

NCAA Recruiting Facts

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

Division I

Division I schools, on average, enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wide array of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships and additional financial support.

PARTICIPATION

188,710

student-athletes

351

colleges and universities

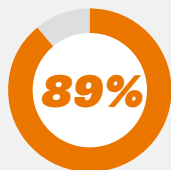
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

58%

of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2021 Graduation Success Rate:



OTHER STATS

8,449

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

19

Average Number of Teams per School

5%

Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports

26

Division I National Championships

Division II

Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level athletics competition and community engagement. Many participants are first-generation college students.

PARTICIPATION

130,373

student-athletes

296

colleges and universities

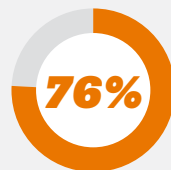
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

67%

of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2021 Academic Success Rate:



OTHER STATS

2,300

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

16

Average Number of Teams per School

11%

Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports

25

Division II National Championships

Division III

The Division III experience provides an integrated environment that focuses on academic success while offering competitive athletics and meaningful nonathletics opportunities.

PARTICIPATION

201,387

student-athletes

433

colleges and universities

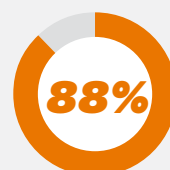
FINANCIAL AID

80%

of all student-athletes receive some form of academic scholarship or need-based grant; institutional gift aid totals \$17,000 on average.

ACADEMICS

2021 Academic Success Rate:



OTHER STATS

1,655

Median Undergraduate Enrollment

19

Average Number of Teams per School

17%

Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports

28

Division III National Championships



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*Graduation rate for student-athletes, including those who transfer from one school to another. Revised Fall 2022: The number of schools for each division is current as of the 2022-23 academic year. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools. Student-athlete participation numbers include NCAA championship sports only and are current as of the 2021-22 academic year.

Facts About NCAA Sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Division I and II schools provide more than \$3.7 billion in athletics scholarships annually to nearly 190,000 student-athletes. Division III schools, with more than 183,000 student-athletes, do not offer athletically related financial aid, but most student-athletes receive some form of academic scholarship or need-based grant.

Do many high school athletes earn athletics scholarships?

Very few, in fact. About 2% of high school athletes are awarded some form of athletics scholarship to compete in college.

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

While competing in college does require strong time-management skills and some thoughtful planning with academic advisors, on average NCAA student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.

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

Fewer than 2% of NCAA student-athletes go on to be professional athletes. In reality, most student-athletes depend on academics to prepare them for life after college. Education is important. There are nearly half a million NCAA student-athletes, and most of them will go pro in something other than sports.

ESTIMATED PROBABILITY OF COMPETING IN NCAA ATHLETICS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Student-Athletes	All Sports	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey
High School Student-Athletes	7,200,000	540,800	399,100	1,006,000	482,700	35,300
NCAA Student-Athletes	499,000	18,800	16,500	73,700	36,000	4,300
Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA	7%	3.5%	4.1%	7.3%	7.5%	12.3%
Percentage Moving from NCAA to Major Professional*	2%	1.2%	0.8%	1.6%	9.9%	7.4%

*Percent NCAA to Major Professional figures are based on the number of draft picks made in the NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB and NHL drafts.

Note: The number of student-athletes in this table is current as of the 2018-19 academic year. NFHS statement to media (August 2021): Due to challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the NFHS and its state associations were not able to obtain participation information for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.



Over 500,000 Student-athletes
20,000 Teams
3 Divisions
1 Association