

**NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate  
and  
NCAA Division II Academic Success Rate**

**Public Use Dataset Codebook**

*Division II National Aggregation Student-Body*



## **Study Overview**

### **Introduction.**

The Federal Graduation Rate, Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Success Rate (ASR) all measure the graduation success of students at NCAA member institutions in a relatively similar fashion. At their core, all are based on a comparison of the number of students who entered a college or university in a given year and the number of those who graduated within six years of their initial enrollment. For example, if 100 students entered and 60 graduated within six years, the rate is 60 percent.

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{Cohort Members Graduating within 6 Years}}{\text{All Cohort Members}} * 100$$

Where these rates differ is in how each defines the relevant cohort of students.

### **Definitions.**

#### ***Federal Graduation Rate.***

An institution's Federal Graduation Rate cohort for a given academic year includes undergraduate students who enrolled in the fall of that academic year as first-time, full-time, baccalaureate-degree-seeking freshmen. The Federal Graduation Rate cohort for the entire student-body includes all students who meet that definition; the federal cohort for student-athletes includes those who meet that definition and receive athletics aid from the college or university for any period during their freshman year. [Note: Athletics aid is a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver or other assistance that is awarded on the basis of athletics ability.]

The federal student-body and student-athlete cohorts are not mutually exclusive; student-athletes are included in both (i.e., the student-athlete cohort is a subset of the student-body cohort). Students and student-athletes who become permanently disabled, leave school to join the armed forces or foreign services, leave to attend a church mission, or die during the six-year collection window are considered "allowable exclusions" and are removed from the cohort.

#### ***Graduation Success Rate (GSR).***

The GSR is calculated only for student-athletes who are on a team that plays at the NCAA Division I level. An institution's GSR cohort for a given year includes the student-athletes in the federal cohort for that year as defined above (minus exclusions), as well as student-athletes who entered midyear and those who transferred into the institution from either two-year or four-year colleges (see below for more details on transfers). In the GSR, student-athletes who leave the institution but would have been academically eligible to compete in athletics if they had returned, are removed from the cohort thus reducing the denominator of the rate.

For teams that offer athletically related financial aid, midyear enrollees and transfers must receive athletics aid in their first term at the institution to be included in the GSR cohort.

Transfers are placed in the cohort corresponding to their first year of full-time enrollment in any postsecondary institution. For example, a student-athlete who first enrolls full time in Institution A in 2002-03, then transfers to Institution B in 2004-05, would be part of Institution B's 2002-03 GSR cohort. If Institution A is an NCAA member and the student-athlete left in good academic standing, he or she is essentially removed from Institution A's 2002-03 GSR cohort and added to Institution B's 2002-03 cohort.

Some Division I institutions do not offer athletically related financial aid (Ivy League, military academies) or do not grant athletically related financial aid in all of their sponsored sports. The GSR cohort for these institutions or squads will consist of freshmen who are on the roster as of the team's first date of competition.

**GSR Calculation Formula.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Graduates:} \\
 & \quad [First-Time, Full-Time Fall Freshmen on Athletics Aid] \\
 & \quad + \\
 & \quad [2- and 4-Year Transfers on Athletics Aid] \\
 & \quad + \\
 & \quad [January Enrollees on Athletics Aid] \\
 & \quad + \\
 \text{GSR} = & \frac{[Non-Scholarship Student-Athletes if Institution/Team Does not offer Athletics Aid]}{
 \begin{pmatrix}
 \text{Enrolled:} \\
 [First-Time, Full-Time Fall Freshmen on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [2- and 4-Year Transfers on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [January Enrollees on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [Non-Scholarship Student-Athletes if Institution/Team Does not Offer Athletics Aid]
 \end{pmatrix}
 -
 \begin{pmatrix}
 \text{Excluded:} \\
 [First-Time, Full-Time Fall Freshmen on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [2- and 4-Year Transfers on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [January Enrollees on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [Non-Scholarship Student-Athletes if Institution/Team Does not Offer Athletics Aid]
 \end{pmatrix}
 -
 \begin{pmatrix}
 \text{Left Eligible:} \\
 [First-Time, Full-Time Fall Freshmen on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [2- and 4-Year Transfers on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [January Enrollees on Athletics Aid] \\
 + \\
 [Non-Scholarship Student-Athletes if Institution/Team Does not Offer Athletics Aid]
 \end{pmatrix}
 }
 \end{aligned}$$

**Academic Success Rate (ASR).**

The ASR is calculated only for student-athletes who are on a team that plays at the NCAA Division II level. The cohort definition is identical to Division I's GSR, except that it includes **all** non-aided freshmen student-athletes who are on a roster during their first year at the institution, rather than just those on athletics aid.

**ASR Calculation Formula.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Graduates:} \\
 & \quad [First-Time, Full-Time Fall Freshmen on Athletics Aid] \\
 & \quad \quad + \\
 & \quad \quad [2- and 4-Year Transfers on Athletics Aid] \\
 & \quad \quad \quad + \\
 & \quad \quad \quad [January Enrollees on Athletics Aid] \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \quad + \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \quad [Non-Scholarship Student-Athletes] \\
 ASR = & \frac{\quad}{\quad} \\
 & \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Enrolled:} \\ [First-Time, Full-Time} \\ \text{Fall Freshmen} \\ \text{on Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [2- and 4-Year} \\ \text{Transfers on} \\ \text{Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [January} \\ \text{Enrollees on} \\ \text{Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [Non-Scholarship} \\ \text{Student-Athletes} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Excluded:} \\ [First-Time, Full-Time} \\ \text{Fall Freshmen} \\ \text{on Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [2- and 4-Year} \\ \text{Transfers on} \\ \text{Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [January} \\ \text{Enrollees on} \\ \text{Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [Non-Scholarship} \\ \text{Student-Athletes} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Left Eligible:} \\ [First-Time, Full-Time} \\ \text{Fall Freshmen} \\ \text{on Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [2- and 4-Year} \\ \text{Transfers on} \\ \text{Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [January} \\ \text{Enrollees on} \\ \text{Athletics Aid} \\ + \\ [Non-Scholarship} \\ \text{Student-Athletes} \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Data File No. 8: Division II National Aggregation Student-Body.**

**General Note.**

This file should be used for analyses of student-body data by gender and/or ethnicity for the Division II population. The file is aggregated at the level of ethnicity within gender for Division II. It contains national aggregated numbers on numerators and denominators for Federal Graduation Rate at the level of gender and race/ethnicity. The sample included in this file covers Division II student-body from cohort 1995 through cohort 2010. Because the sample

included in this file is limited to **active** Division II member schools, the numbers in this data file may differ slightly from the national aggregated numbers in the graduation rate reports published on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

**Key Terms.**

***Cohort.***

A cohort is a group of students who began their full-time postsecondary education in the same academic year. In this study, cohort is named as the year of the fall term. For example, student cohort 1995 refers to students who first began college full time during the 1995-1996 academic year.

***Single-Year (or Single-Cohort) Aggregation.***

This file contains national aggregated numbers for the Federal Graduation Rate for each cohort from 1995 through 2010. The rates for a given cohort are reported in the spring immediately after the cohort's six-year graduation window has expired. Schools may also correct these rates during the following three reporting periods; after that, the Federal Graduation Rate/ASR numbers become final. These final numbers are reported in this data file. Because publicly reported rates are not revised after the first year, the rates in this data file may differ slightly from the single-year rates reported in the searchable database on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

<b>Cohort</b>	<b>First FED/GSR report</b>	<b>Last year for FED/ASR correction</b>
1995	Spring 2002	Spring 2005
1996	Spring 2003	Spring 2006
1997	Spring 2004	Spring 2007
1998	Spring 2005	Spring 2008
1999	Spring 2006	Spring 2009
2000	Spring 2007	Spring 2010
2001	Spring 2008	Spring 2011
2002	Spring 2009	Spring 2012
2003	Spring 2010	Spring 2013
2004	Spring 2011	Spring 2014
2005	Spring 2012	Spring 2015
2006	Spring 2013	Spring 2016
2007	Spring 2014	Spring 2017
2008	Spring 2015	Spring 2018
2009	Spring 2016	Spring 2019
2010	Spring 2017	Spring 2020

**Variable Description**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Variable Description and Coding (<i>notes in italics</i>)</b>
GENDER_SB	Student body gender M = Male F = Female
ETHNICITY_SB	Student body race/ethnicity <u>Coding:</u> <b>aa</b> = African-American <b>hsp</b> = Hispanic <b>wh</b> = White <b>other</b> = All other race/ethnicity groupings, including:  <i>American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Non-Resident Alien, Two or More Races, Unknown.</i> <i>It is important to note that the “other” category might not contain students from all the above race/ethnicity groupings. For example, “other” could contain only Asian and Non-Resident Alien students for some schools.</i>
DATATAB_FED_NUMERATOR	<i>Note: Federal numerator = students who graduated and were part of the final federal cohort for that year</i>
FED_NUM_2010_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2010
FED_NUM_2009_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2009
FED_NUM_2008_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2008
FED_NUM_2007_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2007
FED_NUM_2006_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2006
FED_NUM_2005_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2005
FED_NUM_2004_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2004
FED_NUM_2003_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2003
FED_NUM_2002_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2002
FED_NUM_2001_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2001
FED_NUM_2000_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 2000
FED_NUM_1999_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 1999
FED_NUM_1998_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 1998
FED_NUM_1997_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 1997
FED_NUM_1996_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 1996
FED_NUM_1995_SB	Federal numerator, student-body single cohort 1995
DATATAB_FED_DENOMINATOR	<i>Note: Federal denominator = enrolled students minus exclusions</i> <i>Exclusions: Death or permanent disability; church mission; military service; public service mission (e.g., Peace Corps)</i>
FED_DEN_2010_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2010

FED_DEN_2009_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2009
FED_DEN_2008_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2008
FED_DEN_2007_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2007
FED_DEN_2006_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2006
FED_DEN_2005_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2005
FED_DEN_2004_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2004
FED_DEN_2003_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2003
FED_DEN_2002_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2002
FED_DEN_2001_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2001
FED_DEN_2000_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 2000
FED_DEN_1999_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 1999
FED_DEN_1998_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 1998
FED_DEN_1997_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 1997
FED_DEN_1996_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 1996
FED_DEN_1995_SB	Federal denominator, student-body single cohort 1995

**Federal Graduation Rate Calculation.**

Please see the Study Overview section of this document for information on cohort definition and rate calculation.

To calculate a Federal Graduation Rate using this dataset:

1. Choose the appropriate aggregation (e.g., gender, race/ethnicity, or some combination) and sum the numerators and denominators for that aggregate group.
2. Divide the summed numerator by the summed denominator and multiply by 100.

For example, to calculate the 2002 Federal Graduation Rate for all male students:

1. Aggregate on GENDER\_SB.
2. Divide the aggregated sum of GRAD\_FED\_NUM\_2002\_ SB by the aggregated sum of FED\_DEN\_2002\_SB, and multiply by 100.

*Note: In an effort to ensure confidentiality, this file was carefully examined for low cell sizes. A numerator or denominator value of three or fewer was deleted and is treated as missing in this data set. If a numerator was deleted, so too was the corresponding denominator. Consequently, using this data file, it may not be possible to calculate Federal Graduation Rate or ASR for every gender, sport or ethnicity combination.*