

	Aug. Elo Model			Elo Model		
	Conference Team	Median Team	Average Team	Conference Team	Median Team	Average Team
Southeastern Conference	(1 / 0.7)	(2 ▼ / 3.0)	(1 - / 2.6)	(2 ▼ / 0.6)	(2 ▼ / 3.0)	(1 - / 2.7)
Sun Belt Conference	(2 / 0.6)	(10 ▼ / 0.3)	(6 ▼ / 1.0)	(1 ▲ / 0.6)	(10 ▼ / 0.4)	(6 ▼ / 1.0)
Big Ten Conference	(3 / 0.6)	(1 ▲ / 3.9)	(2 ▲ / 2.4)	(3 - / 0.6)	(1 ▲ / 3.3)	(2 ▲ / 2.3)
Big East Conference	(4 / 0.5)	(5 ▼ / 1.3)	(4 - / 1.8)	(4 - / 0.5)	(5 ▼ / 1.4)	(4 - / 1.7)
Big 12 Conference	(5 / 0.4)	(3 ▲ / 2.5)	(3 ▲ / 2.0)	(6 ▼ / 0.4)	(3 ▲ / 2.6)	(3 ▲ / 2.0)
Mountain West Conference	(6 / 0.4)	(8 ▼ / 0.3)	(8 ▼ / 0.7)	(5 ▲ / 0.4)	(8 ▼ / 0.5)	(8 ▼ / 0.6)
Atlantic Coast Conference	(7 / 0.3)	(4 ▲ / 1.7)	(5 ▲ / 1.5)	(12 ▼ / 0.2)	(4 ▲ / 1.5)	(5 ▲ / 1.2)
Coastal Athletic Association	(8 / 0.2)	(20 ▼ / -0.8)	(14 ▼ / -0.3)	(8 - / 0.3)	(20 ▼ / -0.7)	(14 ▼ / -0.1)
Missouri Valley Conference	(9 / 0.2)	(11 ▼ / 0.1)	(13 ▼ / -0.2)	(9 - / 0.2)	(11 ▼ / 0.4)	(13 ▼ / -0.1)
American Athletic Conference	(10 / 0.2)	(9 ▲ / 0.3)	(7 ▲ / 0.8)	(7 ▲ / 0.3)	(9 ▲ / 0.4)	(7 ▲ / 1.0)
West Coast Conference	(11 / 0.1)	(6 ▲ / 1.0)	(9 ▲ / 0.2)	(11 - / 0.2)	(6 ▲ / 0.8)	(9 ▲ / 0.2)
Mid-American Conference	(12 / 0.1)	(13 ▼ / -0.1)	(11 ▲ / 0.0)	(10 ▲ / 0.2)	(13 ▼ / 0.1)	(11 ▲ / 0.1)
Atlantic 10 Conference	(13 / 0.1)	(12 ▲ / 0.0)	(10 ▲ / 0.1)	(15 ▼ / 0.0)	(12 ▲ / 0.1)	(10 ▲ / 0.1)
Southland Conference	(14 / 0.0)	(24 ▼ / -1.3)	(26 ▼ / -1.1)	(16 ▼ / -0.1)	(24 ▼ / -1.2)	(26 ▼ / -1.1)
Big South Conference	(15 / 0.0)	(28 ▼ / -1.9)	(22 ▼ / -0.9)	(13 ▲ / 0.1)	(28 ▼ / -1.9)	(22 ▼ / -0.9)
America East Conference	(16 / 0.0)	(14 ▲ / -0.5)	(19 ▼ / -0.8)	(18 ▼ / -0.1)	(14 ▲ / -0.2)	(19 ▼ / -0.8)
Atlantic Sun Conference	(17 / 0.0)	(17 - / -0.6)	(21 ▼ / -0.9)	(21 ▼ / -0.1)	(17 - / -0.6)	(21 ▼ / -0.8)
Ivy League	(18 / -0.1)	(7 ▲ / 0.3)	(12 ▲ / -0.1)	(14 ▲ / 0.1)	(7 ▲ / 0.8)	(12 ▲ / 0.1)
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	(19 / -0.1)	(18 ▲ / -0.7)	(24 ▼ / -1.0)	(20 ▼ / -0.1)	(18 ▲ / -0.7)	(24 ▼ / -1.0)
Conference USA	(20 / -0.2)	(15 ▲ / -0.5)	(15 ▲ / -0.5)	(17 ▲ / -0.1)	(15 ▲ / -0.3)	(15 ▲ / -0.3)
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	(21 / -0.2)	(27 ▼ / -1.8)	(27 ▼ / -1.4)	(23 ▼ / -0.2)	(27 ▼ / -1.7)	(27 ▼ / -1.1)
Western Athletic Conference	(22 / -0.2)	(19 ▲ / -0.8)	(17 ▲ / -0.8)	(19 ▲ / -0.1)	(19 ▲ / -0.7)	(17 ▲ / -0.5)
Big Sky Conference	(23 / -0.2)	(16 ▲ / -0.6)	(16 ▲ / -0.6)	(25 ▼ / -0.3)	(16 ▲ / -0.4)	(16 ▲ / -0.5)
Horizon League	(24 / -0.2)	(23 ▲ / -1.1)	(23 ▲ / -0.9)	(22 ▲ / -0.2)	(23 ▲ / -0.9)	(23 ▲ / -1.0)
Ohio Valley Conference	(25 / -0.3)	(22 ▲ / -1.0)	(25 - / -1.0)	(26 ▼ / -0.3)	(22 ▲ / -0.8)	(25 - / -1.0)
Big West Conference	(26 / -0.3)	(21 ▲ / -0.8)	(20 ▲ / -0.8)	(29 ▼ / -0.5)	(21 ▲ / -0.8)	(20 ▲ / -0.8)
Summit League	(27 / -0.3)	(26 ▲ / -1.4)	(18 ▲ / -0.8)	(28 ▼ / -0.5)	(26 ▲ / -1.5)	(18 ▲ / -0.6)
Southern Conference	(28 / -0.4)	(25 ▲ / -1.4)	(28 - / -1.4)	(24 ▲ / -0.3)	(25 ▲ / -1.5)	(28 - / -1.1)
Patriot League	(29 / -0.4)	(29 - / -1.9)	(29 - / -1.4)	(27 ▲ / -0.4)	(29 - / -2.1)	(29 - / -1.6)
Northeast Conference	(30 / -0.6)	(31 ▼ / -3.1)	(30 - / -2.4)	(31 ▼ / -0.8)	(31 ▼ / -3.2)	(30 - / -2.2)
Southwest Athletic Conference	(31 / -0.8)	(30 ▲ / -2.6)	(31 - / -2.5)	(30 ▲ / -0.8)	(30 ▲ / -2.2)	(31 - / -3.1)

Table 1: NCAA women’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.