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PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS INCREASES FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR

(Franklin – MA) Athletic participation by high school students at MIAA member schools increased for the fifth consecutive year, reaching an all-time high during the 2004-2005 school year. Figures collected from 361 member schools indicate that 205,181 student athletes participated on high school teams. (The methodology of the survey does not account for students who play more than one sport). This figure represents an athletic participation increase of 8,494 students from the previous year. Student enrollment during this same time frame in grades 9-12 at member schools increased by only 5,971 students. Seventeen boys' sports and sixteen girls' sports were included in this survey. The boys' participation number this year increased by 5,572 and girls' participation by 2,922 over last year.

Football continued to have the highest number of participants with 20,909 players, up 660 student-athletes from the previous year. Once again soccer was the most popular girls' sport with 12,047 participants. However, participation in girls' outdoor track jumped to the second most popular female sport, increasing participation by 672 athletes. Moving past Boys' lacrosse as the largest growing boys' sport is baseball, with an increase of 1,104 participants. Girls' lacrosse recorded another considerable increase during the 2004-2005 school year jumping from 4,449 participants to 5,230 participants, a gain of 781 new female lacrosse players.

Additional information collected from MIAA Member Schools indicates that over the past four years, 837 student-athletes played or planned to play a Division 1 college sport. This represents a mere 0.1% per year, or only one in every 1,000 MIAA student-athletes. Only 54 student-athletes over the past four years signed a professional contract, representing a stingy .007% per year.



2004-2005 PROGRAM TOTALS

BOYS

Schools		Participants		
1.	Basketball	349	1. Football	20877
2.	Baseball	340	2. Baseball	13871
3.	Soccer	331	3. Soccer	12578
4.	Football	306	4. Basketball	12284
5.	Track & Field - Outdoor	289	5. Track & Field - Outdoor	11649
6.	Golf	287	6. Track & Field - Indoor	7558
7.	Cross Country	276	7. Ice Hockey	7353
8.	Ice Hockey	258	8. Lacrosse	7068
9.	Tennis	233	9. Cross Country	5279
10.	Track & Field - Indoor	214	10. Golf	4271
11.	Wrestling	165	11. Wrestling	4190
12.	Lacrosse	155	12. Tennis	3509
13.	Swimming & Diving	152	13. Swimming & Diving	2211
14.	Volleyball	83	14. Volleyball	1875
15.	Skiing - Alpine	72	15. Skiing - Alpine	1102
16.	Skiing - Nordic	22	16. Skiing - Nordic	302
17.	Gymnastics	8	17. Gymnastics	239
			18. Field Hockey	15

GIRLS

Schools		Participants		
1.	Basketball	343	1. Soccer	12047
2.	Softball	333	2. Track & Field - Outdoor	11115
3.	Soccer	314	3. Softball	10916
4.	Track & Field - Outdoor	286	4. Basketball	10396
5.	Cross Country	269	5. Field Hockey	8567
6.	Tennis	247	6. Track & Field - Indoor	7216
7.	Volleyball	217	7. Volleyball	6128
8.	Track & Field - Indoor	214	8. Lacrosse	5230
9.	Field Hockey	200	9. Cross Country	4341
10.	Swimming & Diving	166	10. Tennis	4313
11.	Lacrosse	129	11. Swimming & Diving	4138
12.	Gymnastics	94	12. Ice Hockey	1576
13.	Skiing-Alpine	68	13. Gymnastics	1241
14.	Ice Hockey	68	14. Skiing-Alpine	842
15.	Golf	27	15. Golf	451
16.	Ski - Nordic	24	16. Skiing - Nordic	322
			17. Wrestling	74
			18. Football	32
			19. Baseball	5



2004-2005 MIAA Participation Totals

ENROLLMENT

	Boys	Girls
9 th Grade	46364	42599
10 th Grade	40362	38923
11 th Grade	36739	36137
12 th Grade	33980	34040
Ungraded	1175	1214
TOTAL	158620	152913

Total Student Enrollment = 311533

PARTICIPATION

	Boys	Girls
Baseball	13871	5
Basketball	12284	10396
Cross country	5279	4341
Field Hockey	15	8567
Football	20877	32
Golf	4271	451
Gymnastics	239	1241
Ice Hockey	7353	1576
Lacrosse	7068	5230
Skiing – Nordic	302	322
Skiing – Alpine	1102	842
Soccer	12578	12047
Softball	0	10916
Swimming & Diving	2211	4138
Tennis	3509	4313
Track & Field – Indoor	7558	7216
Track & Field – Outdoor	11649	11115
Volleyball	1875	6128
Wrestling	4190	74
TOTAL	116231	88950

Total Student Participation = 205181

TOP 10 PROGRAMS

Boys			Girls		
1)	Football	20877	1)	Soccer	12047
2)	Baseball	13871	2)	Track & Field – Outdoor	11115
3)	Soccer	12578	3)	Softball	10916
4)	Basketball	12284	4)	Basketball	10396
5)	Track & Field - Outdoor	11649	5)	Field Hockey	8567
6)	Track & Field - Indoor	7558	6)	Track & Field - Indoor	7216
7)	Ice Hockey	7353	7)	Volleyball	6128
8)	Lacrosse	7068	8)	Lacrosse	5230
9)	Cross Country	5279	9)	Cross Country	4341
10)	Golf	4271	10)	Tennis	4313



2003-2004 PROGRAM TOTALS

BOYS

Schools		Participants	
1. Basketball	343	1. Football	20221
2. Baseball	331	2. Baseball	12767
3. Soccer	327	3. Soccer	12666
4. Football	301	4. Basketball	11913
5. Golf	280	5. Track & Field - Outdoor	10617
6. Track & Field - Outdoor	280	6. Ice Hockey	7409
7. Cross Country	269	7. Track & Field - Indoor	6905
8. Ice Hockey	253	8. Lacrosse	6609
9. Tennis	232	9. Cross Country	4883
10. Track & Field - Indoor	201	10. Golf	4153
11. Wrestling	153	11. Wrestling	3804
12. Lacrosse	142	12. Tennis	3420
13. Swimming & Diving	134	13. Swimming & Diving	1859
14. Volleyball	79	14. Volleyball	1760
15. Skiing - Alpine	76	15. Skiing - Alpine	1156
16. Skiing - Nordic	20	16. Skiing - Nordic	290
17. Gymnastics	8	17. Gymnastics	213
		18. Field Hockey	14

GIRLS

Schools		Participants	
1. Basketball	337	1. Soccer	12193
2. Softball	325	2. Softball	10721
3. Soccer	313	3. Track & Field - Outdoor	10443
4. Track & Field - Outdoor	282	4. Basketball	10418
5. Cross Country	262	5. Field Hockey	8635
6. Tennis	246	6. Track & Field - Indoor	6701
7. Volleyball	213	7. Volleyball	5865
8. Track & Field - Indoor	200	8. Lacrosse	4449
9. Field Hockey	198	9. Tennis	4224
10. Swimming & Diving	150	10. Cross Country	4094
11. Lacrosse	114	11. Swimming & Diving	3921
12. Gymnastics	90	12. Ice Hockey	1447
13. Skiing-Alpine	69	13. Gymnastics	1219
14. Ice Hockey	58	14. Skiing-Alpine	911
15. Golf	27	15. Golf	439
16. Ski - Nordic	20	16. Skiing - Nordic	279
		17. Wrestling	38
		18. Football	28
		19. Baseball	3



2003-2004 MIAA Participation Totals

ENROLLMENT

	Boys	Girls
9 th Grade	46035	42514
10 th Grade	39484	38320
11 th Grade	36250	36253
12 th Grade	33314	33150
Ungraded	158	84
TOTAL	155241	150321

Total Student Enrollment = 305562

PARTICIPATION

	Boys	Girls
Baseball	12767	3
Basketball	11913	10418
Cross country	4883	4094
Field Hockey	14	8635
Football	20221	28
Golf	4153	439
Gymnastics	213	1219
Ice Hockey	7409	1447
Lacrosse	6609	4449
Skiing – Nordic	290	279
Skiing – Alpine	1156	911
Soccer	12666	12193
Softball	0	10721
Swimming & Diving	1859	3921
Tennis	3420	4224
Track & Field – Indoor	6905	6701
Track & Field – Outdoor	10617	10443
Volleyball	1760	5865
Wrestling	3804	38
TOTAL	110659	86028

Total Student Participation = 196687

TOP 10 PROGRAMS

Boys			Girls		
1)	Football	20221	1)	Soccer	12193
2)	Baseball	12767	2)	Softball	10721
3)	Soccer	12666	3)	Track & Field – Outdoor	10443
4)	Basketball	11913	4)	Basketball	10418
5)	Track & Field - Outdoor	10617	5)	Field Hockey	8635
6)	Ice Hockey	7409	6)	Track & Field - Indoor	6701
7)	Track & Field - Indoor	6905	7)	Volleyball	5865
8)	Lacrosse	6609	8)	Lacrosse	4449
9)	Cross Country	4883	9)	Tennis	4224
10)	Golf	4153	10)	Cross Country	4094



2002-2003 PROGRAM TOTALS

BOYS

Schools		Participants		
1.	Basketball	339	1. Football	19807
2.	Baseball	328	2. Soccer	12531
2.	Soccer	331	3. Baseball	12322
4.	Football	302	4. Basketball	12078
5.	Track & Field - Outdoor	285	5. Track & Field - Outdoor	10788
6.	Golf	276	6. Ice Hockey	7409
7.	Cross Country	275	7. Track & Field - Indoor	7055
8.	Ice Hockey	264	8. Lacrosse	5917
9.	Tennis	229	9. Cross Country	4891
10.	Track & Field - Indoor	209	10. Golf	4195
11.	Wrestling	158	11. Wrestling	3817
12.	Swimming & Diving	133	12. Tennis	3368
13.	Lacrosse	120	13. Swimming & Diving	1970
14.	Volleyball	79	14. Volleyball	1831
15.	Skiing - Alpine	76	15. Skiing - Alpine	1131
16.	Skiing - Nordic	22	16. Skiing - Nordic	326
17.	Gymnastics	8	17. Gymnastics	212
			18. Field Hockey	20

GIRLS

Schools		Participants		
1.	Basketball	343	1. Soccer	12173
2.	Softball	331	2. Track & Field - Outdoor	10763
3.	Soccer	292	3. Basketball	10577
4.	Track & Field - Outdoor	274	4. Softball	10541
5.	Cross Country	249	5. Field Hockey	8819
6.	Tennis	233	6. Track & Field - Indoor	6765
7.	Volleyball	217	7. Volleyball	5566
8.	Track & Field - Indoor	206	8. Tennis	4315
9.	Field Hockey	202	9. Lacrosse	4147
10.	Swimming & Diving	144	10. Swimming & Diving	3976
11.	Gymnastics	99	11. Cross Country	3968
12.	Lacrosse	87	12. Ice Hockey	1361
13.	Skiing-Alpine	68	13. Gymnastics	1312
14.	Ice Hockey	50	14. Skiing-Alpine	885
15.	Golf	25	15. Golf	400
16.	Ski - Nordic	20	16. Skiing - Nordic	334
			17. Wrestling	39
			18. Football	25
			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