

Funded Athletes at New Mexico Highlands University

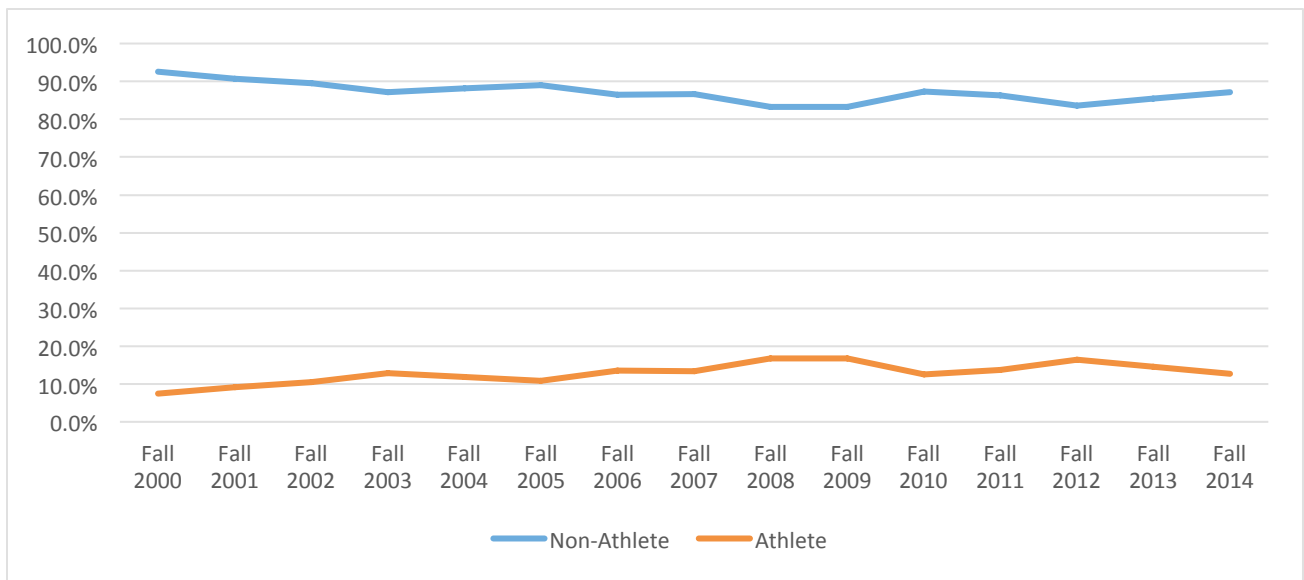
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There were 16,144 undergraduate students enrolled at Highlands between the fall of 2000 and the fall of 2014. Of those, 13,122 can be identified according to their start-state (did they come to Highlands as a freshmen or transfer student and were they in-state or out-of-state). The other 3,022 either began at Highlands before the fall of 2000 or were enrolled solely as concurrent enrollment students. This report is based upon those 13,122 students for whom a start-state can be identified.

The information on athletic team rosters in Banner is not complete (some team rosters are missing for some semesters), however, the information on which students received athletic scholarships is accurate and that information is used as the basis for this report.

Since the fall of 2000 the percentage of the undergraduate student population at Highlands who were funded athletes has ranged from a low of 7.4% in the fall of 2000 to a high of 16.8% in the fall of 2009. In the fall of 2014, 12.8% of undergraduates were funded athletes.

Percentage of Undergraduate Students Who Were Funded Athletes



Current Graduation Rates of Undergraduate Students from Fall 2000 to Fall 2008

The following tables compare graduation rates of different groups of undergraduate students who first enrolled at Highlands more than six years ago. These are not exactly the same six-year graduation rates. They include any student who enrolled at Highlands for the first time between the fall of 2000 and the fall of 2008 who earned an undergraduate degree as of the summer of 2014. Funded athletes are those students who received an athletic scholarship their first semester at Highlands. These tables are based upon the 7,449 students who first enrolled at Highlands between the fall of 2000 and the fall of 2008 and whose start-state can be identified.

The graduation rates in this report will not match those provided by the athletic department. Those data are kept in a separate database from Banner, one developed specifically to provide information

specifically for the NCAA compliance system. In addition, their published graduation rates refer only to first-time freshmen, and do not include transfer students. However, their published graduation rates are restricted to just funded athletes.

Transfer students graduate at a significantly higher rate than students who begin at Highlands as freshmen ($p < .001$).

Table 1
Graduation Rates of Freshmen vs. Transfers (2000 to 2008)

	Degree	No Degree	Total	% Degree
Freshmen	658	2511	3169	20.8%
Transfers	2145	2165	4310	49.8%

In-state students graduate at a significantly higher rate than out-of-state students ($p < .001$).

Table 2
Graduation Rates of In-State vs. Out-of-State Students (2000-2008)

	Degree	No Degree	Total	% Degree
In-State	2333	3654	5987	39.0%
Out-of-State	470	1022	1492	31.5%

There is no significant difference in graduate rates between students who were funded athletes their first semester compared to non-athletes.

Table 3
Graduation Rates of Funded Athletes vs. Non-Athlete (2000-2008)

	Degree	No Degree	Total	% Degree
Non-Athlete	2418	4061	6479	37.3%
Funded Athlete	385	615	1000	38.5%

These comparisons are combined in the following table. The only group in which athletes differ significantly from non-athletes in their graduation rates is in-state, freshmen students.

Table 4
Graduation Rates by Start-State, Residency, and Athlete Status (2000-2008)

			Degree	No Degree	Total	% Degree
Freshmen	In-State	Non-Athlete	485	1886	2371	20.5%
		Athlete	60	122	182	33.0%**
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	81	376	457	17.7%
		Athlete	32	127	159	20.1%
Transfers	In-State	Non-Athlete	1754	1615	3369	52.1%
		Athlete	32	28	60	53.3%

	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	184	253	437	42.1%
		Athlete	175	269	444	39.4%

** significant at p<.001

Table 5
Graduation Rates by Sport (2000-2008)

The following table uses the same data as those above, but breaks down the graduation rates by sport and freshmen or transfer student start-state. When looking at this table remember that the overall graduation rate for freshmen is 20.8% and the overall graduation rates for transfers is 49.8%.

		Degree	No Degree	Total	% Degree
Freshmen	Football	23	117	140	16.43%
	Basketball Men	4	17	21	19.05%
	Basketball Women	5	12	17	29.41%
	Baseball	3	8	11	27.27%
	Softball	8	21	29	27.59%
	Cross Country Men	5	14	19	26.32%
	Cross Country Women	13	16	29	44.83%
	Track	1	2	3	33.33%
	Wrestling	4	14	18	22.22%
	Soccer	14	20	34	41.18%
	Rodeo	1	0	1	100.00%
	Volleyball	8	11	19	42.11%
Transfers	Football	60	115	175	34.29%
	Basketball Men	15	27	42	35.71%
	Basketball Women	11	18	29	37.93%
	Baseball	58	77	135	42.96%
	Softball	23	20	43	53.49%
	Cross Country Men	8	3	11	72.73%
	Cross Country Women	14	5	19	73.68%
	Wrestling	5	6	11	45.45%
	Soccer	7	9	16	43.75%
	Rodeo	1	4	5	20.00%
	Volleyball	5	12	17	29.41%

Table 6
Athletes and Non-Athletes as a Percentage of Students and Degree Recipients (2000-2008)

This table includes the same data as Table 4, but demonstrates the percentage of the total number of students and the total number of degree recipients represented by each group. So of the 7,749 students included in this analysis, 31.7% began at Highlands as freshmen, in-state, non-athletes. Of the 2,803 of those students who received degrees, 17.3% of them began at Highlands as freshmen, in-state, non-athletes.

			% of Total	% of Degree Recipients
Freshmen	In-State	Non-Athlete	31.7%	17.3%
		Athlete	2.4%	2.1%
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	6.1%	2.9%
		Athlete	2.1%	1.1%
Transfers	In-State	Non-Athlete	45.0%	62.6%
		Athlete	0.8%	1.1%
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	5.8%	6.6%
		Athlete	5.9%	6.2%
All Non-Athletes			88.7%	89.3%
All Athletes			11.3%	10.7%

Students Since the Fall of 2008

In order to determine if these relationships have changed since the fall of 2008 the following tables include data from all students who have enrolled since the fall of 2009 with an identifiable start-state. Table 7 shows the persistence rate (students who have graduated or are still enrolled) for each group. If you compare this table with Table 4 you will see that the pattern of relationships has not changed.

Table 7
Graduation Rates by Start-State, Residency, and Athlete Status (2009-2014)

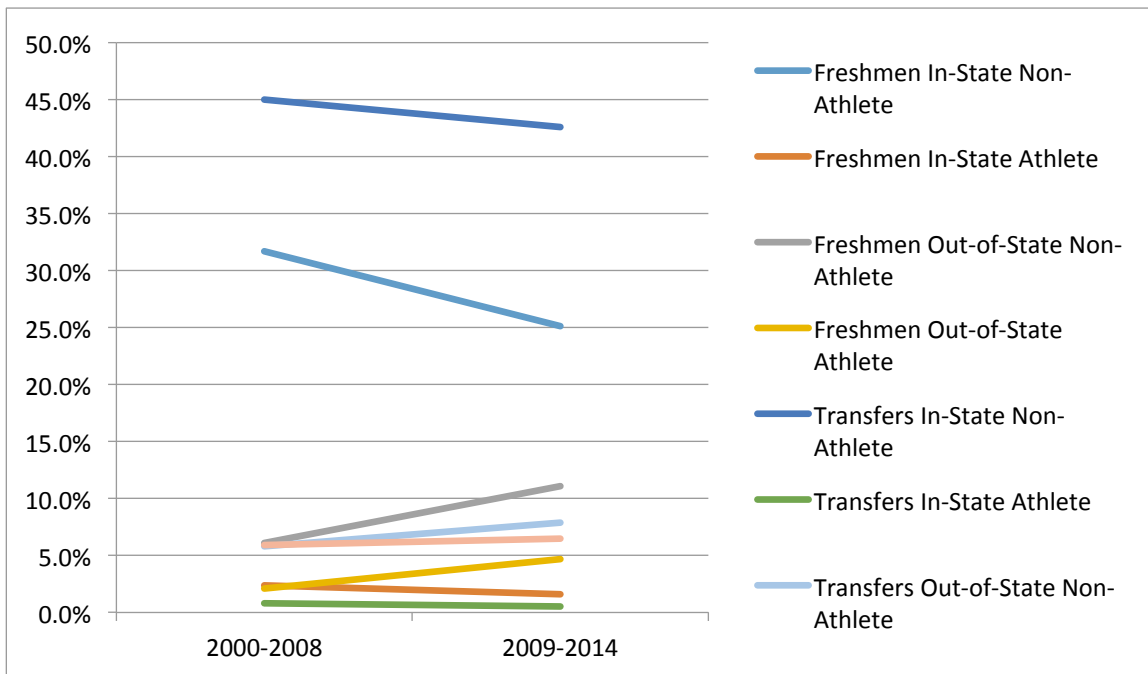
			No Degree /Not Enrolled	Degree	Enrolled Fall 2014	Total	% Degree or Enrolled
Freshmen	In-State	Non-Athlete	889	47	480	1416	37.2%
		Athlete	41	5	42	88	53.4%
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	416	20	192	628	33.8%
		Athlete	164	13	91	268	38.8%
Transfers	In-State	Non-Athlete	936	601	870	2407	61.1%
		Athlete	11	4	11	26	57.7%
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	243	81	125	449	45.9%
		Athlete	209	66	95	370	43.5%
All Non-Athletes			2484	749	1667	4900	49.3%
All Athletes			425	88	239	752	43.5%

The following table mirrors Table 6, but with data from the students who have enrolled since the fall of 2009.

Table 8
Athletes and Non-Athletes as a Percentage of Students and Degree Recipients (2009-2014)

			% of Total	% of Degree Recipients
Freshmen	In-State	Non-Athlete	25.1%	5.6%
		Athlete	1.6%	0.6%
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	11.1%	2.4%
		Athlete	4.7%	1.6%
Transfers	In-State	Non-Athlete	42.6%	71.8%
		Athlete	0.5%	0.5%
	Out-of-State	Non-Athlete	7.9%	9.7%
		Athlete	6.5%	7.9%
All Non-Athletes			86.7%	89.5%
All Athletes			13.3%	10.5%

Finally, the following graph shows how the percentage of the student body who belong to each of the start-state groups has changed from the 2000-2008 time period to the 2009-2014 time period.



Scholarship Money

The following table contains the amount of scholarship money awarded to undergraduate students in the fall of 2014. This includes all scholarship money, not just the money awarded through the Athletics

Department. Please keep in mind that the \$1,576 students who are listed as “unfunded” still may be receiving other financial aid (such as Pell grants). They just aren’t receiving scholarship money.

Fall 2014 Scholarship Money to Undergraduates

	Team	N	Sum	Average
Funded Non-Athletes		498	\$1,029,874	\$2,068
All Athletes		214	\$523,424	\$2,446
Athletes Broken Down by Team	Baseball	34	\$67,830	\$1,995
	Men’s Basketball	12	\$31,796	\$2,650
	Women’s Basketball	12	\$35,673	\$2,973
	Men’s Cross Country	7	\$24,303	\$3,472
	Women’s Cross Country	6	\$14,837	\$2,473
	Football	48	\$111,327	\$2,321
	Softball	18	\$42,167	\$2,343
	Soccer	23	\$53,156	\$2,311
	Track	17	\$56,273	\$3,310
		Volleyball	15	\$50,969
	Wrestling	22	\$35,094	\$1,595
Total Funded		712	\$1,553,298	\$2,182
Total Non-Funded		1,576	\$0	\$0