



Research



# Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates at NCAA Division III Schools

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# Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) Calculation

- ▶ The Division III Cohort includes:
  - ▶ Nonscholarship freshmen;
  - ▶ Transfers into school;
  - ▶ Midyear enrollees.
- ▶ Must include even if the student-athlete quit the team at any point.
- ▶ Graduation status recorded six years after enrollment.
- ▶ Those who leave school in good academic standing are counted as nongraduates.

# Academic Success Rate (ASR) Calculation

- ▶ Graduation metric developed by NCAA.
- ▶ Calculated for student-athletes only.
- ▶ The Division III Cohort includes:
  - ▶ Nonscholarship freshmen;
  - ▶ Transfers into school;
  - ▶ Midyear enrollees.
- ▶ Removes student-athletes who leave school while eligible to compete.
- ▶ Graduation status recorded six years after initial collegiate enrollment.

# Rate Calculations

$$\text{Federal} \left\{ \frac{\text{Graduates}}{\text{Cohort} - \text{Exclusions}^*} \right.$$

$$\text{ASR} \left\{ \frac{\text{Graduates}}{\text{Cohort} - \text{Exclusions}^* - \text{Left Eligible}} \right.$$

*\* Exclusions include death, permanent disability, church mission, and military or foreign service.  
Note: Both rates use a six-year window from initial collegiate enrollment.*

# Average Division III Federal Rates vs. ASRs, 2017-20 Four-Year Rate (2010-13 Cohorts)

	Student Body	Student-Athletes	
	Federal Rate	Federal Rate	ASR
Div. III Overall	63%	68%	87%
Div. III Men	59%	62%	83%
Div. III Women	67%	77%	94%

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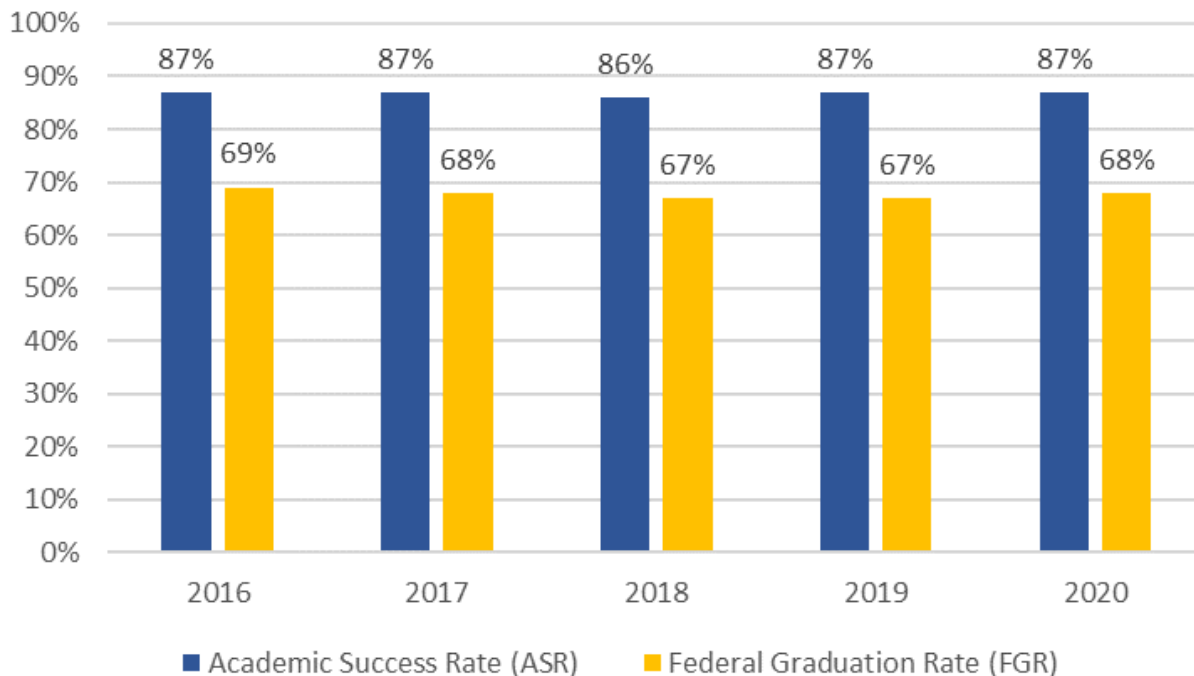
# **Trends in Academic Success Rates**



## Notes About ASR Trends

- ▶ The 2020 reporting cycle was the first year FGR/ASR data submission was required for all Division III institutions.
- ▶ Data submission was voluntary for the 2016 through 2019 reporting cycles. In each of those years, more than half of Division III institutions reported. The submitted data are representative of the broader Division III membership.

# Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates for Division III Student-Athletes



# ASR Trends for Division III Men's Sports

Four-Class Averages by Reporting Year

Sport	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020 N
Baseball	85	86	86	87	88	4,578
Basketball	80	78	78	78	79	2,940
Cross-Country/Track	88	87	87	88	88	3,686
Football	75	74	73	73	74	10,176
Golf	88	88	89	89	88	953
Ice Hockey	86	87	88	86	87	723
Lacrosse	86	85	85	86	86	2,684
Skiing	93	95	93	92	92	54
Soccer	83	83	83	84	85	4,110
Swimming	88	89	90	90	90	1,426
Tennis	91	91	91	91	90	1,157
Volleyball	74	76	78	77	82	278
Water Polo	87	86	86	86	89	91
Wrestling	81	82	82	85	84	955

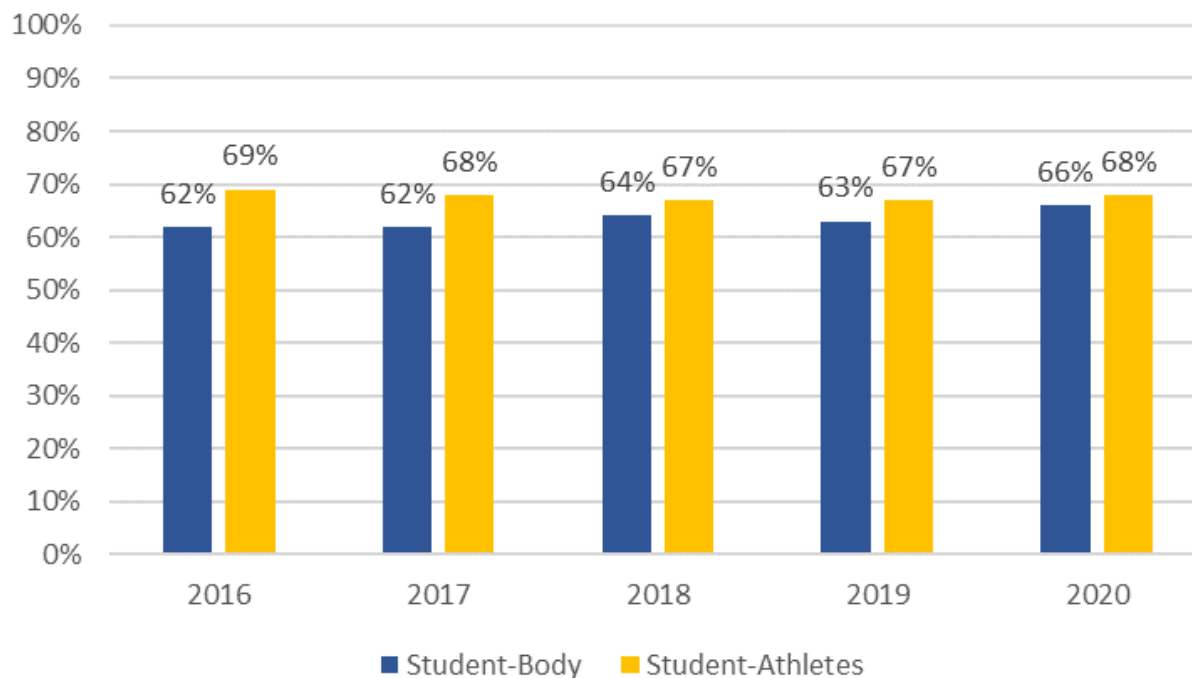
# ASR Trends for Division III Women's Sports

Four-Class Averages by Reporting Year

Sport	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020 N
Basketball	92	91	91	91	91	2,408
Cross-Country/Track	94	94	94	94	95	3,628
Rowing	98	97	96	94	94	522
Field Hockey	96	95	95	95	95	1,024
Golf	93	93	93	94	95	488
Gymnastics	92	92	93	95	95	102
Ice Hockey	93	92	93	92	91	401
Lacrosse	97	96	95	95	95	1,638
Skiing	98	99	96	96	97	54
Soccer	93	93	92	93	93	3,467
Softball	92	92	92	93	94	2,564
Swimming	95	95	96	96	96	1,676
Tennis	92	93	93	93	95	1,329
Volleyball	93	93	93	93	93	2,243
Water Polo	96	98	98	97	96	68

# **Trends in Federal Graduation Rates**

# Federal Graduation Rates for Division III Student Body and Student-Athletes



# Federal Graduation Rate Trends for Div. III Men's Sports

Four-Class Averages by Reporting Year

Sport	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020 N
Baseball	66	66	66	66	66	4,578
Basketball	59	58	57	57	57	2,940
Cross-Country/Track	73	72	71	71	71	3,686
Football	53	51	50	50	51	10,176
Golf	70	71	70	69	69	953
Ice Hockey	64	66	65	64	65	723
Lacrosse	66	66	66	66	66	2,684
Skiing	83	83	82	85	85	54
Soccer	65	65	64	64	65	4,110
Swimming	76	78	78	77	77	1,426
Tennis	76	74	74	74	72	1,157
Volleyball	60	58	59	59	63	278
Water Polo	75	72	71	73	76	91
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# Comparison of Federal Graduation Rates Between Student-Athletes and Student Body

For Select Groups in 2020

	<b>Student-Athletes</b>	<b>Student Body</b>
Overall	68%	63%
Men	62%	59%
Women	77%	67%
White	71%	67%
Black	44%	45%
White Males	66%	63%
Black Males	40%	38%
White Females	79%	70%
Black Females	61%	50%

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For Select Groups in 2020

Group	Student-Body	Student-Athletes	Football	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball
Overall	63	68	51	57	71
White	57	71	57	66	75
Black	45	44	34	42	57



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