



# 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%

