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ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER SCORING LEADERS

(2026 tournament participants only; asterisk indicates leads all active players)

Points:

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 175*
 Aiden Fink, Penn State – 159
 Jeremy Wilmer, Quinnipiac – 122
 Daniel Russell, Michigan State – 119
 Mason Marcellus, Quinnipiac – 107
 Matt DiMarsico, Penn State – 100
 Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 99
 Stephen Castagna, Bentley – 98
 Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 96
 Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 92

Goals:

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 67*
 Joey Muldowney, UConn – 51
 Sam Harris, Denver – 50
 Dylan James, North Dakota – 50
 Aiden Fink, Penn State – 48
 Quinn Finley, Wisconsin – 45
 Daniel Russell, Michigan State – 45
 Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 44
 Matt DiMarsico, Penn State – 42
 Liam Valente, Western Michigan – 41

Assists:

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 108*
 Jeremy Wilmer, Quinnipiac – 86
 Aiden Fink, Penn State – 77
 Mason Marcellus, Quinnipiac – 75
 Daniel Russell, Michigan State – 74
 Stephen Castagna, Bentley – 69
 Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 68
 Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 68
 Matt Basgall, Michigan State – 63
 Zach Bookman, Western Michigan – 62

Power-Play Goals:

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 27
 Liam Valente, Western Michigan – 20
 Aiden Fink, Penn State – 18
 Sam Harris, Denver – 18
 Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 17

Short-Handed Goals:

Dane Dowiak, Penn State – 6*
 Dylan James, North Dakota – 6*
 Garret Schifsky, Michigan – 6*
 Josh Eernisse, Michigan – 4
 Ryan Tattle, UConn – 4

Game-Winning Goals:

Daniel Russell, Michigan State – 14*
 Charlie Stramel, Michigan State – 12
 Sam Harris, Denver – 11
 T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 10
 Joey Muldowney, UConn – 10

Plus/Minus:

Boston Buckberger, Denver – +91*
 Mason Marcellus, Quinnipiac – +61
 Rieger Lorenz, Denver – +59
 Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – +59
 Daniel Russell, Michigan State – +59

Games Played (skaters):

Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 165*
 Victor Czerneckianair, Quinnipiac – 155
 T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 153
 Mason Wheeler, Minnesota State – 152
 Dylan James, North Dakota – 151

Source: College Hockey News

ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER SCORING LEADERS

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Points by Defensemen:

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 96
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 85
Evan Murr, Minnesota State – 83
Mac Gadowsky, Penn State – 82
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 82
Will Gilson, Quinnipiac – 81
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 80
Matt Basgall, Michigan State – 77
Zach Bookman, Western Michigan – 76
CJ Foley, Dartmouth – 74

Goals by Defensemen:

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 39*
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 24
Evan Murr, Minnesota State – 23
Will Gilson, Quinnipiac – 22
Mac Gadowsky, Penn State – 21
CJ Foley, Dartmouth – 19
Zach Bookman, Western Michigan – 14
Matt Basgall, Michigan State – 14
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 14
Travis Shoudy, Michigan State – 14

Assists by Defensemen:

Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 68
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 68
Matt Basgall, Michigan State – 63
Zach Bookman, Western Michigan – 62
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 61
Mac Gadowsky, Penn State – 61
Evan Murr, Minnesota State – 60
Samuel Sjolund, Western Michigan – 60
Will Gilson, Quinnipiac – 59
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 57

Power-Play Goals by Defensemen:

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 13
Evan Murr, Minnesota State – 9
Jackson Smith, Penn State – 7
Matt Basgall, Michigan State – 6
Matthew Campbell, Merrimack – 6
Will Gilson, Quinnipiac – 6

Short-Handed Goals by Defensemen:

CJ Foley, Dartmouth – 2*
14 players tied w/ – 1

Game-Winning Goals by Defensemen:

Evan Murr, Minnesota State – 9*
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 7
Elliott Groenewold, Quinnipiac – 5
Cale Ashcroft, Denver – 4
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 4
CJ Foley, Dartmouth – 4
Mac Gadowsky, Penn State – 4
Will Gilson, Quinnipiac – 4

Plus/Minus by Defensemen:

Boston Buckberger, Denver – +91*
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – +59
Tom Messineo, UConn – +57
Evan Murr, Minnesota State – +51
Ben Robertson, Michigan – +50

Games Played by Defensemen:

Mason Wheeler, Minnesota State – 152
Matt Basgall, Michigan State – 148
Campbell Cichosz, Minnesota State – 148
Tom Messineo, UConn – 147
Kent Anderson, Denver – 146

Source: College Hockey News

ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER GOALTENDING LEADERS

(2026 tournament participants only; asterisk indicates leads all active players)

Games Played:

Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 114
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 112
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 97
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – 77
Max Lundgren, Merrimack – 62
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – 62
Adam Gajan, Minnesota Duluth – 52
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – 51
Emmett Croteau, Dartmouth – 47
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 44
Nils Wallstrom, Merrimack – 44

Wins:

Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 66*
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 65
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 54
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – 45
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – 40
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – 35
Emmett Croteau, Dartmouth – 30
Max Lundgren, Merrimack – 29
Adam Gajan, Minnesota Duluth – 25
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 25

Save Percentage (Min. 2,000 minutes):

Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – .927
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – .922
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Mich. – .918
Max Lundgren, Merrimack – .916
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – .914
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – .911
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – .911
Nils Wallstrom, Merrimack – .910
Three players tied w/ – .908

Goals-Against Avg (Min. 2,000 minutes):

Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 1.87*
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – 2.05
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Mich. – 2.11
Dylan Silverstein, Quinnipiac – 2.12
Emmett Croteau, Dartmouth – 2.15
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 2.30
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 2.39
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 2.44
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – 2.51
Nils Wallstrom, Merrimack – 2.54

Shutouts:

Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 13
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 9
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – 6
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – 6
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Mich. – 5
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 5
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 4
Emmett Croteau, Dartmouth – 3
Adam Gajan, Minnesota Duluth – 3
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 3
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 3
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 3
Quentin Miller, Denver – 3
Dylan Silverstein, Quinnipiac – 3

Minutes Played:

Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 7438:44
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 6604:21
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 5864:52
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – 4513:29
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Mich. – 3812:00
Max Lundgren, Merrimack – 3601:53
Adam Gajan, Minnesota Duluth – 3032:37
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – 2811:24
Emmett Croteau, Dartmouth – 2740:48
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 2531:13

Saves:

Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 2,997
Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 2,667
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 2,512
Tyler Muszelik, UConn – 1,942
Max Lundgren, Merrimack – 1,746
Hampton Slukynsky, Western Mich. – 1,508
Adam Gajan, Minnesota Duluth – 1,183
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 1,101
Nils Wallstrom, Merrimack – 1,048
Matej Marinov, Quinnipiac – 985

Source: College Hockey News

ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER TOURNAMENT LEADERS

(2026 tournament participants only; asterisk indicates leads all active players)

Games Played:

Tristan Lemyre, Minnesota State – 8
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 8
Kent Anderson, Denver – 7
Kieran Cebrian, Denver – 7
Victor Czerneckianair, Quinnipiac – 7
Sam Harris, Denver – 7

Points:

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 7
Owen Michaels, Western Michigan – 7
Charlie Cerrato, Penn State – 5
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 4
10 players tied w/ – 3

Goals:

Owen Michaels, Western Michigan – 4*
Matt DiMarsico, Penn State – 3
Dane Dowiak, Penn State – 3
Ryan Walsh, Cornell – 3
Seven players tied w/ – 2

Assists:

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 6*
Charlie Cerrato, Penn State – 5
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 4
Owen Michaels, Western Michigan – 3
Joona Väisänen, Western Michigan – 3

Power-Play Goals:

Sam Harris, Denver – 2
Liam Valente, Western Michigan – 2
Five players tied w/ – 1

Short-Handed Goals:

None

Game-Winning Goals:

Matt DiMarsico, Penn State – 2
Seven players tied w/ – 1

Plus/Minus:

Cade Christenson, Penn State – +6
Tyler Duke, Michigan – +5
T.J. Hughes, Michigan – +5
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – +5
Four players tied w/ – +4

Games Played by Goalies:

Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – 4
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 3
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 1
Dylan Silverstein, Quinnipiac – 1
Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 1

Wins:

Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – 4
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 1

Save Percentage (min. 2 GP):

Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – .943
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – .862

Goals Against Average (min. 2 GP):

Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – 1.26
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 4.18

Minutes Played:

Hampton Slukynsky, Western Michigan – 286:43
Trey Augustine, Michigan State – 186:36
Alex Tracy, Minnesota State – 87:14
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 59:35
Dylan Silverstein, Quinnipiac – 58:55

Shutouts:

None

Source: College Hockey News



Most All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances:

Michigan, Minnesota – 42
Boston University – 40
Boston College – 38
North Dakota – 36
Denver – 34
Michigan State – 30
Wisconsin – 28
Harvard – 27
Cornell – 26

Other 2026 NCAA Tournament teams:

Providence – 17
Minnesota Duluth – 16
Quinnipiac – 12
Minnesota State, Western Michigan – 11
Dartmouth, Penn State – 5
Merrimack – 4
Bentley, UConn – 2

Longest Active NCAA Appearance Streaks:

Quinnipiac – 7
Denver, Western Michigan – 5
Cornell – 4
Michigan State – 3
Bentley, UConn, Minnesota State, Penn State, Providence – 2

Most Championships:

Denver – 10
Michigan – 9
North Dakota – 8
Wisconsin – 6
Boston College, Boston University, Minnesota – 5
Lake Superior State, Michigan State, Michigan Tech, Minnesota Duluth – 3
Colorado College, Cornell, Maine, Rensselaer – 2
Bowling Green, Harvard, Massachusetts, Northern Michigan, Providence, Quinnipiac, Union, Western Michigan, Yale – 1

Most Recent Previous Appearance for 2026 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers:

Bentley, UConn, Cornell, Denver, Mich. State, Minn. State, Penn State, Providence, Quinnipiac, Western Mich. – 2025
Michigan, North Dakota, Wisconsin – 2024
Merrimack – 2023
Minnesota Duluth – 2022
Dartmouth – 1980

NCAA Appearances by 2026 Tournament Coaches

All appearances with current school unless noted

- 12 – Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac
- 12 – Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth
- 10 – Mike Hastings, Wisconsin (8 with Minnesota State)
- 9 – Nate Leaman, Providence (1 with Union)
- 7 – Guy Gadowsky, Penn State (2 with Princeton)
- 6 – David Carle, Denver
- 5 – Pat Ferschweiler, Western Michigan
- 3 – Casey Jones, Cornell (2 with Clarkson)
- 3 – Brandon Naurato, Michigan
- 3 – Adam Nightingale, Michigan State
- 2 – Scott Borek, Merrimack
- 2 – Mike Cavanaugh, UConn
- 2 – Andy Jones, Bentley
- 2 – Luke Strand, Minnesota State
- 1st – Reid Cashman, Dartmouth
- 1st – Dane Jackson, North Dakota

NCAA Titles by 2026 Tournament Coaches

- 3 – Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth (2011, 2018, 2019)
- 2 – David Carle, Denver (2022, 2024)
- 1 – Pat Ferschweiler, Western Michigan (2025)
- 1 – Nate Leaman, Providence (2015)
- 1 – Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac (2023)

Tournament Coaches Coaching their Alma Mater:

- David Carle, Denver
- Pat Ferschweiler, Western Michigan
- Dane Jackson, North Dakota
- Casey Jones, Cornell
- Brandon Naurato, Michigan
- Adam Nightingale, Michigan State

Tournament Most Outstanding Players

Thirty-eight winners of this award have gone on to play in the NHL, including 2025-26 NHLers Mike Benning (Denver, 2022), Shayne Gostisbehere (Union, 2014) and Jacob Quillan (Quinnipiac, 2023).

Other notable NHLers to have won the award include Bill Masterton (Denver, 1961), Doug Smail (North Dakota, 1980), Chris Terreri (Providence, 1985), Ted Donato (Harvard, 1989), Jim Montgomery (Maine, 1993), Brendon Morrison (Michigan, 1996), Marty Turco (Michigan, 1998), Thomas Vanek (Minnesota, 2003), and Justin Abdelkader (Michigan State, 2007).

TOURNAMENT TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS**vs. Other NCAA Tournament Teams**

Denver 8-3-0 (.727)
Michigan State 8-4-0 (.667)
Michigan 10-6-1 (.618)
Dartmouth – 3-2-0 (.600)
UConn – 4-3-1 (.563)
Western Michigan – 7-6-0 (.538)
Cornell – 2-2-0 (.500)
Minnesota State – 0-0-2 (.500)
Wisconsin – 6-7-2 (.467)
North Dakota – 4-5-0 (.444)
Providence – 3-4-1 (.438)
Merrimack – 3-5-0 (.375)
Minnesota Duluth – 4-8-0 (.333)
Quinnipiac – 2-4-0 (.333)
Penn State – 3-9-1 (.269)
Bentley – 0-1-0 (.000)

Last 10 Games

Denver – 9-0-1 (.950)
North Dakota – 7-2-1 (.750)
Western Michigan – 7-2-1 (.750)
Dartmouth – 6-1-3 (.750)
Bentley – 7-3-0 (.700)
Providence – 7-3-0 (.700)
Minnesota State – 6-2-2 (.700)
Merrimack – 6-3-1 (.650)
Michigan – 6-3-1 (.650)
Minnesota Duluth – 6-3-1 (.650)
Quinnipiac – 6-4-0 (.600)
Wisconsin – 6-4-0 (.600)
Michigan State – 5-3-2 (.600)
Cornell – 5-4-1 (.550)
UConn – 3-5-2 (.400)
Penn State – 3-5-2 (.400)

Since Christmas

Michigan – 13-3-1 (.794)
Providence – 15-4-0 (.789)
Western Michigan – 16-4-1 (.786)
Michigan State – 13-4-2 (.737)
Quinnipiac – 14-5-1 (.725)
Merrimack – 14-5-2 (.714)
North Dakota – 13-5-1 (.711)
Cornell – 15-6-1 (.705)
Denver – 13-5-2 (.700)
Bentley – 14-5-4 (.667)
Dartmouth – 12-6-4 (.636)
Minnesota State – 11-6-2 (.632)
UConn – 11-7-2 (.600)
Penn State – 10-8-2 (.550)
Minnesota Duluth – 9-8-1 (.528)
Wisconsin – 9-10-0 (.474)

Active Winning Streaks

9 games – Denver
5 games – Bentley, Merrimack
4 games – Dartmouth, Michigan
3 games – Minnesota State

Active Unbeaten Streaks

13 games – Denver (12-0-1)
8 games – Dartmouth (6-0-2)
7 games – Merrimack (6-0-1)
5 games – Bentley (5-0-0)
4 games – Michigan (4-0-0)

Top 1-2 scoring pairs of teammates

104 points – T.J. Hughes (53) & Michael Hage (51), Michigan
96 points – Max Plante (49) & Zam Plante (47), Minnesota Duluth
96 points – Ethan Wyttenbach (58) & Antonin Verreault (38), Quinnipiac
93 points – Gavin McKenna (51) & Matt DiMarsico (42), Penn State
91 points – Porter Martone (47) & Charlie Stramel (44), Michigan State

46 goals – Hayden Stavroff (29) & Hank Cleaves (17), Dartmouth
44 goals – Will Horcoff (24) & T.J. Hughes (20), Michigan
44 goals – Max Plante (24) & Zam Plante (20), Minnesota Duluth
44 goals – Ethan Wyttenbach (24) & Markus Vidicek (20), Quinnipiac
43 goals – Porter Martone (24) & Charlie Stramel (19), Michigan State

Top 1-2-3 scoring trios of teammates

141 points – T.J. Hughes (53) / Michael Hage (51) / Will Horcoff (37) *or* Jayden Perron (37), Michigan
138 points – Max Plante (49) / Zam Plante (47) / Jayson Shaugabay (42), Minnesota Duluth
131 points – Gavin McKenna (51) / Matt DiMarsico (42) / Aiden Fink (38), Penn State
130 points – Porter Martone (47) / Charlie Stramel (44) / Daniel Russell (39), Michigan State
130 points – Ethan Wyttenbach (58) / Antonin Verreault (38) / Markus Vidicek (34), Quinnipiac

61 goals – Ethan Wyttenbach (24) / Markus Vidicek (20) / Chris Pelosi (17), Quinnipiac
60 goals – Will Horcoff (24) / T.J. Hughes (20) / Jayden Perron (16), Michigan
57 goals – Porter Martone (24) / Charlie Stramel (19) / Ryker Lee (14) *or* Anthony Romani (14), Michigan State
57 goals – Max Plante (24) / Zam Plante (20) / Scout Truman (13), Minnesota Duluth
55 goals – Hayden Stavroff (29) / Hank Cleaves (17) / Nathan Morin (9), Dartmouth
55 goals – Liam Valente (20) / William Whitelaw (19) / Zaccharya Wisdom (16), Western Michigan

Teams with the most:

10+ Goal Scorers: 9 – Michigan
20+ Goal Scorers: 2 – Michigan, Minnesota Duluth, Quinnipiac
10+ Point Players: 18 – Michigan
20+ Point Players: 10 – North Dakota
30+ Point Players: 5 – Quinnipiac
40+ Point Players: 3 – Minnesota Duluth
50+ Point Players: 2 – Michigan

Biggest Win Improvement Since Last Season

+11 – Michigan
+10 – Minnesota Duluth
+8 – Merrimack, Wisconsin
+6 – North Dakota
+5 – Dartmouth
+3 – Cornell
+2 – Providence, Quinnipiac

Most upperclassmen (incl. graduate students):

17 – Bentley
15 – Minnesota State
13 – Cornell
12 – Dartmouth, Michigan State, Western Michigan

Most seniors (incl. graduate students):

8 – Bentley
7 – UConn, Minnesota State, Wisconsin
6 – Michigan, Michigan State, North Dakota, Quinnipiac
5 – Cornell, Minnesota Duluth, Penn State

Fewest seniors (incl. graduate students):

2 – Merrimack, Providence
3 – Denver
4 – Dartmouth, Western Michigan

Most underclassmen:

19 – Providence
18 – Cornell, Merrimack, Minnesota Duluth
17 – Michigan, North Dakota, Western Michigan
16 – Wisconsin

Most freshmen:

12 – Cornell
11 – Michigan, Michigan State, Providence
10 – Denver, Merrimack, North Dakota, Quinnipiac

Fewest freshmen

6 – Bentley
7 – Minnesota Duluth, Minnesota State, Penn State, Western Michigan
8 – UConn, Dartmouth, Wisconsin

Top-scoring senior classes (incl. graduate students):

122 points – Michigan State
111 points – North Dakota
104 points – Bentley, Michigan
101 points – Wisconsin

Top-scoring junior classes:

162 points – Western Michigan
148 points – Penn State
141 points – Merrimack
129 points – Cornell, Denver
127 points – Michigan

Top-scoring sophomore classes:

221 points – Minnesota Duluth
143 points – Dartmouth
113 points – Quinnipiac
105 points – Michigan
104 points – UConn

Top-scoring freshman classes:

180 points – Quinnipiac
144 points – North Dakota
134 points – Michigan State
132 points – Merrimack
123 points – Michigan

Top-scoring defense corps:

108 points – Michigan
105 points – Denver, North Dakota
101 points – Quinnipiac
98 points – Western Michigan

Source: College Hockey News

Brothers Playing in the 2026 NCAA Tournament:

Jacob Bonkowski (Minnesota State) and Rylan Bonkowski (Minnesota State)
Cooper Cleaves (Dartmouth) and Hank Cleaves (Dartmouth)
Max Plante (Minnesota Duluth) and Zam Plante (Minnesota Duluth)
Tiernan Shoudy (Michigan State) and Travis Shoudy (Michigan State)
Grant Slukynsky (Western Michigan) and Hampton Slukynsky (Western Michigan)

Biggest teams, by average height:

Cornell – 6'1.7"
Michigan State – 6'1.2"
North Dakota – 6'1.1"
Providence – 6'1.0"
Western Michigan – 6'0.9"

Smallest teams, by average height:

Quinnipiac – 5'11.8"
Bentley – 5'11.9"
Michigan – 6'0"
Wisconsin – 6'0.1"
UConn – 6'0.3"

Biggest teams, by average weight:

Cornell – 198.0 pounds
North Dakota – 195.0
Michigan State – 194.9
Providence – 191.2
Merrimack – 190.8

Smallest teams, by average weight:

Quinnipiac – 184.4 pounds
Wisconsin – 185.3
Bentley – 186.6
Minnesota Duluth – 186.9
UConn, Penn State – 187.5

Oldest teams, by average age*:

Bentley – 23.1 years
Minnesota State – 22.8
Merrimack – 22.4
Dartmouth, Western Michigan – 22.3

* -- as of tournament start 3/26/26

Youngest teams, by average age*:

Michigan – 21.1 years
Denver, Michigan State – 21.4
Cornell, North Dakota, Providence – 21.7

* -- as of tournament start on 3/26/26

Tallest players:

6'6" – Sean Barnhill, Michigan State
6'6" – Viking Gustafsson Nyberg, UConn
6'6" – Gibson Homer, North Dakota
6'6" – Matt Lahey, Michigan State
6'6" – Roger McQueen, Providence
6'6" – Kevin Reidler, Penn State
6'6" – Cole Ward, Michigan State

Shortest players:

5'6" – Anthony Cipollone, Quinnipiac
5'8" – Eight players tied

Youngest players:

17 yrs, 9 mos, 7 days – Keaton Verhoeff, North Dakota
17 yrs, 11 mos, 15 days – Adam Valentini, Michigan
18 yrs, 3 mos, 6 days – Gavin McKenna, Penn State
18 yrs, 6 mos, 16 days – Anthony Allain-Samake, UConn
18 yrs, 10 mos, 4 days – Jack Ivankovic, Michigan

Oldest players:

26 yrs, 2 mos, 24 days – Kirk Laursen, Western Michigan
25 yrs, 8 mos, 28 days – Easton Hesse, Bentley
25 yrs, 2 mos, 11 days – Tristan Lemyre, Minnesota State
25 yrs, 1 mo, 26 days – Arlo Merritt, Bentley
25 yrs, 1 mo, 19 days – Huston Karpman, UConn

* -- as of tournament start on 3/26/26



GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

Twelve countries are represented on 2026 NCAA Tournament rosters, including players from 29 states and 10 Canadian provinces.

Players By State

55 – Minnesota
29 – Michigan
21 – New York
17 – Illinois
16 – California
14 – Massachusetts
13 – Connecticut
12 – Wisconsin
11 – Pennsylvania
8 – New Jersey
5 – Colorado, Florida, North Dakota, Ohio
3 – Arizona, Maryland, Missouri, Washington
2 – Alaska, Iowa, Indiana, Texas, Virginia
1 – Georgia, Louisiana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont

Players By Province/Territory

42 – Ontario
34 – Alberta
32 – British Columbia
15 – Quebec
14 – Saskatchewan
6 – Manitoba
3 – New Brunswick, Newfoundland
2 – Nova Scotia, Yukon

By Country

244 – United States (56.1%)
153 – Canada (35.2%)
13 – Sweden
7 – Finland
4 – Czechia, Slovakia
3 – Russia
2 – Latvia, Norway
1 – Croatia, Germany, Hungary

Most Americans: 21, Western Michigan

Most Canadians: 16, Cornell

Most non-North Americans: 6, Bentley & Providence

Most Countries on Roster: 7, Bentley & Providence

Most U.S. States on Roster: 11, UConn & Dartmouth & North Dakota

Most Canadian Provinces/Territories on Roster: 7, Merrimack

IN THE NHL

310 former NCAA players have appeared in an NHL game this season (as of games through March 23)

Full list: <https://www.collegehockeyinc.com/2025-26-alums-in-the-nhl/>

Most NCAA Alumni in the NHL, by Season

349 – 2021-22

341 – 2024-25

334 – 2022-23

327 – 2018-19

326 – 2023-24

45 schools have had an alum in the NHL this season. Colleges producing the most NHLers in 2025-26:

Boston College, Michigan – 25

Boston University – 23

Minnesota – 22

UMass, Minnesota Duluth, North Dakota – 14

Providence – 13

Denver, Harvard, Northeastern, Notre Dame, St. Cloud State – 12

Wisconsin – 11

Western Michigan – 10

14 of 16 tournament schools have had at least one alum play in the NHL in 2025-26. Those not listed above:

Quinnipiac – 6

Michigan State, Minnesota State – 5

UConn, Cornell – 4

Dartmouth, Merrimack – 2

FORMER NCAA PLAYERS IN THE NHL THIS YEAR**By years in school (63% played at least three years)**

Five years – 5

Four years – 75

Three years – 116

Two years – 84

One year – 30

By position:

174 forwards

115 defensemen

21 goaltenders

By NHL Draft status:

126 were first- or second-round picks

112 were third- through seventh-round picks

72 were undrafted free agents

By nationality:

234 – United States

65 – Canada

3 – Sweden

2 – Czechia, Russia

1 – Belarus, Finland, Germany, Latvia

FUTURE NHLers**258 NHL Draft picks played NCAA hockey this year and 122 are on tournament rosters, including 10 first-rounders:**

EJ Emery, North Dakota (30th overall in 2024 by NY Rangers)
Michael Hage, Michigan (21st overall in 2024 by Montreal)
Logan Hensler, Wisconsin (23rd overall in 2025 by Ottawa)
Will Horcoff, Michigan (24th overall in 2025 by Pittsburgh)
Ryker Lee, Michigan State (26th overall in 2025 by Nashville)
Dean Letourneau, Boston College (25th overall in 2024 by Boston)
Roger McQueen, Providence (10th overall in 2025 by Anaheim)
Cole Reschny, North Dakota (18th overall in 2025 by Calgary)
Jackson Smith, Penn State (14th overall in 2025 by Columbus)
Charlie Stramel, Michigan State (21st overall in 2023 by Minnesota)

15 of the 16 teams in the 2026 NCAA Tournament have at least one NHL Draft pick on their roster:

Michigan State – 15
Denver – 14
Michigan – 13
North Dakota – 12
Western Michigan, Wisconsin – 10
Cornell – 9
Minnesota Duluth, Penn State, Providence – 7
UConn, Quinnipiac – 6
Merrimack – 4
Dartmouth, Minnesota State – 1

Twenty-nine of the 32 NHL teams have prospects in the NCAA Tournament. By team:

Calgary – 9
Ottawa – 8
Detroit, Montreal, San Jose – 7
Anaheim, Boston, Buffalo, Columbus, NY Islanders, Pittsburgh – 6
Los Angeles, Nashville – 5
NY Rangers – 4
Carolina, Chicago, Minnesota, Seattle, Toronto – 3
Colorado, Dallas, Edmonton, Florida, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay, Vancouver, Winnipeg – 2
St. Louis – 1

14 current NHL GMs played college hockey:

Jason Botterill, Seattle (Michigan)
Craig Conroy, Calgary (Clarkson)
Chris Drury, NY Rangers (Boston University)
Tom Fitzgerald, New Jersey (Providence)
Mike Grier, San Jose (Boston University)
Bill Guerin, Minnesota (Boston College)
Kent Hughes, Montreal (Middlebury)
Jarmo Kekäläinen, Buffalo (Clarkson)
Chris MacFarland, Colorado (Pace)
Kelly McCrimmon, Vegas (Michigan)
Chris Patrick, Washington (Princeton)
Don Sweeney, Boston (Harvard)
Don Waddell, Columbus (Northern Michigan)
Bill Zito, Florida (Yale)

9 current NHL head coaches played college hockey:

Jeff Blashill, Chicago (Ferris State)
Rod Brind'Amour, Carolina (Michigan State)
Spencer Carbery, Washington (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert)
John Hynes, Minnesota (Boston University)
Jim Montgomery, St. Louis (Maine)
Dan Muse, Pittsburgh (Stonehill)
Martin St. Louis, Montreal (Vermont)
Mike Sullivan, NY Rangers (Boston University)
Ryan Warsofsky, San Jose (Sacred Heart, Curry College)

NCAA Tournament head coaches with NHL playing experience:

Dane Jackson, North Dakota (45 GP with Vancouver, Buffalo, NY Islanders)

Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth (25 GP with Montreal, Philadelphia, Minnesota North Stars)

NCAA Tournament head coaches with NHL coaching experience:

Reid Cashman, Dartmouth (assistant coach with Washington)

Pat Ferschweiler, Western Michigan (assistant coach with Detroit)

Brandon Naurato, Michigan (player development consultant with Detroit)

Adam Nightingale, Michigan State (assistant coach with Detroit; video coach with Buffalo)

Sons of NHLers in the NCAA Tournament:

Alexander Bales, Providence (son of Mike Bales)

Garrett Brown, Denver (son of Curtis Brown)

Kienan Draper, Michigan (son of Kris Draper)

Aiden Dubinsky, Wisconsin (son of Steve Dubinsky)

Will Horcoff, Michigan (son of Shawn Horcoff)

David Klee, North Dakota (son of Ken Klee)

Parker Murray, Cornell (son of Glen Murray)

Eric Nilson, Michigan State (son of Marcus Nilson)

Max Plante, Minnesota Duluth (son of Derek Plante)

Zam Plante, Minnesota Duluth (son of Derek Plante)

Oliver Salo, Bentley (son of Sami Salo)

Maxim Štrbák, Michigan State (son of Martin Štrbák)

Mac Swanson, North Dakota (son of Brian Swanson)

Tyler Young, North Dakota (son of Scott Young)

Bennett Zmolek, North Dakota (son of Doug Zmolek)

Players in the NCAA Tournament with brothers who have played in the NHL:

Seth Bernard-Docker, Bentley (brother of Jacob Bernard-Docker)

Tyler Duke, Michigan (brother of Dylan Duke)

Luca Fantilli, Michigan (brother of Adam Fantilli)

Other NCAA Tournament participants with notable NHL bloodlines:

Callum Arnott, Minnesota Duluth – nephew of former NHL forward Jason Arnott

Aidan Park, Michigan – nephew of former NHL forward Richard Park

Dakota Rhéaume-Mullen, Michigan – son of Manon Rhéaume, first woman to play in an NHL exhibition game

Erick Roest, Cornell – nephew of Buffalo Sabres pro scout Stacy Roest

Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – nephew of former NHL defenseman Keith Brown

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