

NCAA Recruiting Facts

College sports create a pathway to opportunity for student-athletes.

Division I

Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the highest number of athletics scholarships.

PARTICIPATION

204,000

Student-Athletes

355

Active Schools

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

59%

of athletes receive athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Graduation Success Rate



OTHER STATS

8,883

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

19

Average Number of Teams per School

1 in 23

Students Who Are Athletes

26*

Division I National Championships

Division II

Division II schools provide growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and a focus on service to the community.

PARTICIPATION

133,000

Student-Athletes

293

Active Schools

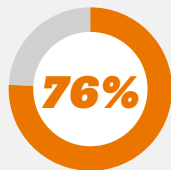
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

64%

of athletes receive athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Academic Success Rate



OTHER STATS

2,169

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

17

Average Number of Teams per School

1 in 7

Students Who Are Athletes

25*

Division II National Championships

Division III

Division III schools offer participation in a competitive athletics environment that pushes college athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential by tackling new challenges across campus.

PARTICIPATION

202,000

Student-Athletes

425

Active Schools

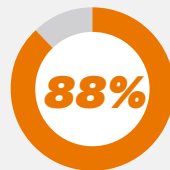
FINANCIAL AID

80%

of athletes receive nonathletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2023 Academic Success Rate



OTHER STATS

1,617

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

19

Average Number of Teams per School

1 in 5

Students Who Are Athletes

28*

Division III National Championships



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NCAA DIVISION I

Academic Standards

NCAA DIVISION II
MAKE IT YOURS

Academic Standards

NCAA DIVISION III
DISCOVER | DEVELOP | DEDICATE

Amateurism Standards

Graduation rates for student-athletes include those who transfer from one school to another.

The number of schools for each division is current as of the 2024-25 academic year. All other figures are based on 2023-24 data.

* Each division also participates in 11 cross-divisional National Collegiate Championships.

Facts About NCAA Sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Division I and II schools provide nearly \$4.0 billion in athletics scholarships annually to 197,000 student-athletes. While Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships, 80% of Division III student-athletes receive some form of merit- or need-based financial aid.

Do many high school athletes earn athletics scholarships?

Very few, in fact. Only about 2% of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

Do NCAA student-athletes have difficulty meeting graduation requirements with the time demands of their sport?

Overall, student-athletes graduate at higher rates than their peers in the student body, and those rates rise each year.

[Click here](#) for more information on graduation rates.

Do many NCAA student-athletes go on to play professionally?

Of the student-athletes participating in college sports with professional leagues, less than 2% become professional athletes. A college education is the most rewarding benefit of your student-athlete experience. There are more than 500,000 NCAA student-athletes, and **less than 2%** will go pro in their sport.

Estimated Probability of Competing in Athletics Beyond High School

	Baseball	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Men's Ice Hockey	Women's Soccer	Softball
High School Student-Athletes	478,451	537,438	373,366	1,028,761	33,013	377,838	344,952
NCAA Student-Athletes	38,849	19,213	16,668	77,204	4,388	29,959	21,646
Drafted NCAA Student-Athletes	444	46	33	259	69	47	24
Percentage High School to NCAA	8.1%	3.6%	4.5%	7.5%	13.3%	7.9%	6.3%
*Percentage NCAA to Major Professional	5.1%	1.1%	0.9%	1.5%	7.1%	0.7%	0.5%

Note: High school and college participation data are from the 2022-23 academic year.

*The percentage of NCAA student-athletes moving on to major professional leagues is based on the number of draft picks in the 2023 MLB, NBA, WNBA, NFL, NHL, NWSL and WPF drafts.



**More Than 500,000 Student-Athletes
Over 1,000 Schools
24 Sports
3 Divisions
1 Association**

