

Residence of Top Players 2014 NCAA Elite 8 Basketball Teams

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Purpose of Analysis

The purpose of this analysis is to identify the home state or country of the top NCAA Elite 8 basketball players and compare differences and similarities between the men and women.

Methodology

The data for this analysis was gathered from the rosters listed on the websites for each of the universities. Data was gathered during April 2014. Only athletes were selected for the sample who averaged more than 15 minutes playing time per game for the season. The sample size was 53 players for men and 56 players for women using this methodology.

Mens' Teams

Composition of Mens' Teams

Teams

- Arizona
 - Connecticut
 - Dayton
 - Florida
 - Kentucky
 - Michigan
 - Michigan State
 - Wisconsin
- 16 of 53 players, or 30.2%, are in-state.
 - 32 of 53 players, or 60.4%, are out-of-state players from the U.S.
 - 5 of 53 players, or 9.4%, are out-of-state foreign players.
 - 48 of 53 players, or 90.6%, are from the U.S.

Number of In-State Players by Mens' Teams

Number of In-State Players

- 4 of 7 Florida
- 3 of 6 MSU
- 3 of 7 Dayton
- 3 of 7 Wisconsin
- 2 of 7 Michigan
- 1 of 7 Arizona
- 0 of 6 Kentucky
- 0 of 6 Connecticut

Comments

- There are 16 in-state players.
- 6 of the 8 schools have at least 1 in-state player.
- Only Florida has more than half of its top players from in-state.
- MSU has half of its top players from in-state.
- The finalists didn't have any of their top players from in-state.

Home State of American Men Players

The players were from 19 states.

- 7 Michigan
- 7 Ohio
- 4 California
- 4 Florida
- 4 Indiana
- 3 Illinois
- 3 Texas
- 3 Wisconsin
- 2 Pennsylvania
- 2 Tennessee

States with One Player

- Arizona
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Virginia

Number of Foreign Players by Mens' Teams

Number of Foreign Players

- 2 of 6 Connecticut
- 1 of 7 Dayton
- 1 of 7 Florida
- 1 of 7 Michigan
- 0 of 6 Kentucky
- 0 of 6 MSU
- 0 of 7 Wisconsin
- 0 of 7 Arizona

Comments

- Half the teams have foreign players.
- Two of the 5 foreign players are from Canada.
- The Connecticut players are from Germany and Ghana.
- The Dayton player is from Canada.
- The Florida player is from France.
- The Michigan player is from Canada.

Mens' Records, Residence, and Population of State

Residence of Men Players in Elite Eight 2014

	# of In State	# of Out of State - U.S.	# of Out of State - Foreign	Elite 8 Finish	Population Rank
Arizona	1	6	0	Quarters	6.6m/15th
Connecticut	0	4	2	Winner	3.6m/29th
Dayton	3	3	1	Quarters	11.6m/7th
Florida	4	2	1	Semis	19.6m/4th
Kentucky	0	6	0	Finals	4.4m/26th
Michigan	2	4	1	Quarters	9.9m/9th
Michigan State	3	3	0	Quarters	9.9m/9th
Wisconsin	3	4	0	Semis	5.7m/20th
Total	16	32	5		

Interesting Facts About Elite Eight

- Connecticut and Kentucky did not have any in-state players on their team.
- Connecticut team was the only team to have two foreign players.
- 6 of the 8 teams were located in states that ranked in the top 20 for population. All of the in-state players were affiliated with these 6 schools.

Womens' Teams

Composition of Womens' Teams

Teams

- Baylor
 - Connecticut
 - Louisville
 - Maryland
 - Notre Dame
 - Stanford
 - Texas A&M
 - University of North Carolina
- 23 of 56 players, or 23.2%, are in-state.
 - 42 of 56 players, or 75.0%, are out-of-state players from the U.S.
 - 1 of 56 players, or 1.8%, are out-of-state foreign players.
 - 55 of 56 players, or 98.2%, are from the U.S.

Number of In-State Players by Womens' Team

Number of In-State Players

- 3 of 5 Baylor
- 3 of 6 Texas A&M
- 3 of 7 Louisville
- 2 of 7 Stanford
- 1 of 7 Maryland
- 1 of 8 UNC
- 0 of 8 Notre Dame
- 0 of 8 Connecticut

Comments

- There are 13 in-state players.
- 6 schools have in-state players.
- More than half of the top players from Baylor are in-state.
- Half of the players from Texas A&M are from in-state.
- Neither of the finalists have in-state players.

Home State of American Women Players

States

The 8 teams had players from 20 states

- 10 Texas
- 5 New York
- 5 Pennsylvania
- 4 Georgia
- 3 California
- 3 Florida
- 3 Kentucky
- 3 Maryland
- 2 Iowa
- 2 Indiana
- 2 New Jersey
- 2 Ohio
- 2 Oklahoma
- 2 Oregon
- 2 South Carolina

States with One Player

- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

Number of Foreign Players by Womens' Team

Number of Foreign Players

- 1 of 8 Notre Dame
- 0 of 5 Baylor
- 0 of 6 Texas A&M
- 0 of 7 Louisville
- 0 of 7 Stanford
- 0 of 7 Maryland
- 0 of 8 UNC
- 0 of 8 Connecticut

Comments

- Notre Dame had the only foreign player. She was from Canada.

Womens' Records, Residence, and Population of State

Residence of Women Players in Elite Eight 2014

	# of In State	# of Out of State - U.S.	# of Out of State - Foreign	Elite 8 Finish	Population Rank
Baylor	3	2	0	Quarters	26.4m/2nd
Connecticut	0	8	0	Winner	3.6m/29th
Louisville	3	4	0	Quarters	4.4m/26th
Maryland	1	6	0	Semis	5.9m/19th
Notre Dame	0	7	1	Finals	6.6m/16th
Stanford	2	5	0	Semis	38.3m/1st
Texas A&M	3	3	0	Quarters	26.4m/2nd
UNC	1	7	0	Quarters	9.8m/10th
Total	13	42	1		

Interesting Data About Elite Eight

- Connecticut and Notre Dame did not have any in-state players on their team.
- Notre Dame was the only team to have a foreign player.
- 6 of the 8 teams were located in states that ranked in the top 20 for population. 10 of the 13 in-state players were affiliated with these 6 schools.

Conclusion

Similarities and Differences Between Mens' and Womens' Programs

Similarities and Differences Between Elite Eight Programs for Men and Women

Similarities

- The men and women players come from a similar number of states, 20 for the men and 19 for the women.
- None of the top players for the mens' and womens' championship teams were from in-state.
- Teams from larger states tend to have more in-state players.
- A majority of the players on most teams are from out-of-state.
- The reliance on foreign players is minimal; it is slightly higher for the men than the women.
- The foreign country with the highest number of players in Canada.
- The programs with a higher percentage of in-state players are less successful (this is not necessarily a cause and effect relationship).
- The schools from states with smaller populations typically have fewer in-state players and are less successful.

Differences

- The percentage of out-of-state U.S. players is greater for women than men, 75.0% vs. 60.4%.
- The percentage of in-state players is greater for the men than women, 30.2% vs. 23.2%.
- The states with the highest number of players for the men are Michigan and Ohio. For the women, the top states are Texas, New York, and Pennsylvania.

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