

Table 1246. Participation in NCAA Sports by Sex: 2008 to 2009

[For the academic year]

Sport	Males			Females		
	Teams	Athletes	Average squad	Teams	Athletes	Average squad
Total	8,465	244,267	(X)	9,560	182,503	(X)
Archery	(X)	(X)	(X)	1	12	12
Badminton	(X)	(X)	(X)	2	19	9.5
Baseball	905	29,816	32.9	(X)	(X)	(X)
Basketball	1,030	16,911	16.4	1,054	15,381	14.6
Bowling	1	35	35	55	485	8.8
Cross country	916	13,015	14.2	996	14,101	14.2
Equestrian ^{1,2}	3	9	3.0	46	1,451	31.5
Fencing ²	34	615	18.1	41	673	16.4
Field hockey	(X)	(X)	(X)	260	5,603	21.6
Football	633	64,879	102.5	(X)	(X)	(X)
Golf ²	792	8,299	10.5	543	4,308	7.9
Gymnastics	18	335	18.6	84	1,455	17.3
Ice hockey	139	4,101	29.5	84	1,976	23.5
Lacrosse	247	9,266	37.5	319	7,219	22.6
Rifle ²	30	220	7.3	35	172	4.9
Rowing	63	2,353	37.3	146	7,289	49.9
Rugby ¹	1	63	63.0	5	184	36.8
Sailing ¹	25	520	20.8	(X)	(X)	(X)
Skiing ²	38	505	13.3	41	502	12.2
Soccer	777	21,601	27.8	959	23,357	24.4
Softball	(X)	(X)	(X)	949	17,489	18.4
Squash ¹	(X)	(X)	(X)	28	381	13.6
Swimming/diving ²	393	8,868	22.6	510	11,626	22.8
Synchronized swimming ¹	(X)	(X)	(X)	8	109	13.6
Tennis	749	7,960	10.6	900	8,719	9.7
Track, indoor ²	593	21,258	35.8	661	21,054	31.9
Track, outdoor ²	701	24,418	34.8	758	22,955	30.3
Volleyball	83	1,319	15.9	1,015	14,827	14.6
Water polo	42	914	21.8	60	1,156	19.3
Wrestling	224	6,522	29.1	(X)	(X)	(X)

X Not applicable. ¹ Sport recognized by the NCAA but does not have an NCAA championship. ² Co-ed championship sport.Source: The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Indianapolis, IN, *2008–09 Participation study* (copyright),<<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal>>.**Table 1247. Participation in High School Athletic Programs by Sex: 1980 to 2009**

[Data based on number of state associations reporting and may underrepresent the number of schools with and participants in athletic programs]

Year	Participant ¹		Sex and sport	Most popular sports, 2008–2009 ²	
	Males	Females		Schools	Participants
1980–81	3,503,124	1,853,789	MALE		
1985–86	3,344,275	1,807,121	Football (11-player)	14,105	1,112,303
1987–88	3,425,777	1,849,684	Track & field (outdoor)	15,936	558,007
1988–89	3,416,844	1,839,352	Basketball	17,869	545,145
1989–90	3,398,192	1,858,659	Baseball	15,699	473,184
1990–91	3,406,355	1,892,316	Soccer	11,139	383,824
1991–92	3,429,853	1,940,801	Wrestling	10,254	267,378
1992–93	3,416,389	1,997,489	Cross country	13,647	231,452
1993–94	3,472,967	2,130,315	Tennis	9,499	157,165
1994–95	3,536,359	2,240,461	Golf	13,543	157,062
1995–96	3,634,052	2,367,936	Swimming & diving	6,556	130,182
1996–97	3,706,225	2,474,043			
1997–98	3,763,120	2,570,333	FEMALE		
1998–99	3,832,352	2,652,726	Track & field (outdoor)	15,864	457,732
1999–20	3,861,749	2,675,874	Basketball	17,582	444,809
2000–01	3,921,069	2,784,154	Volleyball	15,069	404,243
2001–02	3,960,517	2,806,998	Softball (fast pitch)	15,172	368,921
2002–03	3,988,738	2,856,358	Soccer	10,548	344,534
2003–04	4,038,253	2,865,299	Cross country	13,457	198,199
2004–05	4,110,319	2,908,390	Tennis	9,693	177,593
2005–06	4,206,549	2,953,355	Swimming & diving	6,902	158,878
2006–07	4,321,103	3,021,807	Competitive spirit squads	4,748	117,793
2007–08	4,372,115	3,057,266	Golf	9,344	69,223
2008–09	4,422,662	3,114,091			

¹ A participant is counted in the number of sports participated in. ² Ten most popular sports for each sex in terms of number of participants.Source: National Federation of State High School Associations, Indianapolis, IN, *The 2008–2009 High School Athletics Participation Survey* (copyright), <<http://www.nfhs.org/>>.