



# 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.



# 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.

# 2023 Four-Cohort Division III Graduation Rates

(Aggregate six-year graduation rates for 2013-16 entering cohorts)

	Student-Athletes		Student Body
	ASR	Federal Rate	Federal Rate
<b>DIII Overall</b>	88%	70%	67%
<b>DIII Men</b>	84%	64%	63%
<b>DIII Women</b>	94%	78%	70%



# 2023 Single-Cohort Division III Graduation Rates

(Six-year graduation rates for 2016 entering cohort)

	Student-Athletes		Student Body
	ASR	Federal Rate	Federal Rate
<b>DIII Overall</b>	88%	69%	66%
<b>DIII Men</b>	84%	63%	62%
<b>DIII Women</b>	94%	78%	70%



# Academic Success Rates (ASR)



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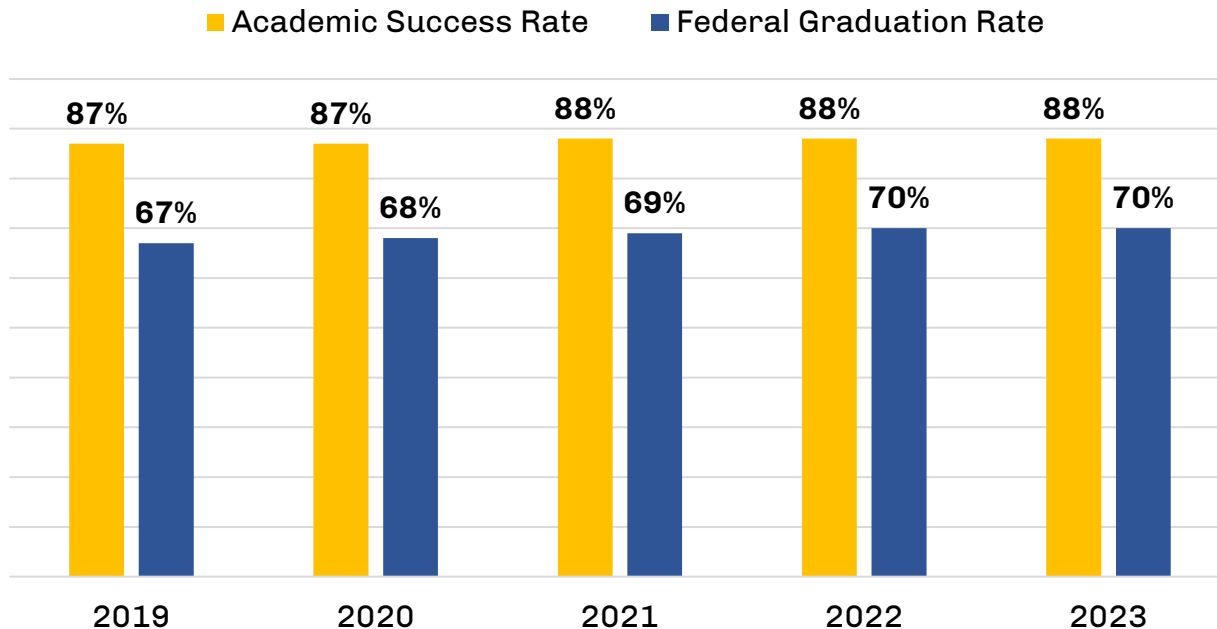
# Notes About ASR Trends

- The 2023 reporting cycle was the fourth year the federal graduation rate/ASR data submission was required for all Division III institutions.
- Data submission was voluntary for the 2017 through 2019 reporting cycles. In each of those years, more than half of Division III institutions reported. The submitted data were determined to be 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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baseball	87	88	88	88	89
Basketball	78	79	79	80	80
Cross Country/Track	88	88	89	89	88
Football	73	74	75	75	75
Golf	89	88	89	89	89
Ice Hockey	86	87	87	88	88
Lacrosse	86	86	87	87	87
Skiing	92	92	94	94	94
Soccer	84	85	85	85	85
Swimming	90	90	90	90	91
Tennis	91	90	91	91	91
Volleyball	77	82	82	85	86
Water Polo	86	89	91	92	90
Wrestling	85	84	81	80	79



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# ASR Trends for Division III Women's Sports

Four-Class Averages by Reporting Year

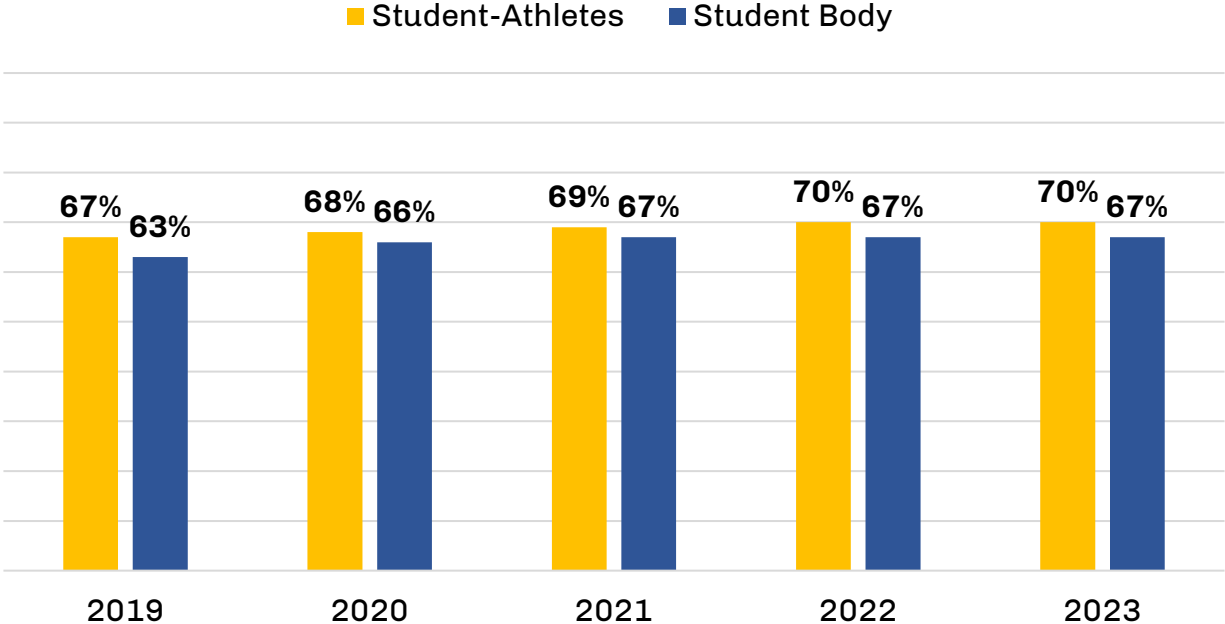
Sport	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Basketball	91	91	91	91	91
Cross Country/Track	94	95	95	94	94
Crew/Rowing	94	94	95	96	96
Field Hockey	95	95	96	96	95
Golf	94	95	95	95	94
Gymnastics	95	95	95	94	94
Ice Hockey	92	91	93	93	93
Lacrosse	95	95	96	96	95
Skiing	96	97	96	98	98
Soccer	93	93	93	93	93
Softball	93	94	93	93	93
Swimming	96	96	96	95	95
Tennis	93	95	95	95	94
Volleyball	93	93	92	92	92
Water Polo	97	96	96	97	97



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# Federal Graduation Rates

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



# Federal Graduation Rate Trends for Division III Men's Sports

Four-Class Averages by Reporting Year

Sport	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baseball	66	66	68	70	70
Basketball	57	57	58	58	58
Cross Country/Track	71	71	73	73	73
Football	50	51	53	53	52
Golf	69	69	69	71	71
Ice Hockey	64	65	68	68	68
Lacrosse	66	66	68	69	69
Skiing	85	85	86	86	83
Soccer	64	65	65	65	65
Swimming	77	77	77	78	78
Tennis	74	72	74	74	75
Volleyball	59	63	66	70	70
Water Polo	73	76	80	79	77
Wrestling	64	62	61	60	58

# Federal Graduation Rate Trends for Division III Women's Sports

Four-Class Averages by Reporting Year

Sport	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Basketball	71	71	72	73	73
Cross Country/Track	79	79	81	81	80
Crew/Rowing	85	84	85	86	88
Field Hockey	80	80	82	83	82
Golf	77	76	79	78	78
Gymnastics	84	83	82	83	83
Ice Hockey	71	72	76	76	77
Lacrosse	80	80	82	82	81
Skiing	87	89	88	91	89
Soccer	75	75	77	77	77
Softball	75	75	77	77	77
Swimming	85	84	85	85	84
Tennis	76	77	79	80	79
Volleyball	73	74	75	75	75
Water Polo	83	81	79	84	84



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

For Select Groups in 2023

	<b>Student-Athletes</b>	<b>Student Body</b>
<b>Overall</b>	70%	67%
<b>Men</b>	64%	63%
<b>Women</b>	78%	70%
<b>Black</b>	47%	50%
<b>White</b>	74%	69%
<b>Black Men</b>	42%	44%
<b>White Men</b>	69%	66%
<b>Black Women</b>	63%	56%
<b>White Women</b>	80%	73%





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For Select Groups in 2023

<b>Group</b>	<b>Student-Athletes</b>	<b>Student Body</b>	<b>Football</b>	<b>Men's Basketball</b>	<b>Women's Basketball</b>
<b>Overall</b>	70%	67%	52%	58%	73%
<b>Black</b>	47%	50%	36%	45%	58%
<b>White</b>	74%	69%	60%	67%	77%





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