



A photograph of several hands stacked together in a pyramid shape, symbolizing teamwork and support. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing athletic gear like a blue watch and a black wristband. The background is a blurred, light-colored wall.

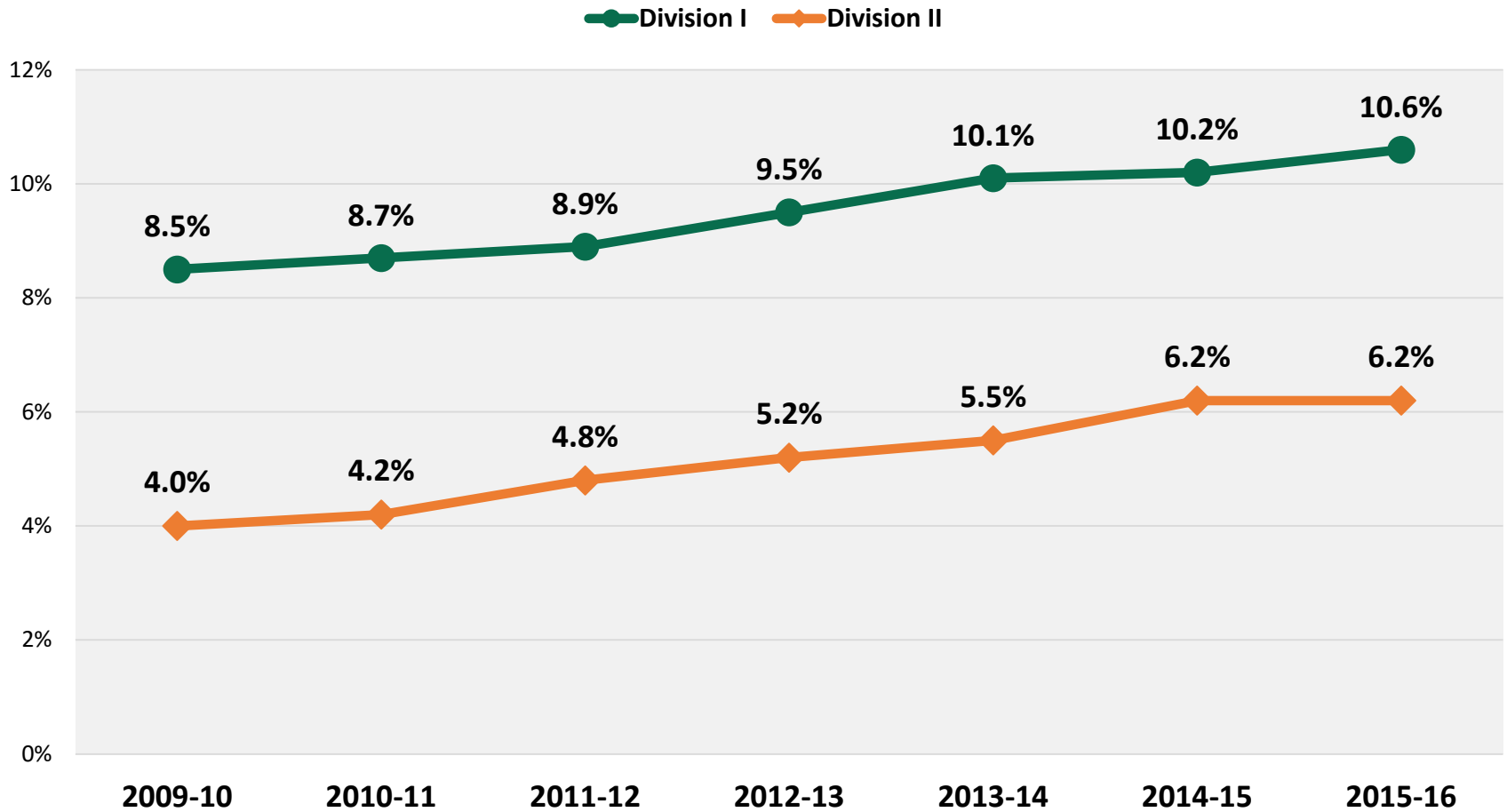
Trends in the Participation of International Student-Athletes in NCAA Divisions I and II

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Methodology

- Data reflect the number and percentage of international students in the cohort of first-year student-athletes entering Divisions I or II in a given year. Transfers are not included in these data.
- Similar data are not currently available for Division III.
- Data include all international student-athletes who were in a Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) cohort or in the Division II Academic Performance Census (APC) in that year. This may exclude some Division I walk-ons and others who do not meet academic tracking inclusion criteria in Divisions I or II.
- International student-athlete status is determined at the time a prospective student-athlete (PSA) registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center. PSAs with an international education component in their high school record are given an international designation and country of origin is recorded. This designation applies to PSAs from any country or territory outside of the fifty states of the USA.

Overall Trends in International Student-Athlete Participation in Divisions I and II



Total Numbers

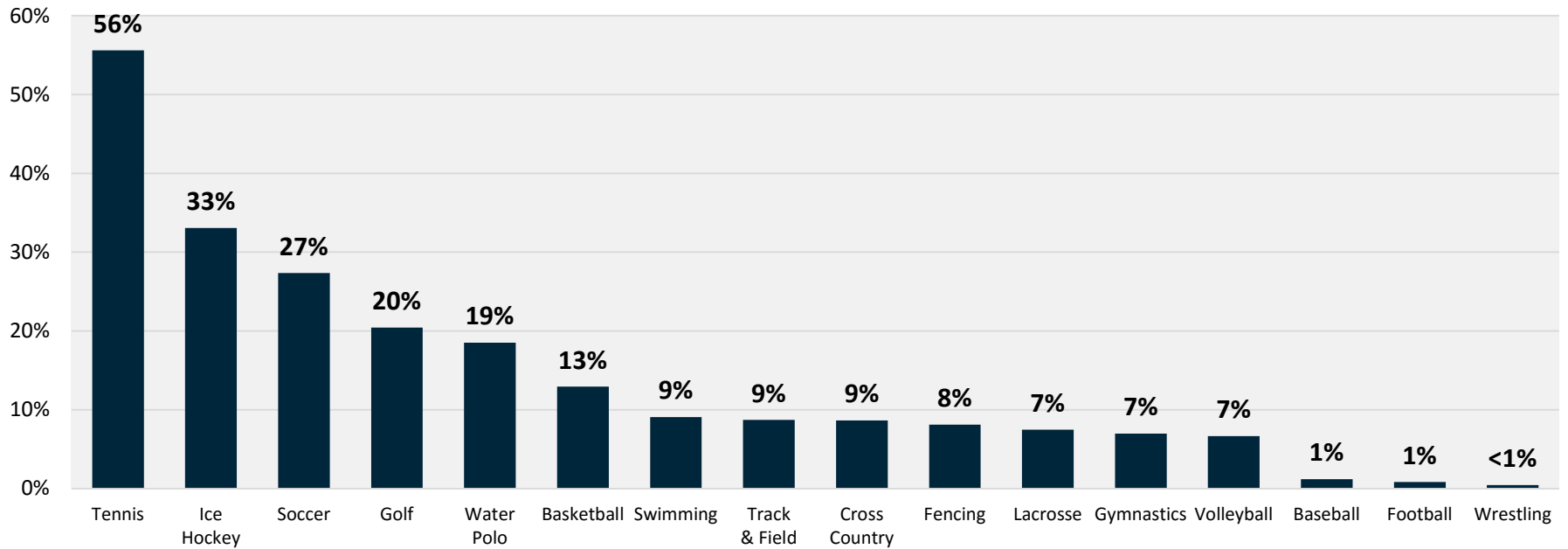
	2009-10	2015-16
DI	2,120	2,885
DII	924	1,733

Note: Data shown are for first-year student-athletes entering in that academic year.

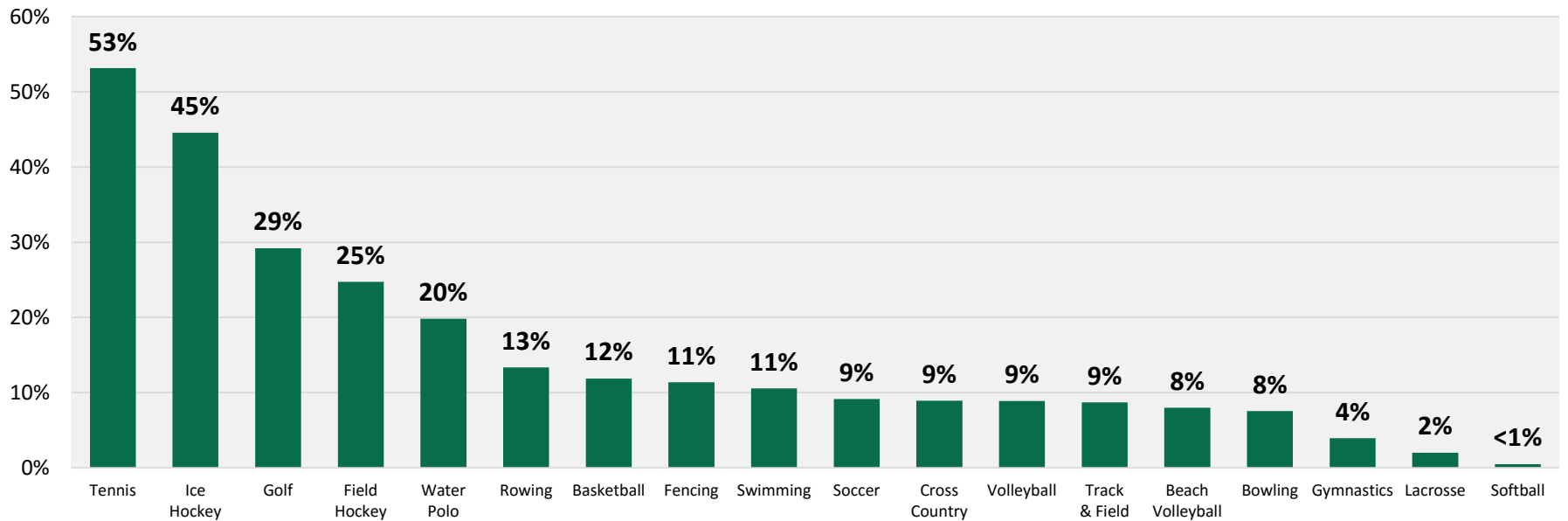
Division I



Percentage of International Student-Athletes in Division I Men's Sports

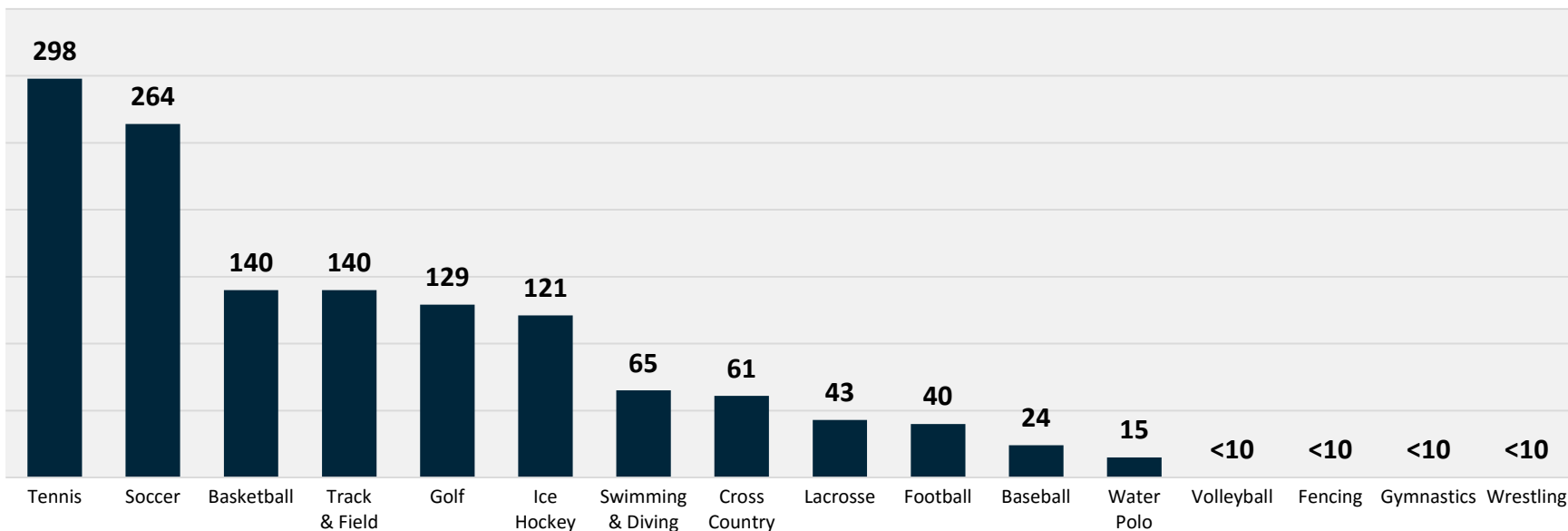


Percentage of International Student-Athletes in Division I Women's Sports

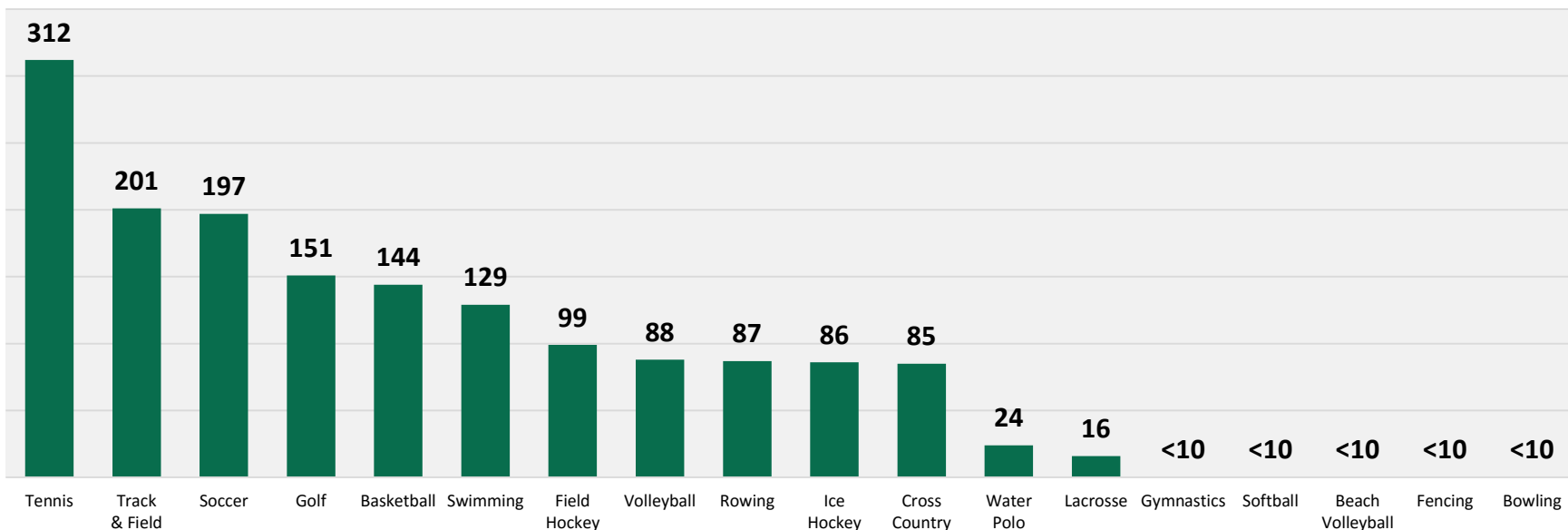


Note: Graphic is limited to sports with >200 Division I student-athletes. Data shown are for first-year student-athletes (2015-16).

Number of International Student-Athletes in Division I Men's Sports



Number of International Student-Athletes in Division I Women's Sports



Note: Graphic is limited to sports with >200 Division I student-athletes. Data shown are for first-year student-athletes (2015-16). Multi-sport athletes included in totals for each sport.

Top Three Countries of Origin among International Student-Athletes in Division I

Division I Men's Sports							
Tennis	N	Soccer	N	Basketball	N	Ice Hockey	N
UNITED KINGDOM	35	UNITED KINGDOM	41	CANADA	22	CANADA	104
SPAIN	27	GERMANY	32	AUSTRALIA	13	SWEDEN	7
GERMANY	23	CANADA	27	NIGERIA, SERBIA	9	FINLAND	5

Division I Women's Sports							
Tennis	N	Soccer	N	Track & Field	N	Golf	N
SPAIN	30	CANADA	94	CANADA	47	SWEDEN	15
UNITED KINGDOM	25	UNITED KINGDOM	16	JAMAICA	17	UNITED KINGDOM	15
GERMANY	18	GERMANY	14	KENYA	17	CANADA	10

Note: Sports included are the four sports with the highest number of international student-athlete participants. Data for the 2015-16 first-year cohort.

Change in the Percentage of International Student-Athletes in Division I Sports from 2010 to 2016

Division I Men's Sports			
	2010	2016	Change
WATER POLO	7%	19%	12%
SOCCER	18%	27%	9%
TENNIS	48%	56%	8%
GOLF	14%	20%	6%
BASKETBALL	9%	13%	4%
CROSS COUNTRY	7%	9%	2%
TRACK & FIELD	7%	9%	2%
LACROSSE	6%	7%	1%
SWIMMING & DIVING	8%	9%	1%
BASEBALL	1%	1%	0%
FOOTBALL	1%	1%	0%
GYMNASTICS	7%	7%	0%
VOLLEYBALL	7%	7%	0%
WRESTLING	0%	0%	0%
ICE HOCKEY	37%	33%	-4%
FENCING	16%	8%	-8%

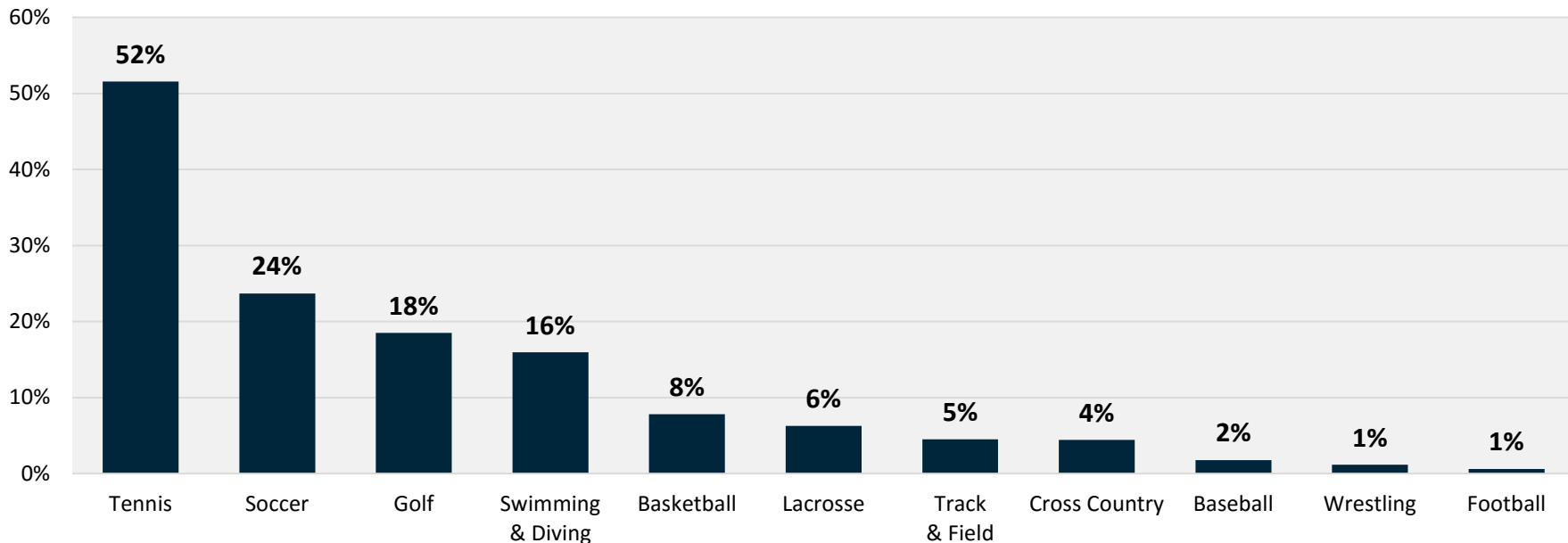
Division I Women's Sports			
	2010	2016	Change
FIELD HOCKEY	13%	25%	12%
WATER POLO	8%	20%	12%
GOLF	21%	29%	8%
BASKETBALL	6%	12%	6%
TENNIS	47%	53%	6%
CROSS COUNTRY	6%	9%	3%
SWIMMING & DIVING	8%	11%	3%
TRACK & FIELD	6%	9%	3%
BOWLING	6%	8%	2%
ROWING	11%	13%	2%
SOCCER	7%	9%	2%
VOLLEYBALL	7%	9%	2%
ICE HOCKEY	45%	45%	0%
LACROSSE	2%	2%	0%
GYMNASTICS	5%	4%	-1%
SOFTBALL	1%	0%	-1%
FENCING	14%	11%	-3%

Note: Sports sorted by the change in the percentage of international student-athletes from 2010 to 2016. Tables are limited to sports with >200 Division I student-athletes. Data shown are for first-year student-athletes.

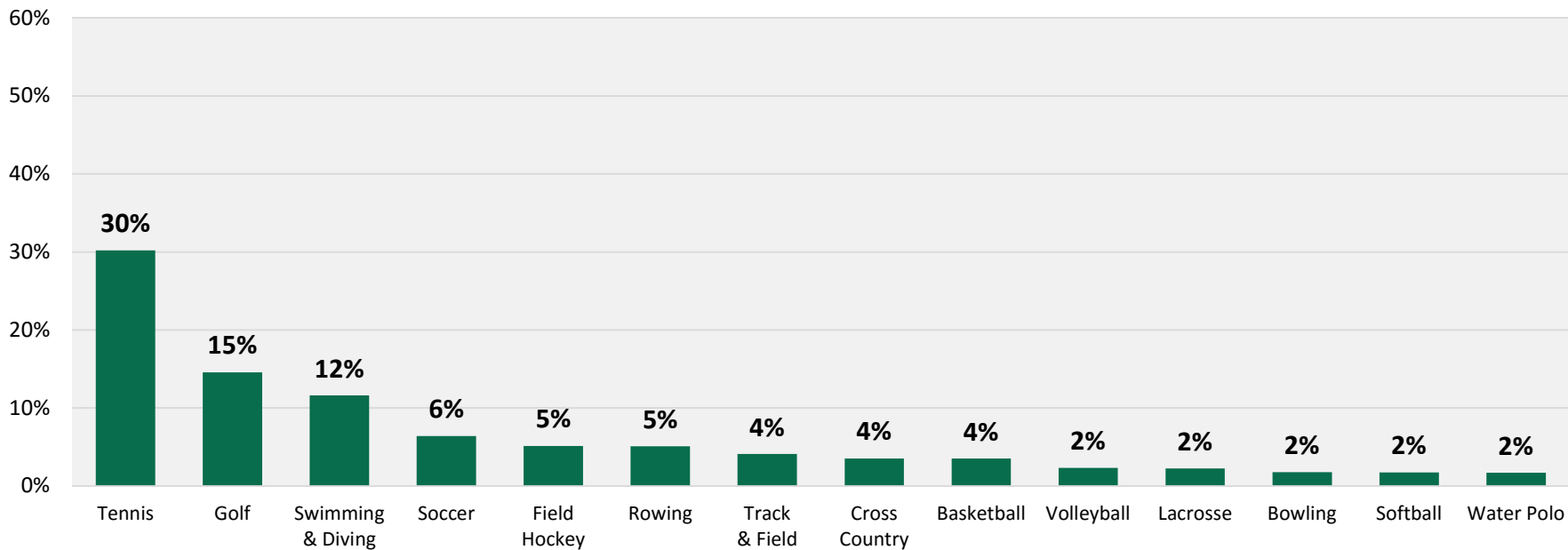
Division II



Percentage of International Student-Athletes in Division II Men's Sports

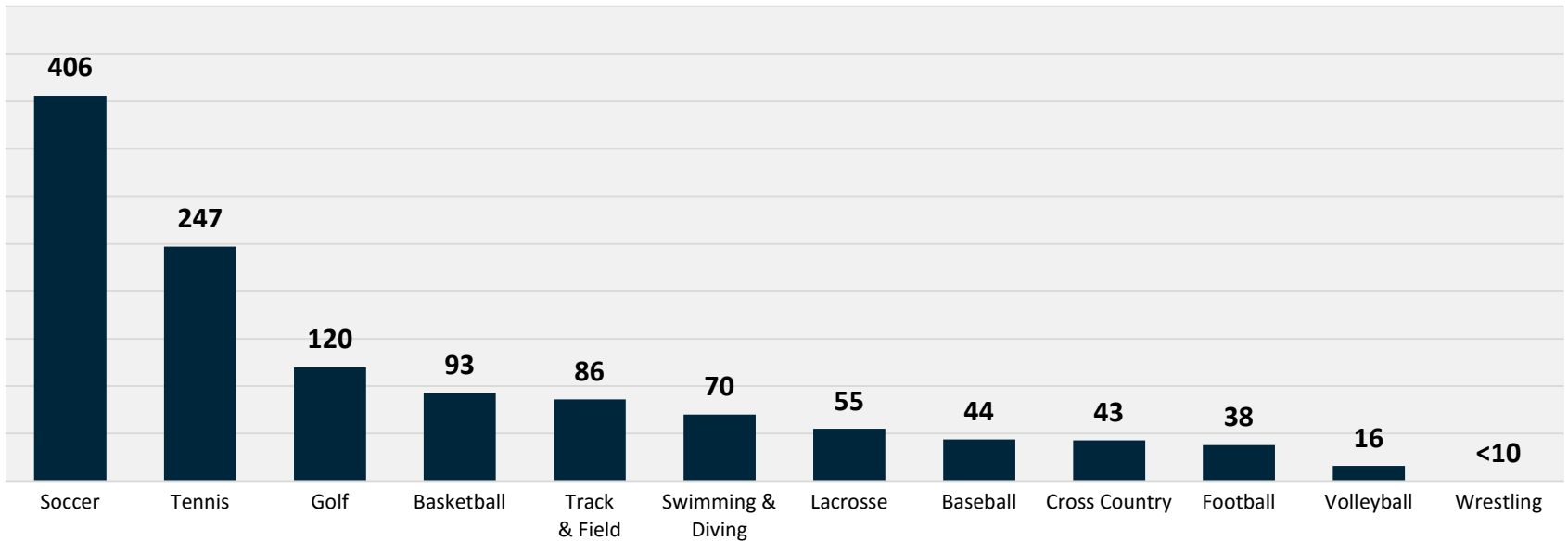


Percentage of International Student-Athletes in Division II Women's Sports

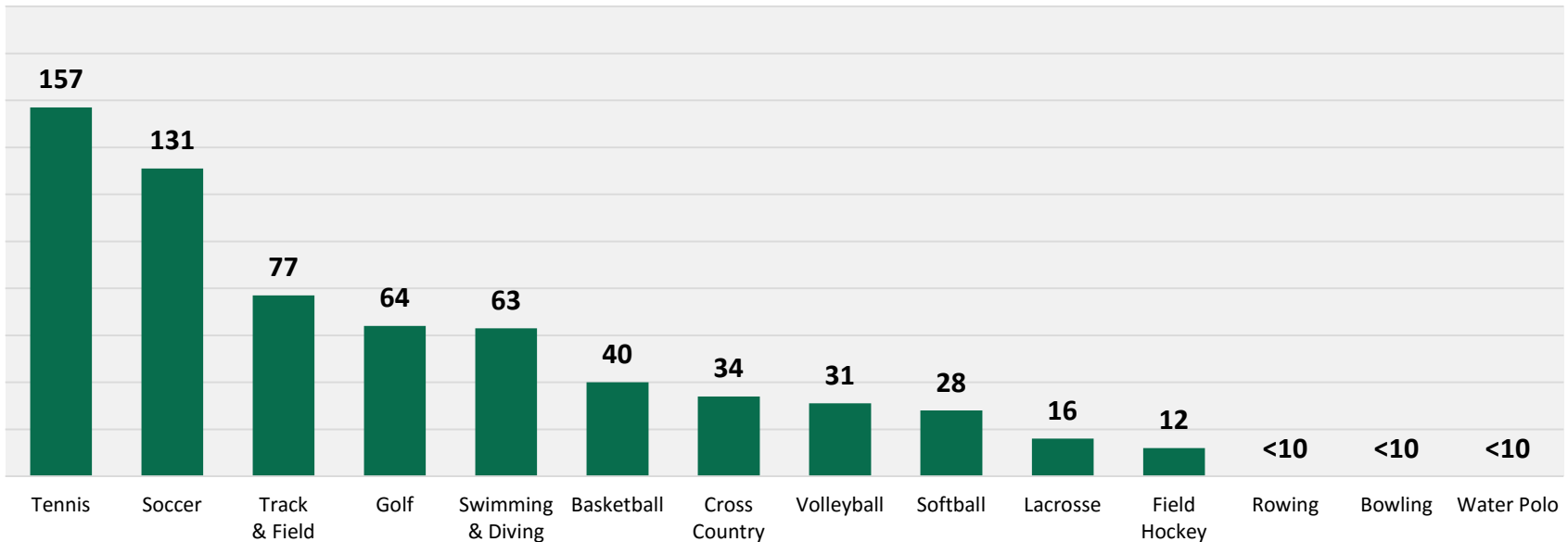


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Number of International Student-Athletes in Division II Men's Sports



Number of International Student-Athletes in Division II Women's Sports



Note: Graphic limited to sports with >200 Division II student-athletes. Data shown are for first-year student-athletes (2015-16). Multi-sport athletes included in totals for each sport.

Top Three Countries of Origin among International Student-Athletes in Division II

Division II Men's Sports							
Soccer	N	Tennis	N	Golf	N	Basketball	N
UNITED KINGDOM	111	BRAZIL	33	CANADA	22	AUSTRALIA	22
CANADA	28	GERMANY	33	SWEDEN	15	CANADA	14
SWEDEN	28	SPAIN	29	UNITED KINGDOM	15	SERBIA	9

Division II Women's Sports							
Tennis	N	Soccer	N	Track & Field	N	Golf	N
GERMANY	21	CANADA	35	CANADA	16	CANADA	10
SPAIN	17	UNITED KINGDOM	20	GERMANY, JAMAICA, KENYA	8	GERMANY, MEXICO, SWEDEN	6
BRAZIL, CANADA	11	SWEDEN	13				

Note: Sports included are the four sports with the highest number of international student-athlete participants. Data for the 2015-16 first-year cohort.

Change in the Percentage of International Student-Athletes in Division II Sports from 2010 to 2016

Division II Men's Sports			
	2010	2016	Change
TENNIS	34%	52%	18%
VOLLEYBALL	6%	16%	10%
GOLF	9%	18%	9%
SOCCER	16%	24%	8%
SWIMMING & DIVING	9%	16%	7%
BASKETBALL	4%	8%	4%
LACROSSE	3%	6%	3%
TRACK & FIELD	2%	5%	3%
BASEBALL	1%	2%	1%
FOOTBALL	0%	1%	1%
CROSS COUNTRY	5%	4%	-1%

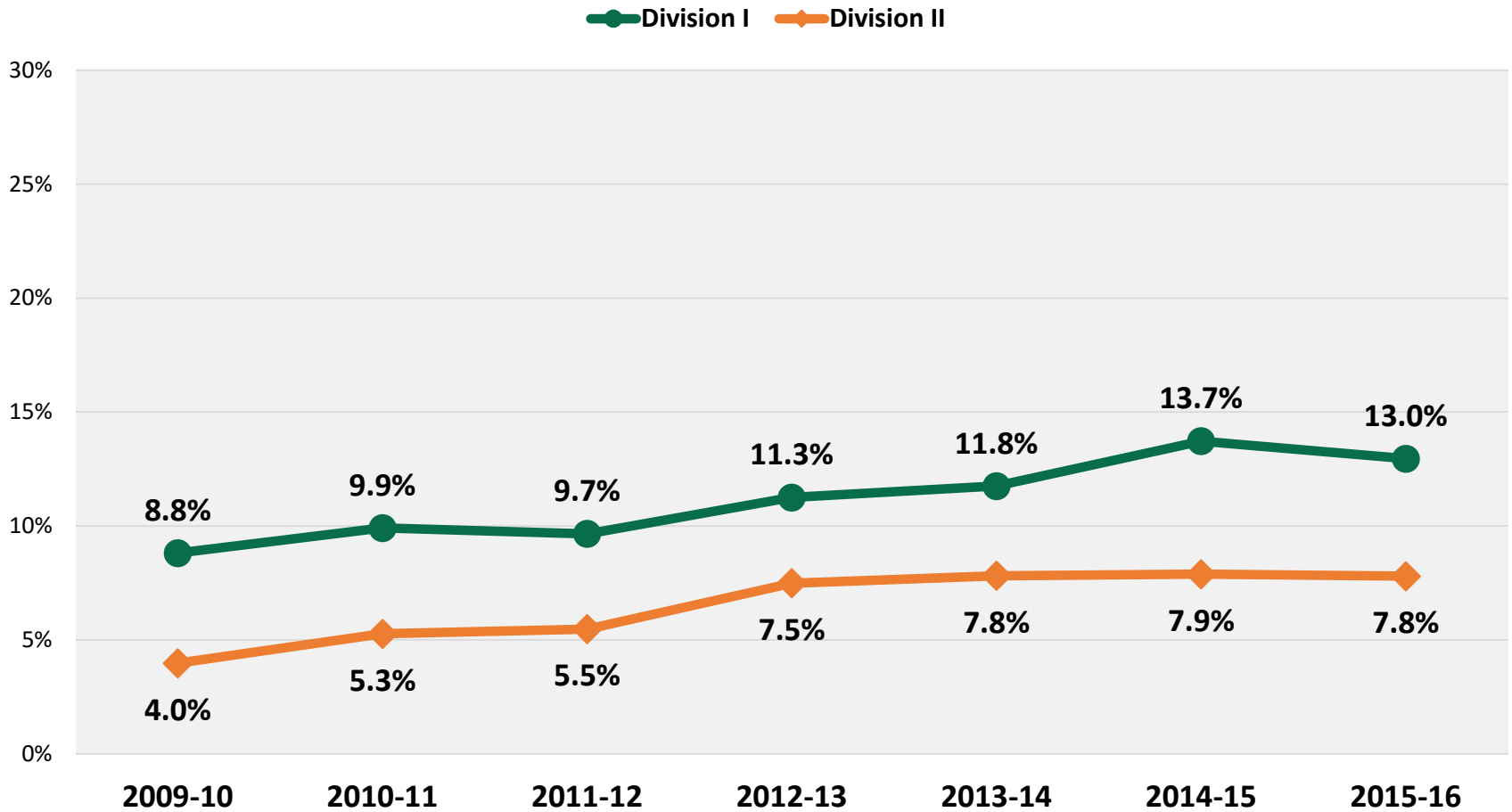
Division II Women's Sports			
	2010	2016	Change
TENNIS	17%	30%	13%
SWIMMING & DIVING	4%	12%	8%
GOLF	9%	15%	6%
BASKETBALL	2%	4%	2%
ROWING	3%	5%	2%
TRACK & FIELD	2%	4%	2%
CROSS COUNTRY	3%	4%	1%
FIELD HOCKEY	4%	5%	1%
LACROSSE	1%	2%	1%
SOCCER	5%	6%	1%
SOFTBALL	1%	2%	1%
BOWLING	2%	2%	0%
VOLLEYBALL	3%	2%	-1%

Note: Sports sorted by the change in the percentage of international student-athletes from 2010 to 2016. Tables are limited to sports with >200 Division II student-athletes. Data shown are for first-year student-athletes.

Trends by Sport



Trends in the Percentage of International Men's Basketball Student-Athletes

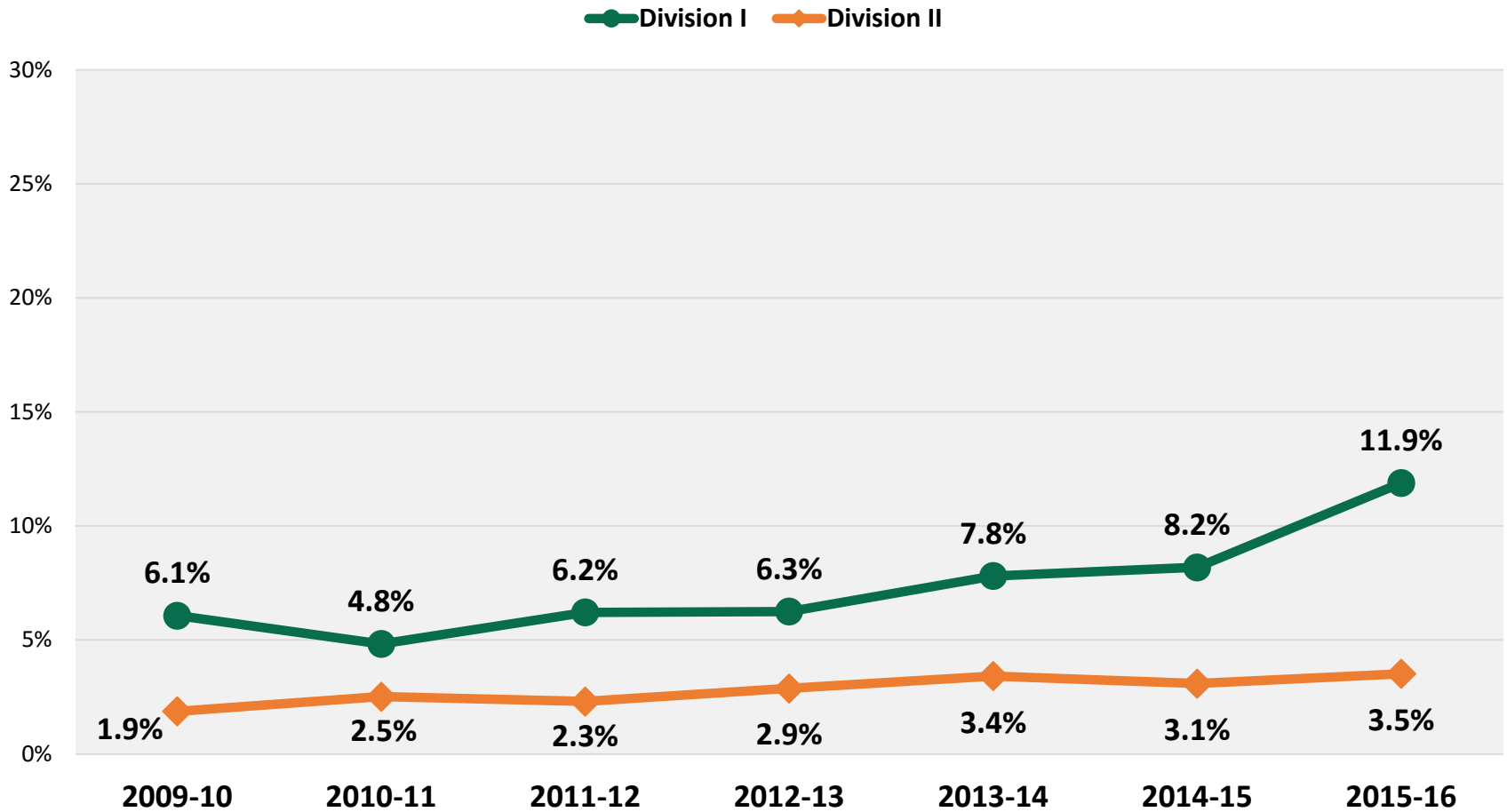


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	91	140
DII	40	93

Note: Data shown are for first-year student-athletes entering in that academic year.

Trends in the Percentage of International Women's Basketball Student-Athletes

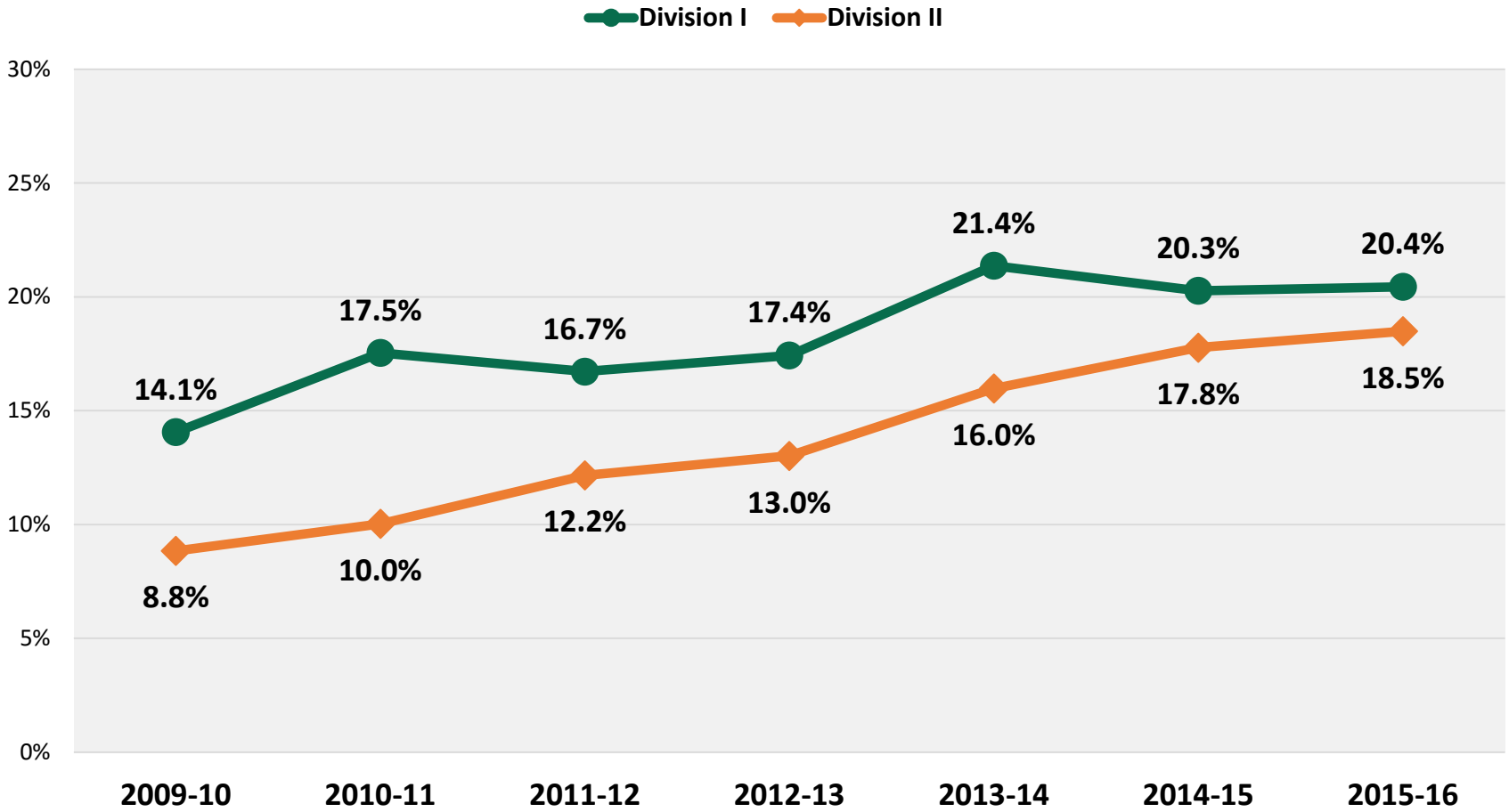


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	74	144
DII	21	40

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Trends in the Percentage of International Men's Golf Student-Athletes

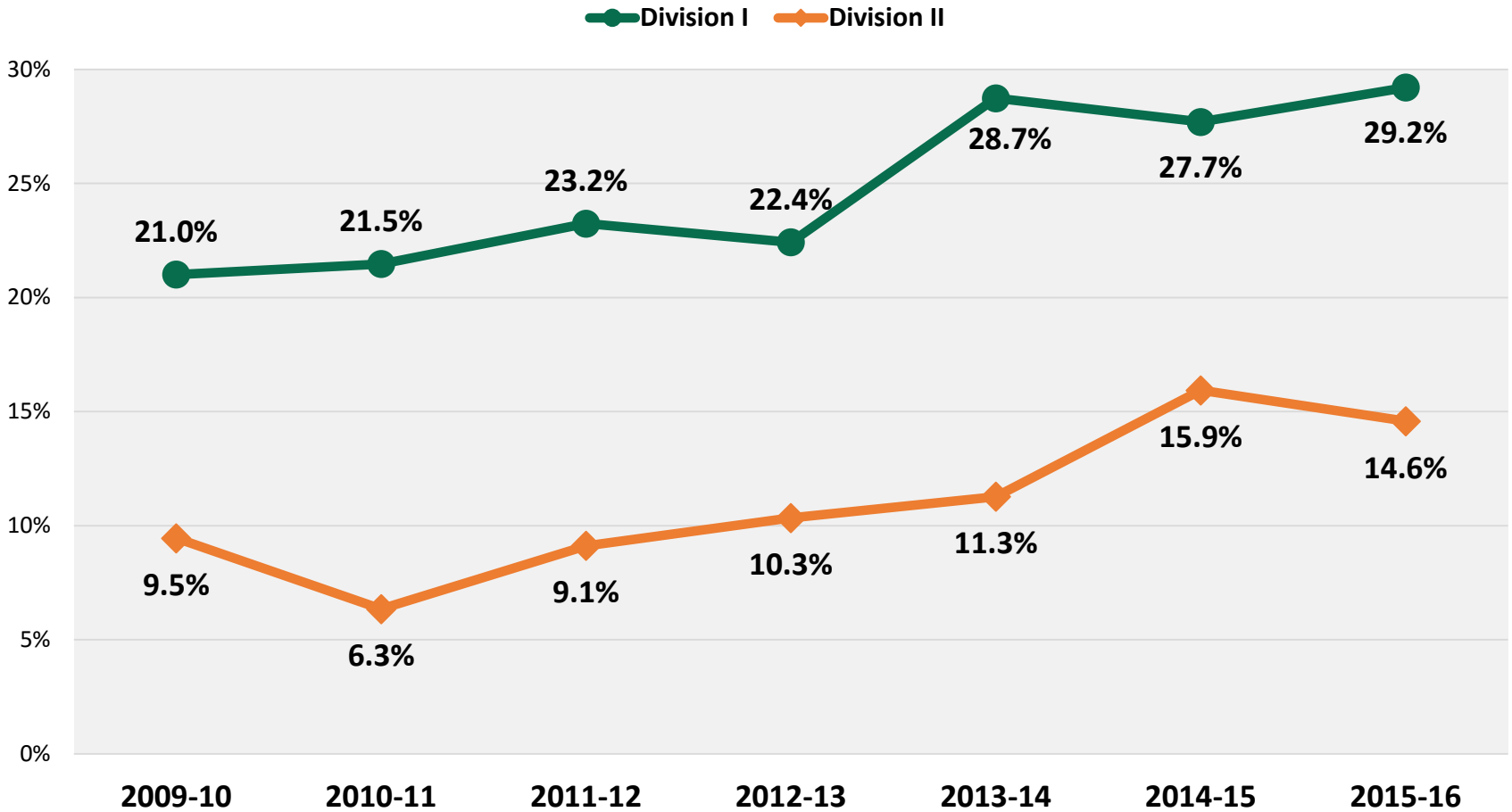


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	81	129
DII	52	120

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Trends in the Percentage of International Women's Golf Student-Athletes

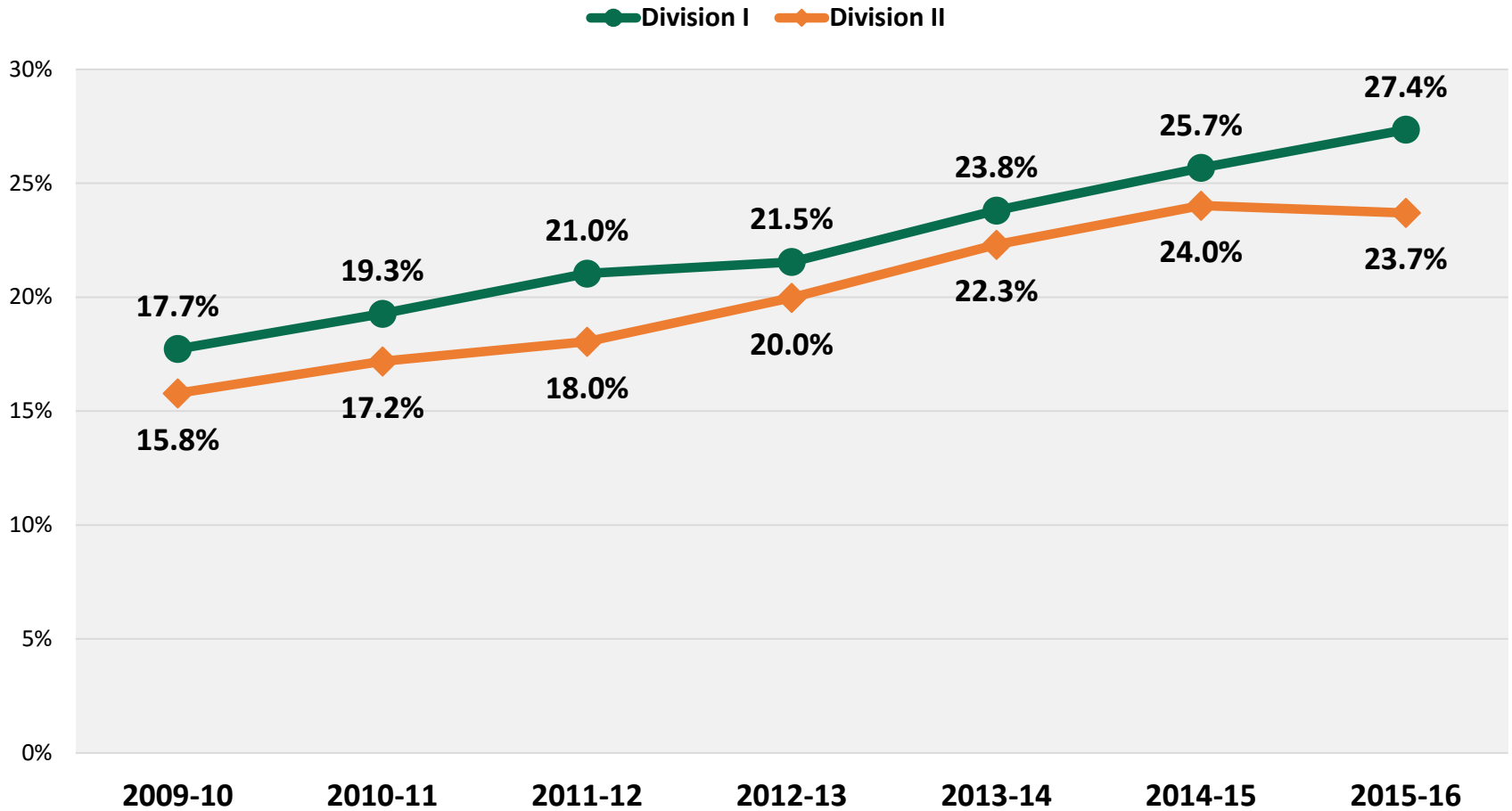


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	100	151
DII	31	64

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Trends in the Percentage of International Men's Soccer Student-Athletes

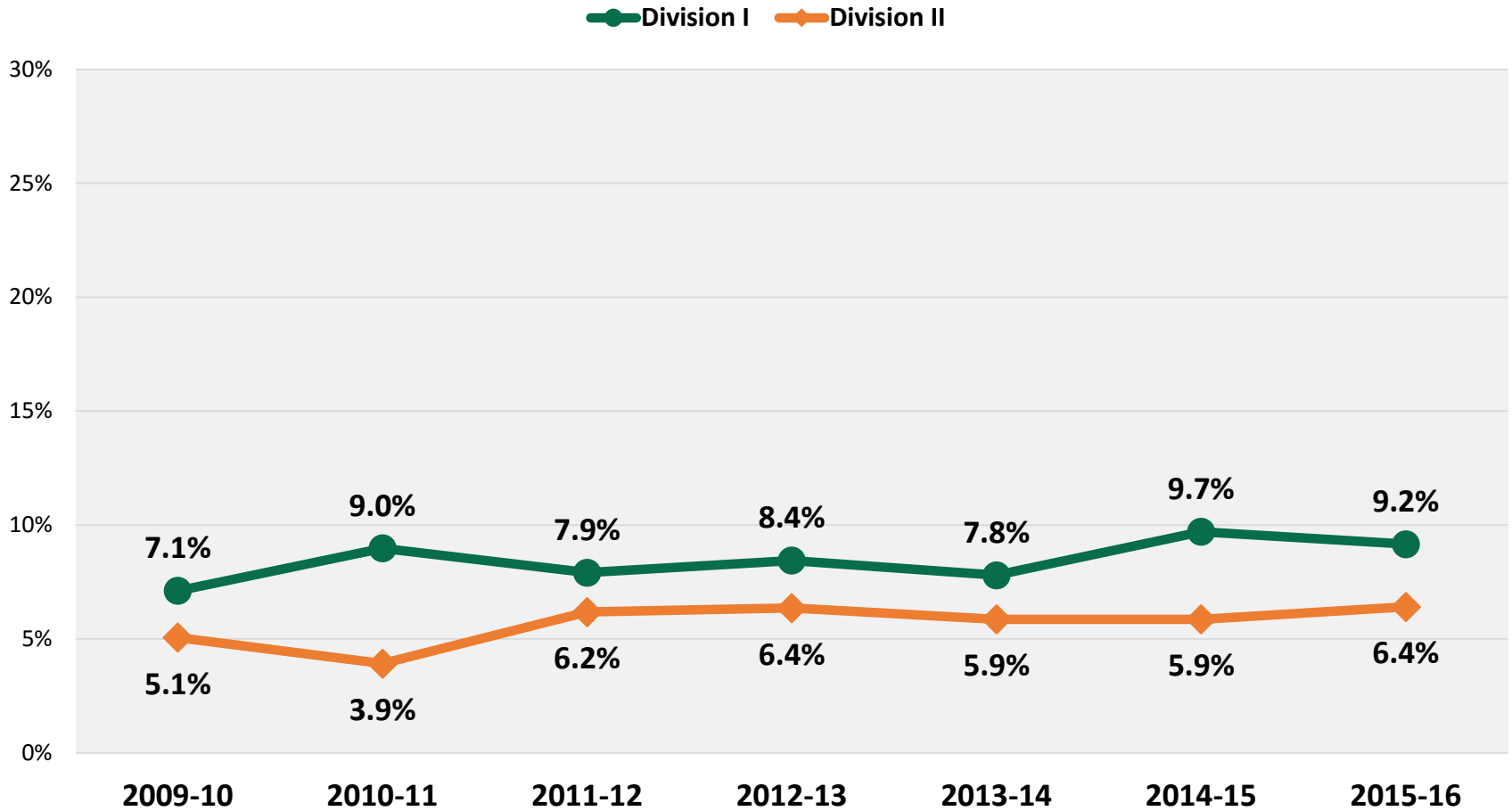


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	170	264
DII	227	406

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Trends in the Percentage of International Women's Soccer Student-Athletes

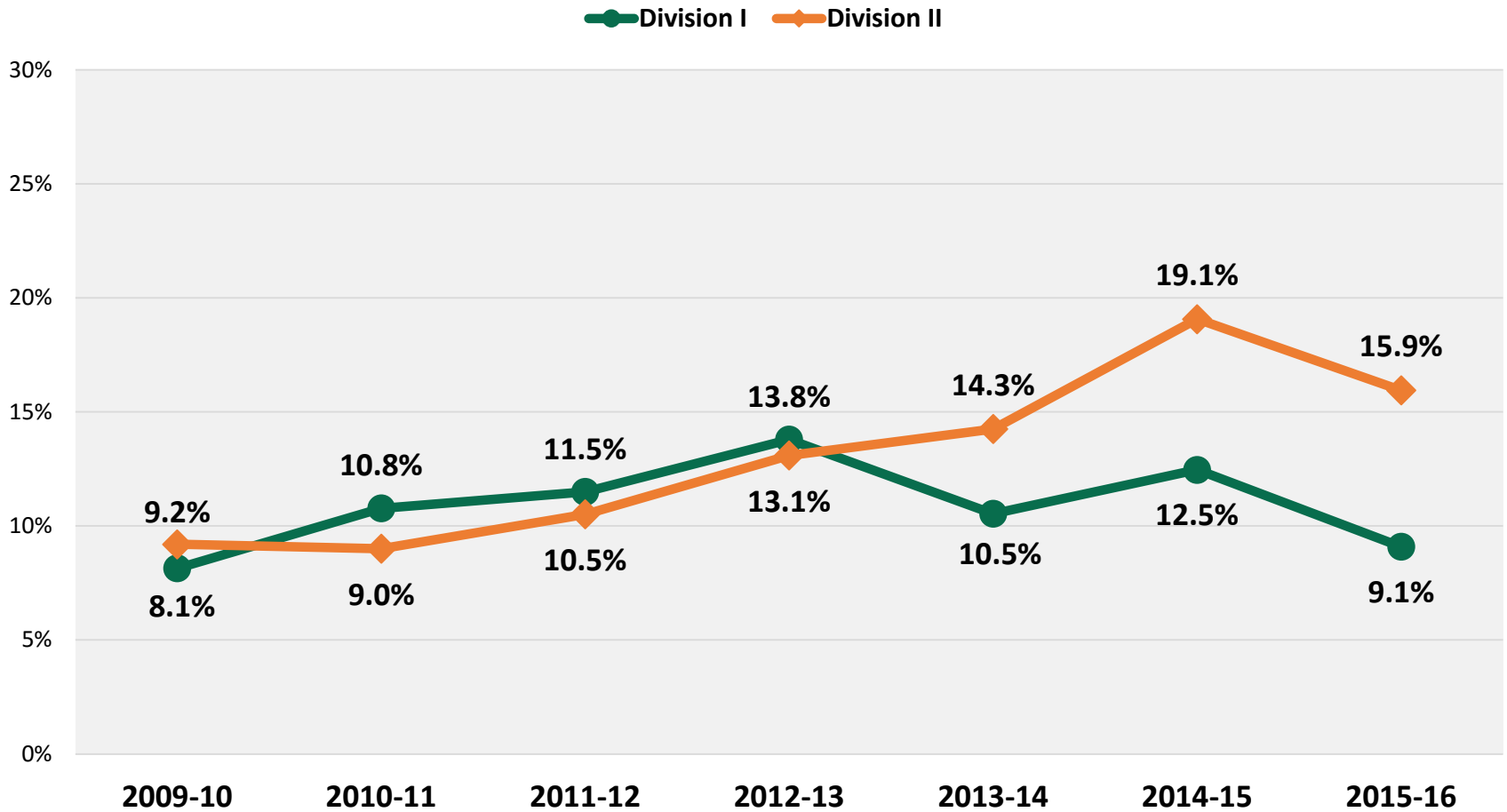


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	137	197
DII	84	131

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Trends in the Percentage of International of Men's Swimming Student-Athletes

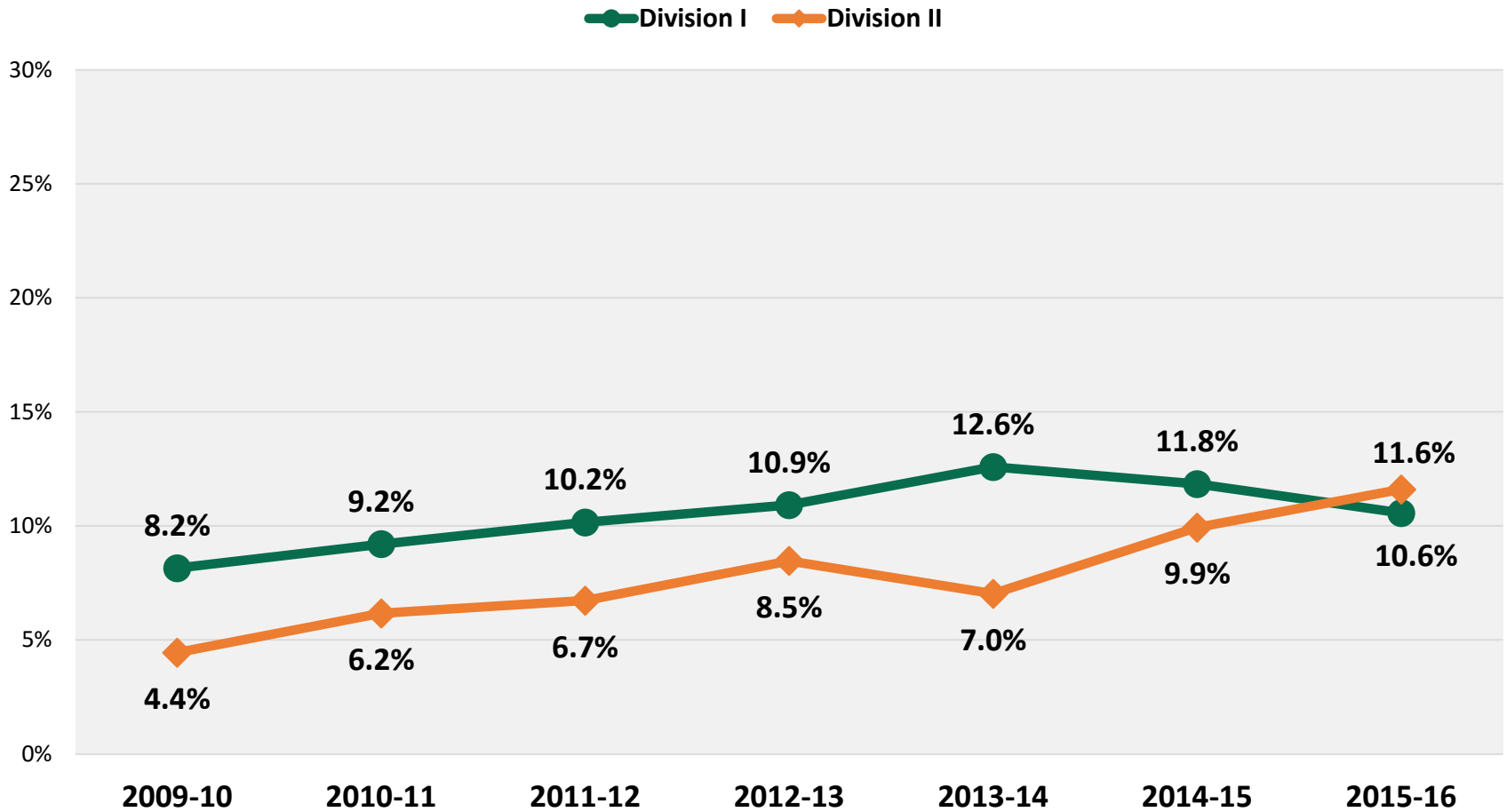


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	53	65
DII	31	70

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Trends in the Percentage of International Women's Swimming Student-Athletes

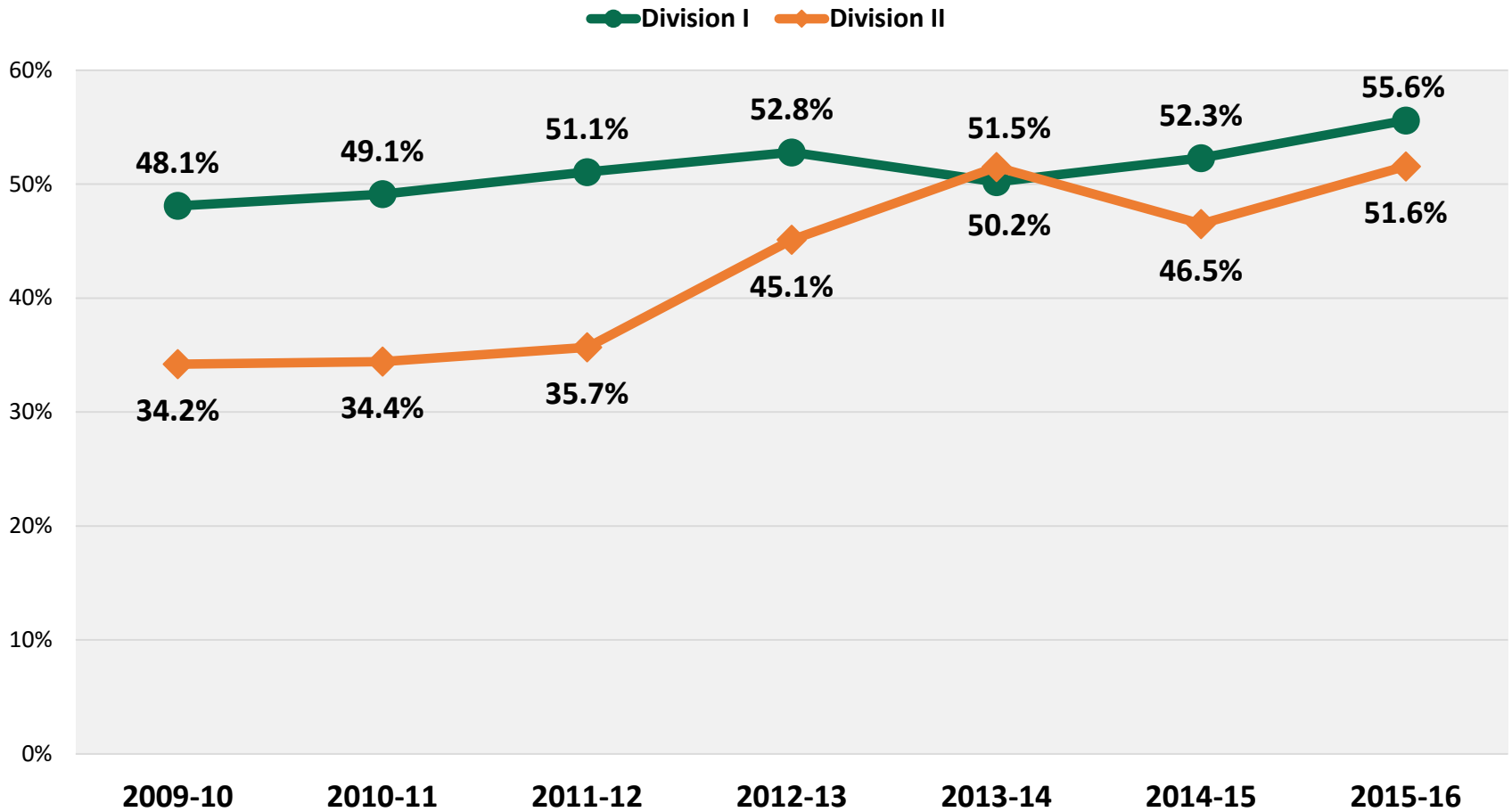


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	86	129
DII	20	63

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Trends in the Percentage of International Men's Tennis Student-Athletes

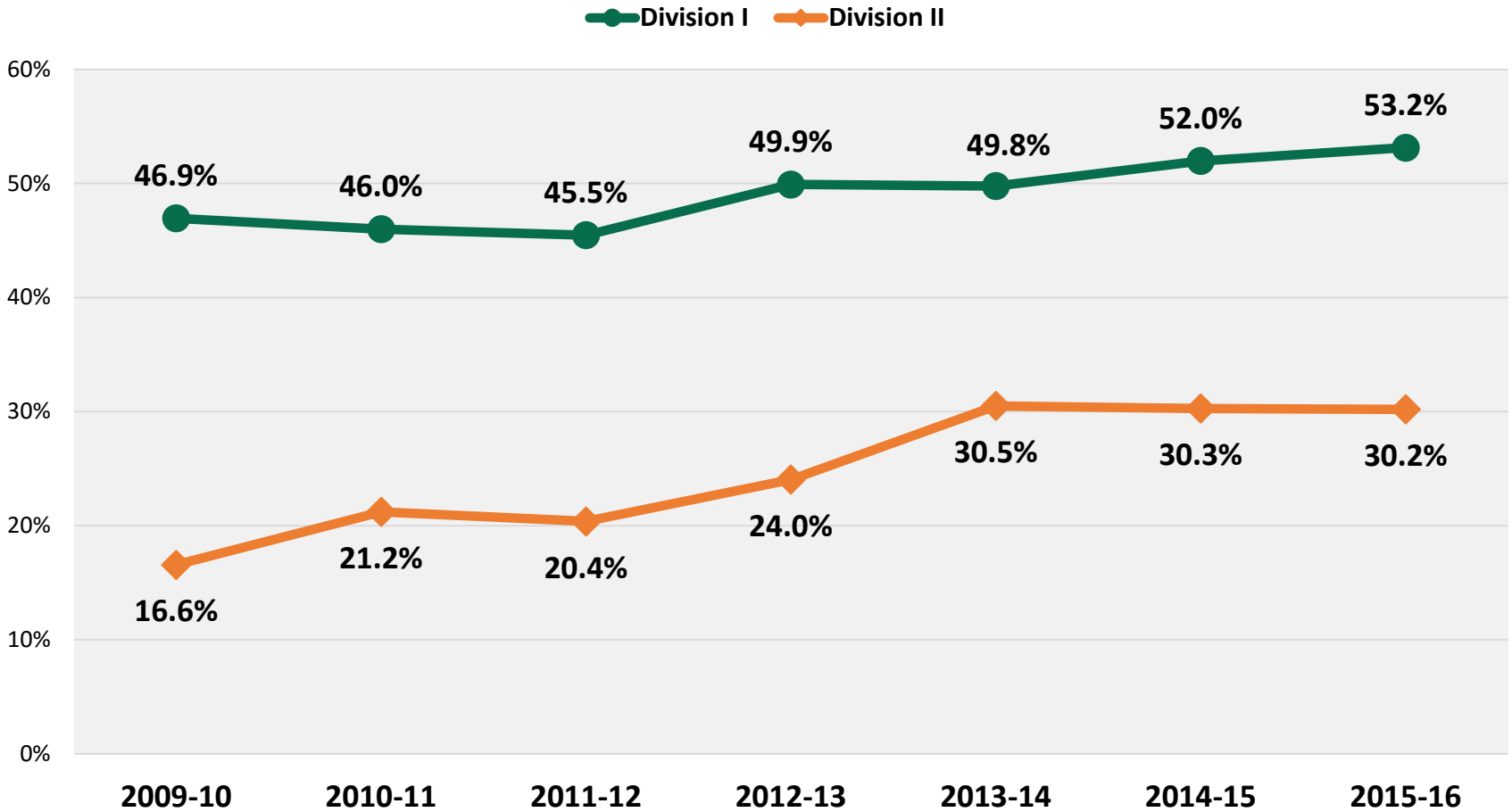


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	241	298
DII	131	247

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Trends in the Percentage of International Women's Tennis Student-Athletes

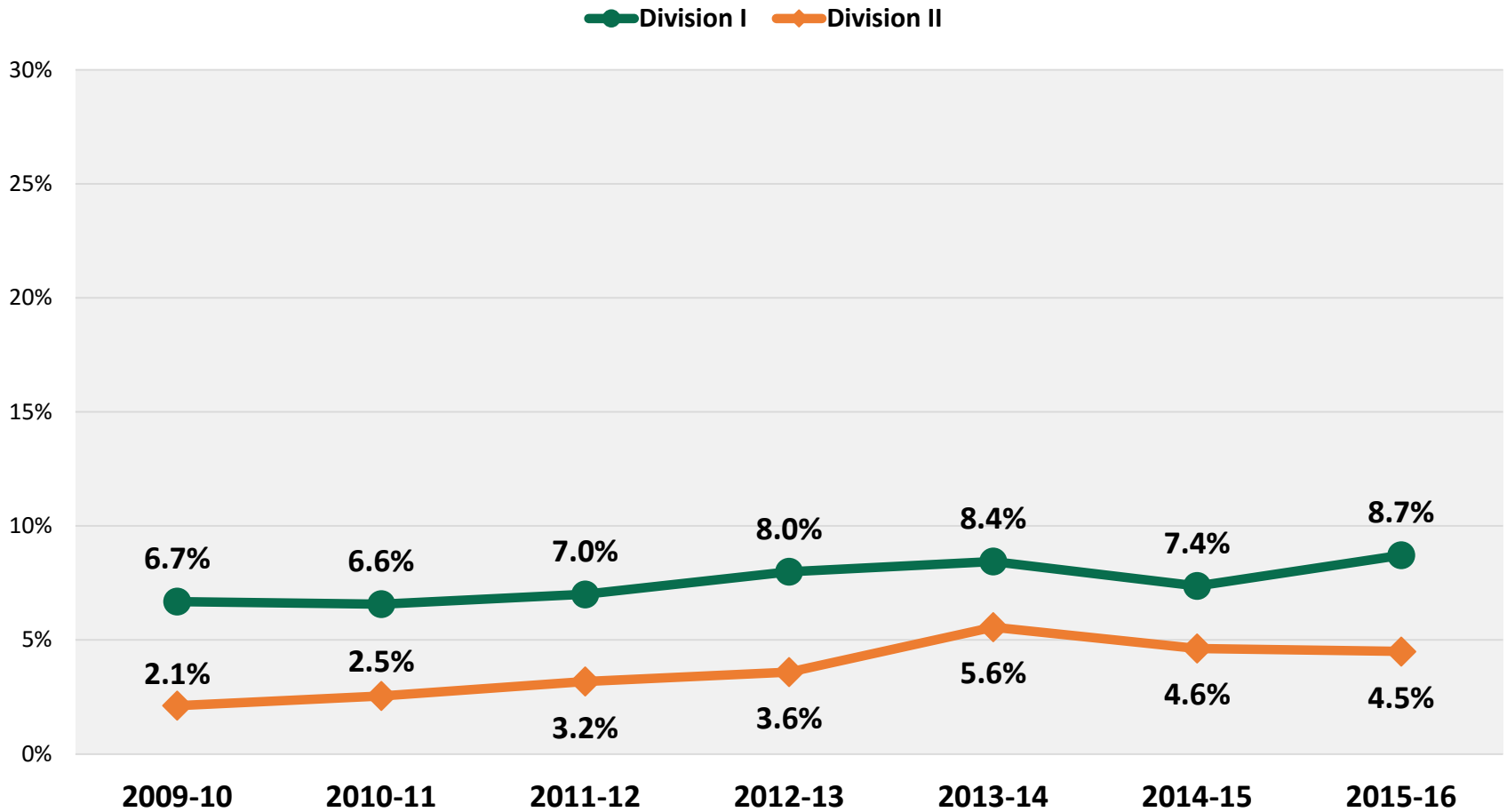


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	277	312
DII	86	157

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Trends in the Percentage of International Men's Track & Field Student-Athletes

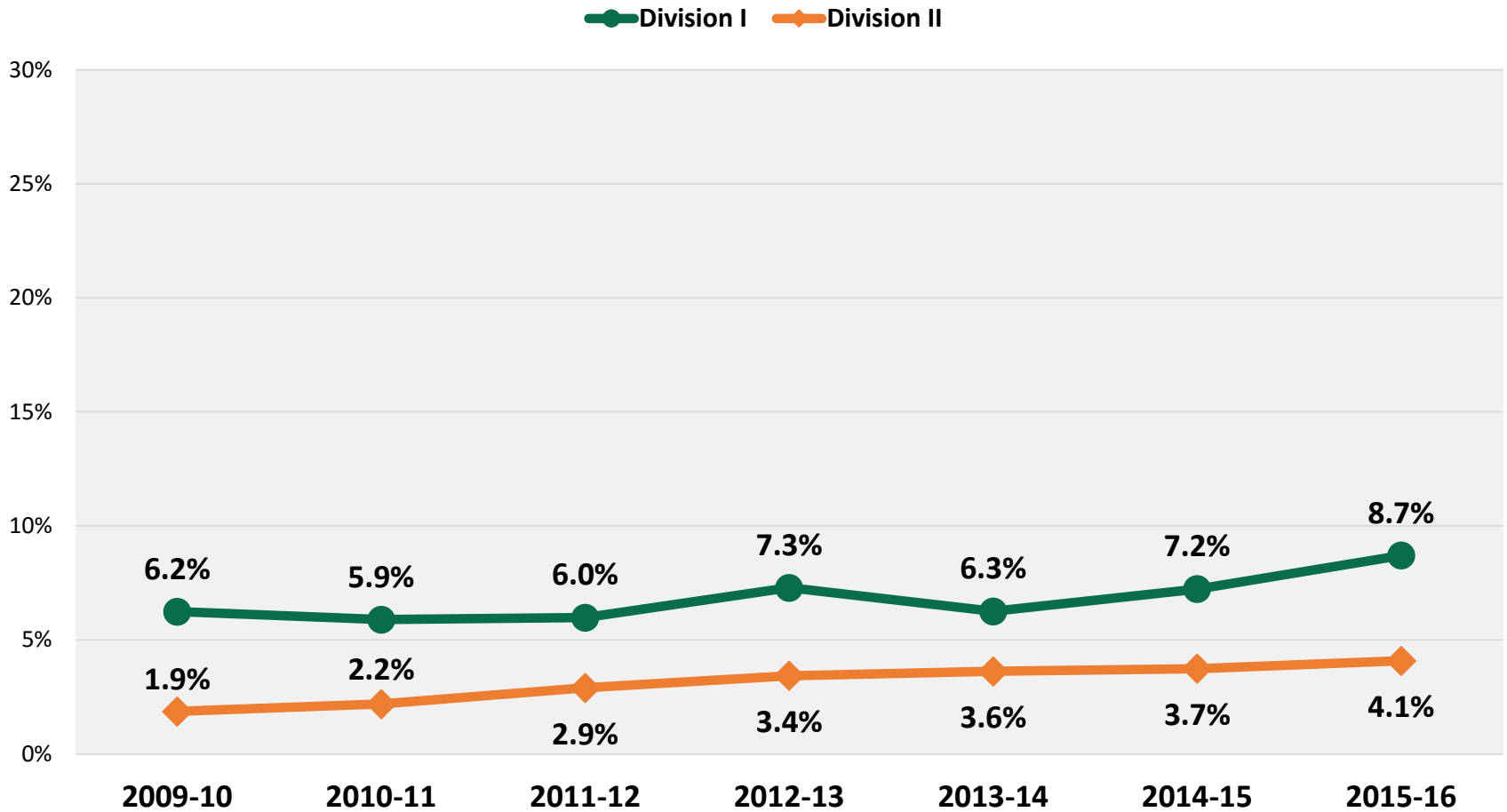


Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	96	140
DII	36	86

Note: Data shown are for first-year student-athletes entering in that academic year.

Trends in the Percentage of International Women's Track & Field Student-Athletes



Total Numbers

	2009-10	2015-16
DI	133	201
DII	30	77

Note: Data shown are for first-year student-athletes entering in that academic year.

Additional Methodology Details

- Prospective student-athletes (PSAs) who wish to compete in Division I or Division II must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Country of origin is collected for each PSA at that time and all PSAs are assigned a unique NCAA ID number in the process.
- Matching on NCAA ID, we merged country of origin with Division I and Division II academic data, allowing us to determine which PSAs competed at the NCAA level.
- Division III student-athletes are not required to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. For this population, the only source of international participation is the NCAA Demographic Database.
- The number and percentage of international student-athletes within the academic data is higher than indicated in the NCAA Demographics Database. This may be because of academic data cohort restrictions (e.g. Division I cohorts are typically limited to student-athletes on scholarship) or, most likely, because student-athlete race/ethnicity and the “Non-resident Alien” indicator are currently part of the same drop-down within the NCAA Demographics Database.



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