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

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.