

	Aug. Elo Model			Elo Model		
	Conference Team	Median Team	Average Team	Conference Team	Median Team	Average Team
Southeastern Conference	(1 / 2.3)	(1 - / 2.8)	(1 - / 2.8)	(3 ▼ / 2.2)	(1 - / 2.8)	(1 - / 3.1)
Big 12 Conference	(2 / 2.3)	(3 ▼ / 2.5)	(2 - / 2.8)	(1 ▲ / 2.5)	(3 ▼ / 2.6)	(2 - / 2.7)
Big Ten Conference	(3 / 2.2)	(2 ▲ / 2.7)	(3 - / 2.6)	(2 ▲ / 2.3)	(2 ▲ / 2.7)	(3 - / 2.7)
Atlantic Coast Conference	(4 / 2.1)	(4 - / 2.2)	(4 - / 2.4)	(4 - / 2.1)	(4 - / 2.3)	(4 - / 2.4)
Big East Conference	(5 / 2.0)	(5 - / 1.8)	(5 - / 2.3)	(5 - / 2.0)	(5 - / 1.7)	(5 - / 2.3)
West Coast Conference	(6 / 1.0)	(7 ▼ / 0.6)	(7 ▼ / 1.0)	(7 ▼ / 0.9)	(7 ▼ / 0.5)	(7 ▼ / 0.9)
Mountain West Conference	(7 / 1.0)	(6 ▲ / 1.6)	(6 ▲ / 1.2)	(6 ▲ / 1.0)	(6 ▲ / 1.6)	(6 ▲ / 1.1)
Atlantic 10 Conference	(8 / 0.7)	(8 - / 0.6)	(8 - / 0.8)	(8 - / 0.6)	(8 - / 0.5)	(8 - / 0.6)
Missouri Valley Conference	(9 / 0.5)	(9 - / 0.5)	(9 - / 0.3)	(11 ▼ / 0.2)	(9 - / 0.3)	(9 - / 0.2)
American Athletic Conference	(10 / 0.3)	(10 - / 0.3)	(10 - / 0.3)	(10 - / 0.4)	(10 - / 0.2)	(10 - / 0.0)
Big West Conference	(11 / 0.2)	(11 - / 0.0)	(11 - / -0.2)	(12 ▼ / 0.2)	(11 - / 0.1)	(11 - / 0.0)
Western Athletic Conference	(12 / 0.1)	(16 ▼ / -0.4)	(12 - / -0.2)	(9 ▲ / 0.4)	(16 ▼ / -0.4)	(12 - / -0.2)
Big Sky Conference	(13 / 0.0)	(13 - / -0.3)	(15 ▼ / -0.4)	(16 ▼ / -0.2)	(13 - / -0.3)	(15 ▼ / -0.5)
Mid-American Conference	(14 / -0.1)	(14 - / -0.3)	(14 - / -0.4)	(14 - / -0.1)	(14 - / -0.3)	(14 - / -0.3)
Coastal Athletic Association	(15 / -0.2)	(15 - / -0.4)	(16 ▼ / -0.5)	(13 ▲ / -0.1)	(15 - / -0.4)	(16 ▼ / -0.7)
Conference USA	(16 / -0.2)	(12 ▲ / -0.2)	(13 ▲ / -0.3)	(15 ▲ / -0.2)	(12 ▲ / 0.1)	(13 ▲ / -0.2)
Southland Conference	(17 / -0.3)	(22 ▼ / -1.1)	(18 ▼ / -0.7)	(18 ▼ / -0.4)	(22 ▼ / -1.1)	(18 ▼ / -0.7)
Ivy League	(18 / -0.3)	(17 ▲ / -0.5)	(17 ▲ / -0.6)	(19 ▼ / -0.4)	(17 ▲ / -0.5)	(17 ▲ / -0.7)
Summit League	(19 / -0.4)	(21 ▼ / -1.1)	(21 ▼ / -1.0)	(21 ▼ / -0.5)	(21 ▼ / -0.9)	(21 ▼ / -1.2)
Horizon League	(20 / -0.5)	(18 ▲ / -0.7)	(19 ▲ / -0.8)	(20 - / -0.4)	(18 ▲ / -0.6)	(19 ▲ / -0.7)
Sun Belt Conference	(21 / -0.6)	(19 ▲ / -0.8)	(20 ▲ / -0.9)	(17 ▲ / -0.4)	(19 ▲ / -0.6)	(20 ▲ / -0.9)
Big South Conference	(22 / -0.7)	(23 ▼ / -1.1)	(22 - / -1.2)	(24 ▼ / -0.9)	(23 ▼ / -1.4)	(22 - / -1.2)
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	(23 / -0.8)	(24 ▼ / -1.2)	(25 ▼ / -1.4)	(22 ▲ / -0.6)	(24 ▼ / -1.4)	(25 ▼ / -1.4)
Southern Conference	(24 / -0.9)	(20 ▲ / -1.0)	(23 ▲ / -1.3)	(23 ▲ / -0.9)	(20 ▲ / -0.7)	(23 ▲ / -1.2)
Atlantic Sun Conference	(25 / -1.0)	(25 - / -1.5)	(24 ▲ / -1.3)	(25 - / -1.0)	(25 - / -1.4)	(24 ▲ / -1.3)
Patriot League	(26 / -1.0)	(27 ▼ / -1.8)	(26 - / -1.6)	(27 ▼ / -1.1)	(27 ▼ / -1.8)	(26 - / -1.7)
Ohio Valley Conference	(27 / -1.2)	(26 ▲ / -1.8)	(27 - / -1.8)	(26 ▲ / -1.0)	(26 ▲ / -1.5)	(27 - / -1.7)
Northeast Conference	(28 / -1.2)	(28 - / -1.9)	(28 - / -2.0)	(28 - / -1.4)	(28 - / -1.8)	(28 - / -2.0)
America East Conference	(29 / -1.6)	(30 ▼ / -2.3)	(30 ▼ / -2.2)	(30 ▼ / -1.7)	(30 ▼ / -2.7)	(30 ▼ / -2.3)
Southwest Athletic Conference	(30 / -1.7)	(29 ▲ / -2.0)	(29 ▲ / -2.2)	(29 ▲ / -1.6)	(29 ▲ / -2.2)	(29 ▲ / -2.2)
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	(31 / -2.0)	(31 - / -2.9)	(31 - / -2.7)	(31 - / -2.1)	(31 - / -2.8)	(31 - / -2.8)

Table 1: NCAA men’s basketball conference strengths (rank / latent score) in 2025-26 season, by model and method used to aggregate teams

Note: ‘Conference Team’ aggregates teams by labeling all teams within the same conference as the same team, throwing away within-conference games, and estimating the model on the data. ‘Median Team’ assesses and ranks conferences by taking the median latent score of the teams in the conference, according to the specified model. ‘Average Team’ assesses and ranks conferences by taking the mean latent score of the teams in the conference, according to the specified model.