

# High School Bowling Continues to Soar

**A**t a time when more students than ever are playing high school sports, bowling experienced the largest growth among boys and girls high school participation in the United States over the last year. Bowling experienced a 17 percent increase in participation among boys and girls during the 2007-08 year, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), once again finishing ahead of lacrosse (14 percent) in that category.

All told, 51,744 boys and girls participated in high school bowling and a total of 4,652 schools carried bowling programs, based on NFHS figures. According to USBC, bowling participation has nearly tripled over the last 10 years.

The states with the most high school athletes include (in order of most athletes): Texas (779,049), California (735,497), New York (380,870), Ohio (346,571), Illinois (336,646), Michigan (315,734), Pennsylvania (286,992), New Jersey (256,837), Minnesota (230,068) and Florida (227,157).

In total, a record 7,429,381 students took part in all high school sports during the 2007-08 academic year.

## 2007-08 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Conducted By  
THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS  
Based on Competition at the High School Level in the 2007-08 School Year

Sport (Number of states reporting for boys/girls)	BOYS		GIRLS		COMBINED Number of Participants
	Number of Schools	Number of Participants	Number of Schools	Number of Participants	
ADAPTED SPORTS					
Basketball	18	113	12	60	173
Bowling	37	299	37	223	522
Floor Hockey	63	604	63	282	886
Soccer	68	632	70	456	1,088
Softball	62	444	65	347	791
Track	18	113	13	83	196
ARCHERY	45	990	43	544	1,534
BADMINTON	213	4,093	431	11,361	15,454
BASEBALL	15,720	478,029	154	1,010	479,039
BASKETBALL	17,861	552,935	17,564	449,450	1,002,385
BOWLING	2,261	26,353	2,321	25,391	51,744
CANOEING	58	1,181	61	1,304	2,485
COMPETITIVE SPIRIT SQUADS	560	2,673	4,510	111,307	113,980
CREW	97	2,555	94	2,400	4,955
CROSS COUNTRY	13,485	221,109	13,294	190,349	411,458
DANCE/DRILL	3	6	57	975	981
EQUESTRIAN	51	214	165	1,314	1,528
FENCING	96	1,884	102	1,852	3,736
FIELD HOCKEY	18	408	1,760	62,557	62,965
FLAG FOOTBALL	7	251	168	5,148	5,399
FOOTBALL - 11-player	13,987	1,108,286	255	1,225	1,109,511
6-player	196	4,534	3	9	4,543
8-player	723	16,311	21	88	16,399
9-player	275	6,230	5	7	6,237
GOLF	13,647	159,958	9,447	69,243	229,201
GYMNASTICS	115	2,140	1,454	18,058	20,198
ICE HOCKEY	1,564	36,667	534	8,621	45,288
JUDO	45	705	45	361	1,066
LACROSSE	1,815	82,860	1,624	61,086	143,946
RIFLERY	218	2,232	176	1,062	3,294
SKIING - ALPINE	573	5,824	543	4,711	10,535
SKIING - CROSS COUNTRY	416	4,438	396	4,461	8,899
SNOWBOARDING	49	824	45	432	1,256
SOCCER	11,122	383,561	10,543	346,545	730,106
SOFT TENNIS	20	390	22	455	845
SOFTBALL - FAST PITCH	63	1,335	14,846	371,293	372,628
SOFTBALL - SLOW PITCH	2	67	719	14,709	14,776
SWIMMING AND DIVING	6,428	111,896	6,766	147,197	259,093
TEAM TENNIS	1,342	27,061	1,383	28,776	55,837
TENNIS	9,576	156,285	9,694	172,455	328,740
TRACK AND FIELD - INDOOR	3,095	67,213	2,659	59,832	127,045
TRACK AND FIELD - OUTDOOR	15,835	548,821	15,772	447,520	996,341
VOLLEYBALL	2,006	46,780	15,009	397,968	444,748
WATER POLO	698	18,032	712	17,773	35,805
WEIGHTLIFTING	691	21,887	366	7,630	29,517
WRESTLING	10,090	259,688	1,287	5,527	265,215
OTHER	260	3,204	316	2,919	6,123

## LUMBER LIQUIDATORS NEW PBA TOUR TITLE SPONSOR

Lumber Liquidators, the country's largest independent retailer of hardwood flooring, signed a

three-year, multi-million dollar title sponsorship of the PBA Tour on Sept. 23. The company will be the title sponsor for the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour through the