

Trends in NCAA Division III Graduation Rates

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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.
- Note that only Division I and II schools that offer athletically related student aid are required to report FGR data separately on student-athletes to the federal government. In addition, Division III FGR cohort inclusion criteria for student-athletes differ from those used in Divisions I and II.

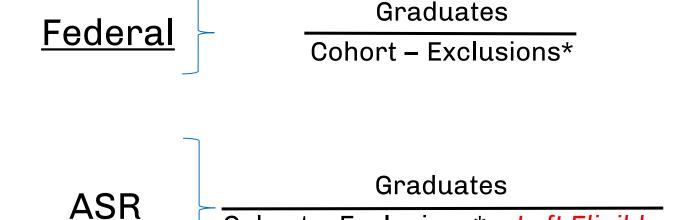


Academic Success Rate (ASR) Calculation

- 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



Cohort - Exclusions* - Left Eligible

^{*} Exclusions include death, permanent disability, church mission, and military or foreign service.

Note: Both rates use a six-year window from initial collegiate enrollment.



2024 Four-Cohort Division III Graduation Rates

(Aggregate six-year graduation rates for 2014-17 entering cohorts)

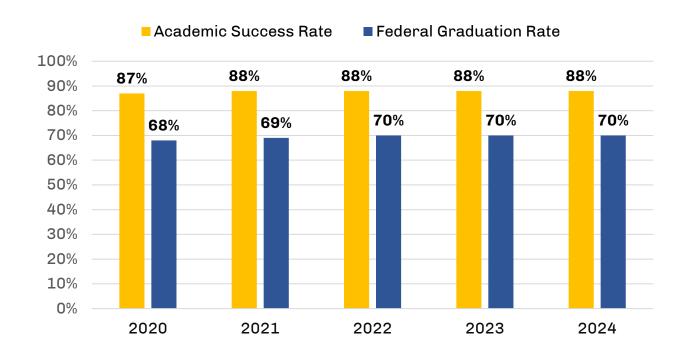
	Student-	Student Body	
	ASR Federal Rate		Federal Rate
DIII Overall	88%	70%	67%
DIII Men	84%	64%	63%
DIII Women	94%	79%	70%



Academic Success Rates (ASR)



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





ASR Trends for Division III Men's Sports

Sport	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baseball	88	88	88	89	89
Basketball	79	79	80	80	81
Cross Country/Track	88	89	89	88	88
Football	74	75	75	75	75
Golf	88	89	89	89	90
Ice Hockey	87	87	88	88	89
Lacrosse	86	87	87	87	88
Skiing	92	94	94	94	96
Soccer	85	85	85	85	85
Swimming	90	90	90	91	92
Tennis	90	91	91	91	92
Volleyball	82	82	85	86	86
Water Polo	89	91	92	90	88
Wrestling	84	81	80	79	80



ASR Trends for Division III Women's Sports

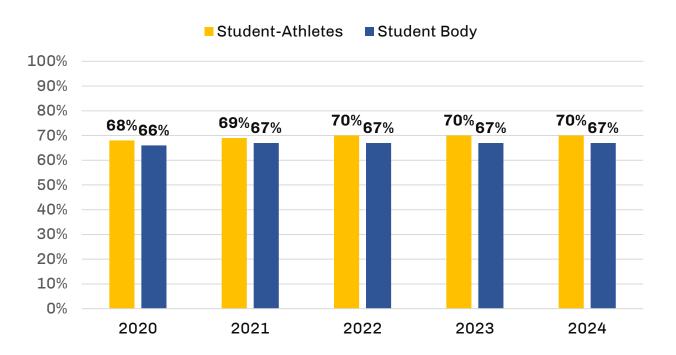
Sport	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Basketball	91	91	91	91	92
Cross Country/Track	95	95	94	94	94
Crew/Rowing	94	95	96	96	96
Field Hockey	95	96	96	95	95
Golf	95	95	95	94	94
Gymnastics	95	95	94	94	95
Ice Hockey	91	93	93	93	95
Lacrosse	95	96	96	95	95
Skiing	97	96	98	98	98
Soccer	93	93	93	93	94
Softball	94	93	93	93	93
Swimming	96	96	95	95	95
Tennis	95	95	95	94	95
Volleyball	93	92	92	92	93
Water Polo	96	96	97	97	97



Federal Graduation Rates



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





Federal Graduation Rate Trends for Division III Men's Sports

Sport	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baseball	66	68	70	70	71
Basketball	57	58	58	58	58
Cross Country/Track	71	73	73	73	73
Football	51	53	53	52	52
Golf	69	69	71	71	70
Ice Hockey	65	68	68	68	68
Lacrosse	66	68	69	69	70
Skiing	85	86	86	83	83
Soccer	65	65	65	65	65
Swimming	77	77	78	78	79
Tennis	72	74	74	75	75
Volleyball	63	66	70	70	70
Water Polo	76	80	79	77	76
Wrestling	62	61	60	58	59



Federal Graduation Rate Trends for Division III Women's Sports

Sport	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Basketball	71	72	73	73	73
Cross Country/Track	79	81	81	80	80
Crew/Rowing	84	85	86	88	87
Field Hockey	80	82	83	82	82
Golf	76	79	78	78	79
Gymnastics	83	82	83	83	84
Ice Hockey	72	76	76	77	78
Lacrosse	80	82	82	81	81
Skiing	89	88	91	89	90
Soccer	75	77	77	77	78
Softball	75	77	77	77	77
Swimming	84	85	85	84	85
Tennis	77	79	80	79	80
Volleyball	74	75	75	75	75
Water Polo	81	79	84	84	84



Comparison of Federal Graduation Rates Between Student-Athletes and Student Body

For Select Groups in 2024

	Student-Athletes	Student Body
Overall	70%	67%
Men	64%	63%
Women	79%	70%
Black	47%	50%
White	74%	70%
Black Men	42%	43%
White Men	69%	66%
Black Women	63%	55%
White Women	81%	73%



Comparison of Federal Graduation Rates Between Student-Athletes and Student Body

For Select Groups in 2024

Group	Student- Athletes	Student Body	Football	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball
Overall	70%	67%	52%	58%	73%
Black	47%	50%	35%	45%	58%
White	74%	70%	60%	67%	78%





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