



NCAA RECRUITING FACTS

College sports offer student-athletes opportunities to learn, compete and succeed.

More than
460,000
Student-athletes

19,000
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

- 173,500 student-athletes
- 346 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

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

ACADEMICS

2012 Graduation Success Rate: 81 percent*

OTHER STATS

Average Enrollment: 12,900
Average Number of Sports: 18
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 6 percent
Division I National Championships: 26 (1 out of every 8.5 student-athletes participates)

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

- 109,100 student-athletes
- 300 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

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

ACADEMICS

2012 Academic Success Rate: 71 percent*

OTHER STATS

Average Enrollment: 4,200
Average Number of Sports: 15
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 14 percent
Division II National Championships: 25 (1 out of every 7 student-athletes participates)

DIVISION III

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

PARTICIPATION

- 183,500 student-athletes
- 450 colleges and universities

FINANCIAL AID

75 percent of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship; institutional gift aid totals \$13,500 on average

ACADEMICS

2012 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Average Enrollment: 2,600
Average Number of Sports: 18
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 21 percent
Division III National Championships: 28 (1 out of every 10 student-athletes participates)

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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 \$2.7 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Division III schools, with more than 180,000 student-athletes, do not offer athletically related financial aid, but many 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 more than 460,000 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	7,400,000	538,700	433,100	1,100,000	474,800	35,200	411,000
NCAA Student-Athletes	460,000	18,000	16,200	70,100	32,500	4,000	23,400
Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA	6%	3%	4%	6%	7%	11%	6%
Percentage Moving from NCAA to Professional	2%	1%	1%	2%	9%	1%	2%

