



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.

PARTICIPATION

- **182,681** student-athletes
- **350** colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

57% of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2019 Graduation Success Rate: **88%***

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: **8,960**
Average Number of Teams per School: **19**
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: **4%**
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

- **122,722** student-athletes
- **302** colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

63% of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid.

ACADEMICS

2019 Academic Success Rate: **73%***

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: **2,428**
Average Number of Teams per School: **16**
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: **10%**
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

- **193,814** student-athletes
- **439** colleges and universities

FINANCIAL AID

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

ACADEMICS

2019 Academic Success Rate: **87%***

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: **1,740**
Average Number of Teams per School: **19**
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: **17%**
Division III National Championships: **28**

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

Revised August 2020: The number of schools for each division is current as of the 2020-21 academic year. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools. All other data are current as of the 2018-19 academic year.



Facts about NCAA sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Divisions I and II schools provide more than **\$3.6 billion** in athletics scholarships annually to more than **180,000** 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% 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.