



National and Sport-Group APR Averages and Trends

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Average Four-Year APRs

(Includes 2021-22 through 2024-25 Academic Years)

	Four-Year Average
Overall	986 (+2)
Baseball	980 (+1)
Football (FBS)	971 (+2)
Football (FCS)	959 (+1)
Men's Basketball	971 (+3)
Women's Basketball	984 (+2)

Notes:

1. APR displayed for all teams submitting usable data for 2024-25 (N=6,217).
2. Numbers in parentheses are changes from the four-year APR data reported May 2025 based on data from 2020-21 through 2023-24.
3. See subsequent slides on single-year APRs for the best description of APR changes/trends.



Trends in the Distribution of Multi-Year APRs

APR Range (Raw)	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	4-Year Aggregation through 2024-25
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%)	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	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%)	1 (0.0%)
800-824	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%)	0 (0.0%)
825-849	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%)	0 (0.0%)
850-874	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%)	0 (0.0%)
875-899	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%)	8 (0.1%)
900-924	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%)	25 (0.4%)
925-949	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%)	220 (3.5%)
950-974	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%)	923 (14.9%)
975-999	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%)	3,453 (55.5%)
1000	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%)	1,587 (25.5%)
Total Team	5,991	5,958	5,996	6,017	6,009	6,063	6,068	6,180	6,207	6,217

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 Men's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2021-22 through 2024-25 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	# Teams	Four-Year APR Average
Skiing	11	992
Gymnastics	12	992
Lacrosse	77	989
Mixed Rifle	22	988
Water Polo	29	988
Golf	304	988
Swim & Dive	136	986
Tennis	237	986
Ice Hockey	62	986
Cross Country	324	985
Fencing	20	982
Volleyball	27	981
Soccer	211	981
Baseball	306	980
Wrestling	79	979
Track & Field	299	978
Basketball	363	971
Football (FBS)	136	971
Football (FCS)	126	959

Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2021-22 through 2024-25 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average
Skiing	996
Tennis	991
Lacrosse	991
Gymnastics	989
Water Polo	989
Golf	989
Ice Hockey	988
Baseball	988
Swim & Dive	987
Soccer	986
Mixed Rifle	986
Cross Country	984
Volleyball	982
Fencing	980
Wrestling	976
Track & Field	975
Basketball	971
Football (FBS)	967
Football (FCS)	955

Average Retention Rates by Sport for Men's Teams

(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2021-22 through 2024-25 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Retention Rate Average
Mixed Rifle	990
Gymnastics	990
Skiing	988
Lacrosse	986
Swim & Dive	984
Water Polo	984
Cross Country	983
Ice Hockey	982
Golf	982
Fencing	981
Tennis	979
Wrestling	979
Track & Field	978
Volleyball	978
Soccer	973
Football (FBS)	972
Baseball	967
Basketball	967
Football (FCS)	960

Average APRs by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year APR for 2021-22 through 2024-25 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	# Teams	Four-Year APR Average
Skiing	11	995
Gymnastics	62	995
Lacrosse	130	995
Golf	279	994
Ice Hockey	39	994
Beach Volleyball	64	993
Swim & Dive	197	993
Tennis	309	993
Fencing	27	991
Rowing	92	990
Cross Country	360	990
Volleyball	345	990
Soccer	347	989
Softball	306	989
Field Hockey	81	988
Water Polo	36	987
Track & Field	351	986
Bowling	39	986
Basketball	361	984



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Average Eligibility Rates by Sport for Women's Teams

(Four-Year Eligibility Rate for 2021-22 through 2024-25 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Eligibility Rate Average
Skiing	997
Ice Hockey	996
Beach Volleyball	996
Lacrosse	996
Tennis	995
Golf	995
Gymnastics	995
Swim & Dive	994
Field Hockey	993
Soccer	991
Rowing	991
Softball	991
Fencing	990
Volleyball	990
Water Polo	990
Cross Country	990
Basketball	985
Track & Field	985
Bowling	983

Average Retention Rates by Sport for Women's Teams

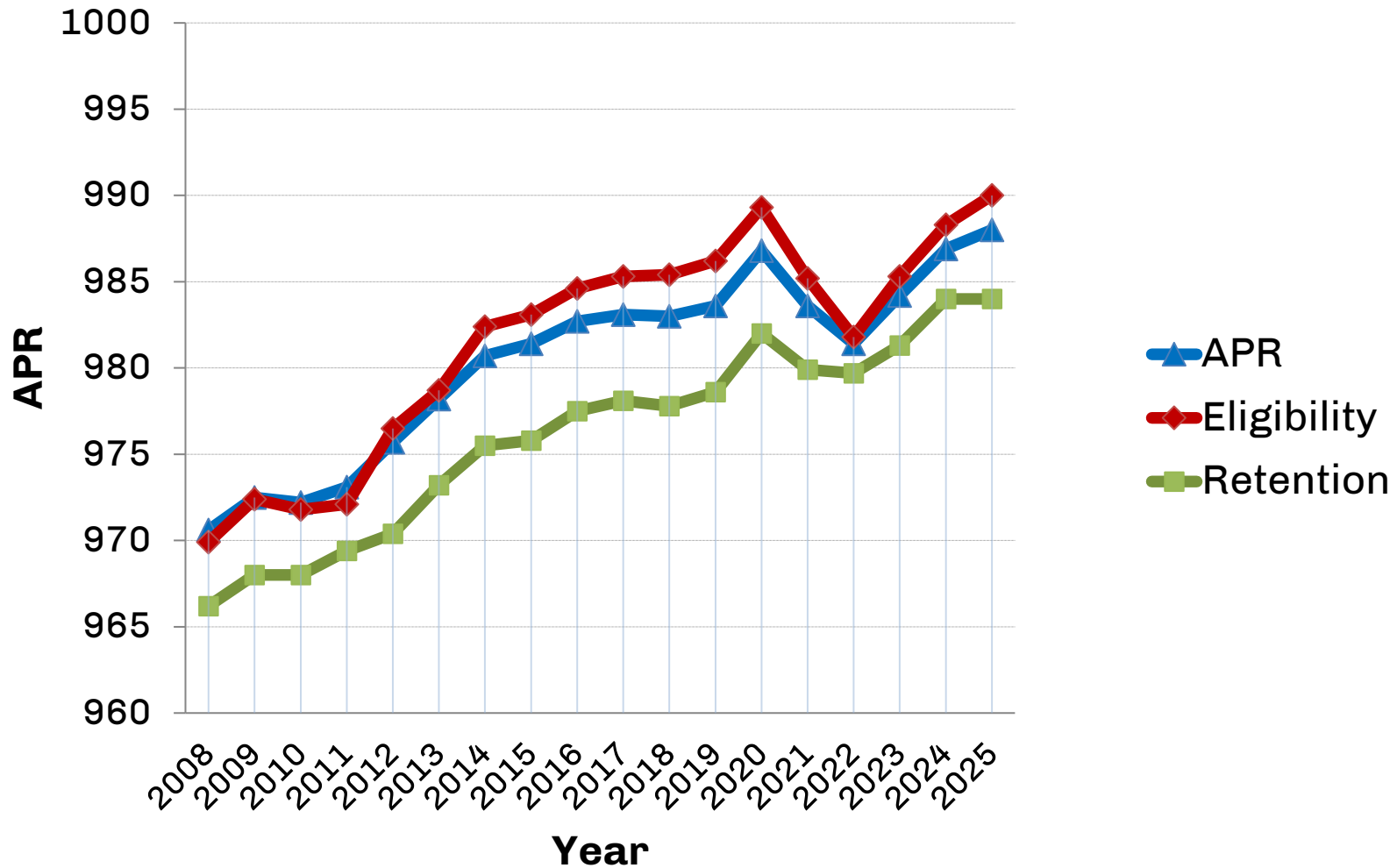
(Four-Year Retention Rate for 2021-22 through 2024-25 – Sorted Highest to Lowest)

SPORT	Four-Year Retention Rate Average
Gymnastics	994
Lacrosse	992
Golf	991
Fencing	991
Skiing	991
Swim & Dive	991
Ice Hockey	991
Tennis	989
Volleyball	988
Rowing	988
Cross Country	988
Bowling	987
Soccer	986
Softball	986
Track & Field	985
Field Hockey	983
Water Polo	982
Basketball	980
Beach Volleyball	958

Trends in Single-Year APR

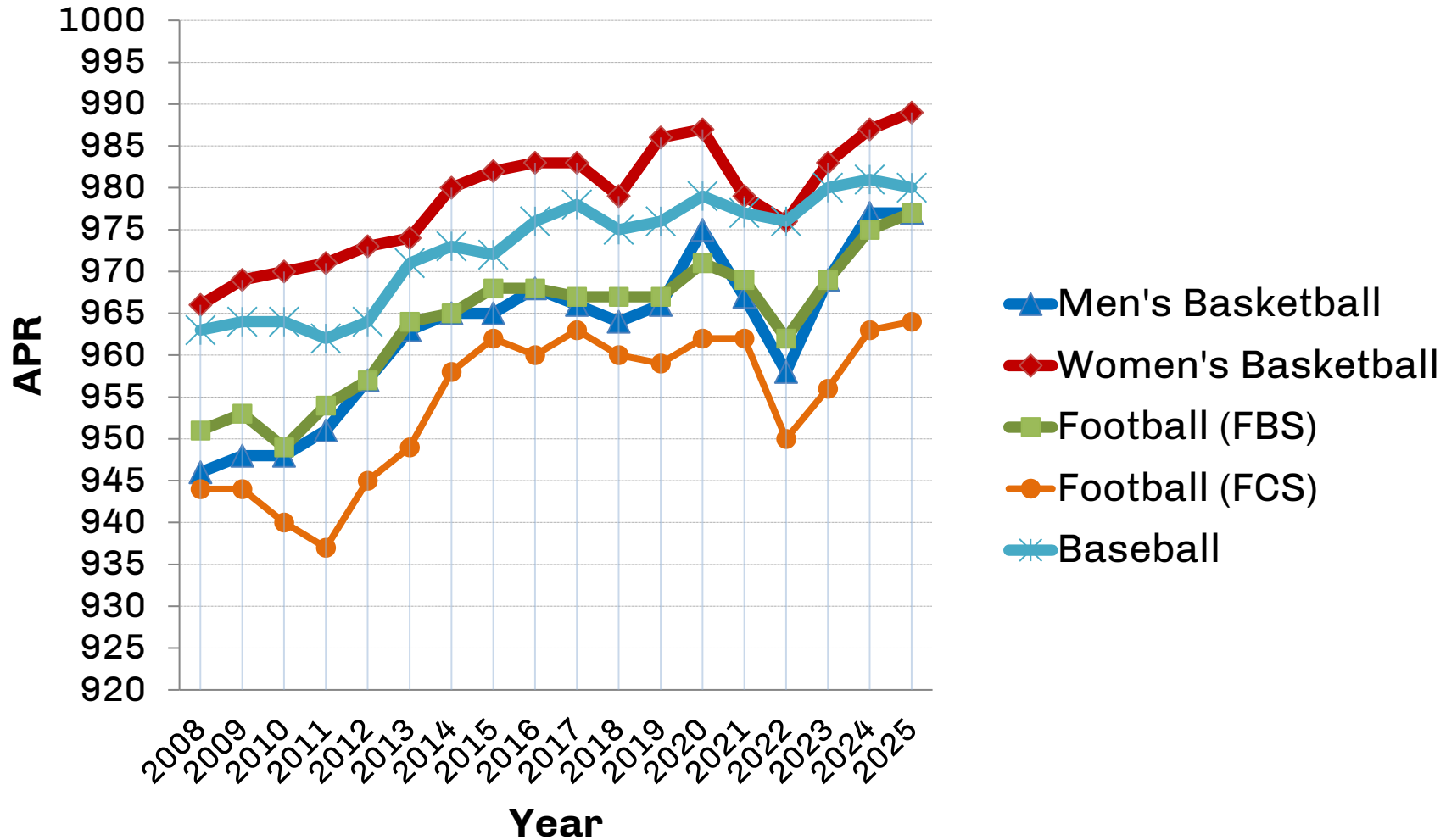
Trends in Average APR, Eligibility and Retention

(All Sports)

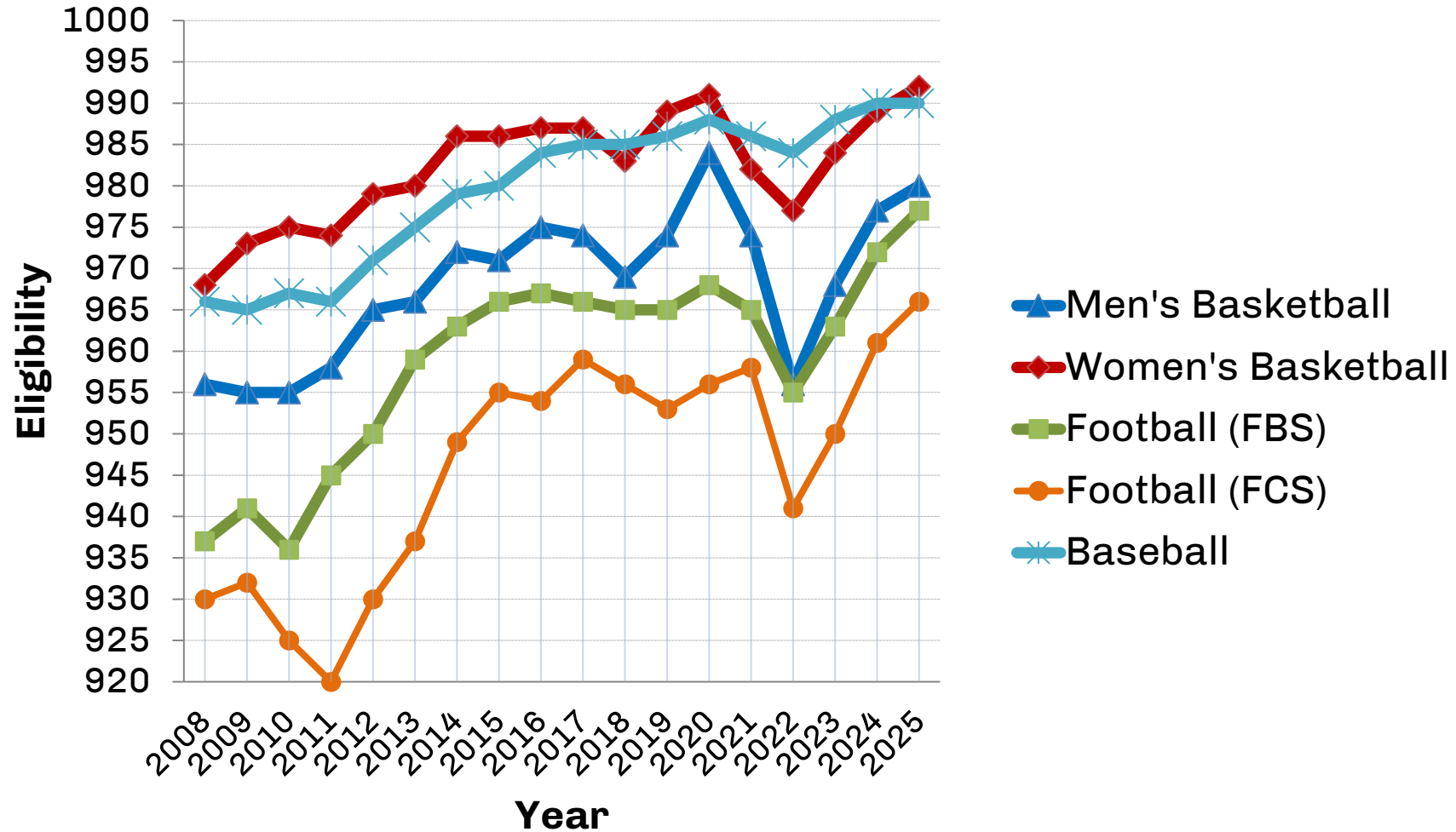


Note: APR calculated as a function of eligibility, retention and delayed graduation points.

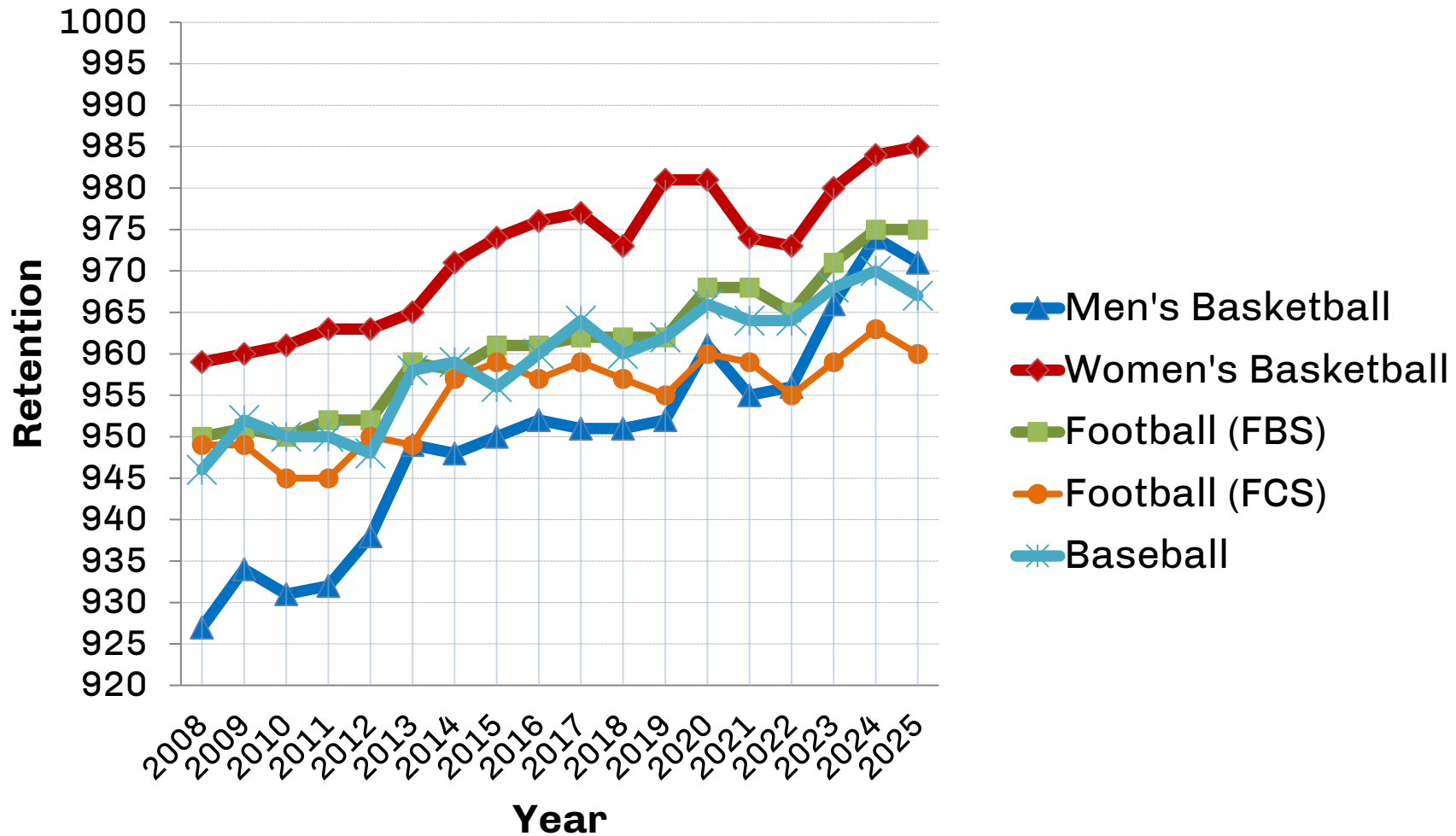
APR Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Eligibility Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Retention Trends in Baseball, Basketball and Football



Average APRs by Sport for Men's Teams

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

SPORT	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Baseball	976	978	975	976	979	977	976	980	981	980
Basketball	968	966	964	966	975	967	958	969	977	977
Cross Country	981	982	983	979	988	979	982	985	986	987
Football (FBS)	968	967	967	967	971	969	962	969	975	977
Football (FCS)	960	963	960	959	962	962	950	956	963	964
Golf	983	987	986	988	990	989	985	987	988	990
Ice Hockey	983	987	986	984	988	989	980	986	985	989
Lacrosse	982	983	986	987	987	987	985	989	989	992
Soccer	981	978	978	975	980	983	978	978	983	983
Swim & Dive	979	982	986	985	987	984	983	985	986	990
Tennis	983	981	983	984	989	987	984	985	989	985
Track & Field	975	975	973	972	981	969	972	976	979	982
Wrestling	978	973	976	977	976	975	974	981	979	978

Average APR by Sport for Women's Teams

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

SPORT	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Basketball	983	983	979	986	987	979	976	983	987	989
Beach Volleyball	994	986	995	995	993	991	994	992	996	989
Cross Country	989	989	989	990	991	989	987	986	991	993
Field Hockey	991	990	993	989	993	993	990	986	989	987
Golf	991	989	993	993	994	995	990	993	995	995
Gymnastics	995	992	994	994	995	993	993	994	993	997
Lacrosse	992	993	993	996	995	993	994	994	995	995
Rowing	987	990	990	989	991	989	988	990	990	992
Soccer	988	989	990	990	990	991	987	989	990	990
Softball	985	987	985	986	992	986	986	989	990	991
Swim & Dive	992	993	994	992	993	993	990	992	994	994
Tennis	992	988	990	992	991	990	991	992	992	993
Track & Field	984	982	983	985	987	980	982	985	987	989
Volleyball	986	989	986	988	989	991	988	988	990	992

Subgroup Trends in Single-Year APR

15-Year Trends Among Teams at Limited Resource Institutions

Teams from Limited Resource Schools	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	2024-25
APR	945	953	956	962	965	970	969	971	971	979	970	964	970	976	978
Eligibility	928	941	945	958	961	967	969	972	973	980	969	962	969	976	981
Retention	953	956	958	959	960	966	962	966	966	975	966	964	967	974	972

Teams from Other Schools	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	2024-25
APR	977	979	981	983	984	985	985	985	985	988	986	984	986	988	989
Eligibility	979	982	984	986	986	987	988	987	988	991	987	985	988	990	992
Retention	972	973	976	978	978	979	980	980	980	983	982	982	983	986	985

Notes: Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,217 teams (715 at limited resource schools vs. 5,502 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2024-25. 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	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	2024-25
APR	916	929	935	945	950	958	961	964	961	972	959	953	961	967	970
Eligibility	878	896	904	926	933	947	954	966	958	970	955	942	953	960	973
Retention	941	950	953	953	955	958	959	956	959	969	957	959	963	969	963

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APR	976	978	981	983	983	984	984	984	985	988	985	983	986	988	989
Eligibility	978	981	983	985	986	987	987	987	988	990	987	984	987	990	991
Retention	971	972	974	977	977	978	979	979	980	983	981	981	982	985	985

Notes: HBCUs are Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Analyses based on single-year rates of 6,217 teams (313 at HBCUs vs. 5,904 at other schools) that submitted usable data in 2024-25.

APR Delayed Graduation Points

Total Number of Delayed Graduation Points

- ▶ In the past 22 years, 22,420 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: 6,518
 - Baseball: 2,457
 - Men's Basketball: 1,691
 - Women's Basketball: 771
- ▶ In total, 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 (FGR).



Characteristics of Teams Below the 930 APR Benchmark

Number of Teams Below APR Penalty / Access to Postseason Benchmark

- ▶ 32 teams with three or more years of data had an APR below 930 in 2025.
- ▶ The majority of teams below 930 are from schools defined as:
 - ▶ Limited Resource Institutions (75%)
 - ▶ FCS Subdivision (69%)
 - ▶ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (53%)
- ▶ While the number of teams below 930 remains less than 1% of all Division I teams, those below the benchmark are concentrated among limited-resource schools, and a majority are teams in the FCS subdivision, HBCU teams, or both.

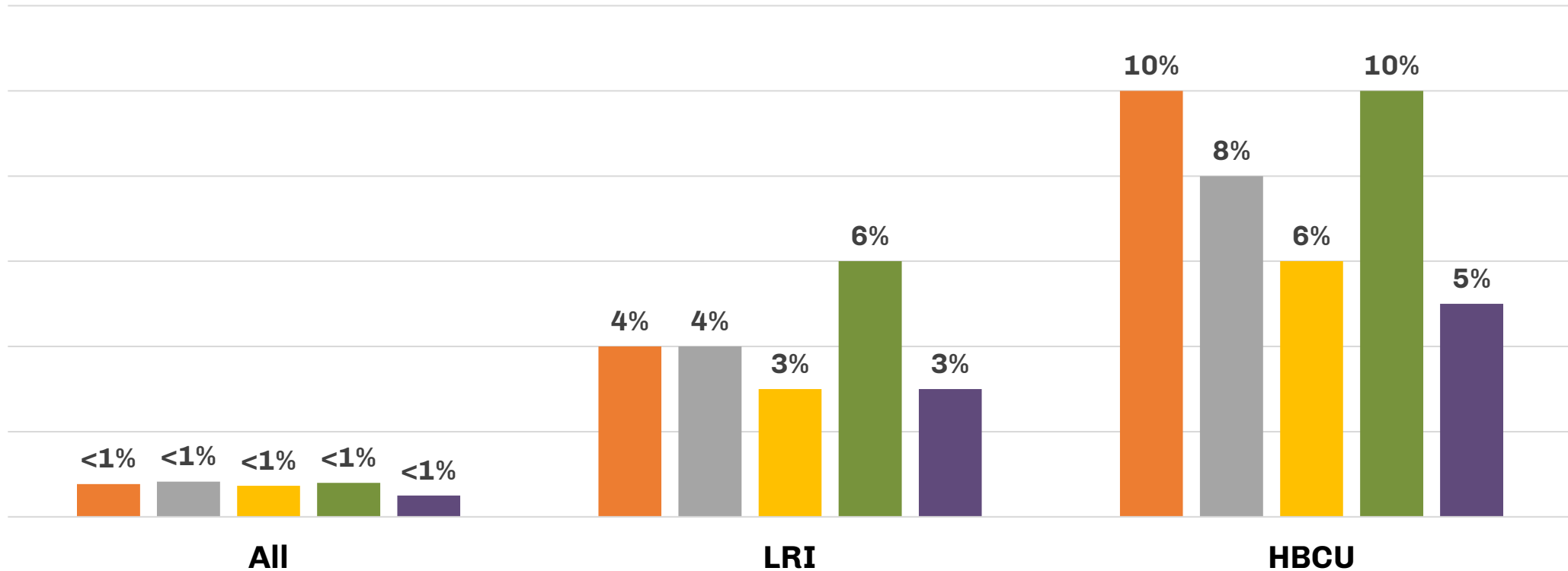
Institutional Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2025

	Number of teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
HBCU Members	17	53%	5%
LRI	24	75%	12%

Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2025 = 6,135 (311 from HBCUs, 710 from LRIs).

Percentage of Teams Below 930 APR Benchmark by Institution Type

2017 2019 2021 2023 2025



Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2025 = 6,135 (311 from HBCUs, 710 from LRIs).

Divisional Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2025

	Number of teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
FBS	3	9%	39%
FCS	22	69%	35%
Division I Subdivision	7	22%	26%
Non-DI Members	0	0%	<1%

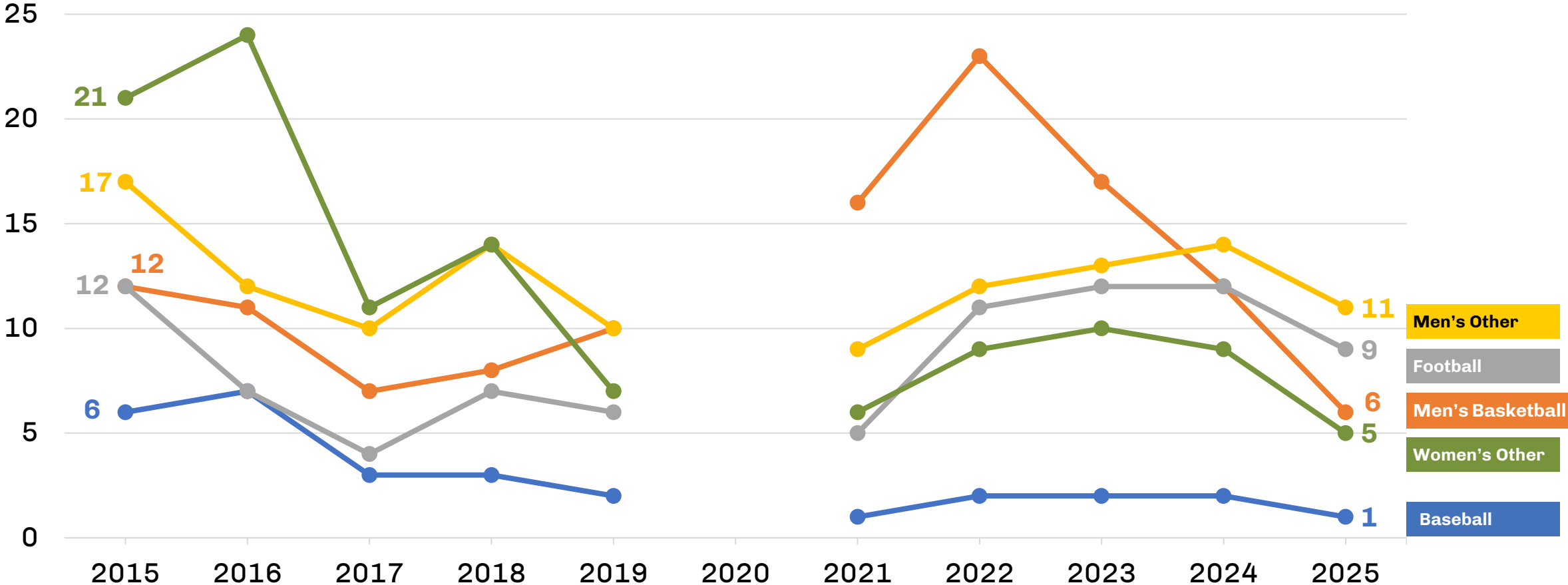
Note: Total number of teams in 2025 with three or more years of data = 6,135 (2,419 in FBS; 2,114 in FCS; 1,560 in Division I Subdivision).

Sport Characteristics of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 in 2025

	Number of teams below 930	Percent of all teams below 930	Percent of all teams in Division I
Baseball	1	3%	5%
Men's Basketball	6	19%	6%
Football	9	28%	4%
Men's Other Sports	11	34%	30%
Women's Sports	5	16%	55%

Note: Total number of teams in 2025 with three or more years of data = 6,135 (304 in Baseball; 360 in Men's Basketball; 260 in Football; 1,823 in Men's Other Sports; 3,388 in Women's Sports).

Number of Teams With Multiyear APRs Below 930 from 2015-2025 by Sport



Note: Total number of teams in 2025 with three or more years of data = 6,135 (304 in Baseball; 360 in Men's Basketball; 260 in Football; 1,823 in Men's Other Sports; 3,388 in 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	4*	3	1	1	3
Level Two Penalty	7	3	4	3	4
No Penalty	21	11	10	4	17
Total	32	17	15	8	24

Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2025 = 6,135 with three or more years of APR data (710 teams from LRIs, 311 teams from HBCUs). *Penalty status as of April 15, 2026. At that time, a possible Level 1 penalty with loss of access to postseason competition was 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	4*	0	4	0	0
Level Two Penalty	7	2	4	1	0
No Penalty	21	1	14	6	0
Total	32	3	22	7	0

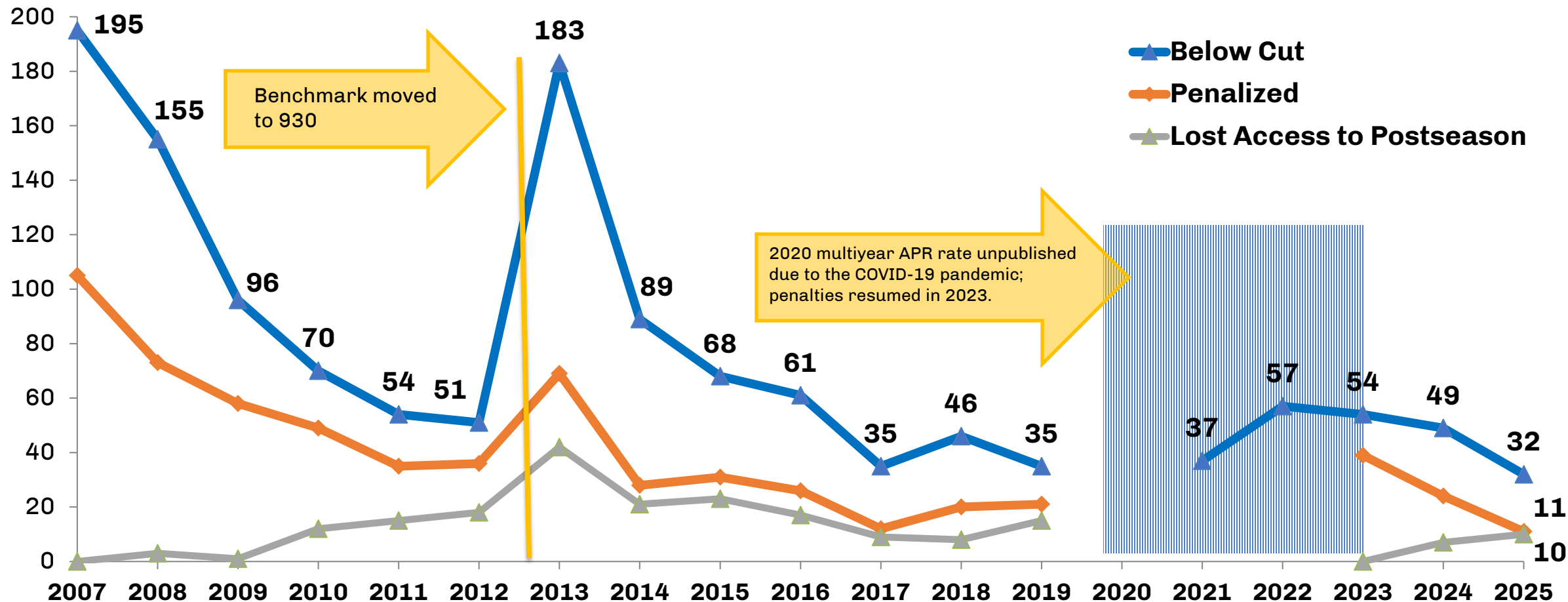
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Sport Characteristics of Teams Below 930 Related to Penalty Outcomes

Category	Total Teams Below 930	Baseball	Men's Basketball	Football	Men's Other	Women's (All)
Level One Penalty	4*	0	1	0	2	1
Level Two Penalty	7	0	1	3	3	0
No Penalty	21	1	4	6	6	4
Total	32	1	6	9	11	5

Note: Total number of teams with three or more years of data in 2025 = 6,135 (306 in Baseball; 363 in Men's Basketball; 262 in Football; 1,768 in Men's Other Sports; 3,436 in Women's Sports). *Penalty status as of April 15, 2026. At that time, a possible Level 1 penalty with loss of access to postseason competition was pending.

Trends in the 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. Penalty and post-season access as of April 15, 2026. At that time, a possible Level 1 penalty with loss of access to postseason competition was 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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