DII FACTS AND FIGURES

ENROLLMENT AT DII ACTIVE MEMBERS

37.1%
114 Institutions with 2,500-7,499 students

50.8%
156 Institutions with fewer than 2,500 students

10.4%
32 Institutions with 7,500-14,999 students

1.6%
5 Institutions with 15,000 students and more

AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

Schools without football:

284
144 MEN
140 WOMEN

Schools with football:

443
277 MEN
166 WOMEN

MEN

Undergraduate enrollment is 539,529 (44%), 69,448 of whom are student-athletes (13%). Average number of sports sponsored is 7.1.

WOMEN

Undergraduate enrollment is 690,395 (56%), 49,618 of whom are student-athletes (7%). Average number of sports sponsored is 8.2.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

12 men’s championships = 8,720 participants total
13 women’s championships = 7,929 participants total

1:7 championships participation ratio*

*The Division II championships access ratio is the best in the NCAA.

TYPE OF SCHOOL

49/51
Percentage of public vs. private (active members only)

THE CONFERENCES

13 SCHOOLS IN THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

24 CONFERENCES
307 ACTIVE MEMBERS

4 SCHOOLS IN YEAR THREE
7 SCHOOLS IN YEAR TWO
2 SCHOOLS IN YEAR ONE

MEDIAN TOTAL EXPENSES

Median total expenses by quartile (in millions)

1ST QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS:
(with football) $9.8
(without football) $7.4

2ND QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS:
(with football) $6.9
(without football) $5.1

3RD QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS:
(with football) $5.5
(without football) $3.9

4TH QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS:
(with football) $3.5
(without football) $2.8

OVERALL MEDIAN EXPENSES: $5.4 million

GRADUATION RATES

Division II graduation rates (2005-08 cohorts)

49% student body federal rate
55% student-athlete federal rate
71% Academic Success Rate
**Myth:** All Division II schools have small enrollments.
**Fact:** About 45 percent of Division II’s 307 member institutions are classified as either medium (3,000-10,000 undergraduates) or large (more than 10,000 undergraduates).

**Myth:** Division II athletics programs are isolated from their communities.
**Fact:** Division II has contributed more than $4 million to Make-A-Wish and Team Impact and stages community engagement activities at all 25 Division II championships.

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**Fact:** Among Division II’s most attractive attributes is the fact that athletics participation doesn’t preclude athletes from being equally passionate about their academics. A recent survey of DII athletes indicated that most of them chose their academic major because they were interested in the topic, and that it helped prepare them for a particular career field – not because their coaches steered them into that curriculum because it would benefit their athletics participation.

**Myth:** All Division II schools have small enrollments.
**Fact:** Division II is the only NCAA division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.

**Myth:** All Division II schools are in small towns or rural areas.
**Fact:** Actually, most Division II colleges and universities (65 percent) are located in cities or suburbs.

40% City
(territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city)

25% Suburb
(territory outside principal city/inside urbanized area)

30% Town
(territory inside an urban cluster)

5% Rural
(census-defined rural territory)

**Myth:** Division II has no well-known alumni.
**Fact:** Here’s just a sampling of national leaders who played sports at Division II schools:

- **Sheila Baxter** (basketball, Virginia State; first female brigadier general in the Medical Service Corps)
- **Bob Bowlsby** (wrestling, Minnesota State Moorhead; commissioner of the Big 12 Conference)
- **Jim Crane** (baseball, Central Missouri; chairman of the Houston Astros)
- **Gail Goestenkors** (basketball, Saginaw Valley State; WNBA assistant coach)
- **Tom Izzo** (basketball, Northern Michigan; head men’s coach at Michigan State)
- **Sandra (Hall) Magnus** (soccer, Missouri S&T; NASA astronaut)

Edwin Moses (track and field, Morehouse; chair of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency)
Donna Orender (basketball, Queens (New York); former WNBA president)
David Williams (tennis, Bloomsburg; CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation)

**Myth:** Division II athletics programs are isolated from their communities.
**Fact:** Division II offers a unique “partial-scholarship” model for financial aid in which most student-athletes’ college experiences are funded through a mix of athletics-based grants, academic scholarships and employment earnings. The partial-scholarship model allows Division II schools to recognize athletes for their skills through athletics-based aid, but they also can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships, as well.

**Myth:** Division II athletics programs are isolated from their communities.
**Fact:** Almost all Division II schools invite families and fans onto the fields and courts after football and basketball games, and most stadiums and arenas are constructed such that fans are close to the action. Division II contests are affordable, family-friendly options for community members.

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**Fact:** Division II athletes will be featured on more than 100 national broadcasts in 2015-16 alone.