



NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

FOOTBALL BY THE NUMBERS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION (EST. 1947)

120 Chapters in **47** States Representing Over **6,000** High Schools and **600,000(+)** Players (est. 1957)

67th NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas on **December 9, 2025**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL (EST. 1869)

15,643* High Schools in the U.S. that Sponsor Football (as of 2022-23 Season, National Federation of State High School Associations)

1.03 Million* High School Football Players in the U.S. (as of 2022-23 Season, National Federation of State High School Associations)

7.8 Percent of High School Football Players will Play in College

3,888 High Schools in the U.S. Sponsor Girls Tackle Football (as of 2022-23 Season, National Federation of State High School Associations)

**Note: These numbers do not include private and/or parochial high schools that do not report to the state high school associations*

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (EST. 1869)

773 Colleges & Universities Playing Football at All Levels (FBS, FCS, Div. II, Div. III, NAIA and more)

81,000(+) College Football Players in NCAA & NAIA

106 Colleges & Universities Added Football Programs Since 2008

13 Colleges & Universities Will Add Football Programs between 2024 and 2026

16 Colleges & Universities Offering Sprint Football

72+ Colleges & Universities Offering Women's Flag Football as a Varsity Sport

123 Junior Colleges Offering Football

0.60 Percent of College Football Players Made NFL Opening Week Rosters in 2023

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (EST. 1920)

32 NFL Teams

2,208 Players on NFL Rosters (active and practice)

483 Rookies Made NFL Opening Week Rosters in 2023 (NFL)

257 College Football Players Were Drafted in 2024

672 College Football Players Signed as Undrafted Free Agents or Received Training Camp Invitations in 2023

3.3 Years is an Average NFL Player's Career (Statista)

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY GRADUATION RATES

82% Graduation Success Rate of Football Bowl Subdivision Football Student-Athletes (NCAA)

70% Graduation Rate of General Student Body at Division I Institutions (NCAA)

2,949 Student-Athletes on 2023 College Football Rosters Had Already Earned Their Undergraduate Degrees

8,812 Football Student-Athletes Have Returned to School to Earn Their Degrees Since 2003—the Most Among All NCAA Division I Sports (NCAA)

NFF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME (EST. 1951)

5.62 Million College Football Players All-Time (est. 1869)

1,093 Players and **233** Coaches inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame All-Time

Less Than Two One-Hundredths of a Percent (.02%) of All-Time Players Have Earned Induction into the College Football Hall of Fame

22 Coaches and Players from 28 Schools Representing 6 Different Decades to be Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on **December 9, 2025**

NFF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

35 William V. Campbell Trophy® Recipients Recognized as College Football's Top Scholar-Athlete (est. 1990)

938 College Football Players from 275 Schools Honored as NFF National Scholar-Athletes All-Time (est. 1959)

18,386 College Football Players All-Time Named to the NFF Hampshire Honor Society (est. 2007)

14 Years of Honoring Faculty Athletic Representatives Through NFF Faculty Salutes

81 High School Football Scholar-Athletes Recognized by NFF Team of Distinction

34 State High School Coaches Associations Partnered on the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Awards

3 Recipients of the NFF Hatchell Cup, Presented to the Nation's Top All Around High School Football Program

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