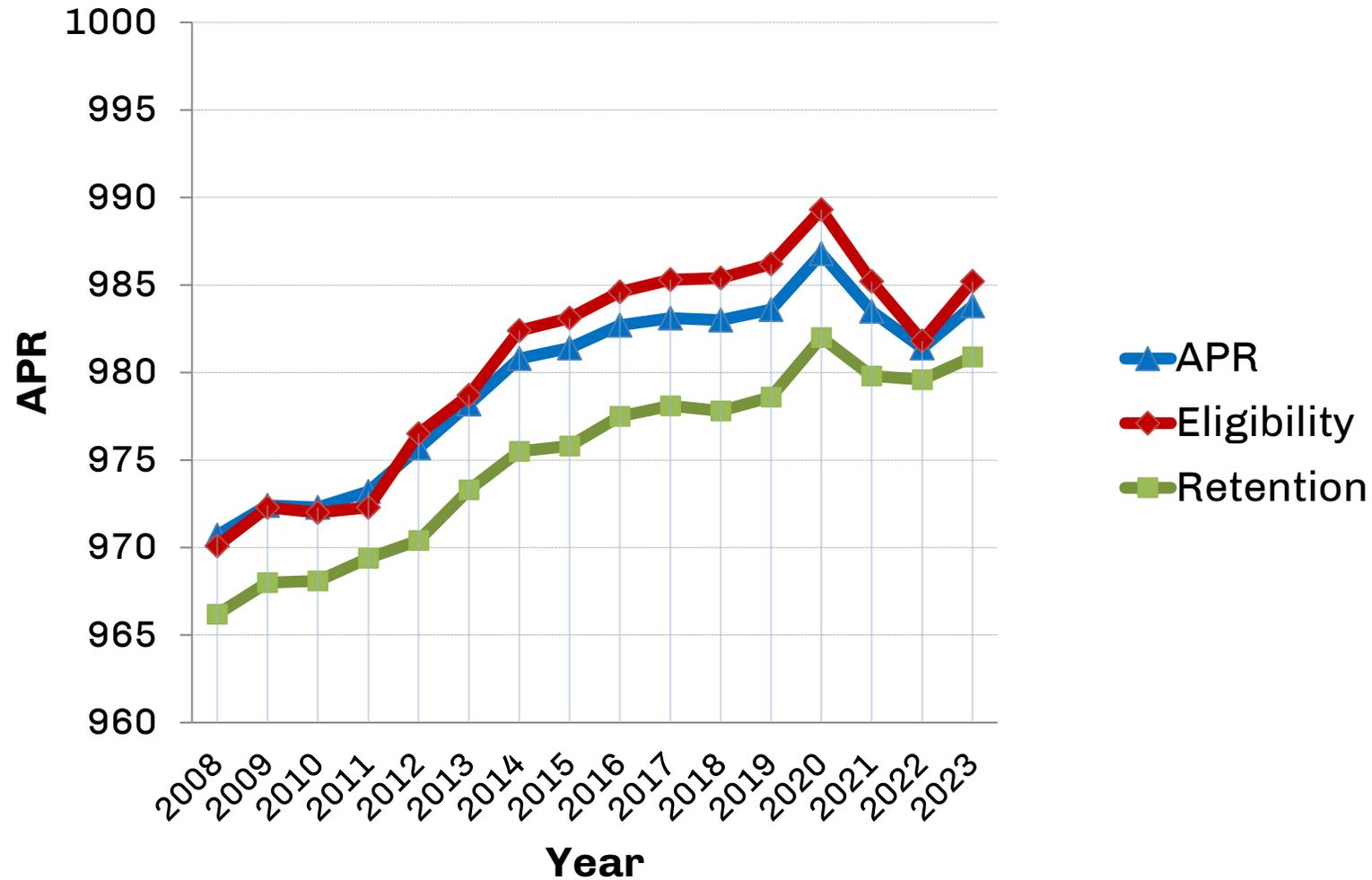


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Trends in Single-Year APR

Trends in Average APR, Eligibility and Retention

(All Sports)

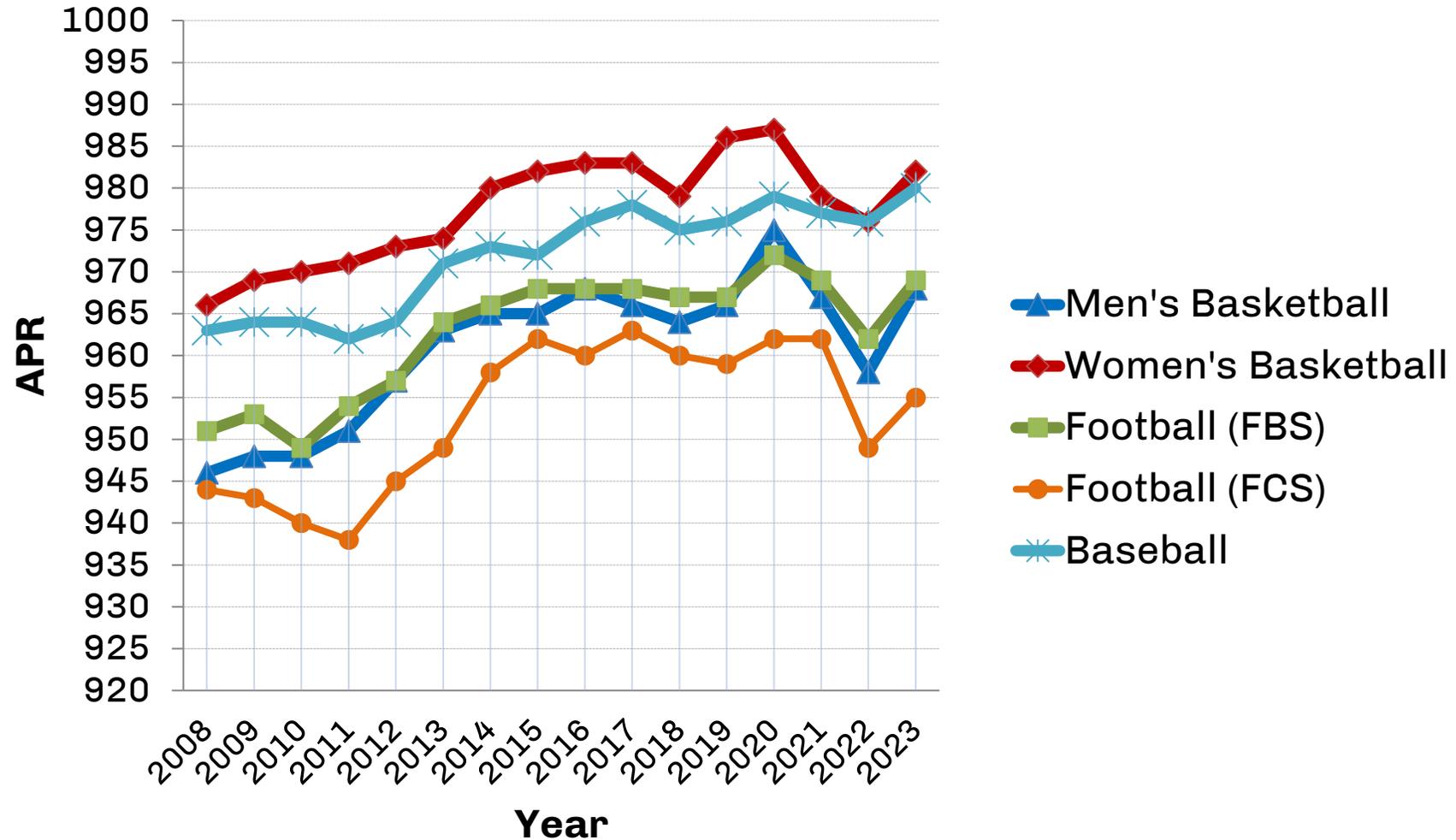


Notes:

Based on 6,180 teams that sponsored the sport within Division I and provided usable data for 2022-23. APR calculated as a function of eligibility, retention and delayed graduation points.



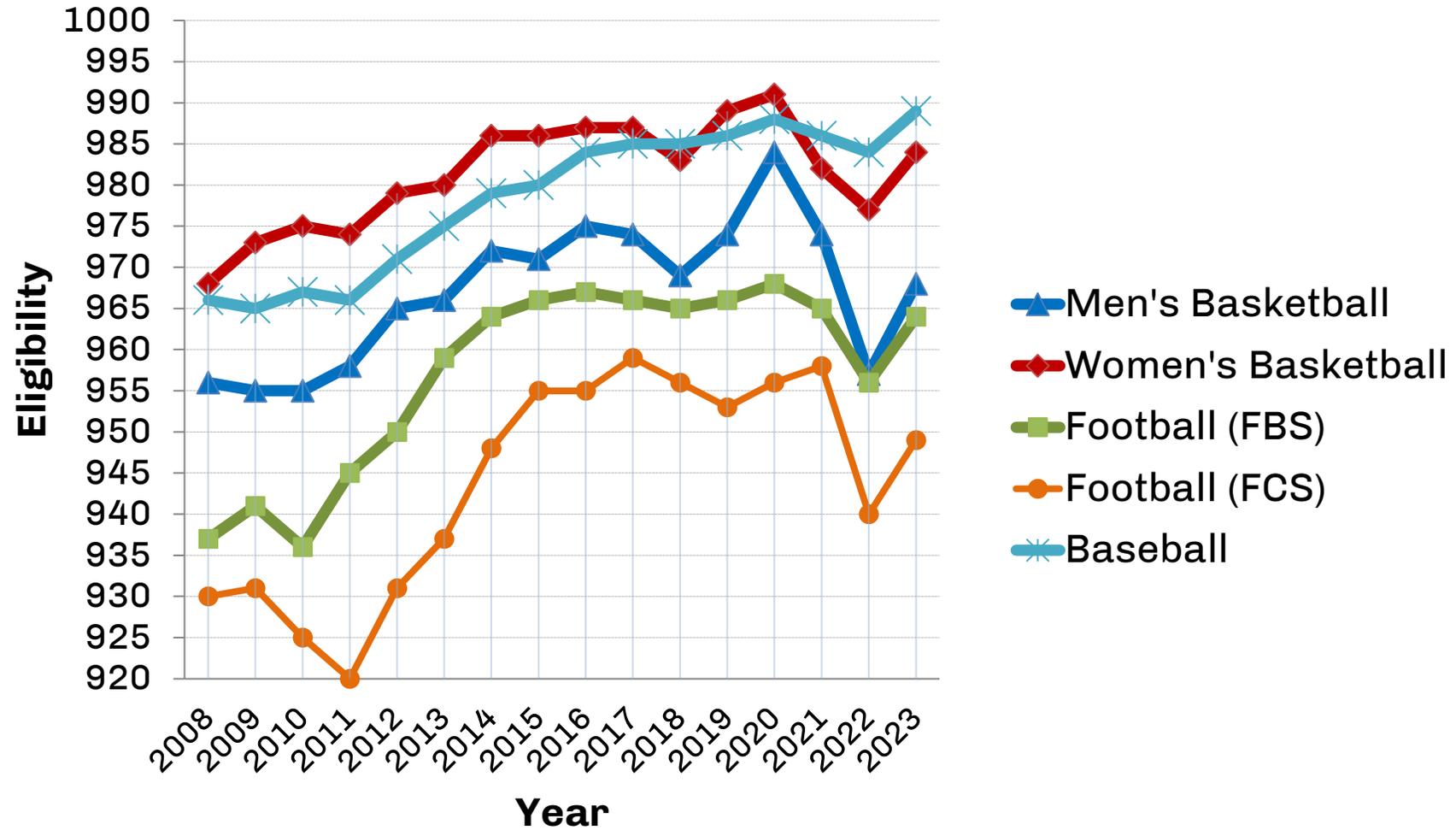
APR Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

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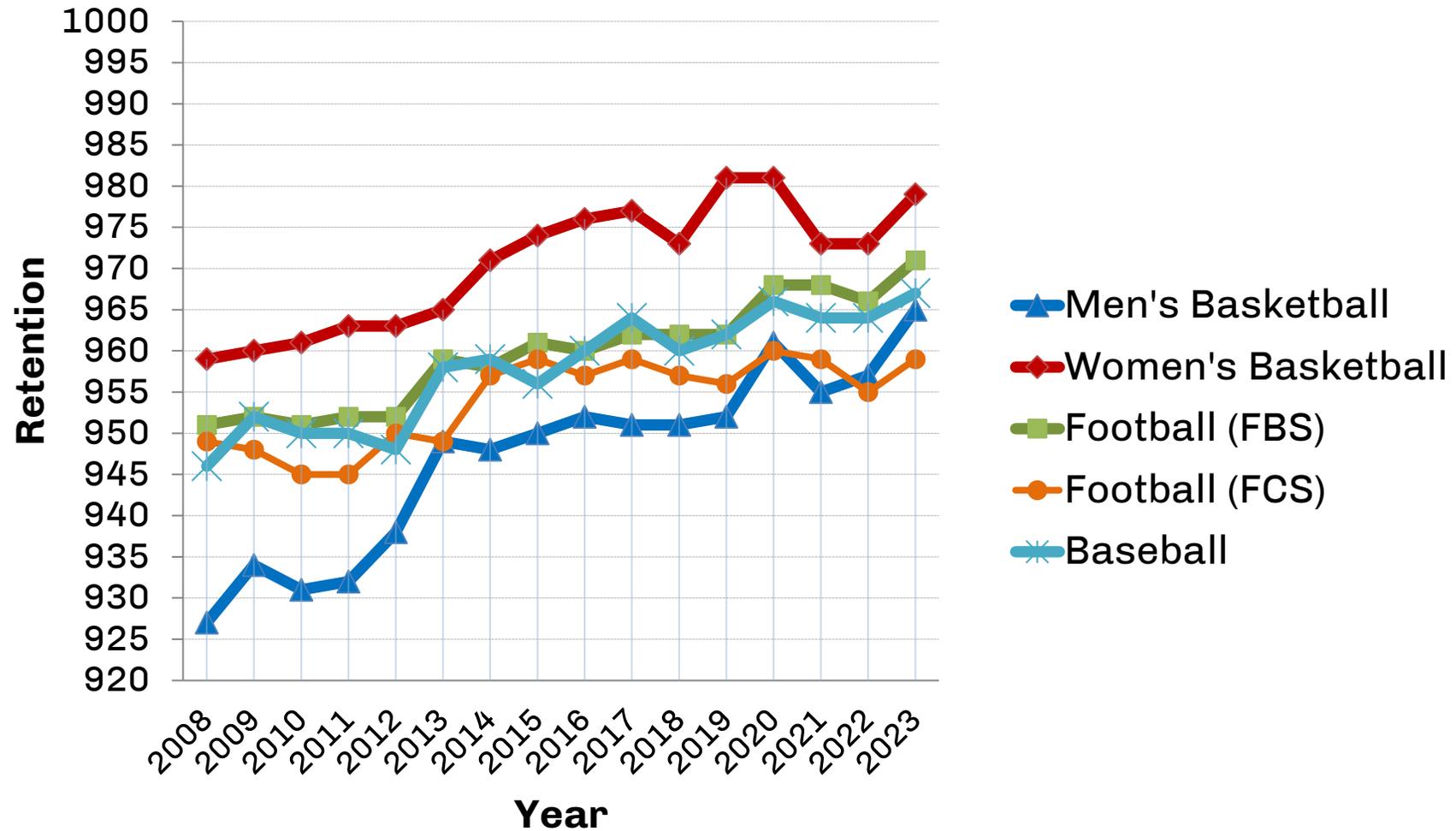
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Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2022-23.

Retention Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2022-23.

Average APR by Sport for Women's Teams

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

SPORT	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Basketball	980	982	983	983	979	986	987	979	976	982
Beach Volleyball	–	–	994	986	995	995	993	991	994	992
Cross Country	988	987	989	989	989	990	991	989	987	985
Field Hockey	989	990	991	990	993	989	993	993	990	986
Golf	991	991	991	989	993	993	994	995	990	992
Gymnastics	992	992	995	992	994	994	995	993	993	993
Lacrosse	991	991	992	993	993	996	995	993	993	993
Rowing	989	989	987	990	990	989	991	989	988	990
Soccer	987	987	988	989	990	990	990	991	987	988
Softball	982	984	985	987	985	986	992	986	986	989
Swimming	990	992	992	993	994	992	993	993	990	992
Tennis	988	988	992	988	990	992	991	990	991	992
Track & Field	982	981	984	982	983	985	987	980	981	984
Volleyball	986	987	986	989	986	989	989	991	988	988

Note: Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I during 2022-23. Sports sorted alphabetically.

Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

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

SPORT	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Baseball	973	972	976	978	975	976	979	977	976	980
Basketball	965	965	968	966	964	966	975	967	958	968
Cross Country	977	979	981	982	983	979	988	979	982	984
Football (FBS)	966	968	968	968	967	967	972	969	962	969
Football (FCS)	958	962	960	963	960	959	962	962	949	955
Golf	986	985	983	987	986	988	990	989	985	987
Ice Hockey	985	987	983	987	986	984	988	988	980	985
Lacrosse	979	979	982	983	986	987	987	987	985	989
Soccer	976	976	981	978	978	975	980	983	978	978
Swimming	981	980	979	982	986	984	987	984	983	984
Tennis	979	983	983	981	984	984	989	987	984	984
Track & Field	969	969	975	975	973	973	981	969	972	976
Wrestling	971	979	977	973	976	977	976	975	974	979

Note: Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I during 2022-23. Sports sorted alphabetically.

Subgroup Trends in Single-Year APR

Trends Among Teams at Limited Resource Institutions

Teams 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	2021-22	2022-23
APR	940	946	953	956	962	964	969	968	971	971	979	970	964	969
Eligibility	924	930	941	945	958	961	967	969	972	973	980	970	962	969
Retention	948	953	956	958	959	960	965	962	966	966	975	966	963	967

Teams 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	2021-22	2022-23
APR	977	977	979	981	983	984	985	985	985	985	988	985	984	986
Eligibility	979	979	982	984	986	986	987	988	987	988	991	987	985	988
Retention	971	972	973	975	978	978	979	980	980	980	983	982	982	983

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,180 teams (763 at limited resource schools vs. 5,417 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2022-23. Limited resource defined as school being in bottom 15% of Division I on resource composite.

Trends Among Teams at HBCUs

Teams 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	2021-22	2022-23
APR	912	917	929	935	945	950	958	961	964	961	972	959	953	959
Eligibility	876	880	896	904	926	933	947	954	966	958	970	955	942	952
Retention	939	942	950	953	953	955	958	959	955	959	969	956	959	962

Teams 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	2021-22	2022-23
APR	976	976	978	981	983	983	984	984	984	985	988	985	983	985
Eligibility	977	977	981	983	986	986	987	987	987	988	990	987	984	987
Retention	970	971	972	974	977	977	978	979	979	980	983	981	981	982

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,180 teams (311 at HBCUs vs. 5,869 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2022-23.

APR Delayed Graduation Points

Total Number of Delayed Graduation Points

- ▶ In the past 20 years, 21,365 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: 6,242
 - Baseball: 2,378
 - Men's Basketball: 1,622
 - Women's Basketball: 739
- ▶ In other words, nearly 11,000 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.



Characteristics of Teams Below the 930 APR Benchmark

Number of Teams Below APR Penalty / Access to Postseason Benchmark

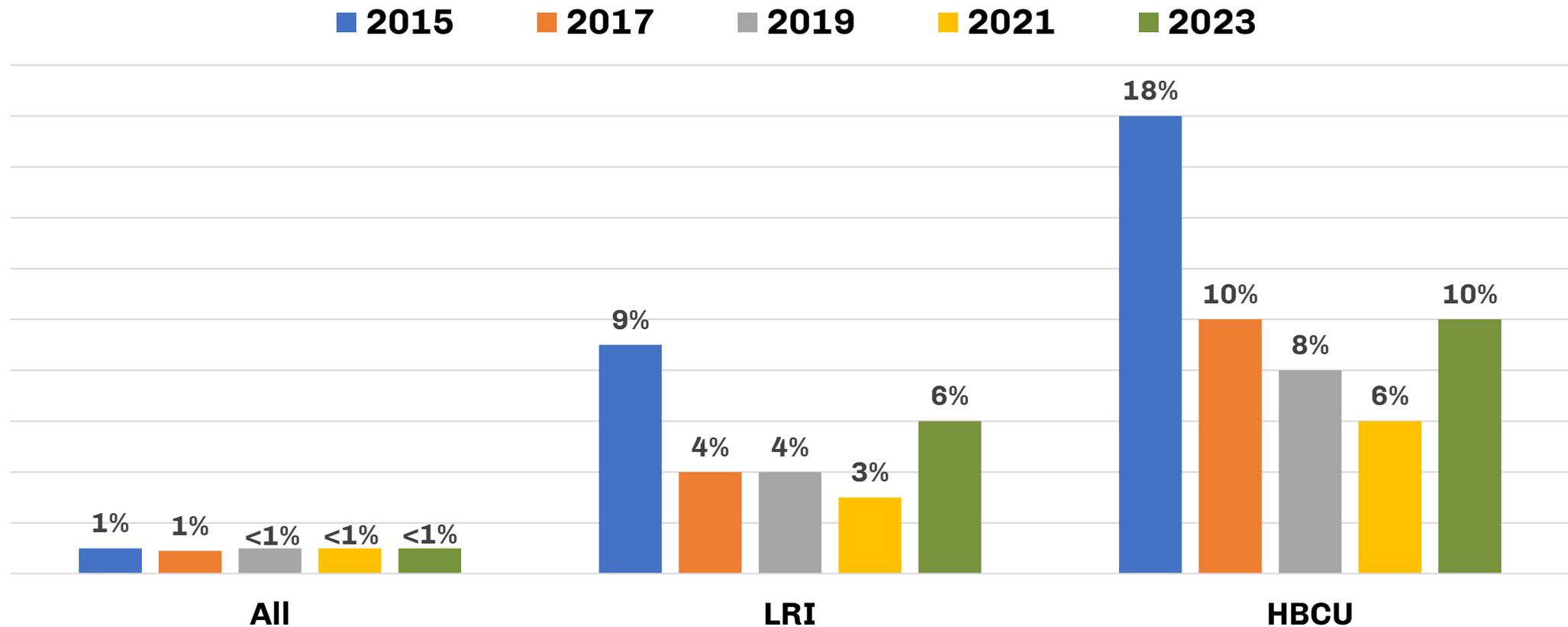
- ▶ 54 teams had an APR below 930 in 2023.
- ▶ The majority of teams below 930 are from schools defined as:
 - ▶ Limited Resource Institutions (80%)
 - ▶ FCS Subdivision (74%)
 - ▶ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (56%)
- ▶ While the number of teams below 930 remains less than 1% of all Division I teams, those below the benchmark are concentrated among LRIs, and a majority are teams in the FCS subdivision, HBCU teams, or both.

Institutional Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2023

	N teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
HBCU Members	30	56%	5%
LRI	43	80%	12%

Note: Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 with three or more years of APR data (726 teams from LRIs, 310 teams from HBCUs).

Change in Percentage of Teams Below 930 APR Benchmark by Institution Type



Note: Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 with three or more years of APR data (726 teams from LRIs, 310 teams from HBCUs).

Divisional Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2023

	N teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
FBS	3	6%	39%
FCS	40	74%	34%
Division I Subdivision	11	20%	25%
Non-DI Members	0	0%	<1%

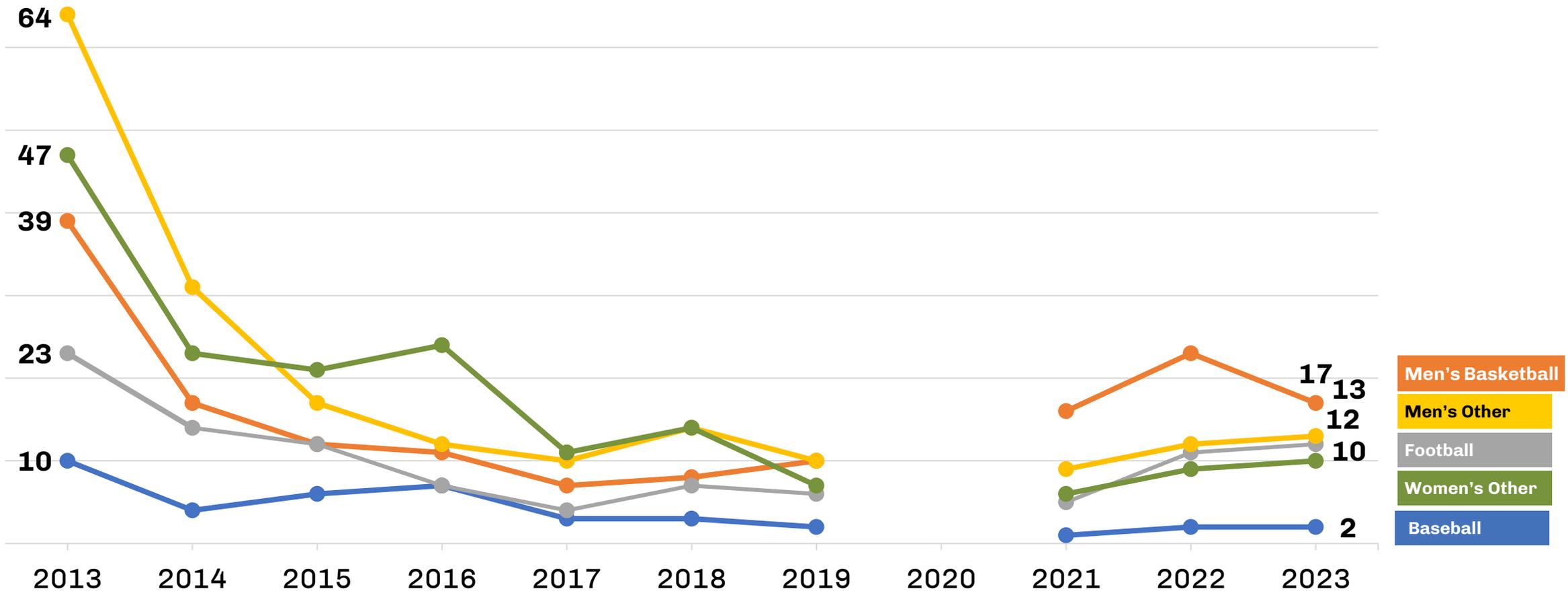
Note: Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 (2,374 in FBS; 2,075 in FCS; 1,537 in Div. I Subdivision; 43 multi-divisional).

Sport Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2023

	N teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
Baseball	2	4%	5%
Men's Basketball	17	31%	6%
Football	12	22%	4%
Men's Other Sports	13	24%	29%
Women's Sports	10	19%	56%

Note: Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 (299 in Baseball; 355 Men's Basketball; 257 Football; 1,769 Men's Other Sports; 3,349 Women's Sports).

Number of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 from 2013-2023 by Sport



Note: Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 (299 in Baseball; 355 Men's Basketball; 257 Football; 1,769 Men's Other Sports; 3,349 Women's Sports).

Characteristics of Teams Receiving APR Penalties

Institutional Characteristics of Teams Below 930 Related to Penalty Outcomes

Category	Total Teams Below 930	HBCU Teams	Limited-Resource Teams
Level One Penalty	39	22 (56%)	28 (72%)
Level Two Penalty	0	--	--
No Penalty	15	8 (53%)	15 (100%)
Total	54	30 (56%)	43 (80%)

Note: Within penalty category percentages shown. Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 (726 teams from LRIs, 310 teams from HBCUs).

Subdivision Characteristics of Teams Below 930 Related to Penalty Outcomes

Category	Total Teams Below 930	FBS	FCS	DI Subdivision	Non-DI Members
Level One Penalty	39	3 (8%)	28 (79%)	8 (21%)	0 (0%)
Level Two Penalty	0	--	--	--	--
No Penalty	15	0 (0%)	12 (80%)	3 (20%)	0 (0%)
Total	54	3 (6%)	40 (74%)	11 (20%)	0 (0%)

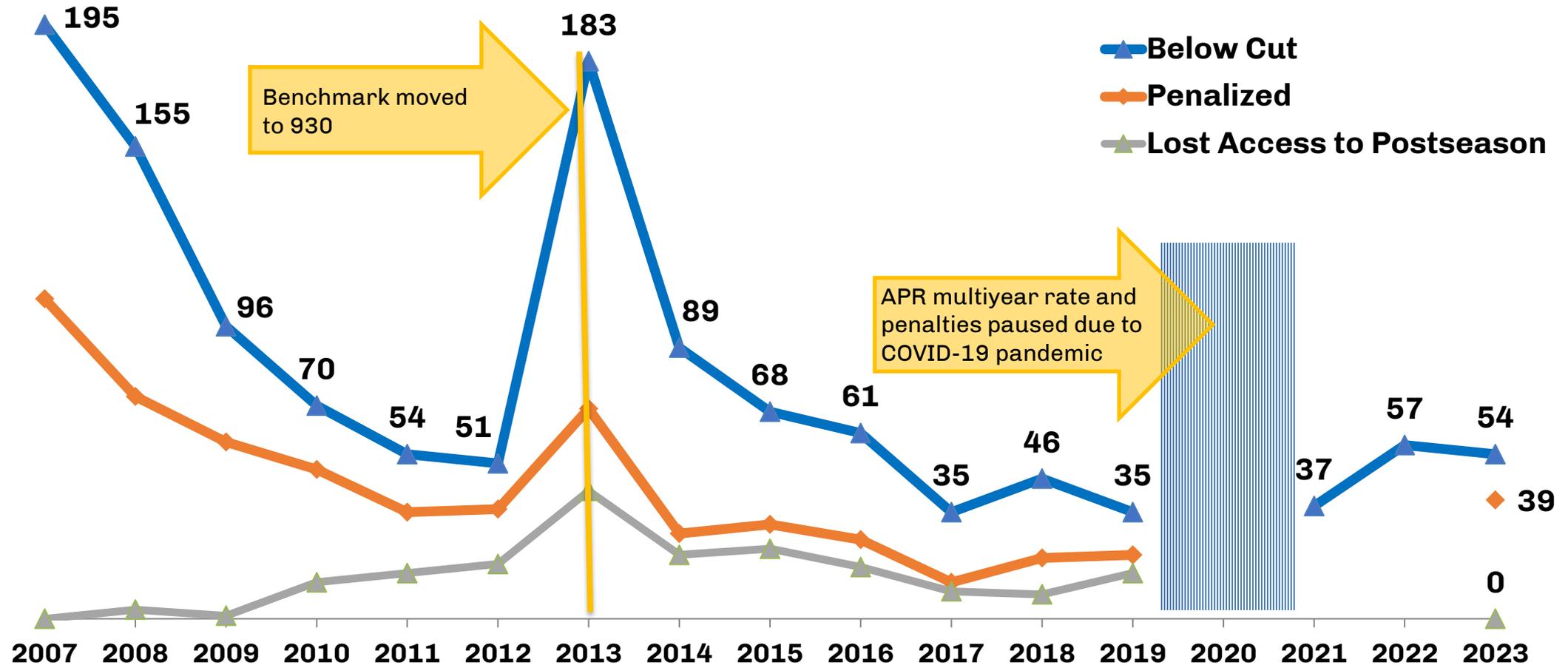
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Sport Characteristics of Teams Below 930 Related to Penalty Outcomes

Category	Total Teams Below 930	Baseball	Men's Basketball	Football	Men's Other	Women's (All)
Level One Penalty	39	2 (11%)	11 (28%)	8 (21%)	11 (28%)	7 (18%)
Level Two Penalty	0	--	--	--	--	--
No Penalty	15	0 (0%)	6 (40%)	4 (27%)	2 (13%)	3 (20%)
Total	54	2 (4%)	17 (31%)	12 (22%)	13 (24%)	10 (19%)

Note: Within penalty category percentages shown. Total number of teams in 2023 = 6,029 (299 in Baseball; 355 Men's Basketball; 257 Football; 1,769 Men's Other Sports; 3,349 Women's Sports).

Trends in Number of Teams Below APR Benchmark, Receiving APR (Historical) Penalties



Notes: Small squad-size adjustment was removed for most teams in 2007. All teams below the 930 benchmark in 2023 that would have lost post-season access in the 2024-25 AY have instead received relief via a conditional waiver.

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 teams rather than point tabulations (thus, each team contributes equally and quarter school vs. semester school issues are avoided).



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