

**Success of Current Division-I College Football Teams
Since Inception of Polls in 1936¹**

| Overall Ranking | Team | Percentage of Years Ranked at End of Season¹ | Average Ranking At End of Season² | Cumulative Score³ |
|------------------------|----------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Oklahoma | 68% | 7.18 | 10.56 |
| 2 | Notre Dame | 72 | 8.15 | 11.32 |
| 3 | Michigan | 77 | 9.05 | 11.75 |
| 4 | Alabama | 66 | 7.96 | 12.06 |
| 5 | Ohio State | 70 | 8.55 | 12.21 |
| 6 | Nebraska | 62 | 8.59 | 13.85 |
| 7 | USC | 62 | 9.30 | 15.00 |
| 8 | Texas | 62 | 9.60 | 15.48 |
| 9 | Tennessee | 63 | 10.28 | 16.32 |
| 10 | Penn State | 59 | 10.56 | 17.90 |
| 11 | Florida State | 50 | 9.13 | 18.26 |
| 12 | Miami (FL) | 45 | 9.52 | 21.16 |
| 13 | UCLA | 45 | 10.14 | 22.53 |
| 14 | LSU | 45 | 10.33 | 22.96 |
| 15 | Auburn | 49 | 11.29 | 23.04 |
| 16 | Georgia | 45 | 10.78 | 23.16 |
| 17 | Florida | 44 | 11.63 | 26.43 |
| 18 | Arkansas | 39 | 10.82 | 27.74 |
| 19 | Michigan State | 31 | 9.34 | 30.13 |
| 20 | Boise State | 36 | 11.75 | 32.64 |
| 21 | Washington | 34 | 11.13 | 32.74 |
| 22 | Georgia Tech | 34 | 12.08 | 35.53 |
| 23 | Texas A&M | 32 | 11.57 | 36.16 |
| 24 | Mississippi | 34 | 12.44 | 36.59 |
| 25 | Pittsburgh | 27 | 10.39 | 38.48 |
| 26 | Iowa | 28 | 11.50 | 41.07 |
| 27 | Colorado | 30 | 12.36 | 41.20 |
| 28 | Wisconsin | 25 | 10.61 | 42.44 |
| 29 | Clemson | 32 | 13.74 | 42.94 |
| 30 | Minnesota | 24 | 10.38 | 43.25 |
| 31 | Army | 20 | 8.71 | 43.55 |
| 32 | Arizona State | 27 | 12.36 | 45.78 |
| 33 | Syracuse | 30 | 13.76 | 45.87 |
| 34 | Duke | 27 | 13.29 | 49.22 |
| 35 | Maryland | 24 | 12.32 | 51.33 |

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| 36 | Purdue | 27 | 14.00 | 51.85 |
| 37 | Navy | 21 | 11.33 | 53.95 |
| 38 | North Carolina | 25 | 13.61 | 54.44 |
| 39 | Houston | 25 | 13.80 | 55.20 |
| 40 | Missouri | 25 | 14.16 | 56.64 |
| 41 | California | 20 | 11.79 | 58.95 |
| 42 | Illinois | 20 | 12.36 | 61.80 |
| 43 | SMU | 17 | 11.25 | 66.18 |
| 44 | Stanford | 22 | 14.57 | 66.23 |
| 45 | Virginia Tech | 23 | 15.44 | 67.13 |
| 46 | BYU | 21 | 14.43 | 68.71 |
| 47 | West Virginia | 21 | 14.57 | 69.38 |
| 48 | Northwestern | 16 | 11.91 | 74.44 |
| 49 | TCU | 18 | 13.73 | 76.28 |
| 50 | Baylor | 19 | 14.92 | 78.53 |
| 51 | Kansas State | 14 | 11.15 | 79.64 |
| 52 | North Carolina St | 20 | 16.86 | 84.30 |
| 53 | Boston College | 18 | 15.62 | 86.78 |
| 54 | Mississippi State | 19 | 17.27 | 90.89 |
| 55 | Washington State | 16 | 14.59 | 91.19 |
| 56 | Oregon State | 13 | 12.67 | 97.46 |
| 57 | Oregon | 12 | 12.00 | 100.00 |
| 58 | Air Force | 14 | 14.57 | 104.47 |
| 59 | Kentucky | 13 | 14.50 | 111.54 |
| 60 | Tulsa | 14 | 15.80 | 112.86 |
| 61 | Texas Tech | 13 | 14.78 | 113.69 |
| 62 | Rice | 11 | 12.56 | 114.18 |
| 63 | Oklahoma State | 11 | 13.56 | 123.27 |
| 64 | Kansas | 11 | 14.00 | 127.27 |
| 65 | Wyoming | 12 | 15.69 | 130.75 |
| 66 | Virginia | 13 | 18.00 | 138.46 |
| 67 | Tulane | 10 | 14.07 | 140.70 |
| 68 | Arizona | 10 | 14.50 | 145.00 |
| 69 | Louisville | 10 | 14.64 | 146.40 |
| 70 | Indiana | 9 | 14.33 | 159.22 |

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| 71 | Miami (OH) | 7 | 13.70 | 194.71 |
| 72 | Utah | 6 | 12.13 | 202.16 |
| 73 | South Carolina | 7 | 15.00 | 214.29 |
| 74 | Rutgers | 6 | 16.00 | 266.67 |
| 75 | Marshall | 6 | 17.50 | 291.67 |
| 76 | Toledo | 6 | 18.63 | 310.50 |
| 77 | San Diego State | 6 | 18.63 | 310.50 |
| 78 | Wake Forest | 6 | 20.38 | 339.67 |
| 79 | East Carolina | 5 | 17.33 | 346.60 |
| 80 | Colorado State | 4 | 15.33 | 383.25 |
| 81 | Southern Miss | 4 | 17.17 | 429.25 |
| 82 | Utah State | 3 | 14.50 | 483.33 |
| 83 | Iowa State | 4 | 19.83 | 495.75 |
| 84 | Fresno State | 4 | 20.33 | 508.25 |
| 85 | Memphis State | 2 | 14.00 | 700.00 |
| 86 | Hawaii | 3 | 21.75 | 725.00 |
| 87 | North Texas State | 2 | 16.00 | 800.00 |
| 88 | San Jose State | 2 | 20.00 | 1000.00 |
| 89 | Vanderbilt | 1 | 12.00 | 1200.00 |
| 90 | New Mexico | 1 | 16.00 | 1600.00 |
| 91 | Temple | 1 | 17.00 | 1700.00 |
| 92 | New Mexico St. | 1 | 18.00 | 1800.00 |
| 93 | Ohio | 1 | 19.00 | 1900.00 |
| 94 | Bowling Green | 1 | 23.00 | 2300.00 |

NOTE 1: The analysis only includes teams that are currently in Division 1-A and have been ranked in any of the final, post-season polls since 1936.

NOTE 2: The data have been adjusted for schools that did not field teams during certain years (e.g., World War II) or for schools that did not begin play at the Division I level until later.

NOTE 3: The Associated Press initiated the college football poll in 1936, and United Press International started a poll in 1950 (later changed to *USA Today*). In years where a team was ranked differently by the two polling services, the average of the two rankings was used during data analysis. In cases where a team was ranked by only one poll, that ranking was used during data analysis.

NOTE 4: The cumulative score is calculated by dividing the average rank by the percentage of years ranked. A cumulative score of one is the highest possible cumulative score that a team could achieve. That would be indicative of a team that was ranked number one at the end of every season since 1936.

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