

Athletics spending per athlete 3 to 12 times greater than academic spending per student

Medians for academic and athletics spending by Division I Subdivision and FBS Conference on a per capita basis, 2009

Division I Subdivisions and FBS Conferences	Median academic spending per student 2009	Median athletics spending per athlete 2009	Median athletics spending per athlete greater than academic spending per student 2009
Southeastern (SEC)	\$13,471	\$156,833	11.6
Big 12	\$14,021	\$131,440	9.4
Pacific-10	\$14,133	\$98,459	7.0
Atlantic Coast (ACC)	\$15,638	\$106,238	6.8
FBS Median	\$13,471	\$91,053	6.8
Big Ten	\$18,406	\$111,620	6.1
Conference USA	\$11,838	\$66,017	5.6
Big East	\$17,735	\$92,188	5.2
Mountain West	\$13,424	\$69,518	5.2
Western Athletic (WAC)	\$12,192	\$59,995	4.9
Sun Belt	\$9,342	\$42,120	4.5
Mid-American (MAC)	\$12,575	\$48,185	3.8
FCS	\$11,776	\$35,220	3.0
DI No football	\$12,293	\$37,197	3.0

This table shows academic and athletics spending on a per capita basis using median expenses in 2009. The data is based on 97 public institutions classified in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; 62 institutions classified in the NCAA Football Championships Subdivision and 36 NCAA Division I institutions that do not sponsor football. The data show that athletics spending per athlete is outpacing academic spending per student by 3 to 12 times.

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