

## Probability Of Playing College and Professional Baseball

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Here's another "making it to college baseball and the pros" probability table that I found while going through some information from the NCAA. These make good food for thought when you have a student-athlete that is more interested in sports than in the classroom.

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### Baseball

Less than three in 50, or about 5.6 percent, of high school senior boys interscholastic baseball players will go on to play men's baseball at a NCAA member institution.  
 Less than eleven in 100, or about 10.5 percent, of NCAA senior male baseball players will get drafted by a Major League Baseball (MLB) team.  
 Approximately one in 200, or approximately 0.5 percent of high school senior boys playing interscholastic baseball will eventually be drafted by an MLB team.

Student-Athletes	Basketball	Football	Baseball	Ice Hockey	"S" Word
High School Athletes	549,000	983,600	<b>455,300</b>	29,900	321,400
High School Senior Athletes	157,000	281,000	<b>130,100</b>	8,500	91,800
NCAA Athletes	15,700	56,500	<b>25,700</b>	3,700	18,200
NCAA Freshman Athletes	4,500	16,200	<b>7,300</b>	1,100	5,200
NCAA Senior Athletes	3,500	12,600	<b>5,700</b>	800	4,100
NCAA Athletes Drafted	44	250	<b>600</b>	33	76
High School to NCAA	2.9%	5.8%	<b>5.6%</b>	12.9%	5.7%
NCAA to Professional	1.3%	2.0%	<b>10.5%</b>	4.1%	1.9%
High School to Professional	0.03%	0.09%	<b>.5%</b>	.4%	0%

## INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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Total number of participating teams and players in high school and college baseball programs -- as reported by the various institutions

***	<b>National Federation of High Schools</b>		***
<b>Teams</b>			<b>Participants</b>
14,988			455,414 (1,622 girls)
<b>NCAA</b>	<b>National Collegiate Athletic Association</b>		<b>NCAA</b>
<b>Division I</b>	<b>Division II</b>		<b>Division III</b>
274	224		319
Participants	Participants		Participants
8,439	6,899		9,825
***	<b>National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics</b>		***
<b>Teams</b>			<b>Participants</b>
320			9,600
<b>NJCAA</b>	<b>National Junior College Athletic Association</b>		<b>NJCAA</b>
<b>Division I</b>	<b>Division II</b>		<b>Division III</b>
185	114		85
Participants	Participants		Participants
5,550	3,420		2,550
<b>COA</b>	<b>California Junior College Association</b>		<b>COA</b>
<b>Teams</b>			<b>Participants</b>
87			2,175
***	<b>Totals For 2 &amp; 4 Year Colleges / Universities</b>		***
<b>Teams</b>			<b>Participants</b>
1,608			48,408

Now we'll take a look "Inside the Numbers"

The following is a compilation of the odds for a high school player to either get drafted by a professional team or play college baseball.

### Making the Pros

We will make some assumptions on the total numbers of players eligible each draft year.

High School Players @ 114,159 seniors  
 NCAA (4 year schools) @ 12,581 juniors & seniors  
 NJCAA (2 year schools) @ 11,520  
 COA (@ year schools) @ 2,175

That gives us 140,435 "draft eligible" players.  
 $140,129/1,500 = 94$

1 player in 94 will be selected in the Major League Baseball Draft

### **Playing in College**

High School seniors = 114,159

College "seniors" (or sophomores when related to juco's) = 13,137

That means there are 114,159 graduating high seniors versus 13,137 slots open

$114,159/13,137 = 10.1$

1 high school player in every 10 has a chance to play in college

**These numbers are not completely accurate, due to several reasons (foreign born players, players dropping out of school, etc.). But it is a fun look "At the Numbers."**