Northern State University Consumer Information:

Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates (Student Right-to-Know Act), Enrollment of Students Receiving Athletic Financial Aid

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In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Northern State University is pleased to share with you the following information. While reviewing this information, please keep the following in mind.

- All graduation rates are based upon six years of attendance which equates to 150% of the normal completion time of our predominant program. The cohorts are limited to first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates, as of the fall term of the cohort year.
- We have elected to report our transfer-out rate because NSU does offer some pre-professional programs intended as preparation for degrees we do not offer, and students do choose to transfer for various reasons.
- These tables do not identify the reasons why our students withdrew; therefore, students who withdrew for personal or medical reasons are included.
- The graduation rates do not include students who left the school to serve in the armed forces or on official church missions or with a foreign aid service of the federal government, or students who died or were totally and permanently disabled.
- The university is not required to disclose information on any cohort/subcohort with five or fewer students. Values missing due to this reason are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Questions related to this information should be directed to NSU's Institutional Research Officer, Brenda Mammenga, at (605) 626-2433 or brenda.mammenga@northern.edu.

Table 1: Initial 2020 Cohort Size

Population	Male	Female	Total
All NSU	123	192	315
Football	31	0	31
Basketball	4	4	8
Track/CC	3	7	10
Baseball	2	0	2
Other Sports	7	30	37
All Sports	47	41	88

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Table 2: Graduation Rates of the 2020 Cohort

Population	Male	Female	Total
All NSU	31%	52%	43%
Football	26%	N/A	26%
Basketball	*	*	63%
Track/CC	*	71%	50%
Baseball	*	N/A	100%
Other Sports	86%	67%	70%
All Sports	38%	68%	52%

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Table 3: Transfer-Out Rates of the 2020 Cohort

Population	Male	Female	Total
All NSU	40%	28%	33%
Football	61%	N/A	61%
Basketball	*	*	25%
Track/CC	*	29%	30%
Baseball	*	N/A	40%
Other Sports	14%	23%	22%
All Sports	47%	24%	36%

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Table 4: Average Initial Cohort Size for 2017-2020

Population	Male	Female	Total
All NSU	595	687	1,282
Football	139	0	139
Basketball	16	21	37
Track/CC	17	24	41
Baseball	25	0	25
Other Sports	26	60	86
All Sports	223	105	328

Table 5: Average Graduation Rates for 2017-2020 Cohorts

Population	Male	Female	Total
All NSU	40%	57%	49%
Football	42%	N/A	42%
Basketball	50%	62%	57%
Track/CC	53%	79%	68%
Baseball	72%	N/A	72%
Other Sports	58%	63%	62%
All Sports	48%	67%	54%

Table 6: Average Transfer-Out Rates for 2017-2020 Cohorts

Population	Male	Female	Total
All NSU	33%	23%	28%
Football	45%	N/A	45%
Basketball	44%	29%	35%
Track/CC	18%	13%	15%
Baseball	24%	N/A	24%
Other Sports	23%	30%	28%
All Sports	38%	26%	34%

Table 7: Averages for 2017-2020 Cohort Years

Population	Initial Cohort Size	Graduation Rates	Transfer-Out Rates
All NSU	1,282	49%	28%
All NSU - Nonresident alien	29	52%	10%
All NSU - Hispanic/Latino	52	33%	38%
All NSU - American Indian or Alaskan Native	29	17%	38%
All NSU - Asian	29	45%	24%
All NSU - Black or African American	45	27%	49%

Population	Initial Cohort Size	Graduation Rates	Transfer-Out Rates
All NSU - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	*	*
All NSU - White	1,046	53%	26%
All NSU - Two or more races	46	35%	28%
All NSU - Race and ethnicity unknown	5	*	*
Football	139	42%	45%
Football - Nonresident alien	0	N/A	N/A
Football - Hispanic/Latino	0	N/A	N/A
Football - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	N/A	N/A
Football - Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Football - Black or African American	20	35%	55%
Football - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	*	*
Football - White	111	44%	41%
Football - Two or more races	7	29%	57%
Football - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	N/A	N/A
Basketball	37	57%	35%
Basketball - Nonresident alien	1	*	*
Basketball - Hispanic/Latino	0	N/A	N/A
Basketball - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	N/A	N/A
Basketball - Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Basketball - Black or African American	2	*	*
Basketball - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	N/A
Basketball - White	32	59%	31%
Basketball - Two or more races	2	*	*
Basketball - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	N/A	N/A
Track/CC	41	68%	15%
Track/CC - Nonresident alien	3	*	*
Track/CC - Hispanic/Latino	1	*	*
Track/CC - American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	*	*
Track/CC - Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Track/CC - Black or African American	3	*	*
Track/CC - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	N/A
Track/CC - White	27	81%	7%
Track/CC - Two or more races	4	*	*
Track/CC - Race and ethnicity unknown	1	*	*
Baseball	25	72%	24%
Baseball - Nonresident alien	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - Hispanic/Latino	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - Black or African American	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - White	25	72%	24%
Baseball - Two or more races	0	N/A	N/A
Baseball - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	N/A	N/A
Other Sports	86	62%	28%
Other Sports - Nonresident alien	8	63%	0%
Other Sports - Hispanic/Latino	11	36%	55%
Other Sports - American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	*	*
Other Sports - Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Other Sports - Black or African American	2	*	*
Other Sports - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	N/A
Other Sports - White	59	66%	27%
Other Sports - Two or more races	5	80%	0%
Other Sports - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	N/A	N/A
All Sports	328	54%	34%

Population	Initial Cohort Size	Graduation Rates	Transfer-Out Rates
All Sports - Nonresident alien	12	58%	17%
All Sports - Hispanic/Latino	12	42%	50%
All Sports - American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	*	*
All Sports - Asian	0	N/A	N/A
All Sports - Black or African American	27	33%	56%
All Sports - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	*	*
All Sports - White	254	58%	31%
All Sports - Two or more races	18	50%	33%
All Sports - Race and ethnicity unknown	1	*	*

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Table 8: 2020 Bachelor's degree-seeking Cohort Per Race/Ethnicity

Population	Initial Cohort Size	Graduation Rates	Transfer-Out Rates
All NSU	302	47%	19%
Nonresident alien	2	*	*
Hispanic/Latino	15	47%	7%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8	13%	0%
Asian	5	80%	20%
Black or African American	8	38%	0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	N/A
White	247	50%	19%
Two or more races	15	20%	33%
Race and ethnicity unknown	2	*	*

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Table 9: 2020 Bachelor's degree-seeking Cohort Per Financial Aid Status

Population	Initial Cohort Size	Graduation Rates	Transfer-Out Rates
All NSU	302	47%	19%
Recipients of a Pell Grant	90	40%	13%
Recipients of a Direct Subsidized Loan but not a Pell Grant	55	36%	31%
Recipients of neither a Direct Subsidized Loan nor a Pell Grant	157	55%	18%

Table 10: Students Receiving Athletic Financial Aid for Fall 2026

Population	Football	Basketball	Track/CC	Baseball	Other Sports	Total Sports
Total	103	28	56	33	126	346
Female	0	13	33	0	93	139
Female - Nonresident alien	0	0	3	0	2	5
Female - Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0	3	3
Female - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	1	0	0	0	1
Female - Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female - Black or African American	0	1	0	0	0	1
Female - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female - White	0	11	29	0	82	122
Female - Two or more races	0	0	1	0	5	6
Female - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	0	0	0	1	1
Male	103	15	23	33	33	207
Male - Nonresident alien	1	2	4	3	0	10
Male - Hispanic/Latino	8	0	0	8	1	17
Male - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0	1	0	2	3
Male - Asian	0	0	0	0	1	1
Male - Black or African American	15	0	1	0	0	16
Male - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male - White	65	13	15	21	25	139
Male - Two or more races	13	0	2	0	4	19
Male - Race and ethnicity unknown	1	0	0	1	0	2

Table 11: Students Receiving Athletic Financial Aid for Fall 2025

Population	Football	Basketball	Track/CC	Baseball	Other Sports	Total Sports
Total	104	27	53	36	110	330
Female	0	13	30	0	81	124
Female - Nonresident alien	0	0	4	0	2	6
Female - Hispanic/Latino	0	1	0	0	2	3
Female - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	2	0	0	0	2
Female - Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female - Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female - White	0	9	24	0	71	104
Female - Two or more races	0	1	2	0	5	8
Female - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	0	0	0	1	1
Male	104	14	23	36	29	206
Male - Nonresident alien	0	2	4	1	0	7
Male - Hispanic/Latino	9	0	0	6	2	17
Male - American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male - Asian	0	0	0	0	1	1
Male - Black or African American	12	3	2	0	0	17
Male - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0	0	0	0	2
Male - White	68	6	15	29	23	141
Male - Two or more races	13	2	1	0	3	19
Male - Race and ethnicity unknown	0	1	1	0	0	2