



National and Sport-Group APR Averages and Trends

May 2025



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Average Four-Year APRs

(Includes 2020-21 through 2023-24 Academic Years)

	Four-Year Average
Overall	984 (+0)
Baseball	979 (+1)
Football	964 (+1)
Men's Basketball	968 (+0)
Women's Basketball	982 (+1)

Notes:

1. APR displayed for all teams submitting usable data for 2023-24 (N=6,207).
2. Numbers in parentheses are changes from the four-year APR data reported June 2024 based on data from 2019-20 through 2022-23.
3. See subsequent slides on single-year APRs for best description of APR changes/trends.



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Trends in the Distribution of Multi-Year APRs

APR Range (Raw)	4-Year Aggregation through 2014-15	4-Year Aggregation through 2015-16	4-Year Aggregation through 2016-17	4-Year Aggregation through 2017-18	4-Year Aggregation through 2018-19	4-Year Aggregation through 2019-20	4-Year Aggregation through 2020-21	4-Year Aggregation through 2021-22	4-Year Aggregation through 2022-23	4-Year Aggregation through 2023-24
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	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%)	0 (0.0%)
700-799	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%)	2 (0.0%)
800-824	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%)	0 (0.0%)
825-849	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%)	3 (0.0%)
850-874	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%)	2 (0.0%)
875-899	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%)	8 (0.1%)
900-924	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%)	43 (0.7%)
925-949	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%)	255 (4.1%)
950-974	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%)	1,009 (16.3%)
975-999	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%)	3,375 (54.4%)
1000	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%)	1,510 (24.3%)
Total Team	5,946	5,991	5,958	5,996	6,017	6,009	6,063	6,068	6,180	6,207

Note:

Teams with four-year squad sizes below 30 are judged for penalties based on a squad-size adjusted APR (unadjusted APRs displayed in table).

Average APRs by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2020-21 through 2023-24 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	# Teams	Four-Year APR Average
Skiing	11	997
Lacrosse	128	994
Gymnastics	62	994
Beach Volleyball	63	994
Golf	276	993
Ice Hockey	39	993
Swimming	197	992
Tennis	311	992
Volleyball	344	990
Fencing	27	989
Field Hockey	81	989
Soccer	347	989
Cross Country	359	989
Rowing	90	988
Softball	306	988
Water Polo	36	987
Bowling	38	984
Track & Field	351	984
Basketball	360	982



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Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2020-21 through 2023-24 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average
Skiing	998
Ice Hockey	996
Lacrosse	995
Beach Volleyball	995
Tennis	995
Gymnastics	994
Swimming	994
Golf	993
Field Hockey	993
Soccer	991
Water Polo	991
Volleyball	991
Rowing	990
Softball	990
Fencing	989
Cross Country	988
Basketball	983
Bowling	983
Track & Field	982



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Average Retention Rates by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2020-21 through 2023-24 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Retention Rate Average
Skiing	995
Gymnastics	993
Lacrosse	992
Beach Volleyball	991
Golf	991
Swimming	990
Ice Hockey	989
Fencing	989
Tennis	987
Volleyball	987
Cross Country	987
Soccer	986
Field Hockey	985
Rowing	985
Softball	984
Bowling	983
Track & Field	983
Water Polo	981
Basketball	977

Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2020-21 through 2023-24 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	# Teams	Four-Year APR Average
Skiing	11	993
Gymnastics	12	992
Golf	306	988
Lacrosse	75	988
Tennis	240	987
Water Polo	28	986
Ice Hockey	64	986
Rifle (co-ed)	22	986
Swimming	135	985
Cross Country	323	984
Fencing	20	981
Soccer	211	981
Baseball	305	979
Volleyball	28	979
Wrestling	78	978
Track & Field	300	975
Football (FBS)	136	969
Basketball	362	968
Football (FCS)	125	958



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Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2020-21 through 2023-24 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average
Skiing	996
Gymnastics	991
Tennis	990
Lacrosse	989
Golf	988
Ice Hockey	988
Baseball	987
Water Polo	986
Soccer	985
Swimming	985
Cross Country	982
Rifle (co-ed)	981
Fencing	980
Volleyball	980
Wrestling	975
Track & Field	970
Basketball	969
Football (FBS)	964
Football (FCS)	952



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Average Retention Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2020-21 through 2023-24 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Retention Rate Average
Gymnastics	991
Skiing	990
Rifle (co-ed)	989
Golf	986
Lacrosse	985
Swimming	983
Cross Country	983
Water Polo	982
Ice Hockey	981
Tennis	981
Fencing	980
Wrestling	977
Track & Field	976
Volleyball	974
Soccer	973
Football (FBS)	970
Baseball	966
Basketball	962
Football (FCS)	959



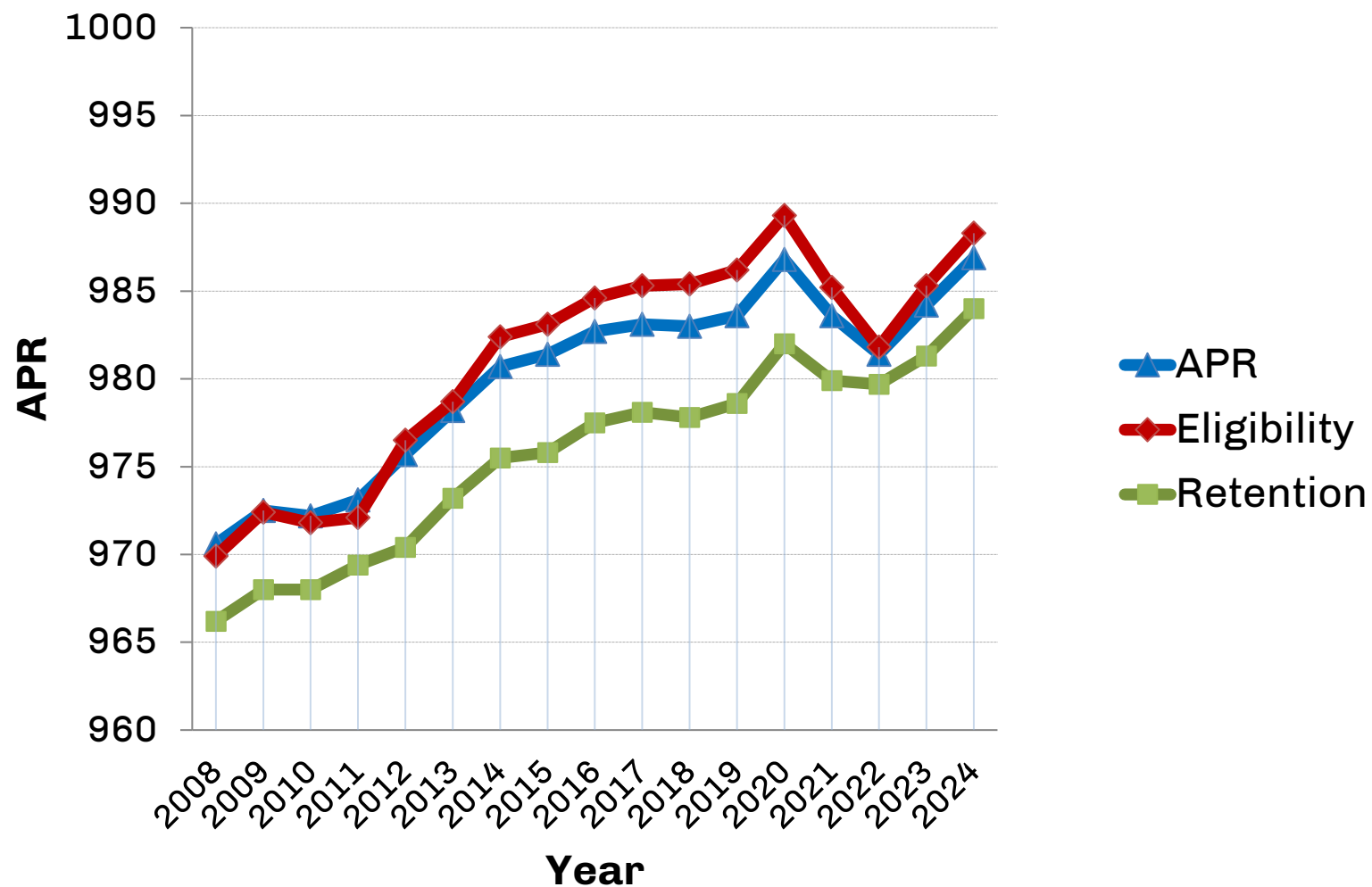
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Trends in Single-Year APR



Trends in Average APR, Eligibility and Retention

(All Sports)



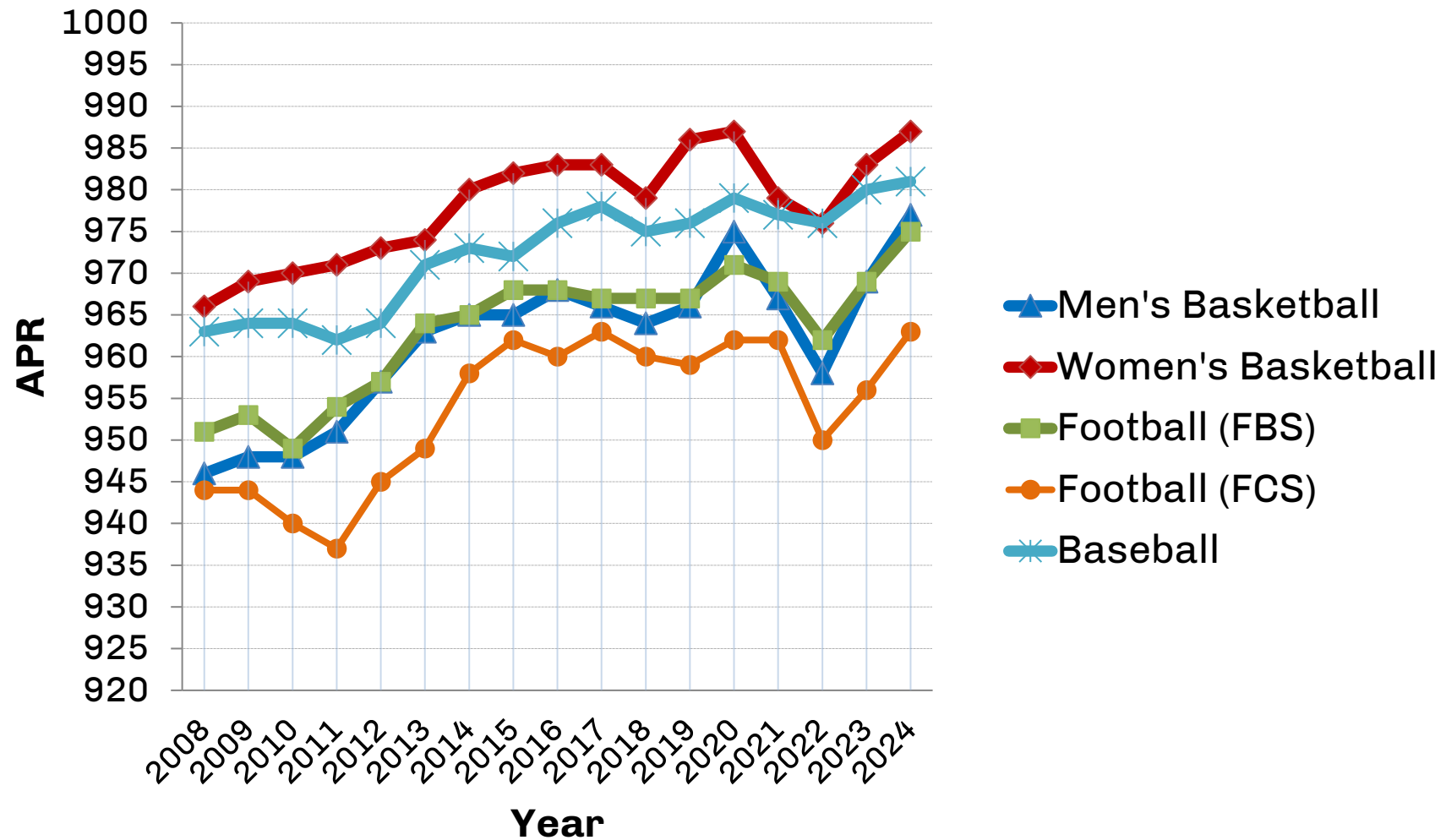
Notes:

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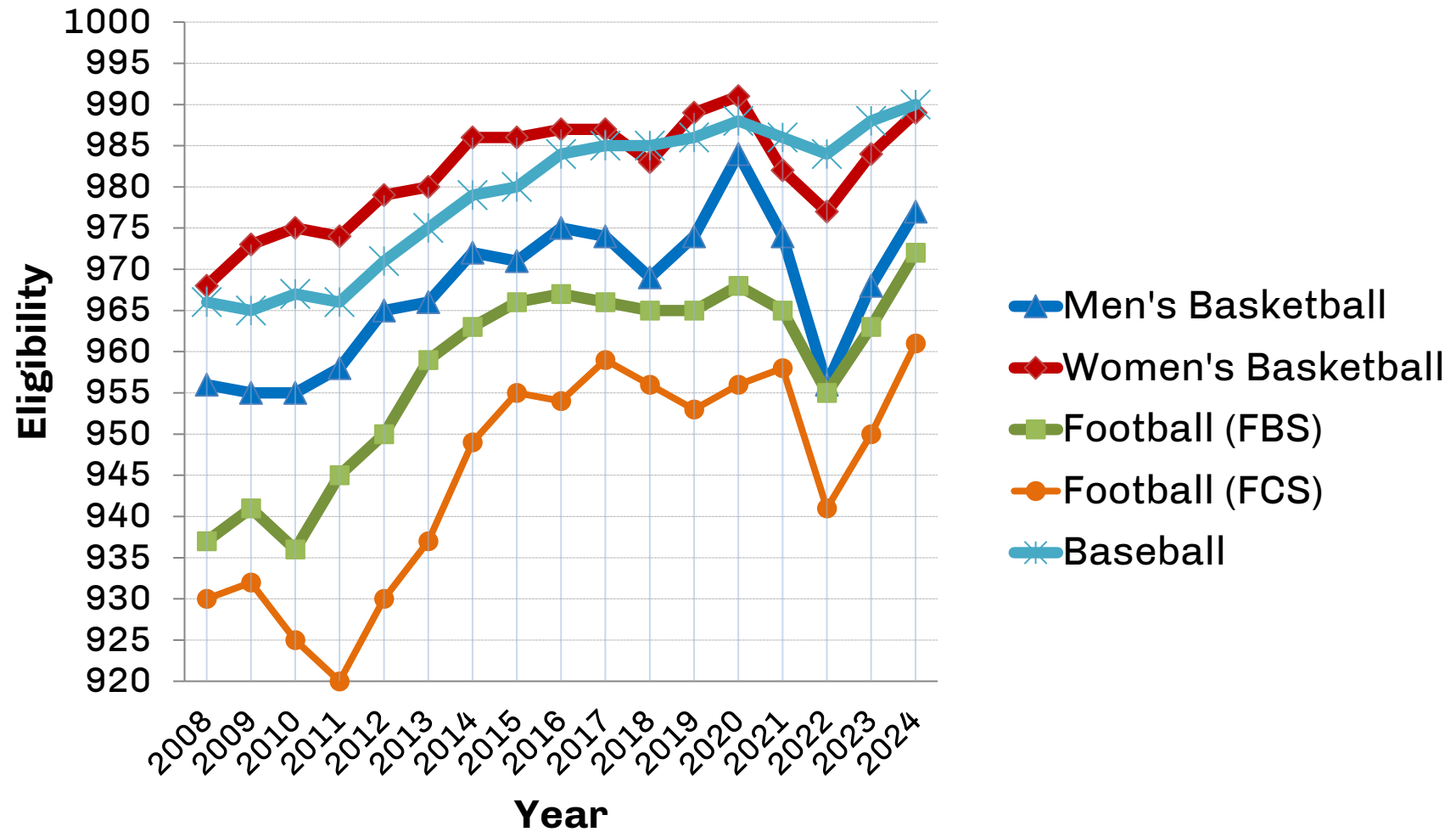
APR Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2023-24.

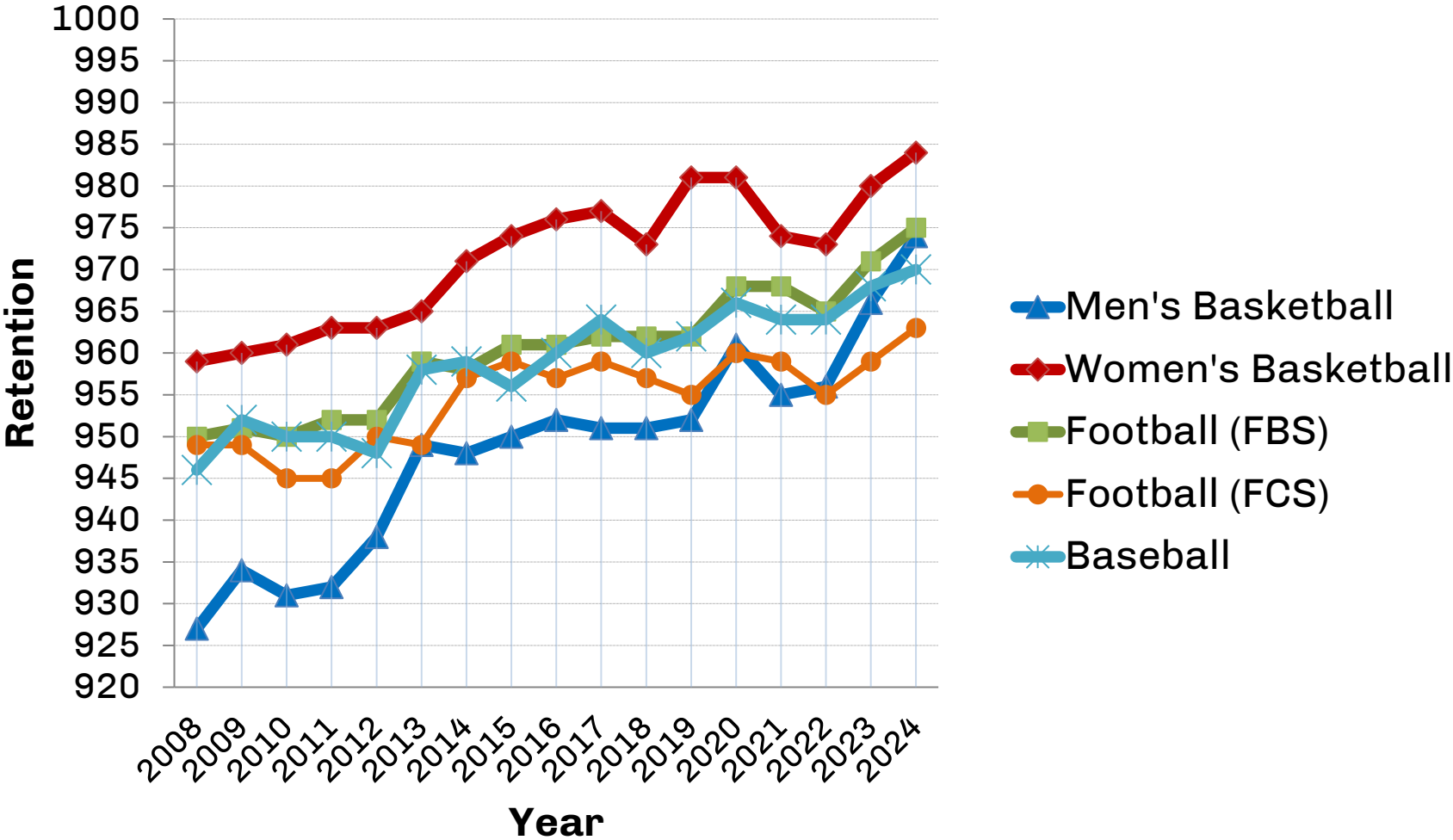
Eligibility Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:

Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2023-24.

Retention Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Notes:
Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I in 2023-24.

Average APR by Sport for Women's Teams

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

SPORT	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Basketball	982	983	983	979	986	987	979	976	983	987
Beach Volleyball	–	994	986	995	995	993	991	994	992	996
Cross Country	987	989	989	989	990	991	989	987	986	991
Field Hockey	990	991	990	993	989	993	993	990	986	989
Golf	991	991	989	993	993	994	995	990	993	995
Gymnastics	992	995	992	994	994	995	993	993	994	993
Lacrosse	991	992	993	993	996	995	993	994	994	995
Rowing	989	987	990	990	989	991	989	988	990	990
Soccer	987	988	989	990	990	990	991	987	989	990
Softball	984	985	987	985	986	992	986	986	989	990
Swimming	992	992	993	994	992	993	993	990	992	994
Tennis	988	992	988	990	992	991	990	991	992	992
Track & Field	981	984	982	983	985	987	980	982	985	987
Volleyball	987	986	989	986	988	989	991	988	988	990

Note: Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I during 2023-24. Sports sorted alphabetically.

Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

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

SPORT	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Baseball	972	976	978	975	976	979	977	976	980	981
Basketball	965	968	966	964	966	975	967	958	969	977
Cross Country	979	981	982	983	979	988	979	982	985	986
Football (FBS)	968	968	967	967	967	971	969	962	969	975
Football (FCS)	962	960	963	960	959	962	962	950	956	963
Golf	985	983	987	986	988	990	989	985	987	988
Ice Hockey	988	983	987	986	984	988	989	980	986	985
Lacrosse	979	982	983	986	987	987	987	985	989	989
Soccer	976	981	978	978	975	980	983	978	978	983
Swimming	980	979	982	986	985	987	984	983	985	986
Tennis	984	983	981	983	984	989	987	984	985	989
Track & Field	969	975	975	973	972	981	969	972	976	979
Wrestling	980	978	973	976	977	976	975	974	981	979

Note: Analyses based on teams that sponsored the sport within Division I during 2023-24. Sports sorted alphabetically.

Subgroup Trends in Single-Year APR

15-Year 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	2023-24
APR	939	945	953	956	962	965	970	969	971	971	979	970	964	970	976
Eligibility	923	928	941	945	958	961	967	969	972	973	980	969	962	969	976
Retention	947	953	956	958	959	960	966	962	966	966	975	966	964	967	974

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	2023-24
APR	977	977	979	981	983	984	985	985	985	985	988	986	984	986	988
Eligibility	979	979	982	984	986	986	987	988	987	988	991	987	985	988	990
Retention	971	972	973	976	978	978	979	980	980	980	983	982	982	983	986

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,207 teams (769 at limited resource schools vs. 5,438 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2023-24. Limited resource defined as school being in bottom 15% of Division I on resource composite.

15-Year 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	2023-24
APR	911	916	929	935	945	950	958	961	964	961	972	959	953	961	967
Eligibility	873	878	896	904	926	933	947	954	966	958	970	955	942	953	960
Retention	939	941	950	953	953	955	958	959	956	959	969	957	959	963	969

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	2023-24
APR	976	976	978	981	983	983	984	984	984	985	988	985	983	986	988
Eligibility	977	978	981	983	985	986	987	987	987	988	990	987	984	987	990
Retention	970	971	972	974	977	977	978	979	979	980	983	981	981	982	985

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,207 teams (315 at HBCUs vs. 5,892 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2023-24.

APR Delayed Graduation Points



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Total Number of Delayed Graduation Points

- ▶ In the past 21 years, 21,977 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: 6,428
 - Baseball: 2,416
 - Men's Basketball: 1,657
 - Women's Basketball: 761
- ▶ In other words, over 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

- ▶ 49 teams with three or more years of data had an APR below 930 in 2024.
- ▶ The majority of teams below 930 are from schools defined as:
 - ▶ Limited Resource Institutions (76%)
 - ▶ FCS Subdivision (61%)
 - ▶ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (49%)
- ▶ While the number of teams below 930 remains less than 1% of all Division I teams, those below the benchmark are concentrated at schools defined as limited-resource, FCS subdivision and/or HBCUs.

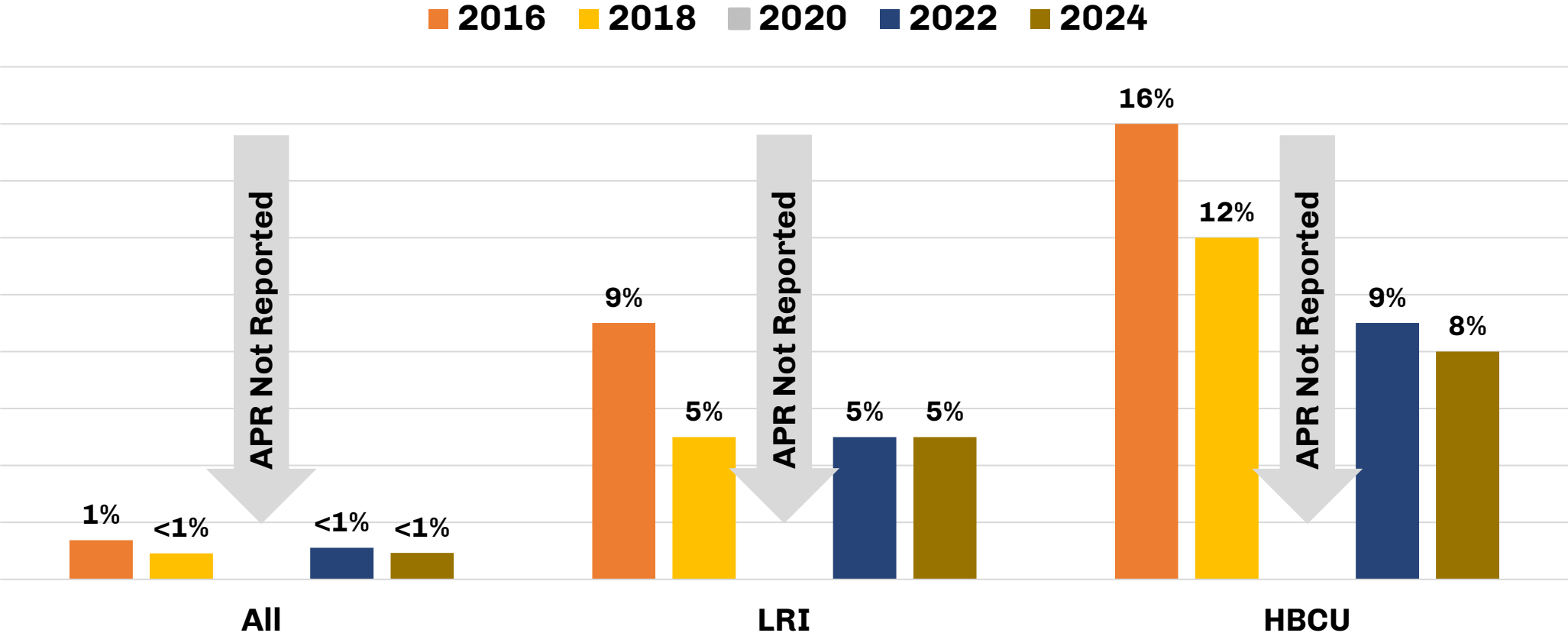


Institutional Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2024

	N teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
HBCU Members	24	49%	5%
LRI	37	76%	12%

Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2024 = 6,052 with three or more years of APR data (698 teams from LRIs, 311 teams from HBCUs).

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



Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2024 = 6,052 with three or more years of APR data (698 teams from LRIs, 311 teams from HBCUs).

Divisional Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2024

	N teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
FBS	4	8%	40%
FCS	30	61%	34%
Division I Subdivision	15	31%	25%
Non-DI Members	0	0%	<1%

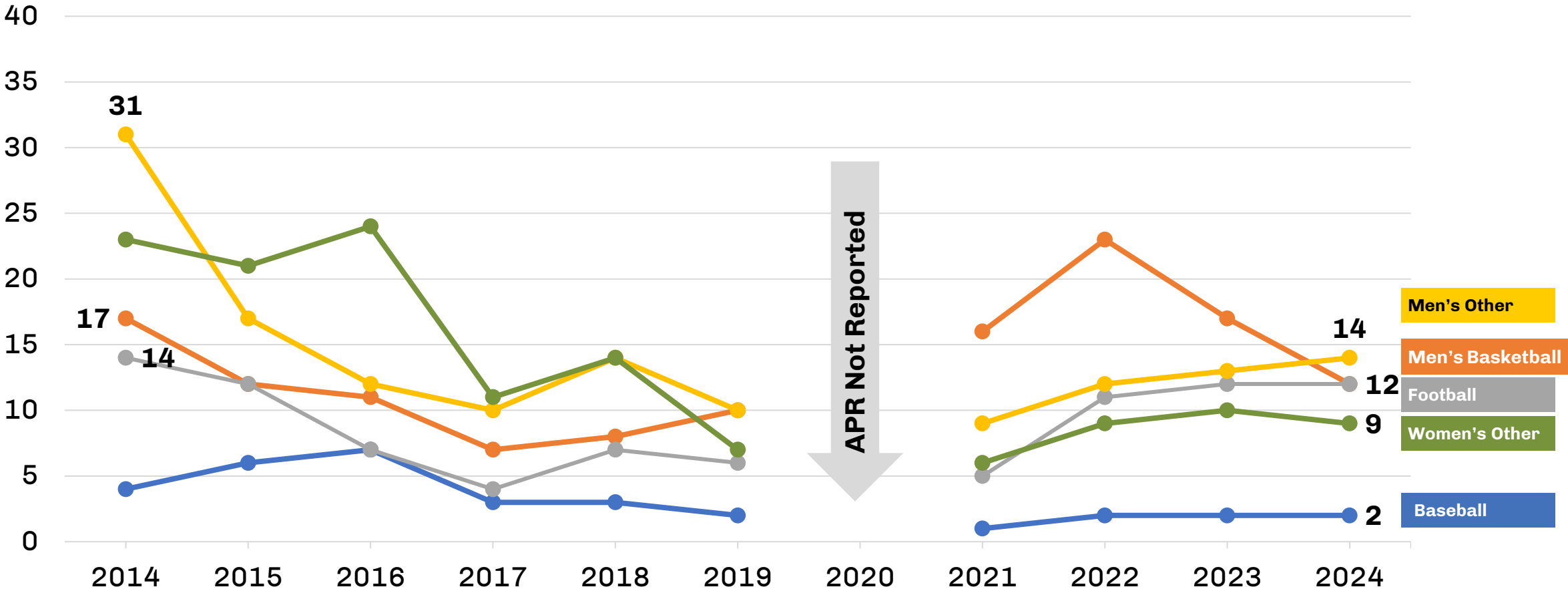
Note: Total number of teams in 2024 with three or more years of data = 6,052 (2,413 in FBS; 2,061 in FCS; 1,535 in Division I Subdivision; 43 multi-divisional).

Sport Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2024

	N teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
Baseball	2	4%	5%
Men's Basketball	12	24%	6%
Football	12	24%	4%
Men's Other Sports	14	29%	29%
Women's Sports	9	18%	56%

Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2024 = 6,052 (300 in Baseball; 356 Men's Basketball; 257 Football; 1,780 Men's Other Sports; 3,359 Women's Sports).

Number of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 from 2014-2024 by Sport



Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2024 = 6,052 (300 in Baseball; 356 Men's Basketball; 257 Football; 1,780 Men's Other Sports; 3,359 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	
		HBCU	Non-HBCU	LRI	Non-LRI
Level One Penalty	21	9 (43%)	12 (57%)	12 (57%)	9 (43%)
Level Two Penalty	3*	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)
No Penalty	25	13 (52%)	12 (48%)	23 (92%)	2 (8%)
Total	49	24 (49%)	25 (51%)	37 (76%)	12 (24%)

Note: Within penalty category by institution type percentages shown. Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2024 = 6,052 with three or more years of APR data (698 teams from LRIs, 311 teams from HBCUs).

*Penalty status as of May 1, 2025—at that time two Level Two Penalty waiver appeals were pending.

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	21	3 (14%)	9 (43%)	9 (43%)	0 (0%)
Level Two Penalty	3*	1 (33%)	2 (67%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
No Penalty	25	0 (0%)	19 (76%)	6 (24%)	0 (0%)
Total	49	4 (8%)	30 (61%)	15 (31%)	0 (0%)

Note: Within penalty category percentages shown. Total number of teams in 2024 with three or more years of data = 6,052 (2,413 in FBS; 2,061 in FCS; 1,535 in Division I Subdivision; 43 multi-divisional). *Penalty status as of May 1, 2025—at that time two Level Two Penalty waiver appeals were pending.

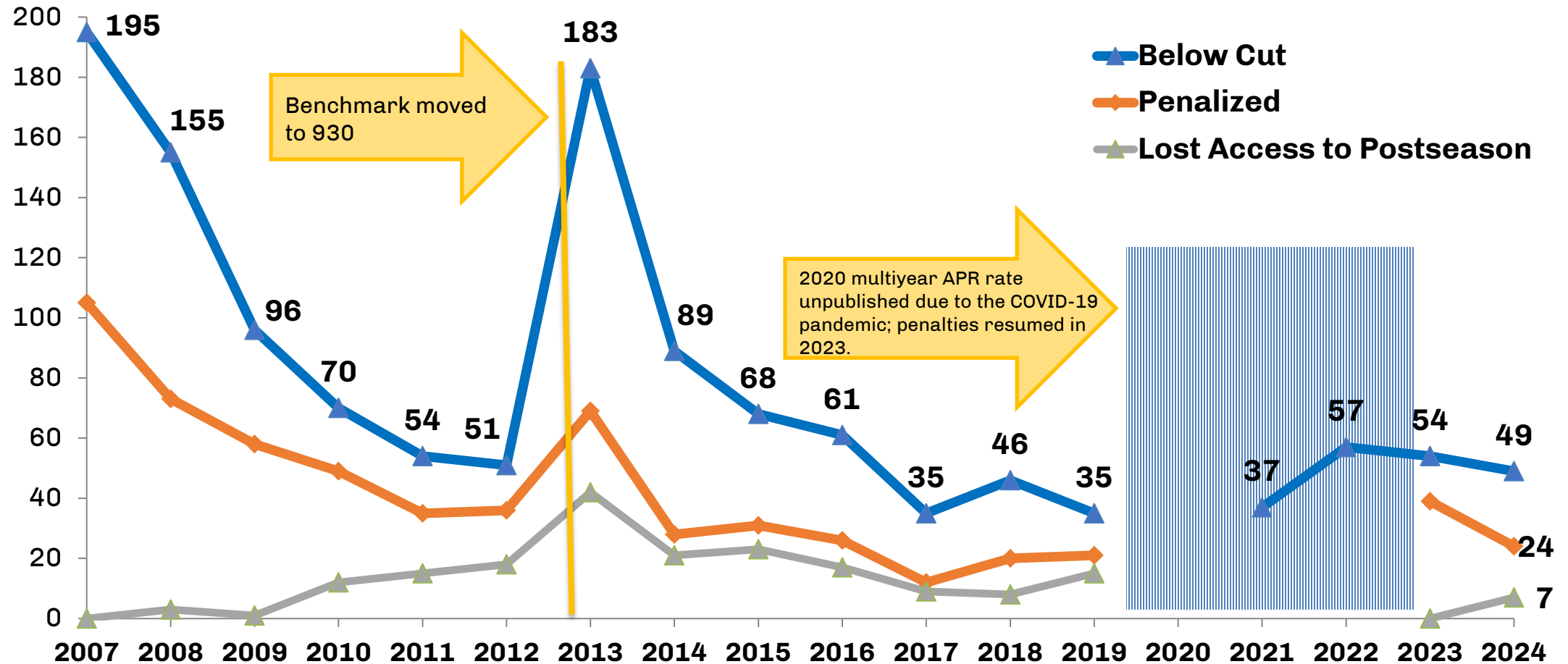
Sport Characteristics of Teams Below 930 Related to Penalty Outcomes

Category	Total Teams Below 930	Baseball	Men's Basketball	Football	Men's Other	Women's (All)
Level One Penalty	21	1 (5%)	6 (29%)	6 (29%)	6 (29%)	2 (10%)
Level Two Penalty	3*	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (33%)	2 (67%)	0 (0%)
No Penalty	25	1 (4%)	6 (24%)	5 (20%)	6 (24%)	7 (28%)
Total	49	2 (4%)	12 (24%)	12 (24%)	14 (29%)	9 (18%)

Note: Within penalty category percentages shown. Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2024 = 6,052 (300 in Baseball; 356 Men's Basketball; 257 Football; 1,780 Men's Other Sports; 3,359 Women's Sports).

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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 received relief via a conditional waiver. 2024 penalty and loss of access to postseason status as of May 1, 2025—at that time two Level Two Penalty and Loss of Access to Postseason waiver appeals were pending.

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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