



COMMUNITY HOCKEY IN MINNESOTA*

Minnesota's unique, accessible, nonprofit community hockey model is without question the most successful hockey development model in North America, leading the way at every level.

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- 1 out of **59** Americans are from Minnesota (1.7%)
- 1 out of **9.5** Americans who play hockey are from Minnesota (11%)
- 1 out of **5** American men that play NCAA Division I hockey are from Minnesota (21%)
- 1 out of **3** American women playing NCAA Division I hockey are from Minnesota (33%)
- 1 out of **4.5** Americans in the NHL are from Minnesota (22%)
- 1 out of **2.7** Americans in the PWHL are from Minnesota (37%)
- Minnesota boasts **58,000** players registered with USA Hockey, 14,000 more than any other state.

MINNESOTA'S COMMUNITY HOCKEY – YOUTH HOCKEY DELIVERED LOCALLY

- Approximately **135** non-profit community hockey associations across the state
- Approximately **145** boys' varsity and **125** girls' varsity programs
- **250** publicly owned ice arenas

NHL

- 2023-24: **58** NHL players were from Minnesota
 - o **51** played high school hockey representing **36** different schools
 - o Next closest states: Michigan (38), Massachusetts (30)
- 2024-25: **50** Minnesotans as of Jan. 22 (**46** played high school hockey)
 - o On pace to surpass 2023-24 total
 - o Next closest states: Michigan (35), Massachusetts (32)

PWHL

- 2023-24: **20** PWHL players hailed from Minnesota (37% of all American PWHL players)
 - o All **20** Minnesotans played high school hockey (**19** different schools)
- 2024-25: **18** Minnesotans as of Jan. 22 (all **18** played high school hockey)
 - o On pace to surpass 2023-24 total
 - o Next closest states: New York (7), Wisconsin (4)

NCAA MEN'S HOCKEY

- 2024-25: **249** NCAA DI players from Minnesota - most ever for any state
 - o **223** played high school hockey (**68** different high schools)
 - o Next closest states: Massachusetts (117), Michigan (111)

NCAA WOMEN'S HOCKEY

- 2024-25: **205** NCAA DI players from Minnesota - most ever for any state
 - o **202** played high school hockey (**61** different high schools)
 - o Next closest states: Massachusetts (112), New York (50), Michigan (42)