



Changes in the Number of Division I Graduate Transfers

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Summary

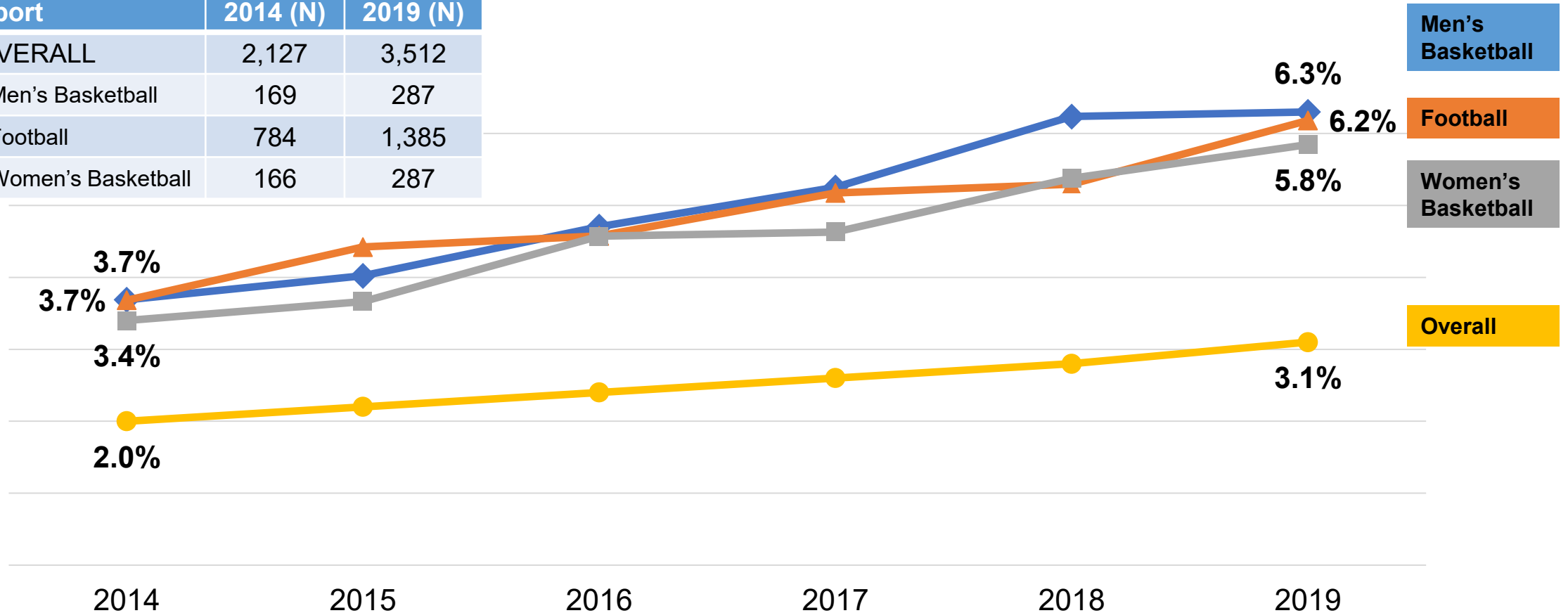
- ▶ The percent of student-athletes competing as postgraduates continues to increase (2.0% in 2014, 3.1% in 2019). This includes those pursuing second undergraduate majors/degrees, general undergraduate coursework, or graduate degrees—either at the same institution or as graduate transfers.
- ▶ The number of graduate transfers in both men's and women's sports has more than doubled in the last five years.
- ▶ However, the number of graduate transfers remains low relative to the total number of participants in Division I sports. There were 706 graduate transfers identified in the 2019 Division I APR cohort out of nearly 113,000 Division I student-athletes (0.6%).
- ▶ Graduate transfers are most prevalent in men's basketball (2.7% of the cohort were graduate transfers), football, women's basketball and men's and women's track and field.

Methods

- ▶ “Graduate transfers” were defined as student-athletes who previously earned a bachelor’s degree and then enrolled during the 2018-19 academic year (labeled as “2019” in the following charts) as a graduate student at a different Division I college. The number of graduate transfers in both men’s and women’s sports has more than doubled in the last five years.
- ▶ Only Division I student-athletes in the APR cohort were part of the analyses (includes most scholarship and recruited student-athletes).
- ▶ Men’s and women’s cross country were removed from analyses to avoid double-counting track and field and cross country participants.

Percent of Student-Athletes Competing as Postgraduates in the Division I Cohort (2014-19)

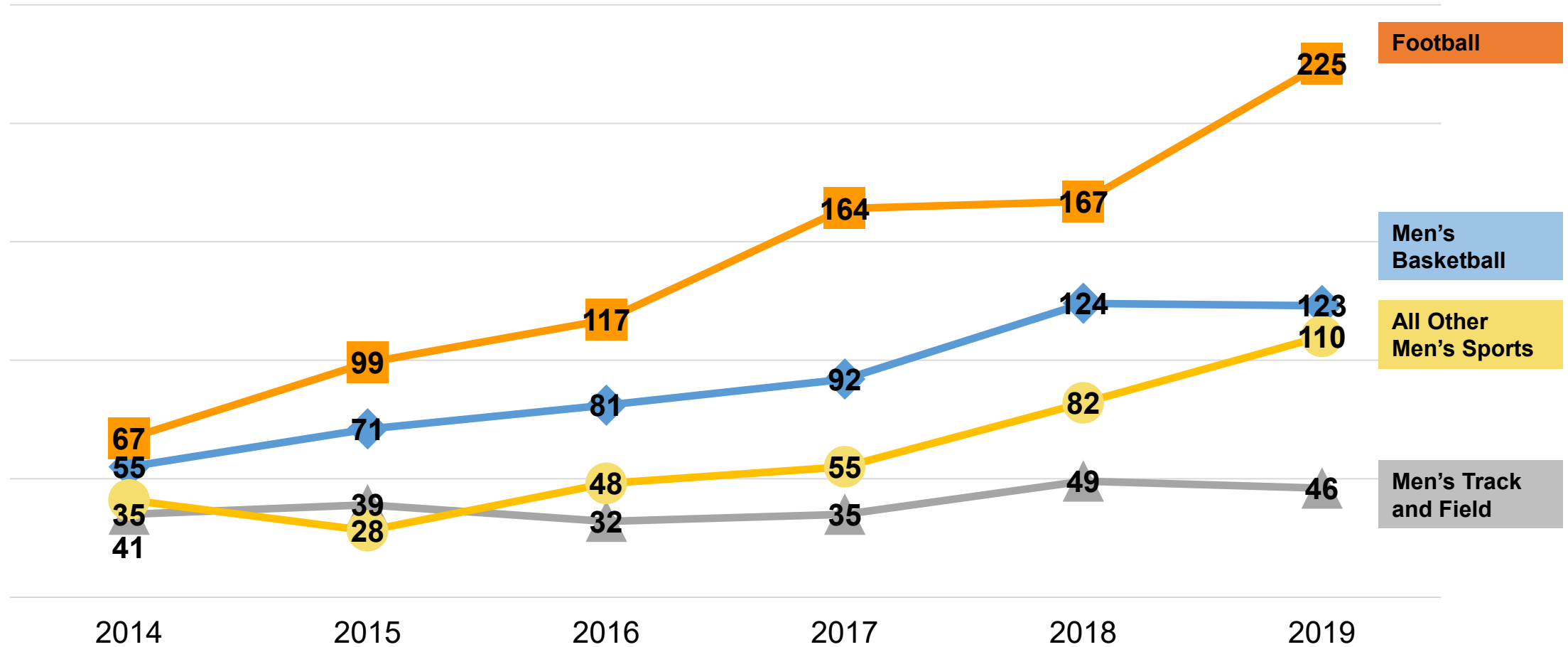
Sport	2014 (N)	2019 (N)
OVERALL	2,127	3,512
Men's Basketball	169	287
Football	784	1,385
Women's Basketball	166	287



Note: Postgraduates are Division I student-athletes in the APR cohort who compete after earning their undergraduate degree. This includes those pursuing graduate degrees (either at the same institution or as graduate transfers), second undergraduate majors/degrees or general undergraduate coursework.

Changes in the Number of Division I Graduate Transfers

(Men's Sports, 2014-19)



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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Football	67	99	117	164	167	225
Basketball	55	71	81	92	124	123
Track & Field	35	39	32	35	49	46
Baseball	10	6	16	20	23	43
Soccer	15	11	17	18	31	31
Wrestling	5	1	4	5	6	9
Tennis	3	1	4	5	8	8
Ice Hockey	1	1	1	2	4	5
Golf	1	1	2	3	3	4
Lacrosse	5	5	4	0	4	4
Swim & Dive	1	1	0	0	2	3
Volleyball	0	1	0	1	0	2
Skiing	0	0	0	1	0	1
Water Polo	0	0	0	0	1	0

Note: Men's sports with no graduate transfers between 2014 and 2019 (fencing and gymnastics) were not included.

Percentage of Division I Graduate Transfers in APR Cohort

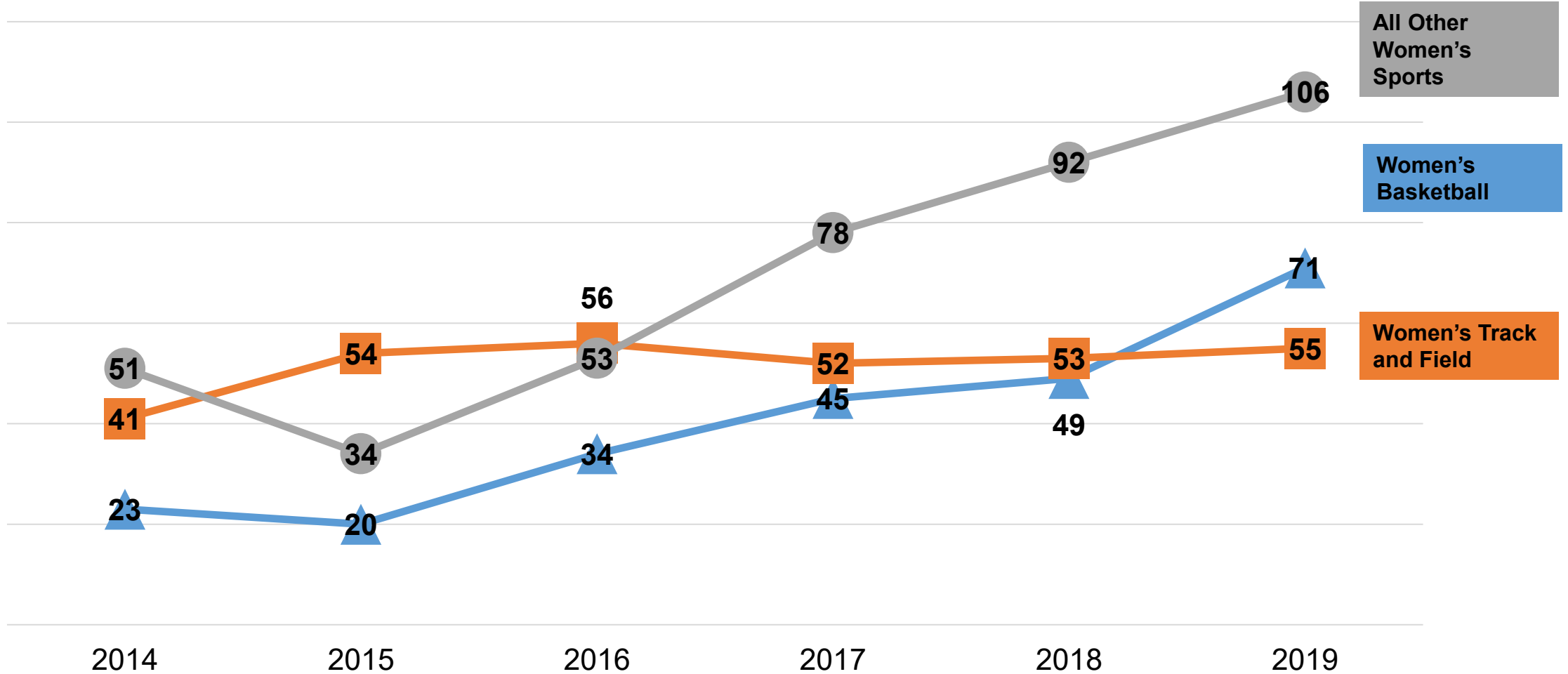
(Men's Sports, 2019 APR Cohort)

	Number of Graduate Transfers	Total Number SAs in APR Cohort	% Graduate Transfers
Basketball	123	4,635	2.7%
Football	225	22,407	1.0%
Soccer	31	4,154	0.7%
Track & Field	46	7,086	0.6%
Baseball	43	7,567	0.6%
Wrestling	9	1,658	0.5%
Tennis	8	2,096	0.4%
Ice Hockey	5	1,525	0.3%
Lacrosse	4	2,449	0.2%
Golf	4	2,558	0.2%
Swim & Dive	3	2,708	0.1%

Note: Restricted to sports with over 500 student-athletes in the 2019 cohort.

Changes in the Number of Division I Graduate Transfers

(Women's Sports, 2014-19)



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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Basketball	23	20	34	45	49	71
Track & Field	41	54	56	52	53	55
Beach Volleyball	--	--	16	21	34	28
Soccer	14	11	4	14	9	21
Volleyball	14	8	13	11	14	15
Field Hockey	6	1	6	8	4	7
Lacrosse	5	2	4	3	7	7
Softball	1	6	0	3	9	7
Tennis	3	1	3	4	6	7
Golf	3	0	2	7	1	6
Skiing	0	1	0	0	1	2
Swim & Dive	1	1	3	4	2	2
Bowling	0	0	0	1	1	1
Rowing	2	2	1	0	3	1
Gymnastics	0	0	0	0	0	1
Water Polo	1	0	0	0	1	1
Fencing	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ice Hockey	1	0	0	1	0	0

Percentage of Division I Graduate Transfers in APR Cohort

(Women's Sports, 2019 APR Cohort)

	Number of Graduate Transfers	Total Number SAs in APR Cohort	% Graduate Transfers
Basketball	71	4,909	1.4%
Track & Field	55	9,597	0.6%
Field Hockey	7	1,488	0.5%
Volleyball	15	4,296	0.3%
Golf	6	2,044	0.3%
Tennis	7	2,435	0.3%
Soccer	21	8,449	0.2%
Lacrosse	7	3,205	0.2%
Water Polo	1	560	0.2%
Gymnastics	1	804	0.1%
Softball	7	5,966	0.1%
Swim & Dive	2	4,608	0.0%
Rowing	1	2,654	0.0%
Ice Hockey	0	761	0.0%

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