



PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS INCREASES FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

Athletic participation by high school students at MIAA member schools increased for the third consecutive year and reached an all-time high during the 2002-2003 school year. Figures collected from 352 member schools indicate that 195,638 student athletes participated on high school teams. This figure represents an athletic participation increase of 1,758 students from the previous year. Student enrollment during this same time frame in grades 9-12 at member schools increased by 6,069 students.

There were 109,668 boys and 85,970 girls playing sports this past school year compared to 108,864 boys and 85,016 girls the previous year. (This methodology of the survey does not account for students who play more than one sport). Nineteen sports were included in the survey.

Football continued to have the highest number of participants with 19,807 players, up from 19,592 the previous year. Once again soccer was the most popular girl's sport with 12,173 participants, up from 11,929 the previous year. Boys' lacrosse recognized the highest increase in participation with an additional 422 athletes, bringing the 2002-2003 total participants to 5,917. Girls' indoor track & field saw the highest increase in participants with 404 new athletes joining indoor track & field teams, bringing the total to 6,765. Also notable, girls' lacrosse noticed another considerable increase during the 2002-2003 school year jumping from 3,845 participants to 4,147 participants, a gain of 302 new lacrosse players.



2002-2003 PROGRAM TOTALS

BOYS

Schools		Participants		
1.	Basketball	340	1. Football	19807
2.	Baseball	329	2. Soccer	12531
2.	Soccer	322	3. Baseball	12322
4.	Football	298	4. Basketball	12078
5.	Golf	282	5. Track & Field - Outdoor	10788
6.	Track & Field - Outdoor	278	6. Ice Hockey	7409
7.	Cross Country	274	7. Track & Field - Indoor	7055
8.	Ice Hockey	252	8. Lacrosse	5917
9.	Tennis	229	9. Cross Country	4891
10.	Track & Field - Indoor	203	10. Golf	4195
11.	Wrestling	155	11. Wrestling	3817
12.	Swimming & Diving	150	12. Tennis	3368
13.	Lacrosse	124	13. Swimming & Diving	1970
14.	Volleyball	84	14. Volleyball	1831
15.	Skiing - Alpine	79	15. Skiing - Alpine	1131
16.	Gymnastics	21	16. Skiing - Nordic	326
17.	Skiing - Nordic	20	17. Gymnastics	212
18.	Field Hockey	13	18. Field Hockey	20

GIRLS

Schools		Participants		
1.	Basketball	336	1. Soccer	12173
2.	Softball	330	2. Track & Field - Outdoor	10763
3.	Soccer	313	3. Basketball	10577
4.	Track & Field - Outdoor	280	4. Softball	10541
5.	Cross Country	264	5. Field Hockey	8819
6.	Tennis	240	6. Track & Field - Indoor	6765
7.	Volleyball	204	7. Volleyball	5566
8.	Track & Field - Indoor	202	8. Tennis	4315
9.	Field Hockey	197	9. Lacrosse	4147
10.	Swimming & Diving	157	10. Swimming & Diving	3976
11.	Ice Hockey	107	11. Cross Country	3968
12.	Lacrosse	96	12. Ice Hockey	1361
13.	Gymnastics	95	13. Gymnastics	1312
14.	Golf	92	14. Skiing-Alpine	885
15.	Skiing-Alpine	77	15. Golf	400
16.	Wrestling	25	16. Skiing - Nordic	334
17.	Football	19	17. Wrestling	39
18.	Ski - Nordic	19	18. Football	25
19.	Baseball	3	19. Baseball	4



2002-2003 MIAA Participation Totals

ENROLLMENT

	Boys	Girls
9 th Grade	43751	41615
10 th Grade	38892	37570
11 th Grade	35594	34471
12 th Grade	32496	32943
TOTAL	150733	146599

Total Student Enrollment = 297332

PARTICIPATION

	Boys	Girls
Baseball	12322	4
Basketball	12078	10577
Cross country	4891	3968
Field Hockey	20	8819
Football	19807	25
Golf	4195	400
Gymnastics	212	1312
Ice Hockey	7409	1361
Lacrosse	5917	4147
Skiing – Nordic	326	334
Skiing – Alpine	1131	885
Soccer	12531	12173
Softball	0	10541
Swimming & Diving	1970	3976
Tennis	3368	4315
Track & Field – Indoor	7055	6765
Track & Field – Outdoor	10788	10763
Volleyball	1831	5566
Wrestling	3817	39
TOTAL	109668	85970

Total Student Participation = 195638

TOP 10 PROGRAMS

Boys			Girls		
1)	Football	19807	1)	Soccer	12173
2)	Soccer	12531	2)	Track & Field - Outdoor	10763
3)	Baseball	12322	3)	Basketball	10577
4)	Basketball	12078	4)	Softball	10541
5)	Track & Field - Outdoor	10788	5)	Field Hockey	8819
6)	Ice Hockey	7409	6)	Track & Field - Indoor	6765
7)	Track & Field - Indoor	7055	7)	Volleyball	5566
8)	Lacrosse	5917	8)	Tennis	4315
9)	Cross Country	4891	9)	Lacrosse	4147
10)	Golf	4195	10)	Swimming & Diving	3976



2001-2002 PROGRAM TOTALS

BOYS

<u>Schools</u>		<u>Participants</u>	
1. Basketball	338	1. Football	19592
2. Baseball (tie)	328	2. Baseball	12631
2. Soccer (tie)	328	3. Soccer	12577
4. Football	302	4. Basketball	11939
5. Cross Country	279	5. Track & Field-Outdoor	11108
6. Golf	278	6. Ice Hockey	7413
7. Track & Field-Outdoor	277	7. Track & Field-Indoor	6732
8. Ice Hockey	257	8. Lacrosse	5495
9. Tennis	219	9. Cross Country	4788
10. Track & Field-Indoor	207	10. Golf	4182
11. Wrestling	162	11. Wrestling	3850
12. Swimming & Diving	135	12. Tennis	3192
13. Lacrosse	106	13. Swimming & Diving	1894
14. Volleyball	77	14. Volleyball	1789
15. Skiing-Alpine	71	15. Skiing-Alpine	1124
16. Skiing-Cross Country	21	16. Skiing-Cross Country	322
17. Gymnastics	8	17. Gymnastics	205
		18. Field Hockey	31

GIRLS

<u>Schools</u>		<u>Participants</u>	
1. Basketball	345	1. Soccer	11929
2. Softball	333	2. Softball	10921
3. Soccer	289	3. Basketball	10632
4. Track & Field-Outdoor	266	4. Track & Field-Outdoor	10474
5. Cross Country	256	5. Field Hockey	8963
6. Tennis	225	6. Track & Field-Indoor	6361
7. Volleyball	213	7. Volleyball	5373
8. Field Hockey	202	8. Tennis	4206
9. Track & Field-Indoor	201	9. Swimming & Diving	4155
10. Swimming & Diving	133	10. Lacrosse	3845
11. Gymnastics	97	11. Cross Country	3766
12. Lacrosse	78	12. Gymnastics	1378
13. Skiing-Alpine	66	13. Ice Hockey	1304
14. Ice Hockey	42	14. Skiing-Alpine	878
15. Golf	39	15. Golf	429
16. Skiing-Cross Country	19	16. Skiing-Cross Country	307
		17. Wrestling	58
		18. Football	30
		19. Baseball	7



2001-2002 MIAA Participation Totals

ENROLLMENT

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
9 th Grade	43654	41080
10 th Grade	37743	36520
11 th Grade	34517	34286
12 th Grade	31717	31746
TOTAL	147631	143632

Total Student Enrollment = 291263

PARTICIPATION

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Baseball	12631	7
Basketball	11939	10632
Cross country	4788	3766
Field Hockey	31	8963
Football	19592	30
Golf	4182	429
Gymnastics	205	1378
Ice Hockey	7413	1304
Lacrosse	5495	3845
Skiing – Cross country	322	307
Skiing – Alpine	1124	878
Soccer	12577	11929
Softball	0	10921
Swimming & Diving	1894	4155
Tennis	3192	4206
Track & Field – Indoor	6732	6361
Track & Field – Outdoor	11108	10474
Volleyball	1789	5373
Wrestling	3850	58
TOTAL	108864	85016

Total Student Participation = 193880

TOP 10 PROGRAMS

<u>Boys</u>			<u>Girls</u>		
1)	Football	19592	1)	Soccer	11929
2)	Baseball	12631	2)	Softball	10921
3)	Soccer	12577	3)	Basketball	10632
4)	Basketball	11939	4)	Track & Field-Outdoor	10474
5)	Track & Field-Outdoor	11108	5)	Field Hockey	8963
6)	Ice Hockey	7413	6)	Track & Field-Indoor	6361
7)	Track & Field-Indoor	6732	7)	Volleyball	5373
8)	Lacrosse	5495	8)	Tennis	4206
9)	Cross Country	4788	9)	Swimming & Diving	4155
10)	Golf	4182	10)	Lacrosse	3845



2000-2001 MIAA Participation Totals

ENROLLMENT

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
9 th Grade	41991	39659
10 th Grade	36608	35711
11 th Grade	33681	33192
12 th Grade	30290	30302
TOTAL	142570	138864

Total Student Enrollment = 281434

PARTICIPATION

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Baseball	12037	3
Basketball	11503	10034
Cross country	4590	3847
Field Hockey	18	9157
Football	18605	19
Golf	4119	410
Gymnastics	210	1289
Ice Hockey	7051	947
Lacrosse	4732	3437
Skiing – Cross country	290	276
Skiing – Alpine	1072	836
Soccer	12329	11468
Softball	2	10384
Swimming & Diving	1768	4021
Tennis	3163	4095
Track & Field – Indoor	6446	6141
Track & Field – Outdoor	10356	10211
Volleyball	1584	4884
Wrestling	3690	74
TOTAL	103650	82234

Total Student Participation = 185884

TOP 10 PROGRAMS

	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>
1)	Football 18605	1)	Soccer 11468
2)	Soccer 12329	2)	Softball 10384
3)	Baseball 12037	3)	Track & Field-Outdoor 10211
4)	Basketball 11503	4)	Basketball 10034
5)	Track & Field-Outdoor 10356	5)	Field Hockey 9157
6)	Ice Hockey 7051	6)	Track & Field-Indoor 6141
7)	Track & Field-Indoor 6446	7)	Volleyball 4884
8)	Lacrosse 4732	8)	Tennis 4095
9)	Cross Country 4590	9)	Swimming & Diving 4021
10)	Golf 4119	10)	Cross Country 3847