

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRADUATION-RATES REPORT

This information sheet and the Graduation-Rates Report have been prepared by the NCAA, based on data provided by the institution in compliance with NCAA Bylaw 30.1 and the federal Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act. Each NCAA Division II and III college or university that offers athletics aid is required to distribute this sheet and the report to prospective student-athletes and prospects' parents as specified in Bylaw 13.3.1.2.

The Graduation-Rates Report provides information about two groups of students at the college or university identified at the top of the form: (1) all undergraduate students who were enrolled full-time in a program of studies for a degree, and (2) student-athletes who received athletics aid from the college or university for any period of time during their entering year. [Note: Athletics aid is a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver or other assistance from a college or university that is awarded on the basis of a student's athletics ability.] Caution should be used when using Division III student-athlete data. Federal regulations calculate graduation rates for student-athletes who receive athletics aid, but only a very small number of Division III member institutions grant athletics aid (institutions that have traditionally participated in a sport at the Division I level and a few institutions who are moving from Division II or NAIA classification to Division III). Since it is only those student-athletes receiving athletics aid who appear in this report (per federal law), the vast majority of Division III student-athletes are not reflected in these data.

The report gives graduation information about students and student-athletes who entered as full-time students for the first time in the fall of 1998. The report provides information about student-athletes who received athletics aid in one or more of eight sports categories: football, men's basketball, baseball, men's track/cross country, men's other sports and mixed sports, women's basketball, women's track/cross country, and women's other sports. For each of those sports categories, it includes information on seven self-reported racial or ethnic groups: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, White, Non-resident Alien and Other (not included in one of the other six groups or not available), and the total (all seven groups combined).

A graduation rate (percent) is based on a comparison of the number (N) of students who entered a college or university as first-time full-time students in a given year and the number of those who graduated within six years. For example, if 100 students entered and 80 graduated within six years, the graduation rate is 80 percent. It is important to note that graduation rates are affected by a number of factors: some students may return as part-time students, some may leave school to work or travel, some may transfer to another college or university, or some may be dismissed for academic deficiencies.

Freshman-Cohort Graduation Rates.

The section at the top of the Graduation-Rates Report provides freshman-cohort graduation rates for all students and for student-athletes who received athletics aid at this college or university.

1. Graduation-Rates Data.

1-a, All Students. This section provides the freshman-cohort graduation rates for all full-time, degree-seeking students by race or ethnic group. It shows the rates for men who entered as freshmen in 1998-99 and the four-class average, which includes those who entered as freshmen in 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98. The same rates are provided for women. The totals for 1998-99 are the rates for men and women combined, and the four-class average is for all students who entered in 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99. [Note: Pursuant to the Student-Right-to-Know Act, anytime a cell containing cohort numbers includes only one or two students, the data in that cell and one other will be suppressed so that no individual can be identified.]

1-b, Student-Athletes. This section provides the freshman-cohort graduation rates for student-athletes in each race and ethnic group who received athletics aid. Information is provided for men and women separately and for all student-athletes. For institutions that do not award athletics aid, student-athlete data are not applicable and, therefore, no numbers or percentages are reported.

1-c, Student-Athletes by Sports Category. This section provides the identified graduation-rates as in 1-b for each of the eight sports categories. (The small letters indicate the value of N.) For those institutions that award athletics aid in only one sport, only those data are reflected.

2. Undergraduate-Enrollment Data (Full-time undergraduate students who enrolled in the fall of 2003).

2-a, All Students. This section indicates the number of full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students who were enrolled for the 2003 fall term and the number of men and women in each racial or ethnic group.

2-b, Student-Athletes. This section identifies how many student-athletes were enrolled for the 2002 fall term and the number of men and women in each racial or ethnic group. For institutions that do not award athletics aid, student-athlete data are not applicable and, therefore, no numbers or percentages are reported.

2-c, Student-Athletes by Sports Category. This section provides the enrollment data as identified in 2-b for each of the eight sports categories. For those institutions that award athletics aid in only one sport, only those data are reflected.