



NCAA RECRUITING FACTS

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

490,000
Student-athletes

19,500
Teams

3 Divisions
1 Association

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.

PARTICIPATION

- 179,200 student-athletes
- 351 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

59 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2017 Graduation Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 9,629
Average Number of Teams per School: 19
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 4 percent
Division I National Championships: 26

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

- 121,900 student-athletes
- 308 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

62 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 72 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,485
Average Number of Teams per School: 16
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 9 percent
Division II National Championships: 25

DIVISION III

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

PARTICIPATION

- 190,900 student-athletes
- 443 colleges and universities

FINANCIAL AID

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

ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 1,748
Average Number of Teams per School: 18
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 26 percent
Division III National Championships: 28

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*Graduation rate for student-athletes, including those who transfer from one school to another.



Facts about NCAA sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Divisions I and II schools provide more than \$3 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Division III schools, with more than 190,000 student-athletes, do not offer athletically related financial aid, but most student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship.

Do many high school athletes earn athletics scholarships?

Very few, in fact. About 2 percent 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 percent 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 | Men's Soccer |
|--|------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|--------------|
| High School Student-Athletes | 7,300,000 | 546,400 | 429,400 | 1,083,300 | 488,800 | 35,200 | 440,300 |
| NCAA Student-Athletes | 492,000 | 18,700 | 16,600 | 73,700 | 34,600 | 4,100 | 24,800 |
| Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA | 6% | 3.4% | 3.9% | 6.8% | 7.1% | 11.7% | 5.6% |
| Percentage Moving from NCAA to Major Professional* | 2% | 1.1% | 0.9% | 1.5% | 9.1% | 5.6% | 1.4% |

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

