

A photograph of two students walking away from the camera on a paved path. The student on the left is a young man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue polo shirt and white shorts, carrying a basketball in his right hand and a large black duffel bag over his left shoulder. The student on the right is a young woman with long black hair, wearing a red t-shirt and white shorts, carrying a large grey backpack and holding a white piece of paper. The path is lined with green trees and a flowering bush on the right. In the background, a large, light-colored building is visible through the foliage.

Changes in the Number of Division I Graduate Transfers

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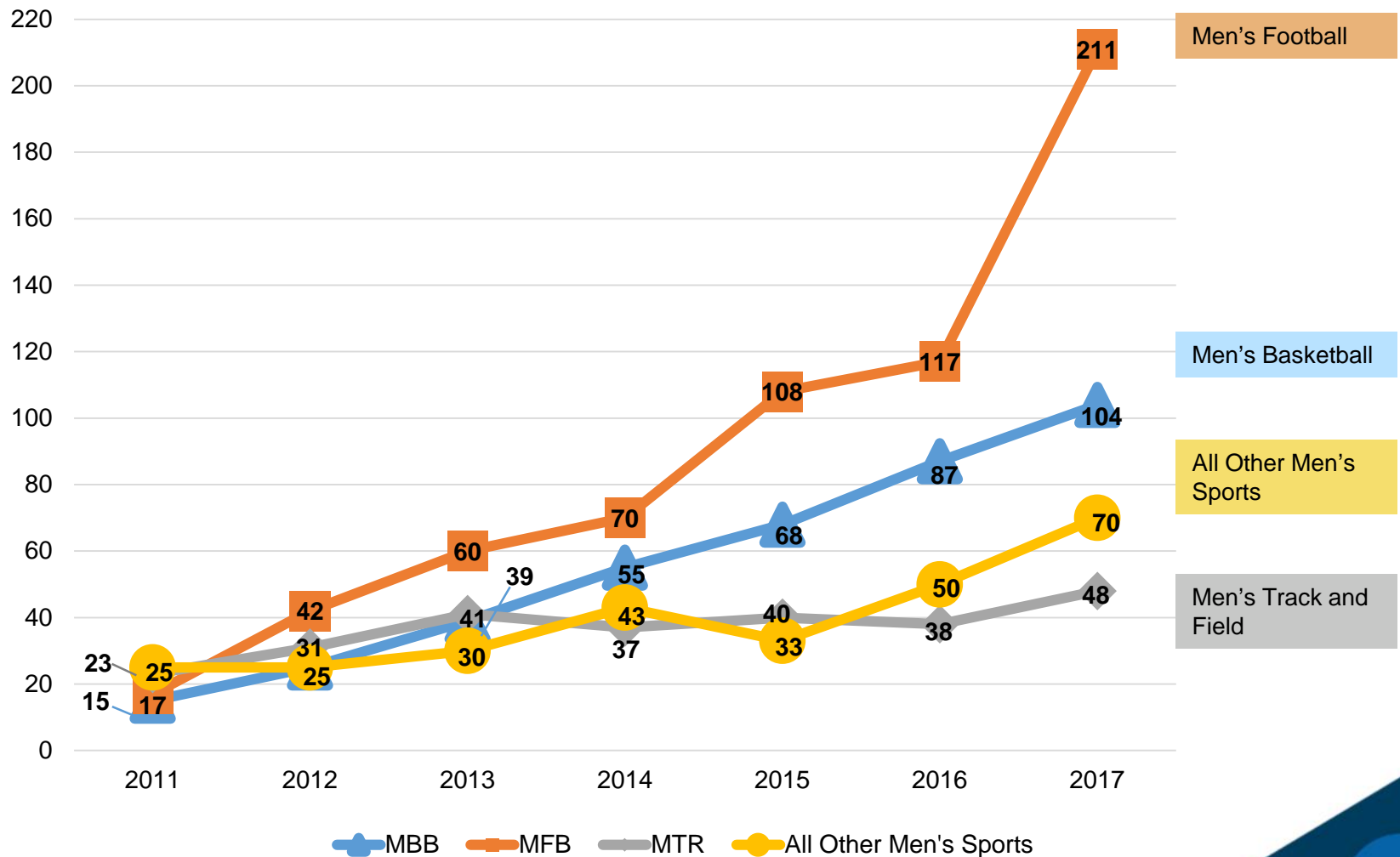
Summary

- In 2017, the number of graduate transfers in men's sports is five times what it was in 2011, while the women's numbers have more than tripled.
- However, the number of graduate transfers is still low relative to the total number of participants in Division I sports. There were only 660 graduate transfers identified in the 2017 APR data out of over 110,000 Division I student-athletes (0.6 percent).
- Graduate transfers are most prevalent in men's basketball (2.3 percent of current players are graduate transfers), football, women's basketball, and men's and women's track and field.

Methods

- “Graduate transfers” are defined as student-athletes who previously earned a bachelor’s degree and then enrolled during the 2016-17 academic year as a graduate student at a different Division I college.
- Only Division I student-athletes in an Academic Progress Rate cohort were included in the analyses (includes most scholarship and recruited student-athletes).
- Men’s and women’s cross country were removed from analyses to avoid double-counting track and field and cross country participants.

Changes in the Number of Division I Graduate Transfers (Men's Sports, 2011-17)



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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Football	17	42	60	70	108	117	211
Basketball	15	25	39	55	68	87	104
Track & Field	23	31	41	37	40	38	48
Baseball	3	8	11	10	8	17	25
Soccer	4	6	7	16	13	17	20
Tennis	4	0	2	4	1	4	8
Wrestling	6	4	2	5	2	4	7
Golf	0	2	2	1	1	3	4
Ice Hockey	0	1	0	1	1	1	3
Volleyball	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Skiing	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lacrosse	5	3	4	5	5	4	0
Swimming & Diving	2	1	2	1	1	0	0
Water Polo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	80	123	170	205	249	292	433

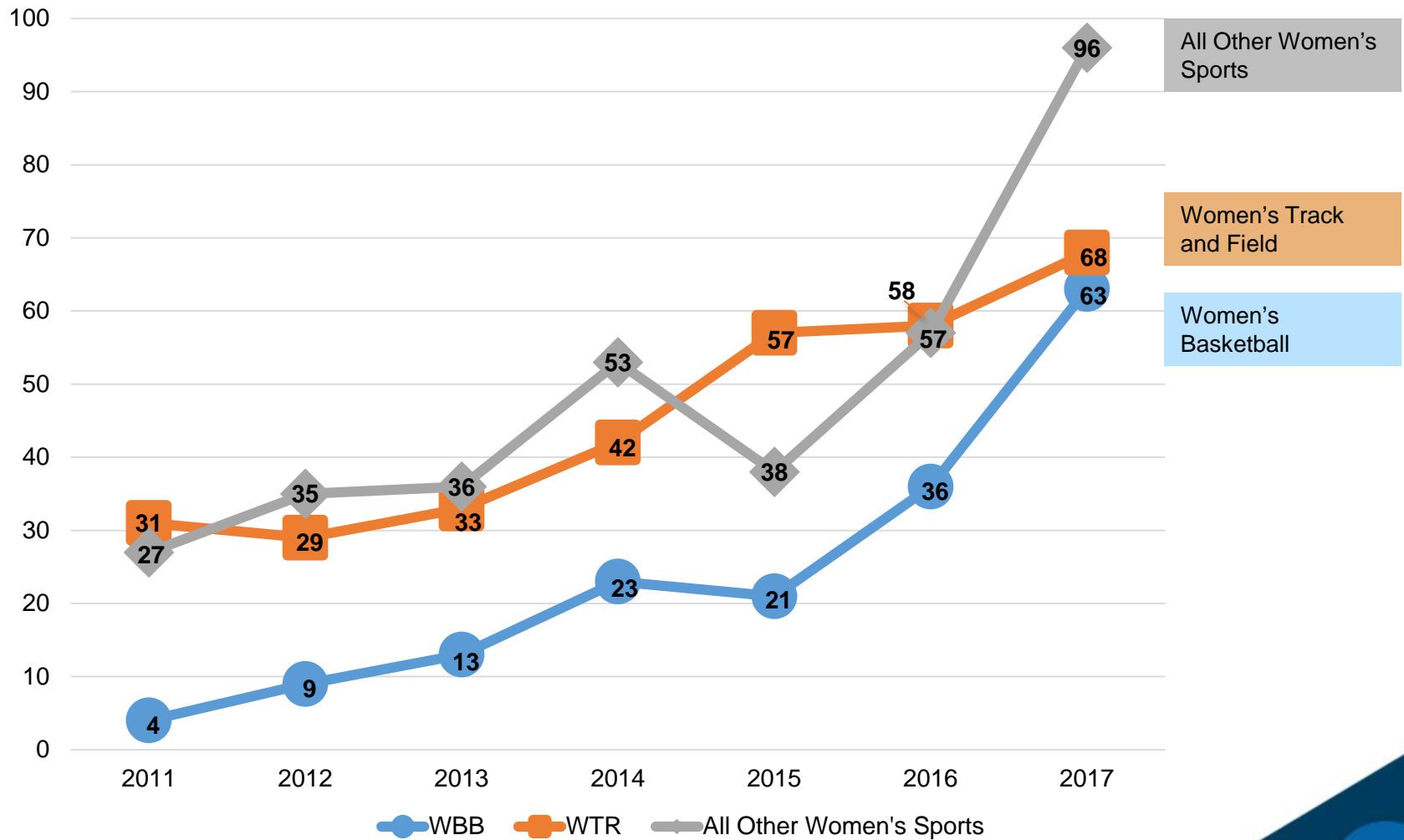
Percentage of Division I Graduate Transfers in APR Cohort

(Men's Sports, 2016-17 APR Cohort)

	Number of Graduate Transfers	Total Number SAs in APR Cohort	% Graduate Transfers
Basketball	104	4,524	2.3%
Football	211	21,513	1.0%
Track & Field	48	6,976	0.7%
Soccer	20	4,078	0.5%
Wrestling	7	1,603	0.4%
Tennis	8	2,121	0.4%
Baseball	25	7,375	0.3%
Ice Hockey	3	1,450	0.2%
Golf	4	2,532	0.2%
Lacrosse	0	2,290	0.0%
Swimming & Diving	0	2,637	0.0%

Note: Restricted to sports with over 500 student-athletes in 2017 cohort.

Changes in the Number of Division I Graduate Transfers (Women's Sports, 2011-17)



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(Women's Sports, 2011-17)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Track & Field	31	29	33	42	57	58	68
Basketball	4	9	13	23	21	36	63
Beach Volleyball	--	--	--	--	0	17	22
Soccer	8	8	8	14	12	5	16
Volleyball	5	3	10	15	10	14	11
Field Hockey	4	6	5	6	1	7	10
Golf	0	3	2	3	0	2	9
Swimming & Diving	0	2	0	1	1	3	8
Tennis	2	6	5	3	2	3	6
Lacrosse	1	2	2	5	2	4	4
Rowing	4	1	3	2	2	1	3
Softball	1	3	0	1	6	0	3
Rifle	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Ice Hockey	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bowling	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fencing	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Skiing	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Water Polo	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	62	73	82	118	116	151	227

Percentage of Division I Graduate Transfers in APR Cohort (Women's Sports, 2016-17 APR Cohort)

	Number of Graduate Transfers	Total Number SAs in APR Cohort	% Graduate Transfers
Basketball	63	4,834	1.3%
Track & Field	68	9,468	0.7%
Field Hockey	10	1,503	0.7%
Golf	9	2,019	0.4%
Volleyball	11	4,113	0.3%
Tennis	6	2,503	0.2%
Soccer	16	8,145	0.2%
Swimming & Diving	8	4,463	0.2%
Ice Hockey	1	693	0.1%
Lacrosse	4	2,969	0.1%
Rowing	3	2,546	0.1%
Softball	3	5,576	0.1%
Gymnastics	0	817	0.0%
Water Polo	0	526	0.0%

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