

Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS): Institutions stretching resources to keep up with top spenders in athletics

Academic and athletics spending by 2009 athletics spending quartile

FBS Spending Quartile 2009	Median percentage change in academic spending per student 2005–2009	Median percentage change in institutional funding for athletics per athlete 2005–2009	Median percentage change in athletic expenses per athlete 2005–2009
Quartile 1	21.0%	23.4%	31.4%
Quartile 2	17.8%	46.0%	50.6%
Quartile 3	29.1%	44.3%	44.5%
Quartile 4	17.0%	22.2%	33.0%

FBS Spending Quartile 2009	Median academic spending per student 2009	Median athletics spending per athlete 2009	Median athletics spending per athlete greater than academic spending per student 2009
Quartile 1	\$15,870	\$133,779	8.4
Quartile 2	\$14,632	\$111,620	7.6
FBS Median	\$13,471	\$91,053	6.8
Quartile 3	\$12,694	\$72,313	5.7
Quartile 4	\$11,341	\$47,935	4.2

These tables show the levels and growth of academic and athletics spending on a per student and per athlete basis respectively grouped by 2009 athletics spending quartile for 97 of the 103 public institutions in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision.

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